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March 2016

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March 8, 2016

Shop Talk
Deer Creek Golf Club

May 4, 2016

Wee One Tournament
Tiffany Greens Golf Course

May 16, 2016

Footprints in Fairways
Ironhorse Golf Club

May 23, 2016

Joint Meeting w/KGCSA
Falcon Ridge Golf Course

July 11, 2016

S&R Tournament
Kansas City Country Club



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SHOP TALK



Deer Creek Golf Club
Overland Park, Kansas

March 8, 2016

Schedule:

12:00 p.m. - Registration
1 p.m. - Program
2:30 p.m. - Break
2:45 p.m. - Tour

Cost:
Free

Program & Speaker:

The Art of Purchasing
and Leasing
with Shawn Foy,
Wells Fargo

Host Superintendent:
Chris Benisch



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President's Message

By the time you read this, the majority of 2016 winter will be in the history books and everyone will be fired up for spring. I hope everyone has had the opportunity to get their batteries re-charged and are ready for the upcoming season. Hopefully, you have had the time to network with your peers at events such as the Heart's Common Ground Conference, the New Year's Party, the Joint Hospitality suite with MVGCSA at the GIS and, of course, the Bowling event. The Heart provides many opportunities to network with your peers in this area and across the state. I would like to thank Matt Deventhal and Kim Weitzel for all their time and hard work that they put in to finding a great new location in the Olathe Convention Center which offered better food and competitive pricing. I would also like to thank our event sponsors: Bayer Environmental Science, Kansas City Turf Supply, and our break sponsor Vermeer.



Duane Sander, CGCS
Shoal Creek Golf Course

I hope everyone enjoyed the New Year's party as much as I did and would like to congratulate our winners of this year's awards. Tim Neilsen was this year's well deserved recipient of the Chester Mendenhall Award. Tim has proved outstanding contributions to the Heart serving on the board in many different capacities, always promoting and supporting the game of golf. I would like to like to congratulate Mike Lazar on receiving the Superintendent of the Year award for his many years of service to Cardinal Hill and to the HAGCSA and to Chad Gilkison of Creekmoor Golf Club for receiving the Assistant Superintendent of the Year Award. Events such as these would not have been possible without vendor support from our title sponsor John Deere & Van Wall Equipment, with special thanks to John Dixon for supplying the centerpieces.

For those that could attend the GIS in San Diego, it was a great honor to see Dave Fearis receive GCSAA's Colonel John Morley Distinguished Service Award. This award is presented to those who have made a significant contribution to the advancement of golf course superintendents profession throughout their career. Chester Mendenhall was the last Heart member to receive this award 83 years ago. This also marks our 3rd annual combined Hospitality Suite with the MVGCSA, it was a great opportunity to grow our network of peers from the other side of the state. I would once again like to thank our sponsors from both sides of the state: VanWall Equipment, John Deere, Syngenta and Toro.

The annual Bowling Event was again a great success with everyone enjoying some time away from the golf course networking with peers and competing on a different playing field. Thanks to SiteOne for supporting this great event.

Lastly, mark your calendars for Shop Talk on March 8th to be held at Deere Creek maintenance facility. I look forward to seeing all of you there.

Duane Sander, CGCS



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Shop Talk

Deer Creek Golf Club

March 8

Chris Benisch Superintendent Deer Creek Golf Club

Chris began his career working on golf courses at famed Prairie Dunes Country Club in Hutchinson, KS for Superintendent Stan George in the summer of 2006. Only a seasonal employee at the time, once he took part in helping prep the course for the U.S. Senior Open that year, a desire to pursue a degree in turf soon followed.

Chris attended Kansas State University and graduated in 2010 with a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture degree. During his four years in school, he worked at Manhattan Country Club for the now retired Superintendent, Cliff Dipman. During school, he spent a summer back at Prairie Dunes and a summer in Pittsburgh, PA at Totteridge Golf Club with Superintendent Tyson Rutter for internships. In May of 2010, he became Tom Storey's Assistant Superintendent at Metcalf Ridge in Louisburg, KS and worked with Tom for a little over 2 years before moving on to Meadowbrook Golf and Country Club to work with Superintendent Steve Wilson. While at Meadowbrook, Chris was Assistant Superintendent for 2 years under Steve Wilson and Kris Nelson. During 2014, he was fortunate enough to become Meadowbrook's Superintendent in its final year of operation.

Chris is now the golf course Superintendent at Deer Creek Golf Club where he began working in January of 2015. He has been a member of the GCSAA for 7 years and a HAGCSA member for 4 years. Currently, he is serving on the board of directors for the HAGCSA as their Rounds4Research director.

Chris currently resides in Olathe, KS with his wife Hannah and son Finn.

Cooper Clark Profile Assistant Superintendent Deer Creek Golf Club

Cooper moved to the Kansas City area after graduating high school in South Carolina. He began working in the golf course industry under Superintendent Jim Jans at Brookridge Country Club during the summer of 2009. He then moved on to explore other opportunities for a couple years, but returned to work for Jim again in the spring and summer of 2011.

Late in the summer of 2011, Cooper moved to Georgia for a year and a half to help his family financially. While in Georgia he went to work at Healy Point Country Club under Superintendent Lee Fillingim. He was kept on through the winter to help with bunker renovations and worked closely with the Superintendent and Assistant to learn as much as possible about equipment maintenance, operations, and chemical applications.



Deer Creek Golf Club

In the fall of 2012, Cooper moved back to Kansas City and started driving flatbed trucks to deliver scaffolding for a construction company. However, after starting school at Johnson County Community College, he resigned from his position to focus on his academics. After finishing his first semester at Johnson County Community College, he started working at Meadowbrook Country Club with Superintendent

Kris Nelson and Assistant Superintendent

Chris Benisch. Cooper later decided that he would pursue a career in horticulture, specifically in golf course operations. Cooper worked at Meadowbrook until the club closed in 2014.

After leaving Meadowbrook, Cooper went on to work with Superintendent Woody Moriarty at Blue Hills Country Club in the fall and winter of 2014 before coming to Deer Creek to work with Superintendent Chris Benisch in 2015. Upon his arrival at Deer Creek, Cooper assumed the role of crew foreman and has been hands on with various course projects. He graduated from Johnson County Community College with an Associates Degree in Horticulture at the end of the 2015 fall semester. At the beginning of 2016, Cooper became the Assistant Superintendent at Deer Creek, as well as becoming a member of GCSAA and HAGCSA.

Deer Creek Golf Club Profile

Designed by world renowned golf course architect Robert Trent Jones Jr., Deer Creek is an 18 hole, par 72 golf course covering 140 acres.

We hope to see you at each event this year. Take advantage of the networking opportunities that our Tournaments, Meetings, and Programs provide. A registration form is on page 18 of this newsletter.

Assistants Program

By Grant Suderman

I'm excited to lead the 2016 HAGCSA Assistants Program after serving as a committee member in 2015 under Jonathan Bennett. I want to thank Sean Berger (Wolf Creek Golf Club), TJ Ridge (National Golf Club of Kansas City) and Mitch Bradbury (The Kansas City Country Club) for joining me as 2016 Assistant Program Committee members. I look forward to planning quality educational programs including, but not limited to, a seminar for perfecting resumes and a tour of Arrowhead Stadium. I will keep you updated as soon as these events are booked.



Employee Tournament

- Sunflower Hills Golf Course
- August 1st at 1:00 p.m.

Save the date as we look forward to another great turnout this year.



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The Heart of America GCSA provides an Employee Awards Program to help offset some of the cost of school for those who are full-time employees taking turfgrass classes.

CONGRATULATIONS to our 2015 RECIPIENTS

MARK BERNHARDT

*Highland Springs Country Club
(Ozark Technical Community College)*

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*Lake Quivira Country Club
(Johnson County Community College)*

~ 2016 Opportunities will be available in October. Watch our website for details: www.hagcsa.org ~



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E-Z-GO Makes \$3500 Donation to Heart of America GCSA



George Hobbs, Regional Sales Representative for E-Z-GO/Textron, recently presented a check in the amount of \$3575 to the Heart of America Golf Course Superintendents Association (HAGCSA). The donation was made as part of a new sales promotion that Textron introduced in 2015 for their E-Z-GO and Cushman utility cart lines. The promotion offers \$50 back to the GCSAA affiliated chapter per E-Z-GO or Cushman utility cart sold to any HAGCSA member or course.

HAGCSA was one of just two GCSAA chapters that worked with George and Textron to conceive this promotion and test it in 2015. The promotion proved successful for E-Z-GO/Textron with a marked increase in utility cart sales in this past year. This resulted in a nice donation to our association. Due to the success of this promotion with the HAGCSA, E-Z-GO/Textron has decided to continue this \$50 per cart donation to HAGCSA in 2016 and has expanded the program to include many other GCSAA chapters in 2016.

EZGO/Textron has expanded and enhanced the E-Z-GO and Cushman utility cart lines in recent years. For more information on their products or to discuss this promotion that benefits our association please visit their website (www.ezgo.com/Home/Golf/Turf) or contact George Hobbs directly at 913-515-9877.



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S&R Tournament: July 11, 2016 at Kansas City CC

Scholarship and Research Committee Report

By Matt Delventhal, Director

We are pleased to announce that this year's Scholarship and Research Tournament will be taking place at The Kansas City Country Club on July 11th 2016. The committee is working hard to make this tournament as profitable as possible to help with funding of scholarships and research projects. This tournament would not be possible without the great members of our association. We ask anyone who would like to be part of this event to please look into a sponsorship or get a team together.



I would like to introduce the S&R committee for this year:

Duane Sander, CGCS
Ethan Shamet
Andy Klein, CGCS
Jeff White, CGCS
Scott Johnson, CGCS
Loren Breedlove

Woody Moriarty
James Kennedy
Mitch Bradbury
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Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions about this year's tournament or would like more information on sponsoring this great event

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Rounds4Research Committee Report

By Chris Benisch, Director

The HAGCSA will once again be participating in the Rounds4Research program put on by the GCSAA's philanthropic organization, the EIFG (Environmental Institute for Golf). Funds generated through auctioned rounds come directly back to the HAGCSA, which can then be distributed to universities for turf grass research or education programs in our local area.



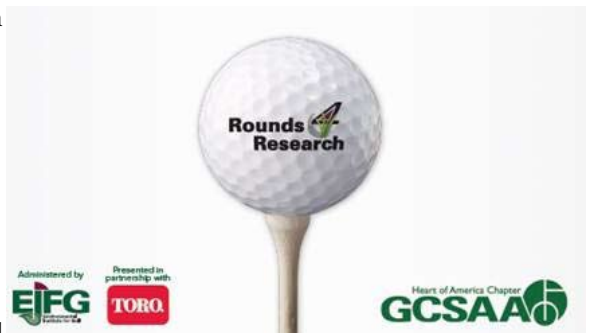
The HAGCSA first participated in this program in 2013 and has participated every year since then. Even though we have only been participating for a few years, the HAGCSA is one of the leading chapters with rounds donated. In 2015; out

of 46 participating organizations across the country, the HAGCSA came in 3rd with total rounds donated for auction. After the auction took place, around \$3,200 was generated for our organization to allocate where needed.

This year, there will be one auction and the date has been moved up from years past. The auction will take place from April 1st - 10th. The main reason for moving the auction date up is to allow more time for the people that bid on these rounds to visit the participating facility and play golf. The HAGCSA asks that you please consider donating rounds for this important effort. The deadline to donate is March 31st, by this date the only way to donate in a timely manner will be to go online to rounds4research.com. Each participating facility has the ability to place whatever restrictions they may need to on the donated rounds in regards to: rounds donated, holes per round, golfers per round, carts, meals, hotel, attire, dates and times.

By the time you read this, our organization will have already began reaching out to your facility via email, to participate in this year's auction. A big focus this year, is to make more people aware of where to go to bid on these donated rounds. The website to visit for the auction

in April is rounds4research.com. Our committee would also like to ask that you help spread



the word around your facility as well, whether it be through email blasts if possible or something as simple as posting a flier in your pro shop, your effort to help us make bidders aware would be greatly appreciated. As the deadline approaches, in March, our Rounds4Research committee will begin making phone calls asking for your clubs generous donation.

If your facility is unable to donate rounds for the auction, there is also the option of making a monetary donation to the program. For a donation form or more information on the Rounds4Research program, visit the Rounds4Research website at www.rounds4research.com or for your convenience, call 800-472-7878, to make a cash donation.

Thank you in advance for consideration of this program that allows our chapter to further support local universities in turf research and education programs.

A big thank you to all of our participating facilities who donated rounds or made a monetary contribution in 2015:

- Alvamar Public Golf Course
- Canyon Farms Golf Club
- Country Club of Leawood
- Creekmoor Golf Club
- Deer Creek Golf Club
- Deer Trace Golf Course
- Drumm Farm Golf Club
- Dubbs Dread Golf Club
- Falcon Lakes Golf Club
- Falcon Ridge Golf Course
- Heart of America Golf Academy
- Hodge Park Golf Course,
- Indian Hills Country Club,
- Ironhorse Golf Club,
- Lake Quivira Country Club,
- Lawrence Country Club,
- Lodge of Four Seasons,
- Metcalf Ridge Golf Course,
- Milburn Country Club,
- Minor Park Golf Course,
- Nicklaus Golf Club at Lionsgate,
- Old Kinderhook Golf Course,
- Paola Country Club,
- Salina Municipal Golf Course,
- Shadow Glen Golf Club,
- Shoal Creek Golf Course,
- St. Andrews Golf Club,
- Staley Farms Golf Club,
- Swope Memorial Golf Course,
- Sycamore Ridge Golf Course,
- Sykes/Lady Overland Park Golf Course,
- The Country Club of St. Albins.

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PRIZES

- Platinum Prize - HAGCSA Logo Yeti 45 cooler (valued at \$450)
 - Gold Prize - GO PRO Hero camera (valued at \$150)
 - Silver Prize - HAGCSA Logo Yeti Coffee Cup (valued at \$50)
- Total value of prizes is estimated at \$600.00.

There will be a sign-in sheet at the registration table that must be signed to prove registration and attendance at each event. The Tournament and Meetings/Programs Committee will be responsible for keeping records of attendees that are eligible for the award. The HAGCSA board of directors will attest the eligible candidates prior to the drawing at the New Year Party. The eligible HAGCSA Members will be drawn from a hat at the New Year Party. The first person drawn will win the platinum prize, the second person drawn will win the gold prize, and the third person drawn will win the silver prize.

This award will be presented January 13th at the Annual HAGCSA New Year Party.

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- Feb 23 - Bowling Event at College Lanes
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- May 4 - Wee One at Tiffany Greens Golf Club
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- August 25 - Past Presidents/Fall Classic Event at the T-Bones
- September 15 - Vendor Appreciation at Twin Peaks in Olathe.
- November 2 - Annual Meeting
- December 12 & 13 - Common Ground at Olathe Conference Center
- January 13 - New Year Party



Tournaments and Meetings/Programs Report

By Brent Stephenson, Director

Thank you for the opportunity to serve the HAGCSA this year. The following HAGCSA Members will serve on the Tournaments and Meetings/Programs Committee.

Mark Newton CGCS- Superintendent,
Canyon Farms Golf Club

Mike Lazar- Superintendent,
Cardinal Hill Golf Course

Scott Wilcox- Territory Manager,
Reinders

Lucas Delameter- Assistant Superintendent, Staley Farms Golf Club

Sam DeMaranville- Assistant Superintendent,
Staley Farms Golf Club



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- January 13, 2017 – New Year Party

Don't Miss Out! Start by signing up for the Bowling Event on February 23. Good Luck! Shop Talk at Deer Creek Golf Club is on March 8th. We have a great speaker in mind for the event. We are working out the details of the agenda so stay tuned... Thank you to Chris Benisch and the staff at Deer Creek for hosting this event.

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Bill Maynard Elected Vice President of Golf Course Superintendents Association of America

Maynard enters seventh year on association's board of directors

Bill Maynard, the director of golf course management at The Country Club of St. Albans was elected vice president of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA) at the Association's recent annual meeting in San Diego. He also serves as a member of the Board of Trustees for The Environmental Institute for Golf (the philanthropic organization of the GCSAA).



the 17,000-member association along with Peter J. Grass, CGCS, president, and Darren J. Davis, CGCS, secretary/treasurer. A nine-member board directs the association, and Rhett Evens is the chief executive officer.

Maynard was previously employed as the golf course superintendent at Milburn Golf and Country Club in Overland Park, Kan.; Champion Hills Club in Henderson, N.C.; and the Virginian Golf Club in Bristol, Va.

He has served as a board member for both the Carolinas and Heart of America chapters, including service as President for the Heart of America GCSAA. He has served on a GCSAA national committee every year since 1999. He is also a member of the Kansas Turfgrass Association.

Maynard, a certified golf course superintendent, was first elected to the association's board in 2010 and re-elected in 2012 and 2014. He was elected secretary/treasurer in 2015. He serves as an officer of



CONGRATULATIONS to the 2015 Award Winners!

*Assistant
Superintendent*



CHAD GILKINSON
Creekmoor Golf Club

Superintendent



MIKE LAZAR
Cardinal Hill Golf Course

*Chester
Mendenhall*



TIM NIELSEN
Creekmoor Golf Club

Oh! The Treasures You Might Find!

By Tony Bertels

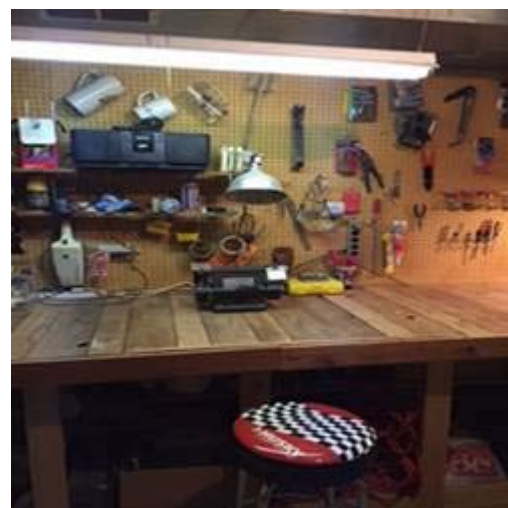
During the absolute doldrums of this past winter I took it upon myself to achieve something that I had forsaken for many months (*actually a couple of years*). I took on the unsavory task of cleaning and organizing my little work room in the basement. All of you happy homeowners reading this can certainly attest to my predicament. It's that place where years ago we all fashioned our own little corner of paradise as a refuge from the rest of the household. A place for reflection, a citadel away from our mundane existence filled with treasures, tools, audio and most importantly, memories. Of course, over time it becomes a catch-all for half-baked projects gone awry, sundry items our spouses decide needs a home, cans of paint never to be used again, unused industrial solvents by the half quarts and of course, tools, screws, nuts and nails strewn the length and breadth of a cluttered tool bench.

My workshop is a little framed up 12' X 12' room in my basement directly behind my wet bar (*another story entirely!*). Visitors are greeted at the door of my personal little domain with the golden rule as well as current slope conditions prior to entering.



Enter at your own risk!

Inside my wondrous trove is a small basement window located high in one corner next to the electrical panel. That ever-important natural light source needed to work on intricate details and complicated assemblies is dungeon quality at best. Thankfully one lone electrical outlet services my domain's lighting and power tool needs. I am amazed that I have yet to start a 3 alarm blaze considering the plethora of cords, power strips and lights suckling on that one little 15 amp circuit. *Knock on wood!*



Speaking of wood, my bench is composed entirely of old 2x4's and cedar planking left over from some long-forgotten fencing project. A peg board runs the entire length enabling me to hang my tools, supplies, shelves, etc. Underneath my workspace masterpiece is voluminous storage areas in which to stow so many a forgotten treasure from times long-past. Upon inspection, I find retired boom boxes, cassette decks, and VCR's. Egg cartons packed with 20 year old Club Specials, Top Flights and Pro Staffs are stacked high along with assorted golf paraphernalia so outdated that the USGA Golf House might be interested. *But I digress.*

My sole reason for my trip on that day had nothing to do with a saunter down memory lane. I was there to return order to the chaos that for too long had been my work room. With nose to the grindstone I toughed it out and got serious. I threw crap away. I put tools back in their rightful places. I swept and cleaned. I got through it.

Triumphantly, I stepped back to admire my work. Things again looked reasonably respectable and much less cringe worthy should I go looking for something in a time of need. I almost longed for a little project where I could ply my expertise while sipping on some fine ale there within my little kingdom. As I reveled at the thought of such simple pleasures my eye caught an object hanging high in one corner of my pegboard paradise.

There protruding behind my handsaws, clamps and wire strippers was a sole, rusty bedknife. *What the hell?* It took me a good minute to recognize this long-forgotten relic from my past. I had kept it as a reminder to myself what Square One really looked like.

One cold January back in the 90's, I took over as Superintendent of

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a small country club. While appraising the equipment, I found an older triplex mower stuffed back in the corner of the shop, apparently unused for some time. I had been told by the staff that there was a desperate need for a new tee mower. Sitting down upon it, I turned the key. It fired right up! Upon further inquiry, the crew informed me that it hadn't been used for several months. It would no longer cut grass to the point that they had resorted to spin trimming tees toward the end of the season. One look at the reels and it became clear that I had my work cut out for me.



This is not a camera trick!

Those bedknives told the story. The inmates had been running the asylum. I immediately began to panic wondering if this was just the tip of the iceberg? Of course it was. Looking back on it now, I wish

I had the wisdom at the time to recognize what an absolute slam dunk it was going to be to make blind men see and turn a little water into wine!



Lazarus ain't coming back from this!

I stood there a long moment admiring my rusted hunk of ruination while reminiscing on those days long past and the strides that we made. I smiled to myself, thankful that I had held on to this treasure for so many years. Never had such an outlandishly screwed up reminder of negligence and ineptitude been so enjoyable to behold.

It is what every back basement workshop should contain; useful tools, half-baked projects and hopefully a few memories that make us smile.

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Everything Under the Sun

By Ethan Shamet, Director

When I got an email from GCSAA about 2 opportunities to attend the Golf Industry show and all I had to do was write a short essay or fill out a questionnaire, I was all over it. The Melrose Leadership Academy and the Bayer Superintendent Grant Program both sponsored by EIFG and GCSAA were available to superintendents that haven't participated in the show for many years. Each contest was for roundtrip airfare, hotel, conference, classes and seminars, plus \$200 in spending money for 5 nights. I recommend each of you next year take time out of your day and sign up for both of these.



We arrived Sunday afternoon just in time to check in at the Embassy Suites for the Super Bowl. We ventured across the way and found the Kansas City BBQ place, where parts of the movie Top Gun were filmed. It also had a local flavor of Royals, Chiefs, Jayhawks, Wildcats and lots of KC pictures on the walls. We didn't try the BBQ though, cause I'm guessing California BBQ is not as good as KC BBQ. During halftime of the game the winners had a reception back at the hotel with Mischia Wright and Libby Queen from GCSAA. I'm guessing there was about 30-35 of us, and from all over the United States. We all introduced ourselves and got to meet many new people and talk about our golf courses.

Monday and Tuesday were days you could do seminars and classes. I sat thru Sure fire ways to increase plant health and an off site field trip for Gadgets and Gizmos at the Bonita Golf Course. The off site class was interesting cause you get to see what a course looks like and

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ideas from the superintendent in a different area. Tuesday night was the Opening Session and we got to honor Dave Fearis as he won the Colonel John Morley Distinguished Service Award. It was great seeing him win this award and being apart of it. Also congrats to all the winners of each award that was presented.

GIS Show Floor and Hospitality Suite

The next few days were taken place on the trade show floor. It entailed lots of walking, talking and visiting with vendors and colleagues. I would like to thank all the vendors that supported the show, cause without you guys the show wouldn't be how it is. Wednesday night we had the Heart Hospitality and it was an awesome turnout with many new and old faces showing up. Before the Hospitality event some of us were fortunate enough to get a small tour of Petco Park. My best friend from High School is the event operations manager and gave us a tour of the field, locker room and the maintenance facility. The park was being graded for a motor cross event and was covered in dirt and advertisements. It was pretty cool seeing the outfield not how it should look.

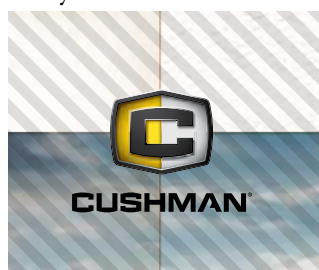
I really enjoyed San Diego and it is a great place to attend the show. From the 80-degree weather, Coronado Island, Pacific beach, USS Midway aircraft carrier, Sea World, San Diego Zoo and the Gas lamp District all-close by. I'm really appreciative that I got to meet new people, talk to the Bayer representatives that helped me get this opportunity and especially The EIFG and the GCSAA for letting me be apart of this educational experience. Make sure you all sign -up next year for this great experience. Just be aware of the big curbs as you step off the bicycle taxis!!

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NOTE: *Use same parking lot as the Clubhouse.
Building is southeast of the Clubhouse, behind wooded fence.*

HOST SUPERINTENDENT: Chris Benisch

SCHEDULE: 12:00pm: Registration & Lunch
1:00pm: "The Art of Purchasing and Leasing"
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2:30pm: Beverage Break
2:45pm: Deer Creek Maintenance Talk & Tour
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