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UPCOMING **EVENTS**

OCT 23 - Conference Tournament LakeRidge CC Lubbock, Tx OCT 23-25-37th Annual West Texas **Turfgrass & Irrigation Conference/Trade Show** Lubbock Civic Center Lubbock, Tx

CONFERENCE & TRADE SHOW			
UESDAY OCTOBER 24, 2023 AGENDA		WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 25, 2023 AGEND	
7:00-8:00	Registration/Sign In	7:30-8:00	Registration/Sign In
8:00-9:00	Craig Felton – FMC Nutsedge and Kyllinga Identification and Management	8:00- 9:00	Allison and James Berry – Environmental Landscape Solutions Water-wise Plant Selections for West Texas - It Doesn't Have to
9:05-10:00	Eric Reasor – PBI-Gordon		be a Cactus to be Xeric
	Understanding and Managing Bermuda Grass Mites	9:00-10:00	Larry Rodgers – Larry Rodgers Design Group What Is This HDPE Piping Craze
10:00-11:00	Trade Show		All About and Why Should I Car
11:00-12:00	Robert Kerr – Control Solutions Inc. Goosegrass Biology and Control	10:00-11:00	Remmington Holt – Amarillo Land Services Sprinkler Repair – A Business Division With Great Rewards
12:00-2:00	Lunch General Meeting BOD Meeting Trade Show	11:00-12:00	Kelly Staggs – Landscapes of Lubbock Design for Success: 8 Details That Will Make or Break A
2:00-3:00	Blake Montgomery – United Ag and Turf		Good Irrigation System
	Introduction to John Deere Operations Center and	12:00-12:30	Lunch
2-05-4-00	Data Management Tim Davis –	12:30- 4:30	Ramzi White – SiteOne Landscape Supply Irrigation 2-Wire Hands On
5.05-4.00	Texas Dept. of Agriculture TDA Laws and Regulations		Troubleshooting
4:00-5:00	Trade Show Silent Auction Winners CEU Certificates Given Out	4:30	CEU Certificates Given Out

GREETINGS FROM OUR PRESIDENT

As the growing season starts to wind down and we are all getting ready for fall aerification, I hope everyone had a good year. I want to thank Fore Brown, the golf course maintenance crew, and all the staff from Midland Country Club for hosting our Scholarship tournament again this year. Be on the lookout for the registration link to our annual conference and tradeshow which will be held October 23-25 at the Lubbock Civic Center and don't forget to grab a few items for our silent auction. The conference tournament will be at Lakeridge Country Club on Monday, Oct. 23. So mark your calendar for these dates and make sure to attend, as we have a great group of speakers lined up.



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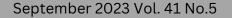
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November Birthdays:

2 Abel Gaona, Turf & Soil Management 6 Coltin Guerra, SK Services **15 Russell Potter, Turf Specialties** 24 Scott Nichols, Gaines Co GC 27 Josh Lopez, Andrews Co Parks 29 Keven Ochs, Hogan Park GC 29 Caleb Stricklin, Meadowbrook GC



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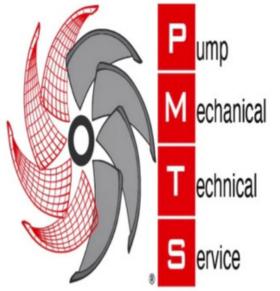
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- 37th ANNUAL WEST TEXAS TURFGRASS & IRRIGATION CONFERENCE

& TRADE SHOW- OCTOBER 23-25, 2023

Hello! We hope you will consider attending our 2023 Conference & Trade Show. The cost for CEU hours INCLUDING membership in our association for 2024 is \$250 (or \$225 for early registration by Oct. 12). This cost includes all sessions, lunch, and Monday evening's dinner/trade show/mixer. Registration for CONFERENCE CEU HOURS is online using this link: <u>REGISTRATION LINK</u>

The conference will start on Monday, October 23 with a golf scramble at LakeRidge CC. Cost of golf/lunch is \$75 for members and \$90 for non-members.

Following the golf tournament, we will have a sponsored dinner at 6:00 at the Lubbock Civic Center. <u>This is only for conference/trade show attendees.</u> The Trade Show will be open 6:00-9:00. During this time, we will be hosting a cornhole tournament. You can sign up to play when you register for the conference; there is a \$10 entry fee and the money will be awarded to the 1st place team. Make plans to join us for a fun evening!

The Trade Show and Silent Auction will be open Tuesday 8:00-5:00. This is a great time for attendees to inspect the goods and services offered by the commercial members and to talk one-one with the exhibitors. The Silent Auction will close at 4:30 on Tuesday, and winners will be announced at 4:45. Please consider donating an item. We will take almost anything you want to donate!! If you are a golf superintendent, please ask your pro shop!! This auction brings in money for our scholarships which are available to ANY member/member's children. Contact Cindy for more information.

The educational sessions will begin on Tuesday, October 24th at the Civic Center. Licensed pesticide applicators will earn CEUs with the Texas Department of Agriculture and the Structural Pest Control Service. The New Mexico applicators will earn CEUs with the New Mexico Department of Agriculture. Check-in will begin at 7:00 AM. CEU certificates will not be issued until 4:30.

This year's program for licensed irrigators will be on Wednesday, October 25th from 8-5, with the afternoon being a 4-hour hands-on session over 2 wire troubleshooting. Licensed irrigators will earn CEUs toward their license renewal. Check-in will begin at 7:30. CEU certificates will be issued at the end of the day.

GCSAA education points will also be awarded for both days.

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To guarantee room rates and availability, reservations must be made by OCTOBER 1.

RESERVATIONS CAN BE CANCELLED UP TO 48 HOURS PRIOR TO EVENT

When making reservations be sure to tell the reservations clerk that you are with the West Texas Golf Course Superintendents Association (WTGCSA) block and are attending the conference.

If you have any questions regarding the conference or accommodations, please email wtgcsa@wtgcsa.net or call Cindy at (806)759-3461 HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE AND PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD!

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Trade Show Vendor Registration

West Texas Turfgrass & Irrigation Conference & Trade Show October 23-25, 2023 Lubbock, Texas



Dear Vendor,

The 37rd Annual West Texas Turfgrass & Irrigation Conference & Trade Show is just around the corner. Mark your calendars for October 23-25. We will again be at The Lubbock Civic Center, and MCM Elegante Hotel will be our host hotel. Rooms are \$89 but must be booked by Oct. 1.

Vendors can begin moving into the Civic Center at 7:00AM Monday, Oct. 23. After Monday's golf tournament at Lakeridge CC, we will return to the Civic Center for the complimentary dinner and open the Trade Show 6:00-9:00PM. Hours for the Trade Show on Tuesday will be 8-5. Booths must be taken down after 5:00 on Tuesday. For equipment vendors, fuel needs to be at a minimum.

Prices for the Trade Show are \$500 per 8' deep x 10' wide booth with additional booths costing \$250 each. If your company sponsored ALL the 2023 meetings, the price for each booth is \$250. The booths will have one 6' x 30" skirted table, two chairs, and one ID head sign along with drapes for the backdrop and booth dividers. **Booth selection is on a first-come, first-served basis so be sure to list your 1st, 2**nd, **and 3rd choices. YOUR BOOTH WILL NOT BE GUARANTEED UNTIL YOUR ONLINE REGISTRATION IS SUBMITTED!** If you need electricity, please make sure you bring your own extension cord. Each exhibitor will receive **two** complimentary lunch tickets per booth on Tuesday. Additional tickets may be purchased for \$20 each. If you are a new vendor, one person must become a member of the association to participate in the Trade Show. Membership cost from October 2023 to October 2024 is \$75 per person.

To reserve your booth(s), please click on this link:

VENDOR REGISTRATION LINK

No refunds for booths can be given after October 15th.

Don't forget the Silent Auction – Our silent auction takes place from Monday through Tuesday at 4:30. This is the only fundraiser we have for our scholarship fund other than our scholarship tournament. The items do not have to be golf related. **You do not have to have a booth to donate an item to the auction; in this case, just e-mail me.** The items will be displayed during the Trade Show where interested parties can bid on them. The winners will be announced at 4:30PM on Tuesday. At that time, arrangements need to be made for the buyer to take or be sent the item(s). THE SILENT AUCTION REVENUE GOES STRAIGHT INTO THE SCHOLARSHIP FUND; PLEASE HELP IF YOU CAN!!

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. Also, please forward this letter to anyone else who might be interested in having a booth. We look forward to seeing you at the conference.

Sincerely, Cindy Herridge<>< Executive Director



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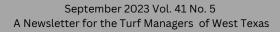
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Syd Wiggins, SCGC Superintendent, interacts with students

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Harlyn Goldman, CGCS, Jon Lobenstine and Geoff Rinehart, Oct. 18 @ noon

Avoid These Career Mistakes – Don't Be Your Own Worst Enemy

Tommy Witt, CGCS, Oct. 24 @ 10 a.m.

Beyond the Scope – From Traditional to Modern Disease Detection and Management David McCall, Ph.D., Lee Miller, Ph.D., and Ferestheh Shahoveisi, Ph.D., Nov. 7 @ 11 a.m.

KIS Time for Our BMPs Matt Ceplo, CGCS, Nov. 15 @ noon

Data and Decisions: Applying Research in Golf Course Management Practices Tyles Corr Ph.D. and Dan Sander, Ph.D. Ney, 16 @ 10 a.m.

Tyler Carr, Ph.D., and Dan Sandor, Ph.D., Nov. 16 @ 10 a.m.

Preparing Your Facility for CTEM Attesting Success Bryan Epland, CTEM, and Trent Manning, CTEM, Dec. 13 @ 10 a.m.

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