



## 2019 Annual Report

The Ohio Chapter ISA is a 501(c)3 educational foundation whose fiscal year is October 1 - September 30. The mission continues to be to advance responsible tree care practices through research, technology and education. During the 2019 Ohio Tree Care Conference, the following board members took office:

Tyler Stevenson – President  
Dave Bienemann – Vice President  
Eric Davis – Past President &  
Acting Treasurer

Virginia Bowman – Director  
Scott Conover – Director  
Dale Hopkins – Director

Kevin Jones – Director  
Sue Mottl – Director  
Steve Schneider – Director

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**Ohio Tree Care Conference (OTCC)** – The Chapter held the annual conference February 24-26 at the Kalahari Convention Center in Sandusky. There were 391 tree care professionals in attendance and 23 companies in the exhibit hall. Dr. John Ball was the keynote speaker focusing on *The New Z: Paragraphs to Live By* and diversity in the urban forest. One session discussed how drones can assist tree care professionals from inventory to removal.

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**Scholarships** – In August, the Chapter awarded 5 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 Scholarship

► David Norris

Professional Development – \$500 Scholarships

► Carrie Paulus

► Dawn Sherman

Traditional Student – \$1,000 Scholarships

► Robert Hammond

► Ryan Vogel



Visit the Chapter's website at [ohiochapterisa.org/Chapter Information/Chapter Scholarships](http://ohiochapterisa.org/Chapter%20Information/Chapter%20Scholarships) for complete details. Deadline for applications July 1.

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**Ohio Tree Climbing Championship** – In April, the competition was held in Cincinnati. 25 men from Ohio and 4 from Michigan competed. There was one female competitor from Ohio (Betsey Parks) and 2 from outside Ohio. Preliminary Winners in the Men's Division:

**Aerial Rescue**

Dustin Ford 1<sup>st</sup>

Evan Beck 2<sup>nd</sup>

Jacob Sauer 3<sup>rd</sup>

**Ascent Event**

Nick Markley 1<sup>st</sup>

Evan Beck 2<sup>nd</sup>

Dennis Boyd 3<sup>rd</sup>

**Belayed Speed Climb**

Josias Baltodano 1<sup>st</sup>

Kyle Webb 2<sup>nd</sup>

Tom Bartman 3<sup>rd</sup>

**Throwline**

Nick Markley 1<sup>st</sup>

Menno Schlabach 2<sup>nd</sup>

Cody Beshire 3<sup>rd</sup>

**Work Climb**

Sam Baltodano 1<sup>st</sup>

Nick Markley 2<sup>nd</sup>

Dustin Ford 3<sup>rd</sup>

Women's Division:

**Aerial Rescue**

Lily Soderlund (KY) 1<sup>st</sup>

Betsy Parks 2<sup>nd</sup>

Rachel Brewster (TX) 3<sup>rd</sup>

**Ascent Event**

Lily Soderlund 1<sup>st</sup>

Betsy Parks 2<sup>nd</sup>

Rachel Brewster 3<sup>rd</sup>

**Belayed Speed Climb**

Lily Soderlund 1<sup>st</sup>

Rachel Brewster 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Throwline**

Lily Soderlund 1<sup>st</sup>

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Following the Masters' round, Dustin Ford and Betsy Parks won their division and represented the Ohio Chapter in August at the International Championship held in Knoxville.

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**Endowment Fund/Ohio Education Grant** – The Chapter's Education Grant was awarded to Holden Arboretum for their program "Cleveland Neighborhood Tree Walks." Established in 2011 within the Tree Research and Education Endowment (TREE) Fund, the \$5,000 annual grant is fully funded by the Ohio Chapter ISA to increase public awareness and support the advancement of knowledge in the field of arboriculture and urban forestry. The grant application process is open to 501(c)(3) organizations including, but not limited to, arboreturns, 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 15. (<http://www.TREEFund.org/grants/education-program-grants/ohio>)

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**TREE Fund's Team Ohio** – 5 veteran riders represented Ohio in the 2019 Tour des Trees ride in August cycling through Tennessee and Kentucky. Team Ohio raised \$27,765 that went directly to research projects and scholarships administered by the TREE Fund.



**Annual Golf Outing** – On June 14, the annual outing was held at Hawk's Nest Golf Course in Creston.

28 golfers hit the links and raised \$6,000 for Team Ohio. With an impressive score of 64, Team Davey (Mark & Shirley Vaughn, Karen Wise and Dave Goering) took 1<sup>st</sup> place. Each member of the team received a \$100 Amazon gift card and \$30 Arborwear gift card. In 2<sup>nd</sup> place scoring 66, was both ACRT (Kevin Gamble, Kevin Jones, Todd Jones and Troy Ross) and Asplundh (Keith Confere, Jeffrey Anderson, Zachary Miller and Jarrod Rock). Based on a play-off of the 4 most difficult holes, ACRT was deemed the winner. Each player received a \$50 Amazon gift card.

**Educational Opportunities** – In 2019, the Chapter provided several ISA exam opportunities and ISA Certified Arborist preparation courses in addition to more Tailgating with Trees lunch and learn workshops with Mark Webber, 1 TRAQ course and 2 TRAQ requalification courses. The Chapter also hosted one Tree & Plant Appraisal Qualification course. At the end of 2019, the Chapter recorded 1,158 individuals holding ISA certifications and 194 TRAQ professionals; compared to 1,154 and 183 respectively at the end of 2018.

**Public Outreach** – Thanks to various volunteers across the state, in 2019 the Chapter’s message and ISA brochures were on display at Tree City USA Award ceremonies, regional and local ODNR urban forestry events, the Holden Arboretum, Kent State University Stark, and many other locations across the state. We encourage members to borrow the display for use at their local functions. Contact the Chapter for details.

For the third year, the Chapter participated in the **Ohio High School Landscape Olympics**. The Olympics test students’ skills through hands-on, competitions designed by green industry professionals. The event broadens the high school education experience and introduces students to the many opportunities offered by a career in the green industry. In 2019, the Chapter coordinated a knot tying station as part of the competition. Through the competition, the Chapter was able to introduce arboriculture to 256 students from 18 Ohio high schools and career centers.

**Membership Report** – As of September 30, 2019, the Chapter reported 916 members.

**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 accreted accounting standards. A 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, 2019.

## Overview Fiscal Year 10/01/2018 – 09/30/2019

Current Assets \$252,694

### Revenue

Administrative/Membership	\$ 45,983
Buckeye Arborist	18,695
Certification/Educational Events	166,973
Scholarships	161
Fundraising Events	-133
License Plate Program	285
Sub-Total	\$231,963
Investment Income/(Loss)	10,609
Total Revenue	\$242,573

### Expenses

Administrative/Membership	\$122,778
Buckeye Arborist	17,339
Certification/Educational Events	96,629
Scholarships	3,385
Fundraising Events	2,676
Total Expenses	\$242,807

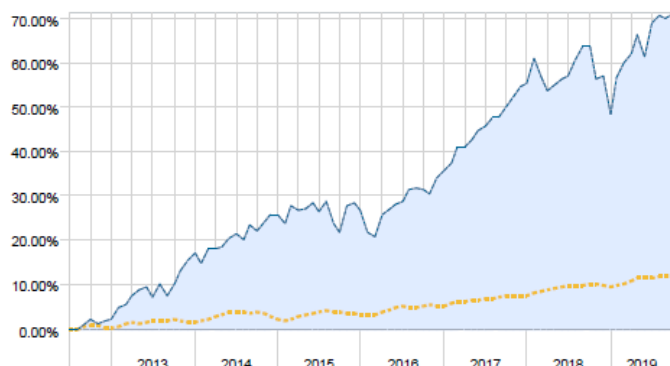
**Net Income/(Loss)** \$ (234)

## Performance Analysis

Performance period: 07/26/2012 to 09/30/2019

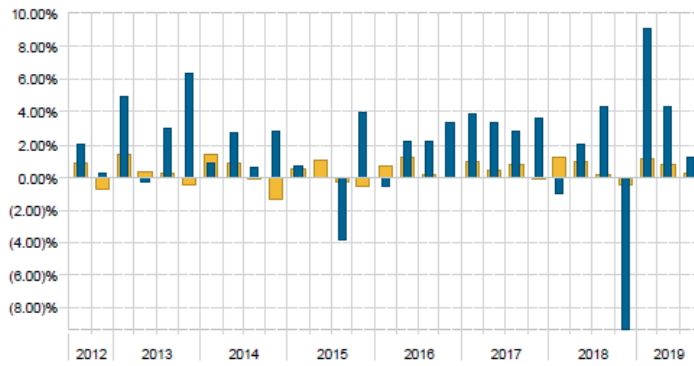
### Cumulative Performance

--- Total Portfolio    --- Consumer Price Index (All Urban NSA)



### Quarterly Returns

■ Total Portfolio    ■ Consumer Price Index (All Urban NSA)



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

