

# TVMA QUARTERLY CLIP

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## IT'S CONFERENCE TIME!

TVMA's 2006 Annual Conference will be held **Monday October 23, 2006 through Wednesday, October 25, 2006**, at the **YO Ranch Resort and Conference Center, 2033 Sidney Baker Drive, Kerrville, TX 78028**. A block of rooms has been reserved for the TVMA Annual Conference. Rates for single or double occupancy is \$75, family suites are \$149, 1 bedroom suites are \$175 and 2 bedroom suites are \$250. **Be sure to call 1-830-257-4440, or 1-877-967-3767 and reserve your guest room now. Be sure to mention the TVMA Conference when calling the YO.**



This is a great conference hotel which is dedicated to the spirit of the Texas ranch heritage. Throughout the hotel, you'll feel as if you've stepped back in time to an era of cowboys and the old West. TVMA registration will be in the hotel lobby which is decorated with old West memorabilia and over 40 exotic game trophies. For those of you who need to "stay in touch" while you're at the conference, the hotel has wireless internet throughout the property and parking is free and plentiful. The hotel is on SH16 (Sidney Baker Drive), just south of IH-10.

The hotel offers a variety of guest room to fit your needs and the western theme from the lobby is carried right over into all guest rooms. There are 200 guest rooms available so our TVMA conference will pretty much "have the run of the place." For those of you bringing your family, the YO offers "The Fort" family rooms which have a separate room bunk beds, activity desks and chairs for the kiddos and king size beds, microwaves and refrigerators for the grown ups.

The Branding Iron Restaurant is reminiscent of San Francisco during the gold rush and has outstanding cuisine as well as early morning breakfast specials. For your after-hours relaxation, try the Elm Waterhole Saloon with its antique wood bar with stained glass inserts, huge back mirror and brass railings. The saloon serves complimentary hors d' Oeuvres from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm daily. The meeting rooms, training session and exhibit hall are all centrally located. **It's a great conference hotel! We look forward to seeing you in October!**

## RAY ERWIN, BASF: TVMA PRESIDENT 2005-2006

As this TVMA conference year draws to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for the honor of allowing me to serve as a TVMA Board Member, the Vice President, and as your 2005-2006 TVMA President.

The TVMA is a great organization and serves the interests of professional vegetation managers in Texas.

It's been a pleasure to work with the hard-working volunteers who make up the TVMA leadership team and in seeing many of you at the TVMA conferences!

Hat's off to the following TVMA leaders for their dedication this year:

Vice President **Jim Cruser**, Immediate Past President **David Wall**, Treasurer **Myron Rabalais**, Secretary-

Editor **Paul Northcutt**, and the TVMA Board of Directors which include: **Scott Dunham, Steve Prather and George Pylant III** who will leave the Board this year. Board members whose terms run through 2007 include: **Michelle McAfee, Rick Bennett and Howard Pierson**. Board members whose terms run through 2008 include: **Rob Brooks, Richard Karber and Robert Lane**.

**Richard Karber** has moved out of state for a career move and will resign his Board position at the end of the 2006 Annual Conference. Richard has worked tirelessly for the TVMA and we're sorry to see you go! Thanks Richard!

We will elect at least three new Board Members during our 2006 Annual Conference. If you would like to help chart the direction of

TVMA and volunteer for a Board position, please let me the Secretary-Editor know. We'll be more than happy to place your name in nomination during our Annual Business Meeting.

Each year, we also recognize our Life-time Achievement Winners; personnel who have made a significant impact on the vegetation management industry in Texas. Previous winners include **Jim Thrash, Bill Held, and Don Telge**. If you have a nomination, please send it in letter format to TVMA.

It's been a great year for TVMA, thanks to everyone's help! Thank you for supporting the TVMA. **Hope to see you in Kerrville!** Ray Erwin.



Ray Erwin, BASF, TVMA's 2005-2006 President

## BY-LAWS CHANGE

The TVMA Board of Directors is recommended a change to the TVMA By-Laws.

Article 5, Section A stipulates the makeup of the TVMA Board of Directors.

The Board recommends that Article 5, Section A be revised to read as follows:

The representa-

tives of the Board shall be from the following categories:

- State, County, City or Highway—1 member
- Contractors—1 member
- Suppliers—1 member
- Utilities—1 member
- At Large—5 members

We will vote on

this By-Laws revision during our Annual Business Meeting in Kerrville on Tuesday, October 24, 2006.

If you are an active, dues-paid member, and cannot attend the conference, but want to vote on this issue, send an email to the TVMA Secretary-Editor at [pnorth@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pnorth@sbcglobal.net).

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## TVMA BOARD MEMBERS

- Each year, TVMA elects 3 Board of Directors
- Each Board member serves a 3-year term.
- The Vice President is elected from the Board of Directors.
- If you want to help TVMA, consider volunteering for a position on the Board! Send an email to [pnorth@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pnorth@sbcglobal.net)!

## SCHOLARSHIP ACTIVITIES IN KERRVILLE!

Thanks to the hard work of our Scholarship Chair, **Rob Brooks**, Dow AgroSciences, TVMA will again award scholarships this year to deserving college-level students hoping to pursue a career in vegetation management.

To help fund our scholarships, we will host some fun events in Kerrville.

On Monday, October 23, 2006, we will host a 100-bird sporting clays event at the **Hill Country Shooting Sports Center, Inc., 1886 Cypress Creek Road, Kerrville, TX**. In the event you need to contact this facility, call them at 830-995-5118.



This is an outstanding facility and is an official United States Olympic Training Site! The clubhouse / pro shop is available for your convenience. The facility offers both International and American skeet, American Singles and Doubles Trap, Bunker Trap, a rifle and pistol range, as well as four premier courses for sporting clays, and a 5-stand competition level setup.

To get to this facility, take Loop 534 East (immediately adjacent to the YO Ranch Resort Hotel) for 1 mile and turn left on FM 1341. Travel 3.5 miles on FM1341 to the

large microwave tower on the left. Look for the Sign to the Hill Country Shooting Sports Center.

This event is being sponsored by **Craig Johnson and family**. Craig is with LCRA, and is a past Board Member and long-term supporter of TVMA. **THANK YOU CRAIG!**

**Rob Brooks and Dow AgroSciences** is also sponsoring the event by furnishing the shells. **Thank you Rob and Dow AgroSciences!**

This event kicks off at 1:00 pm, so make your plans to join us for this fun event which will raise money for the scholarship program.

Sign up on the Registration Form included in this CLIP!

Also on Monday, October 23, 2006, we will host the Scholarship Golf Tournament at the **Scott Schreiner Golf Club**.

This course situated on gently rolling terrain, offers scenic views of the surrounding Texas Hill Country. Recently renovated, the layout offers generous landing areas, yet tight enough to present a comfortable challenge. The signature hole is #17, a 535-yard, par 5. Water comes into play on the second shot, then again on the approach to the

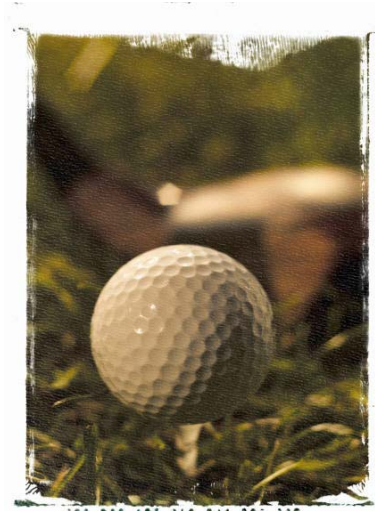
green which is surrounded by water on three sides. A waterfall to the left of the green adds a pleasing aesthetic.

This facility is located at **1 Country Club Drive, Kerrville, TX 78028**, which is just South of the YO Ranch Resort on Sidney Baker Drive. The course can be reached by phone at 830-257-4982.

This course was originally built in the 1920's by John Bredemus, one of the first golf course designers in Texas.

The course was newly designed and constructed in 1999 and is a Par 70 course.

To register for this fun event, please complete the conference registration form within this issue of the CLIP, or see the TVMA web page for registration forms! Plan on arriving at 1:00 pm for this great event.



## TVMA 2006 ANNUAL CONFERENCE AGENDA

### Monday, October 23, 2006:

10:00 am	Lobby	Registration Opens
10:00 am–5:00 pm	Boone and Crockett	TDA Pesticide Applicators License Training Seminar, Rick Bennett
Noon–6:00 pm	Spanish Oak/Cypress	Exhibit Hall Set-Up
1:00 pm	Golf	Scott Schreiner Golf Club
1:00 pm	Skeet	Hill Country Shooting Sports Center

No evening activities planned

### Tuesday, October 24, 2006:

7:00 am	Lobby	Registration Opens
7:00 am–8:00 am	Spanish Oak/Cypress	Continental Breakfast with Exhibitors
8:00 am–Noon	Boone and Crockett	TDA Pesticide Applicators License Training Seminar, Rick Bennett
8:00 am–8:45 am	Live Oak	Opening General Session: <b>Ray Erwin</b> , 2005-2006 TVMA President, <b>Jim Cruser</b> , 2005-2006 Vice President and 2006 Program Chair
8:45 am–9:30 am	Live Oak	Exhibitor Presentations
9:30 am–10:00 am	Spanish Oak/Cypress	Coffee Break with Exhibitors
10:00 am–11:00 am	Live Oak	“Vegetation Management—the UAA Perspective,” <b>Jim Orr</b> , Asplundh Tree
11:00 am–Noon	Live Oak	“Drift Minimization,” <b>Dennis Markwardt</b> , Texas DOT
Noon–2:00 pm	Spanish Oak/Cypress	2006 Awards Banquet and TVMA Business Meeting, <b>Ray Erwin</b> , BASF
2:00 pm–5:00 pm	Boone and Crockett	TDA Pesticide Applicators License Training Seminar, Rick Bennett
2:00 pm–3:00 pm	Live Oak	“TDA Rules and Regulations,” <b>Randy Rivera</b> , TDA
3:00 pm–3:30 pm	Spanish Oak/Cypress	Coffee Break / Poster Session Viewing with Exhibitors
3:30 pm–4:00 pm	Live Oak	“Wire & Fire: A Historical Perspective on Ecosystem Management in the Texas Hill Country,” <b>Donnie Frels</b> , TPWD
4:00 pm–4:30 pm	Live Oak	“Aquatic Vegetation & Herbicides,” <b>Dr. Earl Chilton</b> , TPWD
4:30 pm–5:00 pm	Live Oak	“Consortium Building,” <b>Anne Beard</b> , PNM
6:00 pm–9:00 pm	Spanish Oak/Cypress	<b>Cash Bar, Snacks and “Texas Hold’em” Tournament in Exhibit Hall</b>

### Wednesday, October 25, 2006:

6:30 am–8:00 am	Guadalupe	TVMA Past President’s Breakfast
7:00 am	Lobby	Registration Opens
7:00 am–8:00 am	Spanish Oak/Cypress	Continental Breakfast with Exhibitors
8:00 am–Noon	Boone and Crockett	TDA Pesticide Applicators Examination
8:00 am–9:00 am	Live Oak	Student Poster Session Presentations
9:00 am–9:30 am	Spanish Oak / Cypress	Coffee Break with Exhibitors
9:30 am	Spanish Oak/Cypress	Exhibit Hall Closes
9:30 am–10:00 am	Live Oak	“Easements and Environmental Responsibilities,” <b>Clover Clamons</b> , LCRA
10:00 am–10:30 am	Live Oak	“NERC Vegetation Clearance Standards: One Utility’s Perspective,” <b>Lynn Grayson</b> , AEP
10:30 am–11:00 am	Live Oak	“Oak Wilt in Texas,” <b>Eric Copeland</b> , TFS
11:00 am–11:30 AM	Live Oak	“Formosan Termites,” <b>Karen Woodard</b> , TFS
11:30 am–Noon	Live Oak	Closing Remarks, <b>Jim Cruser</b> , TVMA 2006-2007 President-Elect
Noon		Adjourn
Noon–2:00 pm	Guadalupe	TVMA Board of Directors Meeting

**TEXAS VEGETATION MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION  
2006 ANNUAL CONFERENCE REGISTRATION FORM**

October 23-25, 2006, YO Ranch Hotel & Conference Center

Name : \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse or Guest Name (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I can't come to the Annual Conference this year but wish to pay my \$25 annual dues for 06-07.

**Please Register Me for the Following Conference Activities: (Early Bird Discounts Expire 9/22/06)**

Qty	Description	Cost Each	Extension
	Early Bird Student Registration	\$75	\$
	Regular Student Registration (postmarked after 9/22/06)	\$100	\$
	Early Bird Conference Registration	\$100	\$
	Regular Conference Registration (postmarked after 9/22/06)	\$ 125 *	\$
	Early Bird Training Seminar Registration	\$100	\$
	Regular Training Seminar Registration (after 9/22/06)	\$ 125	\$
	Spouse or Guest Registration	\$ 50	\$
	Single Day Pass Only (DAY _____ )	\$50	\$
	Scholarship Golf Tournament Registration	\$ 75	\$
	Scholarship Skeet Shooting Tournament	\$ 50	\$
	Sponsor: Luncheon or Social	\$3,000	\$
	Sponsor: Breakfast or Break Service	\$1,500	\$
	Co-Sponsor: Food and Beverage Service	\$500	\$
	Supporter: Food and Beverage Service	\$250	\$
<b>TOTAL DUE TVMA</b>			\$

\*TxDOT employee registration remains at \$100.00

**PAYMENT OPTIONS** (Please check ONE)

\_\_\_\_\_ Check, enclosed \_\_\_\_\_ I'll Pay by Check at the Conference (Discounts do not apply)

\_\_\_\_\_ I'll pay by Credit Card at the Conference (Discounts do not apply - processing fees will be added)

Charge my: \_\_\_\_\_ Visa \_\_\_\_\_ MasterCard \_\_\_\_\_ American Express \_\_\_\_\_ Discover  
(Discounts apply - Processing Fees will be applied)

Card #: \_\_\_\_\_ Expires \_\_\_\_\_ Security Code \_\_\_\_\_  
(3 or 4 Digits, Front or Back of Card)

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I'll donate the following item(s) for door prizes / silent auction: \_\_\_\_\_

Full sponsors of a luncheon or social receive special notice during the conference and program, and within the TVMA web page, Quarterly CLIP and the ability to bring comments to the membership. Co-Sponsors receive special recognition within the program and within the Quarterly CLIP and Supporters receive recognition within the program.

Please Complete One Form per Registration and Return with Payment to:  
TVMA, 6402 Betty Cook Drive, Austin, TX 78723-3313; or Fax to 512.933.9971  
TVMA Tax ID: 76-0415282; For more info, call 512-933-9930

**TVMA 2006 ANNUAL CONFERENCE - October 23-25, 2006**  
 YO Ranch Hotel & Conference Center, 2033 Sidney Baker, Kerrville, TX 78028  
**EXHIBITOR REGISTRATION / MEMBERSHIP FORM**

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Exhibit Coordinator Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_

May we Contact you by Email? ( ) Yes : Email: \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) No

\_\_\_\_\_ I am unable to attend the Annual Meeting, but wish to pay my \$25 Member Dues for 06-07.

Check One	Level	Conference Registrations	Guest Rooms	Color Art and Web Link	CLIP Advertising	Cost
	PLATINUM	2	1 suite for 2 nights	Yes	Yes	\$2,000
	GOLD	1	1 room for 2 nights	Yes	Yes	\$1,500
	SILVER	1	None	Yes	Yes	\$1,000
	BRONZE	1	None	Yes	No	\$650
	NICKEL	1	None	No	No	\$400
<b>Line 1 Amount Due:</b>						

**ADDITIONAL OPTIONS (please complete all that apply)**

Number	Description	Cost Each	Extension
	Additional Conference Registrations (complete registration on back of this page)	\$100 by 9/22/06 \$125 after 9/22/06	
	Training Seminar for TDA License Examination (complete registration on back of this page)	\$100 by 9/22/06 \$125 after 9/22/06	
	Spouse or Guest Pass (entry to all banquets, socials, events) (register on back of this page)	\$50	
	Green Fee - Scholarship Golf Tournament	\$75	
	Scholarship Skeet Shooting Tournament	\$50	
	Sponsor: Luncheon or Social	\$3,000	
	Sponsor: Breakfast or Coffee Break	\$1,500	
	Co-Sponsor: Food and Beverage	\$500	
	Supporter: Food and Beverage	\$250	
<b>Line 2 Amount Due:</b>			
<b>TOTAL DUE TVMA: SUM OF LINE 1 AND LINE 2:</b>			

**BOOTH NUMBER PREFERENCES (TOP THREE):** \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_  
 (See [www.tvma.net/conference.htm](http://www.tvma.net/conference.htm) for 06 Exhibit Hall Booth Layout and Booth Numbers)

**PAYMENT OPTIONS (Please select one)**

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**Please Bring your Own PowerStrip or Extension Chord if you require electrical service in your booth.**  
*(If Additional Personnel from your Company or Guests are Attending as a part of your Registration, please complete the "Additional Attendee" form on the reverse side of this sheet.)*

Mail or Fax with Payment Information to: TVMA, 6402 Betty Cook Drive, Austin, TX 78723  
 Phone: 512.933.9930 Fax: 512.933.9971 Email: [pnorth@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pnorth@sbcglobal.net) (10/30/05)

## TVMA THANKS OUR 2006 CORPORATE EXHIBITORS/SPONSORS

TVMA wants to thank our corporate sponsors and exhibitors!

Without their efforts and financial support, our Association would not be able to provide all the services to the Texas Vegetation Management Industry.

As of the date of this newsletter, we have already confirmed numerous exhibitors for our 2006 Annual Conference: Please contact any of these fine vendors for more assistance with your vegetation management program:

**Platinum Sponsor: The Lower Colorado River Authority**

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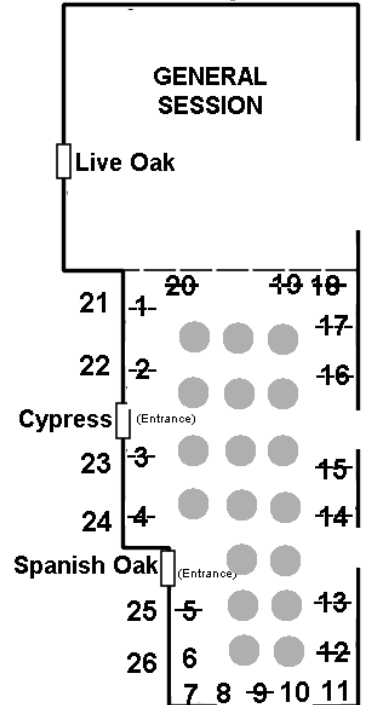
**Wilbur Ellis Company**, Keith Graves, 940-841-4827.

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The Exhibit Hall is immediately adjacent to our General Session room where all presentations will be given. All breaks and lunches will be held in the Exhibit hall so to create maximum exposure to our exhibitors.

If you have an interest in exhibiting your company with TVMA, please complete the registration form in this issue of the CLIP and mail send it to the TVMA Secretary-Editor or call TVMA at 512-933-9930. **Additional registration forms are available through the TVMA Web Site at [www.tvma.net](http://www.tvma.net).**

21 - 26: hallway booths



2006 Meeting & Exhibit Hall Layout (As of 9/5/06)

## POSTER SESSIONS MARKS A 1ST FOR TVMA

For the 1st time this year, college-level students will be presenting poster and oral sessions of current vegetation-management research.

Students will be on-hand in the exhibit hall to discuss their research.

Students will also be given the opportunity to

present an oral presentation of their research. Currently, two students have been accepted for poster and oral presentations, both students under the guidance of Dr. Shad Nelson, Texas A&M-Kingsville:

“Salt Tolerance of Plants for South Texas Revegetation Programs,” will be

presented by **LeeRoy Rock**.

“Vegetative Control Using Herbicide Adjuvant CT-301 to Glyphosate” will be presented by **Heriberto Esquivel, MS**.

This will be an excellent opportunity for these students to present findings of their current research, and for us to get the latest information from the universities!



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