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News from the Virginia Golf Course Superintendents Association

March 2019

President's Message



St. Patrick's Day has come and gone and we are finally starting to see some green grass out here in the western part of the commonwealth. I am trying not to get too excited as I was reminded the other day we had snow on Masters weekend last year. With winter passing, I hope everyone had the chance to recharge their batteries and attend some of the various educational conferences available and get ready to start a new season.

On January 17th the board of directors made our annual visit to the state legislature. This year's visit coincided with the introduction of a bill by Delegate Kory of northern Virginia in the house to restrict the use, sale, and possession of Chlopyrifos. Myself, Past Presidents Mark Cote and Jeff Holliday, along with Rob Bohannon and Kyle Shreve of the Virginia Agribusiness Council meet with Del. Kory's assistant. We expressed our position of opposition of the bill, stating that Chlopyrifos was an important tool used to combat adult annual bluegrass weevils in the portions of the state growing cool season tees and fairways. The bill ultimately died in the house. On the day, we visited 20 delegates and senators in total. Hopefully these meetings will serve as building blocks for a greater relationship with members of the state legislature for future open discussions when potential bills are introduced.

Speaking of weevils. I would like to thank Diamond partner Syngenta and Larry Feller for installing weevil track courses in Richmond and Southwest Virginia. As this pest marches south, this will be a helpful tool for superintendents to combat this pest.

In February we made a trek out west to the Golf Industry Show in not so sunny San Diego. In spite of the uncharacteristic wet weather, we had a great show and social event. This year we returned to the Horton Grand Hotel and were entertained by Lele Rose. The quieter venue and laid back Southern California vibe was well received. With our April board meeting coming up, we will be working on the educational conference in December. We will return to Charlottesville for another round of great education. As always, if you have a suggestion for a speaker, pass it along to a board member. We are always open to hearing from others.

This is the time of year we really start ramping up with local events. March Madness has started and I hope your bracket is not busted. If so, I am sure you could commiserate with someone else at one of the March Madness events. April starts the opening round of the VGCSA Match Play event. This was a new addition last year that was a great success. This is a good opportunity to get out and play at

someone else's course. The match play event should get you warmed up for the VGCSA Championship, taking place on June 18th at The Federal Club in Richmond. This will also serve as a qualifier for the Virgina Cup, which Virginia is the defending champion. If captain's choice is more your game, the Virginia Tech Turf Research Classic will return to Independence Golf Club on May 20th. This will be a great day with visits to the research plots in the morning, golf in the afternoon, and a full day of camaraderie, all for a good cause.

Finally I would like to thank our sponsors who have renewed and special welcome to those who are on board for the first time. Without you all, we would not be able to put on conferences and support a lobbyist who is looking out for golf's interests, and various other endeavors. While I know there are many options for your business in our industry, I suggest you support those who support us, when given the chance.



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Using Renovations to Make Your Course More “User Friendly”

by Elliott L. Dowling, USGA Green Section



Elliott Dowling

For many in the world of golf, the word renovation might as well be a four letter word. Renovation has a negative connotation attached such as: time, money and closure. While one or more of these words may be included in a project, I argue that now is the time to use renovations to improve your facility.

Golf participation across the world is down compared to the height of golf participation in 2005. Across most of Europe, a steady decline in participation has been experienced in since 2011. This decline has been attributed to economic decline as well as change in golfing patterns. The pattern change is being experienced in the United States; players simply do not have as much time to play as they used to.

There are numerous factors that play into why golfer participation is down. Aside from economic decline, other reasons players leave the game are: time, difficulty and lack of playing partners. Time, difficulty and lack of playing partners tie into a common theme: players are no longer having FUN.

Golf is supposed to be fun. For the vast majority of committed golfers, golf is just that. For others, I argue the percentage of the population we should be targeting (e.g. new players, women, children and seniors) difficult golf courses and better players may be intimidating. Course officials need to be addressing these concerns, making the course user friendly, bringing the “fun factor” back to golf!

How do I plan to tie renovations to fun you ask? Simple, by providing adequate space to practice a variety of shots, new players or intimidated players have a place to hone their skills. I’ll bet, if asked why golf isn’t fun many people will site their skill level as a major factor. The best way to

improve your skill set in any discipline is practice. Now is the time to update your practice facility to accommodate a large volume of players, providing them a place to practice where they feel comfortable.

Recent trends in renovations in the US are focused on increasing practice tee size. A decrease in rounds played is not translating to a decrease in practice. Quite the contrary, there is an increase in time spent practicing. Increasing the size of your practice tee allows your facility to accommodate more players, as well as disperse traffic across a larger area. Increasing teeing surface can included the installation of artificial mats. Artificial mats provide an all-weather, year round surface to hit from. This is important to facilities that are experiencing an increase in practice relative to rounds of golf played.

The golf course is where I believe the



greatest return on investment can be realized. After players hone their skills, they want to put those skills to the test. If your course is overly difficult, attracting new players to the game may be challenging. Pay special attention to features such as fairway width and number/placements of hazards (e.g. sand traps or water features).

Courses that are “too difficult” often have narrow fairways, excessive number of sand or grass bunkers and/or water

hazards. Evaluate the width of fairways relative to intended landing zone. Too often, the intended landing zone widens slightly to accept a well struck golf shot. Unfortunately for inexperienced players or those who lack distance, the fairway is narrow leading to the landing zone. The result is an inadvertently difficult landing zone. Consider widening portions of fairways to accept shots from a variety of player skill levels.

Sand bunkers are often the most difficult hazard to recover from. For many, this important part of the game is the areas least practiced. Provide players various options in your practice facility to



let them to practice shots they may experience on the course. Additionally, evaluate the severity of the sand bunkers on your course. A few steep, over-your-head bunkers are fun but numerous difficult bunkers on each hole may drive new players away rather than draw them to your facility.

Renovations do not necessarily mean demolishing your course to bare dirt and rebuilding. Renovations can be as simple as widening a fairway or adding additional teeing surface. Utilize these types of renovations to make your course more attractive to new or casual players. The goal for US and European golf courses should be to reinstitute the “fun factor,” leading to successful operations built for the future.

Members on the Move

Robinson, Harriman in New Roles



Cutler Robinson, CGCS has joined the GE Turf Consultants team. Cutler has over 37 years' experience as a golf course superintendent and has been the Director of

Golf Course Operations at Bayville GC in VA Beach for the past 24 years. He has an Undergraduate Turf Degree and a Masters Degree in Plant Physiology from Virginia Tech.

Robinson is the Eastern VA Sales Consultant and will help lead the development of the GE Turf Audit Business across VA, MD, DE, TN, KY and NC. The GE Turf Audit process utilizes patented and proprietary testing procedures that are unique to the

low-height-of-cut turfgrass industry and further analyzes Physical, Nutrition, Biological and Environmental information to improve playing conditions on finely mowed, highly managed turfgrasses.



Chris Harriman

emerged from a field of over 50 applicants and has accepted the position of Director of Grounds & Golf Course Management for the Club at

Hermitage Country Club, effective March 18th. Previously Harriman served as Superintendent at Cattail Creek Country Club in Glenwood, MD, since 2011. Prior to his role at Cattail Creek, Chris had experi-

ence at Chevy Chase Club and Kinloch Golf Club. He also attended Auburn University and Penn State, where he earned his Bachelor of Science and Masters respectively in Turfgrass Management. He is a Past President of the Mid-Atlantic Association of Golf Course Superintendents.



The VGCSA would like to like to congratulate **Rafael Barajas, CGCS** on his election as GCSAA President at the annual meeting in San Diego. Rafael is a long time friend of our

association and a former keynote speaker of the VGSCA conference. Congratulations, Rafael!

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VGCSA Announces Board Lineup for 2019

The Virginia Golf Course Superintendents Association has a new look for 2019, with five new leaders. Bill Keene of Blacksburg Country Club ascends to President this year, with Jeff Whitmire, CGCS of The Williamsburg Club serving as VP. Mike Mueller of Herndon Centennial joins the board as Secretary/Treasurer. Mark Cote of the Pete Dye River Course at Virginia Tech moves to Immediate Past President.

The Board includes five External Vice Presidents, representing their respective local associations: Jay Wade of Magnolia Green GC (Old Dominion GCSA), David Walter of Potomac Shores GC (Greater Washington GCSA), Tim Doran of Kingsmill Resort (Tidewater Turfgrass Association), Sean Baskette of Hidden CC (Virginia Turfgrass Association), and Ed Eagle, CGCS of Ingleside Resort (Shenandoah Valley Turfgrass Association).

Rounding out the Board are representatives: Josh Nunn of Salisbury CC (Assistants), and Aaron Wells of BASF (Vendor).



2019 VGCSA Board L-R Front - Jeff Whitmire, Bill Keene, Mike Mueller; L-R Back - Tim Doran, Ed Eagle, Sean Baskette, Mark Cote, David Walter, Jay Wade, Josh Nunn

The purpose of the Virginia Golf Course Superintendents Association is to serve its members through unified

representation on a state and national level and by advancing their professional growth

Scenes from the Golf Industry Show



Rhett Evans speaks to Chapter Executives at GIS.



GIS Social - Singer Lele Rose with TTA Board Member Allan Lumagui



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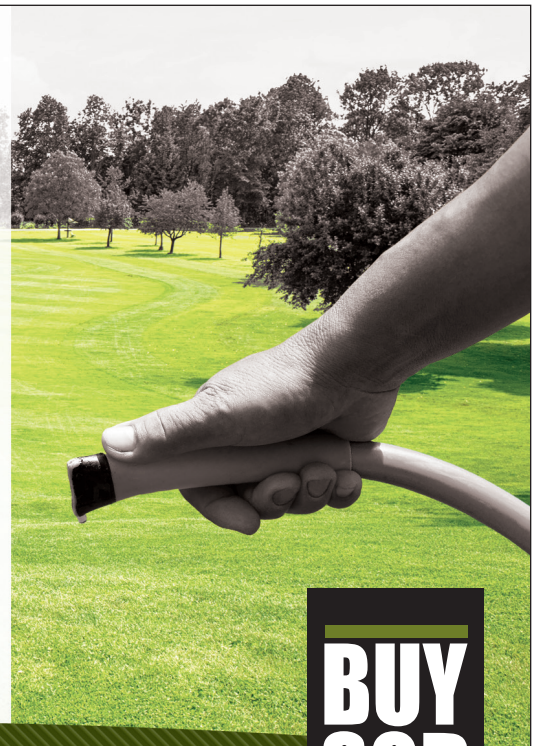
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Turfgrass Research Classic & Field Day Set for May 20th at Independence Golf Club

The VGCSA and VTC are proud to announce the return of their joint fundraiser, the Virginia Tech Turfgrass Research Classic & Field Day, set for Monday, May 20th, hosted by Independence Golf Club in Richmond. Last year's event at Independence Golf Club of Virginia was a sellout with a record-setting \$67,000 raised for turf research.

Now in the second year, the Virginia Tech researchers continue to conduct turfgrass testing on the Short Course at Independence. During the event, guests will be able to take a tour that morning. The Tech team established this research in central Virginia, as the climate and growing conditions are more "mainstream Virginia," than that found in Blacksburg. Primary testing is for warm season grasses on putting greens. Independence has Champion bermudagrass on their greens.

This year's golf tournament promises to be a "can't miss" affair! Plans are in place to make it totally first class from the golf, to the food & beverage, to the prizes and



The Virginia Tech Turfgrass Team On-Site at Independence

more. In addition, the event will feature a silent auction component to add excitement to the day. The event has become the ultimate networking event in the industry. The tournament committee

is announcing the event and opening sponsorship and golf team sales now.

Please visit www.vgcsa.org and www.vaturf.org for event details and plan to attend!

On Demand Webinars Now Available in Spanish

GCSAA webinars support the education competencies needed for success in golf course maintenance. And now, this education is available in Spanish. Live events are presented by University professors and researchers as well as working superintendents. Topics include disease control, fertilization, new technologies, weed

management, turf biology, and more! No additional fee is charged to GCSAA members. Visit the Education section of GCSAA.org and login to the Learning Hub to enroll or see all titles available.



M-A-T-E Trade Show Update

The 2020 version of the Mid-Atlantic Turf Expo will feature a new trade show format, a table-top style for vendors. The VTC notice acknowledged the reality of winter snow and ice and their effects on vendors, who invest considerable resources bringing material for

large trade show booths. Dates will be January 21-23 at The Fredericksburg Expo Center.

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Virlina Cup Qualifying Sites & Dates



The 2019 Virlina Cup is set for The Dormie Club in West End, NC, dates TBA. The VGCSA won the cup in 2018 and

looks to defend. In addition to six available spots at these events, there is a Captain's Pick and Sponsor's Pick to round out the team.

This year's VGCSA Championship is the premier qualifying event, as three Virlina Cup berths are awarded (Superintendent Champion & Runner Up plus the Assistant Champion). There is also a Vendor Division, and net prizes are also awarded. Matt Drayton hosts at The Federal Club, site of last year's State Amateur Championship. The event is known for great camaraderie, fun competition and an outstanding social event after the tournament. It is open to all members and partners.



Here are the qualifying dates for this year's Cup: **Local Qualifier**

May 8th, 2019
Dominion Valley Country Club

Local Qualifier

May 23, 2019
Williamsburg Golf Club

VGCSA Championship

June 18, 2019
The Federal Club

Local Qualifier

June 26, 2019
Roanoke Country Club

Time to Donate to Rounds4Research

VGCSA Aims to be Among the Nation's Leaders

By Johnny Walker

It's that time of year again when GCSAA chapters all over the nation start gathering donated rounds of golf for Rounds 4 Research.

This national program has really grown over the last two to three years and early indications show that this could be our best year ever. Chapters have organized committees to procure the donated rounds. The VGCSA Committee's goal is to increase proceeds by at least \$3,000 this year!

Remember, you don't have to wait on your phone to ring to donate. The donation process is super simple. First, go to the GCSAA homepage and under the login box you will see "Donate a Round". Click on

"Donate a Round" and fill out the information. The whole process should take less than 5 minutes. You can also fill out the form inserted in this newsletter.

Remember that this program also needs people to purchase the donated rounds. Please help us promote that at your club. The database of previous purchasers has grown to almost 1 million over the last few years, but you should still market to your area for better success. Market the program to your own facility as well because many of your customers will be interested in playing other courses nearby.



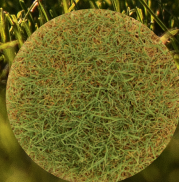
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Kiskiack Golf Club in Williamsburg plays host to this year's Old Dominion Scholarship Tourney on April 22 - open to all VGCSA members and partners.

Proceeds from the event will be used for scholarships that will be awarded to employees of a VGCSA member club, who



Defending Champions Brent Graham & Garrison Fowler

are either actively enrolled students or non-actively enrolled students who wish to further their education.

Last year two \$1,000 scholarships were awarded. Entry Fee of \$100 includes Golf, Cart Rental, Range Balls, Bloody Mary Bar, Beverage Cart, and Dinner Buffet after the round, Prizes and Fun Competition!

Format for the event is two-man best ball (four ball), and Brent Graham and Garrison Fowler are Defending Champs. Prizes are awarded to the top gross and net teams, as well as contest winners. ODGCSA would like to thank STI for their role as Presenting Sponsor in addition to all the other sponsors. Please register by April 14th.



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In recent months **Jordan Booth**, CGCS, **Jeff Holliday**, CGCS and **Jason Flowers**, CGCS all earned their Certified Golf Course Superintendent re-certifications. In addition, **Trevor Hedgepeth**, CGCS became the newest VGCSA member to earn his certification.

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Trevor Hedgepeth, CGCS

Government Relations Round-UP

3rd Annual Community Service Project Set for April 30 Ahead of National Golf Day

Golf Course Superintendents, Industry Leaders Facilitate National Mall Enhancements



WE ARE GOLF, a coalition of the game's leading associations and industry partners, will host the third annual Community Service Project on Tuesday, April 30 from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. EST in advance of National Golf Day with activities focused on beautification and preservation between the Lincoln Memorial and Washington Monument.

"We are proud to continue the Community Service Project in celebration of National Golf Day, which saves the National Park Service nearly four months of labor costs," says Steve Mona, Executive Director of WE ARE GOLF. "The opportunity to enhance Washington, D.C. for the third consecutive year is one of the many examples of the golf industry's steadfast dedication to the environment."

In coordination with the National Park Service Grounds Management Staff, the areas of concentration will include the Washington Monument, Lincoln Memorial Reflecting Pool and Martin Luther King, Jr., Lincoln and Vietnam Veterans memorials. Services will include sodding, planting, aerating, seeding, mowing and mulching. All participants will be divided into teams, with each one assigned a team captain to oversee the tasks.

"Caring for the grounds in our nation's capital has become our favorite annual tradition," says Rhett Evans, CEO of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America. "National Golf Day is a special opportunity to advocate for the game we all love."

The 12th annual National Golf Day will be held Wednesday, May 1 and celebrate the game's \$84.1 billion economy, \$4 billion annual charitable impact and many environmental and fitness benefits. Industry leaders will meet with Members of Congress, the Executive Branch and federal agencies to discuss golf's 15,000-plus diverse businesses, two million jobs impacted, tax revenue creation and tourism value.



Chava McKeel and Bob Helland are interviewed during GIS

Government Relations Round-UP

VGCSA Completes First Legislative Session with Lobbyist



Robb Bohannon (R) gets his point across with Senator Glen Sturtevant, with Jay Wade (L)



Lobby Day L-R Sean Baskette, Jay Wade, Mark Cote, Robb Bohannon, Josh Nunn, Jeff Holliday, Bill Keene, Ed Eagle



L-R - David Walter, Mark Cote, David Bulova (D - Fairfax), Mike Mueller

VGCSA Lobbyist Robb Bohannon of Hunton Andrews Kurth recently completed the Virginia legislative session representing superintendents and the golf industry here.

Bohannon represented our interests on many issues, including water, inputs, labor and the environment. A bill to ban Chlorpyrifos proposed by Senator Kory never got through committee discussion. He also organized the VGCSA Lobby Day in January, a full month earlier, in leading board members to personal meetings with legislators. He also worked with the Governor's staff on creation of a Virginia Golf Day proclamation, which is still in the works. Bohannon and his team monitored hundreds of bills on our behalf.

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Tough Questions, Educated Answers

by Chase Rogan, GCSAA



Chase Rogan

We work in a wonderful industry that we love for a number of reasons: birds chirping in the early morning, the dawn sun rising through the lifting fog, and the beautiful green landscape that we see as a work of art.

Of course, like any industry, we also have some bummer aspects of our craft that we must face, albeit hopefully not too often. But when we have to face tough questions, particularly those concerning pesticide and fertilizer use, we must be prepared to provide a well-educated, non-defensive answer that can help educate the general public and golfers about what we do on a daily basis. We all need to be responsible for advocating on our industry's behalf, and this is one of those cases.

When faced with tough questions, how do we address these situations in a professional and sympathetic manner? An important thing to remember is not to get defensive. Getting defensive in some ways can make you look like you have something to hide. Rather, we should think of this as an opportunity to shed positive light on our industry and the care with which we handle pesticides and environmental management.



Jeff Holliday speaks at the Mid-Atlantic Golf Council Meeting

Likewise, remember to be sympathetic. Emotion is often tied to these topics, and you may find your emotions escalating in your response. Stay calm, and exhibit sympathy. We may not be able to change everyone's mind, but we can share some facts about our industry and pesticides that are proven and backed by science and research. All pesticides go through a rigorous testing procedure over many years before being approved EPA. We are certified through pesticide licenses to apply these products. It's not in our best

interest to waste these products. We care about the environment and the wildlife and other biological creatures that live and enjoy our golf course. Etc.

Golf can sometimes be under the microscope, and many times unfairly and taken out of context. But always remember - be sympathetic, be sincere, and don't get defensive. More resources can be found by visiting GCSAA's website and clicking on "Resources," then "Research and Information."

Save the Date!

VGCSA is excited to host another first class event for the assistant superintendent members at Spring Creek GC in Gordonsville - SAVE THE DATE - Wednesday, October 30th.

Providing the assistants with an opportunity to receive first class education along with a fun and competitive day of golf helps shape the future of the industry and allows for them to build relationships. This is an important aspect of the association and the future of golf as a

VGCSA Assistants Forum Heads Back to Spring Creek



whole. VGCSA Assistant Superintendent Board Representative Josh Nunn of Salisbury Country Club is putting together

a great event. Stay tuned for more information!

Boonsboro Country Club to Host the Joe Saylor Memorial **New Date: Tuesday, August 27th**

The VGCSA is pleased to announce that Boonsboro Country Club in Lynchburg will host this year's Joe Saylor Memorial Tournament on an earlier new date, Tuesday, August 27th. Steve Vessels is playing host to the most fun event of the season, which will continue its tradition of friendly competition with plenty of refreshments and a little golf!

As always, this event supports the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program so don't forget to bring a gift to donate!

This event is a tribute to Joe Saylor, the honoree of this annual memorial event. Joe was longtime superintendent at James River Country Club, and a leader in state and regional affairs for the superintendents. Joe passed away in 2005. Defending the title will be host Superintendent Billy Sayre and Ed Eagle.



Billy Sayre and Ed Eagle

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News from Local Associations

ODGCSA News

I hope everyone made the most out of your winter. I know for most it was difficult to get out and do much on the course!

The Old Dominion has had an active start to 2019. In January, some of our members joined the VGCSA for a trip to the State Capital for VGCSA Lobby Day. It was great to get in front of local and state legislators to discuss our environmental and economic impact on the state of Virginia. On March 5, we held the 2019 Turfgrass Symposium. We had a sell out crowd and great speakers! I'd like to thank Eric Snelsire and Bayer for all their support on this event and the staff at Magnolia Green for hosting!

Our annual March Madness event was held on March 21st. As in previous years, this event was staged at multiple locations, Wood & Iron Game Day Bar in Richmond and Revolution Golf & Grille in Williamsburg. We had great networking with our peers and watched the first round of games. On April 22 we will have our 4th Annual ODGSCA Scholarship Tournament. Over the last three years we have awarded \$6,000 in scholarships to students employed at Virginia golf courses. We have been able to do this with the support of our members and sponsors. This year's event will be held at Kiskiack Golf

Club and we hope that all of you can make this great event!

I look forward to getting out on the golf course and seeing everyone at some upcoming events! Here's to a successful 2019 golf season!



Jay Wade
ODGCSA
External VP

TTA News

Spring fever is in full effect in the Tidewater! Many courses are welcoming three or four days in a row without rain as they are wrap up winter projects and cross other spring necessities off the list. It seems as if a great investment for any club this past year is a nice "Cart Path Only" sign. Greens aerification on the cool season putting surfaces has been well underway, if not completed by now. For the folks with bermuda greens, there is plenty of observation and care to get through the last stretch of chilly nights. As always, we'll be wishing for the cool temps in a few short months.

The TTA enjoyed a fun offseason again with an event at TopGolf and education at

Princess Anne Country Club. Bayer was kind enough to sponsor an educational day discussing plant health, nematode control, and the many happenings through Virginia Tech research. Thank you to all of the sponsors who have supported top notch events in the area! Buy Sod, Inc. will host a Masters Social on Thursday April 11th at Wild Wing Café in Chesapeake this year and I hope to see our members come out to watch golf and enjoy some refreshments.

The next few months bring about the golfing season for superintendents throughout the state. The VGCSA Team Match Play event will begin soon and is a great way to see and play a variety of golf courses. The TTA Dick Cake Memorial and

Virgina Cup Qualifier will be held at Williamsburg Golf Club on May 23rd. Some great events to get together and enjoy the game and camaraderie, we hope to see you all out on the golf course.



Tim Doran
TTA External VP

SVTA News

The SVTA board met in January and set up the following schedule.

- April 11 - Sly Fox Golf Club
- June TBA - Waynesboro Country Club
- September TBA - Shenandoah Valley Club
- October TBA - VTF Fundraiser at Caverns Country Club

We look forward to seeing you at our meetings.



Ed Eagle
SVTA External VP

News from Local Associations

VTA News

I would have to imagine that all superintendents across southwest Virginia along with everyone else up and down the east coast are ready for some dry weather. Even the golfers are starting to remark they are tired of the rain and playing "Carts On Paths". Sure enough though, once the rain does decide to stop, I am fairly confident we will go a while without some. Just seems that is what we will have to deal with from now on.

Good news is, things are starting to wake up, some grass starting to get mowed and cleaning up from the ice, snow and wind is in the rear view mirror (knock on wood).

Here is hoping we have some 65 to 75 degree days and actually have a spring this year.

The VTA board meet last week and are putting the final touches on this year's meeting calendar. We have tweaked a few events this year to help increase participation and hopefully avoid conflicts with some of the other state events. First, we have moved our Bob Ruff Scholarship tournament from May to June. The second thing we are doing is implementing nine hole golf events in July and August. These months are typically hard for superintendents to miss a full day of work. This way we can still share some horror stories, but also have a chance to relax

with some of our fellow greens industry comrades.

Keep your eyes open for emails for upcoming events and this year's schedule. Hope everyone had a great winter, successful spring aeration and pleasant weather ahead.



Sean K. Baskette
Hidden Valley
Country Club
VTA President

News from the GWGCSA

Spring is sprinting towards us, we will all be begging for October before we know it. The wet weather of 2018 has continued right into 2019. At some point it has to get better, right? We are looking forward to our first golf event on April 23rd at Old Hickory Golf Club. Our Virilina Cup Qualifier will be held at Dominion Valley Country Club on May

8th. Remember, if you are in the GW Match Play tournament you can play any of your matches at an already established golf event throughout the year, just let Bo, Patrick or Mike, know at sign up that you intend to play your match. Good luck to everyone as we gear up for the season!



David Walter
GWGCSA
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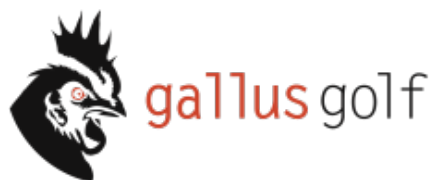
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March 21	GWGCSA NCAA SOCIAL & Match Play Blind Draw – Buffalo Wild Wings, Manassas Park
March 21	ODGCSA March Madness – Wood & Iron Bar, Richmond
March 21	ODGCSA March Madness – Revolution Golf & Grill, Williamsburg
April (various)	VGCSA Match Play Round One – Various Locations
April 11	SVTA Meeting – Sly Fox Golf Course
April 18	VGCSA Board Meeting – Hermitage CC
April 22	ODGCSA Scholarship Tournament – Kiskiack Golf Club
April 23	GWGCSA 2-Man Scramble – Old Hickory Golf Club
May 8	Virlina Cup Qualifier & Stableford Event – Dominion Valley Country Club
May 14	VT A Bob Ruff Fundraiser – Westlake Golf & Country Club
May 20	Virginia Tech Turfgrass Research Classic – Independence Golf Club
May 23	TTA Dick Cake Memorial & Virlina Cup Qualifying – Williamsburg Golf Club
June TBA	SVTA Meeting
June 4	GWGCSA Super/Assistant Championship (Better Ball) – CC of Fairfax
June 18	VGCSA Championship – The Federal Club
June 19	VT A Meeting (Bermuda Grass Greens Conversion Education) – Pete Dye River Course
June 26	VT A/SVTA Virlina Cup Qualifying – Roanoke Country Club
July TBA	VT A Salem Red Sox Baseball – Haley Toyota Field, Salem
July 17	GWGCSA Maintenance Open – Forest Greens Golf Club
August TBA	VT A Fishing Trip – TBA
August 8	VGCSA Board Meeting – TBA
August 27	VGCSA Joe Saylor Memorial – Boonsboro Country Club
September 19	GWGCSA Glow Ball Event – Stonewall Golf Club
September 26	SVTA Meeting – Shenandoah Country Club
October TBA	SVTA Fundraiser for VTF – Caverns CC
October TBA	GWGCSA Match Play Championship – Robert Trent Jones Golf Club
October 16	VT A Annual Meeting – Blacksburg Country Club
October 30	VGCSA Assistants Forum – Spring Creek Golf Club
November 5	GWGCSA Annual Meeting/Elections/End of Year Classic – Evergreen Country Club
November 14	VGCSA Board Meeting – Hermitage Country Club
December 2-3	VGCSA Annual Conference – UVA Darden Conference Center, Charlottesville

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