

REGIONAL NEWS

West



West Texas reigns

The West Texas Golf Course Superintendents Association won its second Texas Trophy Golf Championship, which brought together six-man teams from each chapter to compete at Hidden Hills on Lake Travis.

Sponsored by the Lone Star GCSA and Dow Elanco, the tournament is a two-day event of fellowship and competition.

South Texas GCSA won the event last year.

Fund drive for victim's family

A San Diego-area golf course is quietly collecting funds to help defray the hospital and burial expenses for the family of a maintenance worker murdered while saving the victim of an attempted rape.

Eastlake Country Club in Chula Vista has collected \$600 from various sources to help the family of 28-year-old Pedro Banulos Garcia pay more than \$20,000 in emergency medical and funeral costs, according to assistant superintendent Sandy Clark.

Clark said Garcia apparently heard cries for help coming from the club's parking lot about 2 a.m. on Oct. 1. Garcia scared off a teenaged boy who was attacking a young woman.

As Garcia was leading the woman back to safety, her attacker and two other youths returned in a car, Clark said. They shot Garcia five times with a shotgun and stabbed him three times.

Garcia was taken to a nearby hospital where he clung to life for two hours before dying, Clark said.

Garcia had worked at Eastlake only three weeks when he was killed, not long enough to yet be enrolled on the club's insurance plan, Clark said. He lived with his sister, her husband and a brother who are trying to pay the bills.

Clark said donations have come from club members and area businesses.

He hopes to raise more.

"They're not a rich family," Clark said. "We'll keep doing the best we can to offset the family's expenses, if not the pain."

Anyone interested can send a check to Clark at Eastlake Country Club, 900 Lane Ave., Suite 100, Chula Vista, Calif. 92013.

South Central



Alabama ASGCA grows

The Alabama Association of Golf Course Superintendents has increased its membership to 120, according to President Rodney Guy.

Southeast



Florida supers give

The nine Florida golf course superintendents associations have donated a total of \$38,000 to the Florida Turf Grass Association.

Included in the donations was \$5,000 given from the proceeds of the Florida West Coast GCSA's annual turfgrass research tournament for FTGA's research green at the University of Florida in Ft. Lauderdale and its planned Envirotron research laboratory at the University of Florida in Gainesville.

Florida West Coast GCSA President Gerald Marquardt said the tournament, held at Pasadena Yacht and Country Club, raised \$8,000. The superintendents donated \$1,000 to the G.C. Horn Endowment Fund.

Florida West Coast officers

Gerald Marquardt of Largo (Fla.) Country Club has succeeded Marshall Edgren of Mangrove Bay Golf Club in St. Petersburg as president of the Florida West Coast GCSA.

Marquardt heads a new slate of officers consisting of Vice President Frank Cook of Bardmoor Country Club, Secretary-Treasurer Greg Plotner of Tampa Palms Golf & Country Club.

New directors elected are Lynn Sloper of Palma Ceia Golf & Country Club, John McKeown of DuCor Chemical Co., Rob Walters of Tarpon Woods Country Club and Richard Hass of Crescent Oaks Country Club.

North Central



Topeka cites Shields

Topeka (Kansas) Public Golf Course superintendent James Shields was honored as the city of Topeka's Employee of the Month in August.

Mayor Harry Felker III presented the award at the course's clubroom.

Shields has worked at the course since 1960, and as superintendent since 1980.

Illinois honors Staudt

The Illinois Turfgrass Foundation will present retired Geneva Golf Club superintendent Albie Staudt its 1990 Distinguished Service Award at the annual meeting, Dec. 4 in Springfield.

Staudt was superintendent at Geneva GC for 30 years, was active with the foundation, has been a member of the Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents since 1946, and is a past president and board member of the MAGCS.

An individual selected for the award must be active in the foundation or Illinois turfgrass academic community, officer in a state or local turfgrass organization, a dedicated promoter of the industry, an innovator of new ideas and cultural practices, honest and self-disciplined, and highly knowledgeable about turfgrass.

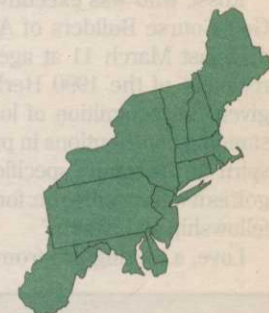
Past recipients include Frank J. Stynchula, retired superintendent at Chanute Air Force Base, and Dr. Al Turgeon, head of the Department of Agronomy at Penn State University.

Suhey keynote speaker

Former Chicago Bears fullback Matt Suhey, an avid golfer, will deliver the keynote address Dec. 4 at the North Central Turfgrass Exposition in Springfield, Ill.

More information on the NCTE is available by calling the foundation at 312-644-0828.

Northeast



Pocono Turfgrass board

Bill Lansdowne, who served as president of the Pocono Turfgrass Association in Eastern Pennsylvania in 1972-73, has been elected to a second term.

Lansdowne, of the Country Club of Scranton, will lead a new slate of officers that includes Vice President Dennis Watkins of Lords Valley Country Club and Secretary-Treasurer Jeff Lansdowne of Woodloch Springs Country Club.

Directors are Hal Parr, Ian Kunesch, John Patterson, John Downer and Mark Monahan.

Pennsylvania job changes

Superintendent Jeff Lansdowne has moved from Pocono Farms Country Club to Woodloch Springs Country Club, while Ron Garrison has moved from Lords Valley Country Club to Center Valley Country Club and Doug Davis has left Riverton Golf Club for Pocono Farms.

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