



# TVMA QUARTERLY CLIP

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## 2008 TVMA Conference

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Holiday Inn San Antonio-Riverwalk at 217 North St. Mary's is again the site for the 2008 Texas Vegetation Management Conference. This year the conference, which runs from October 6 through October 8, promises to be even bigger and better with great speakers, outdoor demonstrations, TDA training and testing, ISA and TDA CEUs, informative exhibitors, numerous social activities, and, of course, all San Antonio has to offer. Please go on line at [tvma.net](http://tvma.net) to register for the conference and hotel or call 210-224-2500 for hotel reservations .

Those of you who were at the conference last year know the San Antonio Riverwalk is just a short distance from the hotel as is the Rivercenter Mall. If you did not join TVMA last year, the atmosphere San Antonio has to offer is unique to Texas and should not be missed. As a completely new feature this year, TVMA is hosting outside demonstrations which will provide hands on opportunities to learn the newest information and techniques affecting our industries. TVMA is also providing transportation to those outdoor activities.

Also, consider becoming a SPONSOR for 2008 to help defray conference costs and provide programs. Again, go to the TVMA website to choose which type of sponsorship is right for you or your company and the advantages of sponsorship. Without sponsors, it would be difficult, if not impossible, to accomplish the goals of TVMA.

Make sure you take advantage of all the Texas Vegetation Management Association has to offer through educational sessions, trainings, and networking, and join members for golf or skeet on Monday and the Casino Night on Tuesday. See you in San Antonio!



## **Presidential Update**

### **Fellow TVMA Members**

The season is upon us, and I don't mean hurricane season. The annual TVMA conference is right around the corner and things are coming together. I would like to thank everyone that has already signed up to be an exhibitor, food sponsor, or even pre-registered for the conference. If you have never attended the conference or know someone who never attended, let me be the first to invite you to join us in San Antonio.

What a wonderful year! Our conference this year will rival any in the past. This year also included raising the scholarship levels which puts our giving above and beyond the average scholarship. Additionally, TVMA provided various trainings around the state. I would say our association is doing quite well, but, there is always room to grow. So be sure to invite anyone involved with the vegetation management industry to the conference in October.

On a final note, let me personally thank everyone on the Board of Directors this year. It has been my pleasure serving as the association's president and truly an experience that I will remember forever. Our industry is changing. Be sure to remain a part of that change and keep our association strong.

Sincerely;  
Rick Bennett

## **Outdoor Exhibitor Demonstrations**

Well, it's getting to be that time of year again. Between a busy spray season and dodging tropical storms and hurricanes I'm about ready for the fall conference season to begin. I am as excited about this fall's TVMA conference as I was about the Aggie's Football team this year. Hopefully the conference will be a bigger success than our football team.

At any rate this year's conference seems to be lining up as one of the best yet. We have a great slate of speakers, outstanding scholarship fundraising activities like the silent auction, golf and sporting clay tournaments and my personal pet project the Outdoor Exhibitor Demonstration Session.

Many of you like me enjoy this line of work so much because we're not tied to an office and have the ability to spend a lot of time outdoors with our sleeves rolled up. While coming to the conference can be a nice break from the routine and a great chance to catch up with old friends, as well as learn new things while keeping up our CEU's, it can get a little mundane riding a chair all day long. So this year, after our Tuesday morning session and business lunch, we're heading for the great outdoors to continue our education and see some of the latest and greatest equipment and service offerings in the marketplace today. In addition to our normal exhibition area, we have offered our vendors the opportunity to educate our members on things that are pertinent to quality vegetation management programs and show you some of the products and services they provide.

As always, we anticipate having a lot of fun, and hope you can join us in beautiful downtown San Antonio.

Rob Brooks

## Agenda for the 2008 TVMA Conference

### Monday, October 6

|                   |   |
|-------------------|---|
| 9:00 am           | Registration  |
| 10:00 am- 5:00 pm | Training - Howard Pierson                                   |
| 12:00 pm-6:00 pm  | Exhibitor setup   |
| 1:00 pm-5:00 pm   | Golf Tournament   |
| 1:00 pm-5:00 pm   | Skeet shooting  |
| 5:30pm -7:00pm    | Reception with Appetizers and Cash Bar / Dinner on your own |

### Tuesday, October 7

|                     |  |
|---------------------|--|
| 7:00 am             | Registration opens   |
| 7:00 am-8:00 am     | Continental breakfast  |
| 8:00 am-5:00 pm     | Training   |
| 8:00 am-8:30 am     | Opening remarks - Rick Bennett   |
| 8:30 am -9:00 am    | Exhibitor presentations  |
| 9:00 am – 12:00 pm  | General Session I - Jim Cruser   |
| 9:00 am-10:00 am    | “Laws and Regulations Update” Randy Rivera - TDA   |
| 10:00 am-10:30 am   | Coffee Break   |
| 10:30am-11:00 am    | “2009 EPA Container Regulations Update” Dave Schoonover - Aquimix Inc.   |
| 11:00 am-12:00pm    | “Communicating with Difficult People”<br>Dr. Kim Anderson - Oklahoma State University  |
| 12:00 pm- 1:30 pm   | Luncheon and Business Meeting  |
| 2:00 pm- 5:00 pm    | General Session 2 - Outdoor exhibits and demonstrations<br>To include 25 min presentations on topics such as calibration,<br>drift, tree injection, application methods, and returnables |
| 6-9 pm Casino Night | Appetizers and Cash Bar  |

### Wednesday, October 8

|                     |  |
|---------------------|--|
| 6:30 am-8:00 am     | Past Presidents Breakfast  |
| 7:00 am             | Registration Opens   |
| 7-8 am              | Continental Breakfast  |
| 8:00 am -12:00 pm   | TDA testing  |
| 8:00 am -12:00pm    | General Session 3  |
| 8:00 am -8:45 am    | “Hurricane Effects on Coastal Vegetation and Introduction of Invasive Species”<br>John Giedraitis - Urban Forestry Program Manager |
| 8:45 am -9:30 am    | “Integrated Pest Management Approach”<br>Dr. Richard Lee IPM Specialist USDI-BLM   |
| 9:30 am – 10:00 am  | Coffee Break   |
| 10:00 am – 10:30 am | “Update on Texas Invasives Council” Dr. Earl Chilton TX Parks & Wildlife Dept.   |
| 10:30 am-11:30 am   | “Dealing with Pesticide Spills” Dr. Fred Whitford Purdue University  |
| 11:30 am-12:00pm    | Closing remarks  |
| 12:00 pm -2:00 pm   | Board Meeting  |

## TVMA Scholarship Benefit Tournaments

This year TVMA awarded four two thousand dollar scholarships to students who will pursue a career in vegetation management or a related field with one of those being the new Craig Johnson and Family/TVMA Leadership Award. Rob Brooks of Dow AgroSciences is the Scholarship Chair and reminds all members that the golf and skeet tournaments help make the scholarships possible. Please have an enjoyable afternoon of golf or skeet while helping a great program!

On Monday, October 6th the tee time will be 1PM at The Republic Golf Club ten minutes from downtown San Antonio. This course is a current qualifying site for the Senior U.S. Open and was voted the #1 course in San Antonio by the *Express-News* in 06 and 07. It is a relaxing removal from everyday hassles. Registration is \$75 per person, and you can register on the form included in this issue or go on line to [tvma.net](http://tvma.net) and register while registering to attend the conference.

The Annual Sporting Clay Tournament will again be held at the National Shooting Complex at a cost of \$75.00 per person. Start time will be 1:30 PM, and if you did not see this facility last year, take advantage of this amazing opportunity this year. For more information about the complex and for a map, go to [nationalshootingcomplex.com](http://nationalshootingcomplex.com). The fees includes firearm use, ammunition, safety equipment, and drinks.

## Silent Auction Items Needed

Scott Dunham with Becker Underwood is calling for silent auction items from exhibitors and sponsors. Make sure donations are identified by name and company so the generous donators can be acknowledged when high bidders are announced. The auction will begin Tuesday at 8 AM with what promises to be a variety of items ranging from hunting and fishing gear and trips to Texas arts and crafts. The auction will end at 10 am on Wednesday at the end of the break. Items can be seen in the exhibit area or in the exhibitor booths. For more details, contact Scott Dunham-[scott.dunham@beckerunderwood.com](mailto:scott.dunham@beckerunderwood.com).

## Casino Night Activities

On Tuesday, October 7, 2008, the games will begin at 6:00 PM with something for everyone. Join the Texas Hold 'em tables or try your skills at blackjack, the roulette wheel, or the craps tables. Just watch and learn for fun or join directly in the games themselves. Everyone will receive a hundred dollars worth of chips and have a great time while again benefiting the scholarship programs.

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### **Don't Miss the Educational Opportunities**

During the 2008 TVMA Annual Conference, TVMA will hold a two day training meeting for new applicators followed on the third morning with the TDA testing for the general test, laws and regulations test, and the right-of-way test. Study manuals can be ordered on form D-1405 at [aes.tamu.edu](http://aes.tamu.edu) website. All those planning to attend and test should order and read the study materials before attending.

TVMA will also host a one day CEU class for applicators on Monday October 13, 2008 at the Koko Palace in Lubbock, Texas from 9 AM to 3 PM with lunch provided. The cost of this program will be \$50.00 per person. Contact Howard Pierson at 214-435-5152 or [hpierson101@aol.com](mailto:hpierson101@aol.com) for more information.

## **TVMA 2008 Exhibitors/Sponsors**

The financial support and efforts of exhibitors and sponsors make it possible for TVMA to continue providing services to the Texas Vegetation Management Industry. TVMA thanks all the exhibitors and sponsors who will make it possible for TVMA to have another successful year.

At the time of this *Clip* publication, the following exhibitors have already committed to their sponsorships for the 2008 Conference. Please thank them and feel free to contact them for your vegetation management program needs. Also go on line to [tvma.net](http://tvma.net) and choose your sponsorship category to help keep our industry strong and to take advantage of the perks sponsorship has to offer.

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Alligare LLC, Howard Pierson, 214-435-5152  
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**TVMA 2008 ANNUAL CONFERENCE – October 6-8, 2008**  
**Holiday Inn Riverwalk, 217 N St. Mary's, San Antonio TX 78205**  
**GENERAL ATTENDEE / TRAINING SEMINAR REGISTRATION FORM**

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

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

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

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

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

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I am unable to attend the conference, but have enclosed my \$25 General Membership.  
 Please register me for the following Activities: (Early Bird Discount Expires 9/10/07)

| Activity   | Quantity | Cost Each | Extension |
|--|----------|-----------|-----------|
| Early Bird Student Registration  |          | \$75      | \$        |
| Regular Student Registration (Postmarked or sent after 9/10/07)                |          | \$100     | \$        |
| Early Bird Conference Attendee Registration                                    |          | \$100     | \$        |
| Regular Conference Attendee Registration (Postmarked or sent after 9/10/07)(*) |          | \$125     | \$        |
| Early Bird Training Seminar Registration                                       |          | \$100     | \$        |
| Regular Training Seminar Registration (Postmarked or sent after 9/10/07)       |          | \$125     | \$        |
| Spouse or Guest Conference Registration (Meals, breaks)                        |          | \$50      | \$        |
| Single Day Pass Only (DAY _____)   |          | \$50      | \$        |
| Scholarship Golf Tournament Green Fee (call TVMA for info)                     |          | \$75      | \$        |
| Scholarship Skeet Tournament Registration                                      |          | \$75      | \$        |
| Sponsorship: Conference Luncheon or Social                                     |          | \$3,000   | \$        |
| Sponsorship: Conference Breakfast or Beverage Service                          |          | \$1,500   | \$        |
| Co-Sponsorship: Conference Luncheon or Social                                  |          | \$500     | \$        |
| Co-Sponsorship: Conference Breakfast or Beverage Service                       |          | \$250     | \$        |
| TOTAL DUE TVMA:  |          |           | \$        |

(\*) TxDOT registration remains at \$100.00

PAYMENT OPTIONS (Check ONE only)

\_\_\_\_\_ Check is Enclosed      \_\_\_\_\_ Check is Being Processed by my Company      \_\_\_\_\_ I'll Pay by Check at Conference  
 (discounts do not apply)

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

or \_\_\_\_\_ Charge my Credit Card as shown Below:

Card #: \_\_\_\_\_ Expires: \_\_\_\_\_ Security Code: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (We accept Visa, MasterCard, Discovery or American Express)      (3 or four digit number on back)

Name on Card (if different than above): \_\_\_\_\_

Billing Address (if different than above): \_\_\_\_\_

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

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Complete One Form per Registration and Return with Payment to:  
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 EXHIBITOR REGISTRATION FORM

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

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

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

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

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_ I am unable to attend the annual conference but have enclosed my \$25 general membership fee

REGISTRATION LEVELS AND BENEFITS (Please check ONE Only)

| Check One | Level           | Conference Registrations | Guest Rooms Provided        | Special Web Recognition | CLIP Advertising | Cost           |
|-----------|-----------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|------------------|----------------|
|           | <b>PLATINUM</b> | <b>2</b>                 | <b>1 Suite for 2 nights</b> | <b>Yes</b>              | <b>Yes</b>       | <b>\$2,000</b> |
|           | <b>GOLD</b>     | <b>1</b>                 | <b>1 Room for 2 nights</b>  | <b>Yes</b>              | <b>Yes</b>       | <b>\$1,500</b> |
|           | <b>SILVER</b>   | <b>1</b>                 | <b>None</b>                 | <b>Yes</b>              | <b>Yes</b>       | <b>\$1,000</b> |
|           | <b>BRONZE</b>   | <b>1</b>                 | <b>None</b>                 | <b>Yes</b>              | <b>No</b>        | <b>\$650</b>   |
|           | <b>NICKEL</b>   | <b>1</b>                 | <b>None</b>                 | <b>No</b>               | <b>No</b>        | <b>\$400</b>   |

Line 1 Amount Due: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

ADDITIONAL OPTIONS (Check all that apply)

| Quantity | Description of Option  | Cost                                 | Each | Extension |
|----------|--|--------------------------------------|------|-----------|
|          | Additional conference attendees  | \$100 by 9/10/07 \$125 after 9/10/07 | \$   |           |
|          | Training Seminar attendees   | \$100 by 9/10/07 \$125 after 9/10/07 | \$   |           |
|          | Spouse or Guest Pass (banquets, luncheons, social, breaks – complete page 2) | \$50                                 | \$   |           |
|          | Green Fee – Scholarship Golf Tournament                                      | \$75                                 | \$   |           |
|          | Skeet Shoot – Registration   | \$75                                 | \$   |           |
|          | Sponsorship: Luncheon or Social  | \$3,000.00                           | \$   |           |
|          | Sponsorship: Break or Breakfast  | \$1,500.00                           | \$   |           |
|          | Co-Sponsorship: Luncheon or Social:  | \$500.00                             | \$   |           |
|          | Supporter: Food and Beverage   | \$250.00                             | \$   |           |

Line 2 Amount Due: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL DUE TVMA: Sum of Line 1 and Line 2 \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

PAYMENT OPTIONS (Please select ONE)

\_\_\_\_ Check Enclosed -or- \_\_\_\_ MasterCard \_\_\_\_ Visa \_\_\_\_ Discovery \_\_\_\_ American Express

\_\_\_\_ Check being Processed by Company (payable to TVMA)

Credit Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Expires: \_\_\_\_\_ Security Code: \_\_\_\_\_

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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October 13  
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