



January 6, 2016

Dear Turf Alumni and Friends of Mississippi State University:

Greetings from the turfgrass faculty and students of MSU. It is that time again for our annual gathering at the GCSAA meeting. Once again we have teamed up with Louisiana-Mississippi Chapter of GCSAA to host this hospitality night. Our colleagues at Alabama GCSA, Gulf Coast GCSA and LSU Alumni will also join us.

This year we will be meeting at:



The Knotty Barrel  
44 Market Street

Located in the Gaslamp Quarter across  
from the Convention Center

The date and time will be Wednesday evening, February 10, 2016, from 6:00 to 9:00 pm. Please try to be there by 7:00 p.m. to meet the students and introduce yourself (and any spouses or friends) to all. It will be great to see many of the Bulldog Turfgrass family again. We are expecting a great turnout in San Diego and consider it to be BulldogTurf Country even though it is across the country. The Turf Club has been very successful in fundraising this year and 5 students will be traveling to San Diego to compete in the collegiate Turf Bowl and network at The Golf Industry Show.

The Knotty Barrel Gastropub features is one of San Diego's newest Gastropub and we will have exclusive use of the pub for the evening. Featuring fine, locally-sourced food and a selection of over 100 local, domestic and imported beers from around the world, including over twenty craft beers on tap. The Knotty Barrel prides itself on partnering with local farmers and vendors to provide our guests with the freshest ingredients possible. We will have a good selection of pub grub available [www.knottybarrel.com](http://www.knottybarrel.com). At this

time we have several wonderful sponsors (THANK YOU Sponsors) lined up but we will have to have some support from you as well to help pay for the evening expenses. **Space is limited this year so PLEASE RSVP.** We would ask that you preregister using the form attached or bring a donation of \$25 and or \$45 per couple and pay at the door. However, please give us a commitment and RSVP by January 31, 2016 that you are coming, if you can. This will give us an idea of how many to expect and to prepare name tags. Please send an email to Mrs, Linda Wells at [imgcsa@earthlink.net](mailto:imgcsa@earthlink.net) . We will have a receipt book for cash payments and a credit card set-up as well.

All friends of MSU are invited to attend. You all have always been great in helping the students out and we ask you to please be as generous as you can once again.

As always, bring your spouse or your friend(s). Please call us (662-325-2725-Stewart), e-mail us ([bastewar@pss.msstate.edu](mailto:bastewar@pss.msstate.edu), [cbaldwin@pss.msstate.edu](mailto:cbaldwin@pss.msstate.edu), [jmccurdy@pss.msstate.edu](mailto:jmccurdy@pss.msstate.edu)) or leave a message with the department receptionist (662-325-2311) if we can expect you!

**Note:** Please pass this along to other MSU alumni and friends. As always, our mailing list is difficult to keep current given the moving about of everyone and our general lack of clerical skills. After getting the December 2015 graduates on their way, MSU's turf program has surpassed 470 graduates!

Sincerely,

Barry Stewart    Christian Baldwin            Jay McCurdy

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Please send form and payment of \$20 each to:

Linda Wells ●Mississippi Turfgrass Association●Box 9555-Mississippi State, MS 39762

Fax to: 662.325-2705 ● For more information, call 662-769-7558

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