



2015-2016 Annual Report

2015 Scholarships Awarded – In September, the Chapter awarded 9 scholarships. The goal in offering the scholarships is to assist individuals with the financial responsibility of professional arboricultural development through higher education in the field or via the International Society of Arboriculture Certified Arborist program. The following scholarships were awarded:

Certified Arborist – \$750 Scholarships

▶ Michael Huxsoll ▶ Otis Gordon ▶ Nicholas Rataiczak ▶ Marcus Tackett

Professional Development – \$500 Scholarships

▶ Nathan Smith ▶ Jason Douglas

Traditional Student – \$1,000 Scholarships

▶ Anthony Carely ▶ Kodi Stebner ▶ Katelyn Johnson

Visit the Chapter's website at ohiochapterisa.org/Chapter Information/Chapter Scholarships for complete details.

Deadline for applications August 1.

Thirteen cyclists represented **Team Ohio** in the 2015 Stihl Tour des Trees ride covering over 500 miles in Florida. **Team Ohio raised over \$65,000** in the 2015 event, not only surpassing its fundraising goal, but also making **Ohio the #1 Fundraising Team!** We are extremely grateful to Beth Buchanan for leading the team and welcome Beth back as the Chapter's TREE Fund Liaison for 2016. Show your support – visit www.treefund.org to sign up as a rider or 2016 supporter.



Last February, the Chapter held its **Ohio Tree Care Conference** at the Dayton Convention Center. Themed "Branching Out," keynote speaker Dr. Frank Telewski, Michigan State University, taught sessions on Dendrochronology, Thigmomorphogenesis, and Tree Biomechanics & Risk Assessment. Over 480 professionals attended the conference.

In October, the Chapter held its 36th Annual **Tree Climbing Championship**. 19 men and 1 woman competed in the event held at the Cincinnati Zoo. Due to inclement weather producing unsafe conditions, the Masters' Challenge was held a week later. Competing for the title and pictured left-right, Justin McVey (Dayton), Ellie Vosler (Columbus), Jacob Sauer (Columbus), and Eric Moell (Loveland). **Congratulations Justin McVey and Ellie Vosler on winning the male and female Master's Challenges.** Both will represent Ohio at the International Tree Climbing Championship, April 1-3, San Antonio, TX.



Contestants competed in 5 preliminary events in order to qualify for the Masters. Individual event winners were:

Aerial

1st Jacob Sauer
2nd Nick Markley
3rd Justin McVey

Belayed Speed Climb

1st Justin McVey
2nd Jacob Sauer
3rd Brian Griffith

Secured Foot Lock

1st O Gassaway
2nd Brian Griffith
3rd Eric Moell

Throwline

1st Brian Griffith
2nd Brian Gadd
3rd James Masters

Work Climb

1st Brian Griffith
2nd Justin McVey
3rd Jacob Sauer

Brian Griffith qualified but chose not to compete in the Masters Challenge. Congratulations to all competitors and thank you to the many volunteers and sponsors necessary to produce the two events.

Ohio Chapter ISA Endowment Fund – The Ohio Chapter ISA Education Grant was awarded to Cuyahoga River Restoration (formerly Cuyahoga River Community Planning), for their program titled *Tree Training Intensives*; a series of workshops for community leaders, tree commission members, and students considering careers in arboriculture and urban forestry.

Established within the Tree Research and Education Endowment (TREE) Fund, the \$5,000 annual grant is fully funded by the Ohio Chapter ISA for the purpose of increasing public awareness and supports the advancement of knowledge in the field of arboriculture and urban forestry to benefit people, trees and the environment. The grant application process is open to 501(c)(3) organizations including, but not limited to, arboretums, public gardens, high schools, vocational schools, 2-year colleges and 4-year colleges, which serve a target population of 16 years of age or older. The annual application deadline is **March 1** for consideration. (<http://www.TREEFund.org/grants/education-program-grants/ohio>)

Annual Golf Outing – Oakhurst Country Club in Grove City hosted the 17th annual event on June 10. The event raised funds to benefit Team Ohio and the TREE Fund.



With an 18-hole score of 60 in the 4-person scramble event, Team Davey Tree Experts (Mark Noark, Max Walter, Dick Foote, and Jeff Stevens) took 1st place. Scoring only 2 strokes higher than the 1st place team, Team Asplundh/FirstEnergy (Paul Barkoukis, Kris Keefer, Andy Liedel, and Tim Mencer) came in 2nd place.

Other contests included: Longest Drive – Danny Stuart, Closest to Pin – Brian Morgan, Longest Putt – Karen Wise, and last place went to Team Asplundh Tree Expert (Keith Carrier, Keith Confere, Jim Jenkins, and Bob Jernigan).

Executive Director's Report – The 2015 membership year closed out with 894 members; compared to 854 members at the close of 2014. Members are encouraged to use the website to update their records, view the Chapter's Policies & Procedures, access the job board and much more.

Educational Opportunities – In 2015, the Chapter provided numerous educational opportunities including a 7-week Certified Arborist Prep Course in October/November, a TRAQ course in October, and a one-day workshop on "The Future of Trees is in Your Hands-The Best Practices of Tree Planting" presented at Holden Arboretum in February.

Public Outreach – Thanks to various volunteers across the state, the Ohio Chapter exhibit booth traveled to numerous public events designed to educate consumers on proper tree care and the arboriculture profession. In 2015, the Chapter's message and ISA brochures were on display at the Canton Arbor Day Celebration, East Palestine Arbor Day Awards Banquet, Holden Arboretum, Kent State University Stark, Mt. Union Conference, North Coast Urban Forestry Conference, Sandusky Tree City USA, Southeast Urban Forestry Conference and the Southwest Ohio Urban Forestry Conference, among others. We encourage members to borrow the table top display for use at your local functions.



Financial Report – A certified public accountant examined the financial records of the Chapter and reviewed all related statements. Examination was made in accordance with the generally accredited accounting standards. A brief summary of the financial report appears below. As required by law, the IRS Form 990 and 990T have been submitted to the Internal Revenue Service for the Chapter year ending September 30, 2015.

Financial Overview – Fiscal Year 10/01/2014 – 09/30/2015

Current Assets	\$292,800		
Revenue		Expenses	
Administrative/Membership	\$ 37,916	Administrative/Membership	\$ 86,600
Buckeye Arborist	17,108	Buckeye Arborist	16,214
Educational Events	117,904	Educational Events	74,998
Certification	24,130	Certification	5,733
Fundraising Events	8,166	Scholarships	5,089
Total Revenue	\$205,224	Fundraising Events	8,548
Investment Income/(Loss)	(540)	Total Expenses	\$197,182
Total Revenue	\$204,684		
		Net Income/(Loss)	\$ 7,502

Investment Policy – Performance Review

Performance Analysis



Performance period: 07/26/2012 to 09/30/2015

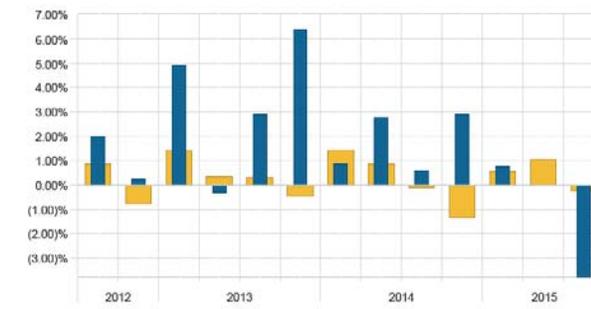
Cumulative Performance

--- Total Portfolio - - - Consumer Price Index (US)



Quarterly Returns

■ Total Portfolio ■ Consumer Price Index (US)



Beginning or ending returns may reflect partial calendar quarters. Please see performance period available for account(s).

TREE Fund Pledge – In 2011, the Board of Directors approved the establishment of an Ohio Chapter International Society of Arboriculture Education Grant Program to help fund educational programming in Ohio. The grant is managed by the TREE Fund and applicants are limited to 501(c)(3) organizations. The pledge of \$125,000 was paid in five (5) \$25,000 annual installments. The final payment was made January 2016. For more information, please visit: <http://www.treefund.org/grants/education-program-grants/ohio>.

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