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2021 Fundraiser @ Nevel Meade Golf Club

After everything that 2020 threw at us it was nice to get back to a sense of normalcy at this year's Fundraiser at Nevel Meade GC. We were greeted with an amazing golf course, chamber of commerce weather, phenomenal sponsors and a lot of smiling faces as everyone enjoyed getting to see each other face to face again.

Todd Smith and his crew along with the Robert Costello and his clubhouse staff did an amazing job of

hosting this year's event. The golf course was pristine and greens were rolling great, that allowed a bunch of grass growers to post some pretty good scores. The Vendor Division was won by team sponsored by TEAM BAYER with a score of 59. The Club Division ended in a tie between Hurstbourne CC and Chariot Run GC with scores of 56. Although Walter Pritchett wanted to settle the tie with a wrestling match on the putting green with David Beanblossom, it was decided the safer way than two aging turf guys wrestling to determine a winner that a scorecard playoff would be used. Chariot Run prevailed with a lower back 9 score than Hurstbourne. There could be a future By-law change mandating all ties be broken with a best 2 out of 3 wrestling match. More details to follow



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Being around since 1940, TenBarge has become a household name in the T&O business. And in recent years, they began to grow their footprint. They have been a leading distributor for grass seeds, fertilizers, and chemicals for the golf course, sports turf, lawn care, landscape management, and arbor care markets. TBS products are shipped all around the Ohio river valley, including Indiana, Kentucky, Tennessee, Michigan, and Ohio.

During this period, former President, and now Director of Operations, Chad Will, recognized the need for additional staff, equipment, locations, and product lines. "I recognized quite some time ago that we needed more stuff to manage the growth we were experiencing, and servicing our customers the way we like. I am a fanatic about customer service. That will never change. This mindset led us to look for additional partners in the industry," said Will.

Being a family business and joining trade associations that promote independent business, he met Patrick and Kevin Connelly, owners of WS Connelly. Many turf professionals know them best as Landscape Supply from Roanoke, Virginia, a subsidiary of WSC. In December 2020, they became one. Both companies have maintained their brand equity in the marketplace.

"We celebrate this new milestone as we join these two independently owned companies," said Kevin Connelly, WSC vice president. "Our family businesses have worked together for over 20 years. Our teams have trained together. Our executives have served on boards together. We purchase from one another. Combining the commitment we have for our staff and the passion we share for our customers is what makes this partnership successful. Simply put, we formally merged two incredible family businesses that have been in partnership for over 20 years."

This new partnership has increased the portfolio of products for TBS in a big way. TBS is now a full-line distributor with many new offerings that customers will enjoy. "This new partnership, overnight, has put us into a different realm with access to household brand names like Bayer, BASF, Syngenta, Corteva, and PBI Gordon, along with all our other great brands that customers know us for. This will be a game changer for us and our customers," says Will.

"WSC is a natural fit for TBS to continue our path towards growth and customer focused solutions. Partnering with another family business allows our customers and staff to have access to broader opportunities. Combining our business strengths will provide our customers a one-stop shop with over seven acres of warehouse space and a family of team members passionately focused on earning our customer's trust."

Besides the main pipeline of professional turf products, TBS offers a large selection of erosion and sediment control products, along with irrigation supplies. "We quite possibly have more product offerings than any of our competitors in our marketplace, and we look forward to the next 80 years. I'm excited, and I think our customers will be too."

TBS and WSC now have approximately 100 employees and 12 locations across the Mid-Atlantic and Midwest to serve their customers.

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For nearly twenty years, Advanced Turf Solutions (ATS) has been serving superintendents in the Midwest by supplying the premium products they need to maintain beautiful, playable golf courses. ATS is a distributor of turfgrass seed and golf course accessories. Our portfolio includes fertilizers and chemicals from all the major brands, as well as exclusive product lines like [Foliar-Pak](#) and [ArmorTech](#). With an average of more than twenty years' experience, our sales representatives have the knowledge and passion to solve the toughest turf problems. We pride ourselves on excellent customer service and the dedication that comes from being an employee-owned company. ATS offers a variety of resources to the golf market, including a [virtual education series](#), [blog](#), and a new podcast series, [Around the Turf Scene](#).

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UPCOMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER 1ST —ASSISTANT’S MEETING

OLDHAM COUNTY CC, start time 8:30 AM

DECEMBER 4TH—CHRISTMAS CHARITABLE GATHERING

BIG SPRING CC, 6pm –10pm

Admission fee is 1 unwrapped toy

KGCSA Outgoing President’s Message

Dear Members,

As my 9 years of serving on the KGCSA Board of Directors comes to an end, I truly wanted to acknowledge what a wonderful experience this has been. I have personally witnessed a lot of excellent changes and extensive growth happen to the association over the past 9 years. The KGCSA has made great strides and growth and expanded opportunities to provide benefits to the membership.

The years 2020 and 2021 certainly created a dynamic that no one saw coming, and has been an unprecedented time that put a strain on our families, clubs, the association and our country. Despite all of the challenges we faced, our association fared very well. We faced some difficult decisions that included cancelling events, and putting other items on hold in the best interest of the association, our members, and families.

I personally feel this association is one of the best around. What really makes this association better than the rest is the people. The comradery amongst the board is nothing I have seen or experienced before. I have made so many good friends over the years, people I can call anytime, people I can bounce ideas off of or ask for advice. Those things are what makes the KGCSA great. The association is in great hands, and I look forward to watching future growth and changes that will come with the great successors on the board.

As my term comes to an end, it definitely is a bittersweet moment. I look forward to a little break in daily life and being able to enjoy watching my children’s activities. I can definitely see myself returning to the board of directors in the future, only time will tell.

Thank you for trusting me as the current president.

Respectfully,

Brian Curtis

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2021 Business Meeting Lake Forest CC

This year's Annual Business Meeting was finally a meeting that seemed more like "business as usual." After not having an in person business meeting last year due to Covid, this year's event included a well attended day of golf with 26 participants and nearly 40 people for the meeting.

The golf course played tough and was in fantastic condition, Superintendent Brian Curtis and staff battled through some rainy conditions leading up to the tournament and still provided course conditions worthy of a major. The winner of the Superintendent Gross Division was once again Josh Adams, net winner was Brian Curtis. Vendor division Gross winner was Chris Shane and Net winner was Chuck Breitenbach.

There were four Legacy Scholarships presented, Chandler Iler, Ethan Myers, Spencer Disselkamp and Jalin Littrell were this year's winners. Twenty percent of the profits of this year's Fundraiser were distributed between these four outstanding students.

Longtime member Steve Griggs was presented with this year's Lifetime Membership Award. Steve has been in the turf industry for more than 45 years and supported both the Association and membership during his tenure at Lesco/John Deere/Site One. We were glad to see Steve take time away from his woodworking and golfing in South Carolina to join us this evening to honor him for his service to the turf industry.

Elections for the 2022 Board of Directors was next on the agenda. David Beanblossom was elected President, Damon Hitti as Vice President, Matt Shallock as Secretary/Treasurer. The three open BOD positions were filled by incumbent Jacob Blair, Chris Miller from South Park CC and Kenneth Clayton from Houston Oaks GC.

The highlight of the night had to be the drawing for our door prize, a TDR Moisture Meter worth over \$1500. The winning ticket drawn by Steve Griggs was none other than Mark Wilson, CGCS from Big Spring CC. Mark will put it to good use in 2022.