

# DEEP EAST TEXAS CHAPTER NO. 6 NEWS

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## **President's Column:**

It is time once again to elect officers for the upcoming year. You will find a ballot with the names of the nominees for Chapter offices included in this newsletter. You will notice that the current officers have been nominated for another 1-year term. You have the option of writing in your own candidate as well. The nominating committee felt that the Chapter has made a lot of progress this past year and wish to see that momentum continue on into the next year by re-electing the current officers and board.

For instance, we have seen an increase in our Chapter membership, due in large part to the one pay dues system initiated by TSPS this year. We have had an increased number of activities including a Skeet Shoot and a Golf Tournament. Those who have taken part have had a really good time. Our quarterly Chapter meetings have been well attended, and have had some interesting guest speakers. The Chapter is currently involved with the installation of the NGS Calibrated Baseline in west Beaumont. We have sponsored the Tri\*Star competition and Technicians Certification exams as well. In addition, we hosted a very successful seminar earlier this year.

This increase in activity of our Chapter has caught the attention of other members and Chapters across the State. This Chapter, YOUR Chapter, is being recognized as an ACTIVE and GROWING Chapter on the State level. It is creating the challenge for other Chapters to get busy and become more active. This has helped to encourage and increase the enthusiasm of other members of TSPS.

You can be proud of your Chapter and rest assured that this is only the beginning. Wait till you see what is being planned for next year!

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## **Minutes of Meeting:**

The Chapter held its quarterly meeting July 15th at Stinger's Family Restaurant in Silsbee. The meeting was well attended by surveyors from both the Silsbee and Beaumont areas. A short business meeting was held with Chapter President Richard Worthey giving the financial report as well as a review on the status of various Chapter activities and projects. Mitch Brackin announced the winners of the Trig\*Star competition and gave a report on the process.

Guest speaker was Anne Glasgow, Executive Director of TSPS, who filled in for Mark Hanna, Legal Counsel for TSPS. Mark was unable to attend due to an unexpected last minute court appearance. Anne brought members up to date on current TSPS activities on the state level including some of the proposed legislative bills being recommended by TSPS.

More importantly, Anne told us what was in store for those planning to attend the annual convention in Dallas in October. Along with all the other events and activities, there will be the Super Bowl of all parties going on Friday night at Texas Stadium where TSPS will "own" the stadium for the evening! There will be a field goal kicking contest as well as numerous other events happening on the fifty yard line. Anne's bubbling enthusiasm spilled over onto many of those attending.

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## **Skeet Shoot Held:**

The chapter held its First Annual Chapter Skeet Shoot at the 1 in 100 Gun Club west of Lumberton on May 10<sup>th</sup>. The "Sporting Clays" event was open to all members, friends, and family.

First Place Company Team trophy:  
Carroll & Blackmon of Beaumont.  
Second Place Company Team trophy:  
Howell & Davis of Beaumont.

Third Place Company Team trophy:  
Shine & Johnston of Silsbee.

First Place Individual award:  
Ron Davis (Pentax binoculars)

Second Place Individual award:  
Peter Lawley (large Buck knife)

Third Place Individual award:  
Mitch Brackin (large Buck knife)

Fourth Place Individual award:  
John Baccom (large Buck knife)

Fifth Place Individual (three way tie):  
Gilbert Johnston  
Charles Story  
Jerry Steelman.

These winners received each received a small Buck knife.

Denise Johnston received a small Buck knife for winning the Ladies Class.

Sponsored by Pentax Corporation and Transit and Level Clinic, all participants were treated to a fine barbeque lunch. Everyone in attendance comments on the really good time and fun they had.

The Chapter would like to express their sincere gratitude to Charles Lawley for organizing the event, and to Pentax for the sponsorship.

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### **NGS Calibrated Baseline Installed:**

A workday to install the monuments for the baseline was held Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Work began at 9:00 AM on a beautiful cool late spring morning and ended at 11:30 AM. Participants included Charles Story, Mitch Brackin, Joe Breaux, Ron Davis, Peter Lawley and Richard Worthey. Bill Westbrook and crew staked out the baseline earlier in the week. Ron Davis donated the rental on a power auger and got Transit Mix to donate the concrete. Let me tell you, the auger and concrete truck really sped things up! Richard Worthey provided the rebar and lunch. NGS provided the brass disks. Chef Jack Wells grilled some fine hamburgers with all the fixings. Who said work couldn't be fun?

Training is scheduled for October 15, 16 & 17<sup>th</sup> in Houston. Actual calibration of the baseline here locally will take place immediately after the team returns to Beaumont. The training seminar has been approved for 8 CEU's by TBPLS. If you would like to volunteer to be on the

calibration team, please contact:

Richard Worthey (409) 866-9769

We will be discussing the details at the next Chapter meeting in September. (See Upcoming Events)

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### **Trig\*Star Winners Announced:**

Sixty students from Little Cypress Mauriceville High School along with twenty students from Hardin Jefferson High School participated in the regional Trig\*Star competition sponsored by this Chapter. The program is designed to motivate students in their math studies while promoting the surveying profession.

First Place cash scholarship of \$150 was awarded to Amy Dwight of Little Cypress Mauriceville High School.

Second Place cash scholarship of \$75 was awarded to Lori Pierport, also of Little Cypress Mauriceville High School.

A \$225 teaching excellence award was given to winning students teacher, Sharon Sims of Little Cypress Mauriceville.

The first place winner went on to participate in the state-wide competition. Congratulations to the winners and their teacher! Mitch Brackin is to be especially commended for his hard work and efforts in taking this event to the area high schools.

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### **Technicians Certification Exams Held:**

Congratulations to Charles Story and Joe Mattox for passing the Technicians Certification Exams. Charles was certified as a Party Chief and Joe a Survey Technician.

Thanks to Joe Breaux for coordinating and proctoring the exam.

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### **Chapter Golf Tournament Held:**

The First Annual Chapter Golf Tournament was held at the Sunset Grove Country Club and Golf Course in Orange on June 14<sup>th</sup>. The 4 man Florida Scramble event was played on a beautiful, if not hot, Saturday morning six teams participating. USGA rules governed the play.

Awards were given to the persons with the longest drive on Hole 1 and 8, and the closest to the pin on Hole 3 and 14.

Two teams tied for First Place so the First and Second Place cash awards were evenly split between the winners. Winning teams were:

Team 5 - Bob Sutton, Richard Worthey, Dennis Dubois, Steve Smith.

Team 6 - James Odom, Randy Johnston, Jim Brasher, Gilbert Johnston.

Thanks to Pentax Corporation and Transit & Level Clinic for helping to sponsor the event. A special thanks to Randy Johnston for organizing the event.

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### **Welcome New Chapter Members:**

Anthony Leger  
Alton S. Geisendorff, Jr.  
Robert W. Sutton, III  
Dennis P. Bertrand  
Douglas Hayes  
John Cannatella  
Walter J. Ksiazek  
Howard Martin

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### **Websites of the Quarter:**

University of Texas - GPS Stuff  
<http://www.utexas.edu/depts/grg/gcraft/notes/gps/gps.html>  
American Congress on Surveying & Mapping  
<http://206.216.206.3/acsm>  
Texas Society of Professional Engineers  
<http://www.tspe.org>  
Texas Society of Professional Surveyors  
<http://www.tsp.org/>  
National Council of Examiners for Engineers & Surveyors  
<http://www.ncees.org/>  
You can access these pages directly from the chapter website at:  
<http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/rworthey>

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### **Notice of Last Mailing:**

This will be the last newsletter many of you will be receiving. The next quarterly newsletter will be mailed to only dues paying members of the Chapter. You can still become a Chapter member as well as a full member of TSPS now

by completing a membership application and paying your Chapter dues only. The state dues will be waived for the remainder of the year.

### **Chapter Dues:**

Registered member	\$15.00
Associate/Affiliate member	\$10.00
Student	\$ 5.00

For more information contact Richard Worthey at (409) 866-9769.

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### **Upcoming Events:**

Mark your calendar as a reminder of the following chapter events:

#### **September 16 -- Annual Chapter Meeting**

Location: BPM Club - Beaumont  
Social Mixer: 6:30 PM (*Coat & Tie Required*)  
Dinner: 7:00 PM (*Spouses Invited*)  
Meeting: 7:45 PM - 8:30 PM  
Speaker: Greg Smythe, President of TSPS  
Agenda: Financial Report  
Installation of Officers  
NGS Calibrated Baseline Team Selection

#### **October 8-11 -- TSPS Annual Meeting, Dallas**

#### **November 18 -- Quarterly Chapter Meeting**

Location: *To Be Announced*  
Social Mixer: 6:30 PM  
Dinner: 7:00 PM  
Meeting: 7:45 PM - 8:30 PM  
Speaker: *To Be Announced*  
Agenda: *To Be Announced*

President - Richard Worthey  
Vice President - Charles Lawley  
Secretary/Treasurer - Joe Breaux  
Director-at-Large - Steve Boucher  
Director-at-Large - Gilbert Johnston