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News from the Virginia Golf Course Superintendents Association

Summer 2021

President's Message Summer 2021



I hope that all of you are doing well and enjoying your summer. All of the courses I have seen this year been very crowded. It appears that golf in Virginia is booming. Let's hope that trend continues after the remainder of the Covid-related restrictions are relaxed.

Thank you all who donated a round for Rounds4Research. This year we netted a record \$11,291 for turfgrass research. This money will stay in Virginia and go toward research directly affecting golf courses in Virginia. Great job to all who donated rounds!

Speaking of raising money, our annual Virginia Tech Turfgrass Research Classic was held again at Independence. I did not have the opportunity to participate, but I understand that the golf course was immaculate. Thank you to Director of Golf Course Maintenance Dan Taylor, his staff, and Independence owner Giff Breed for their commitment to turfgrass research. This tournament has raised over \$250,000 through the years.

For those of you who did not attend the VGCSA Championship

at Two Rivers, you missed something special. Brent Graham and his team had the golf course in terrific condition. Greens were firm and extremely fast and, of course, the rest of the course was perfect as well. Congratulations to our now five-time champion Cameron Yancey for his outstanding performance. Cameron shot a 3-under 69, beating the rest of the field by nine shots! Our host Brent Graham finished 2nd to secure a spot on the Virlina Cup team, along with our Assistant Champion Rhett Martin. Scott Mauldin finished low net in the Superintendent division. Our Past President and golfing stud Jeff Holliday captured the senior division, while perennial favorite Tommy Adams captured low gross in the affiliate division.

Throughout the summer, our local associations are staging some excellent events to promote networking among peers – don't miss these opportunities to de-stress during this challenging time of year.

Now that the second edition of our Best Management Practices manual is published, I encourage

everyone to establish your own personal BMP for your course by year-end. There is an easy online Facility BMP Tool to make it a snap!

Upcoming fall events include the Joe Saylor at Lakeside Park Club and the Assistants Forum at Hermitage. And right after Thanksgiving, we will be back in Charlottesville for our annual conference December 6-7. Eric Snelsire, Matt Drayton, David Norman, and Tyler Eastham have been working hard to bring you cutting edge education that is relevant and interesting. It will be a great event.

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2021 VGCSA Conference

Save the Dates - December 6-7
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The UVA Darden Conference Center

After having to go “virtual” last year, the VGCSA is making plans to host a “live” event, the eighth Annual Conference in Charlottesville on December 6-7 in Charlottesville. The UVA Darden Conference Center is booked, using the same high-tech tiered education facilities as before.

One minor adjustment is a new hotel, due to Darden’s renovation of their inn. The Hyatt Place hotel is nearby and quite nice. We will have the Monday Night Football party right across the street at the Champion Grill sports bar.

The VGCSA is planning for a good deal of education credit for VGCSA members. The Old Dominion GCSA is the presenter of the education segment on the first day, running 1-4 pm, then followed by the Association’s Annual Meeting and Awards Presentations. Immediately following the meeting, there will be a **FREE** Partner Appreciation Reception, featuring your favorite beverages and hors d’oeuvres, and plenty of networking time with your friends. Later it’s time for the party.

Then on Tuesday there will be more education, featuring outstanding speakers from the fields of turf and business, all

designed to make your jobs just a little easier and a little better.

“We polled our members after last year’s event, and we got some good ideas. We are committed to continual improvement of the program,” said VGCSA President Jeff Whitmire. An early speaker commitment is from staffing expert Tyler Bloom.

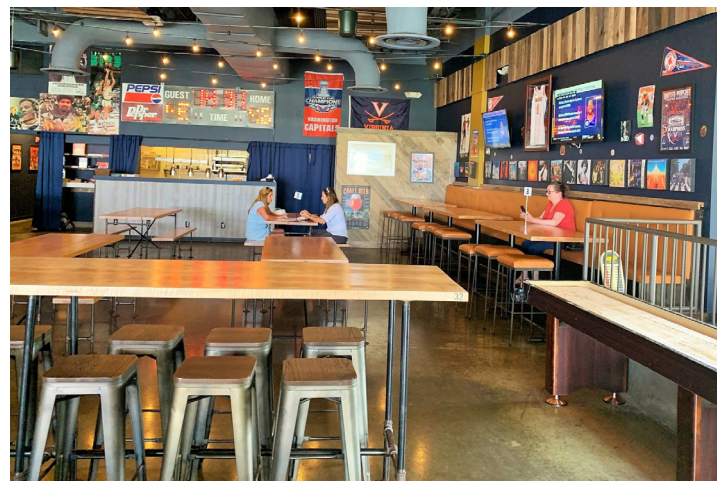
Thanks to the excellent support of sponsors like Revels Tractor and Finch Services (the John Deere distributors) and other excellent companies, the conference will be at a reasonable price. The VGCSA is committed to providing value and service to its members.



Tyler Bloom will speak on staffing, a hot topic



The host hotel, the Hyatt Place



Champion Grill sports bar

Landscape Supply partners with industry veteran, Chris Roberts



Chris Roberts

MIDLOTHIAN, VA

Landscape Supply, Inc. (LSI), announced that Chris Roberts has joined the LSI team to further develop their growing efforts to build relationships with golf courses throughout central and eastern Virginia.

Chris comes to LSI with a wealth of experience in the industry, spending the

last 20 years serving as a golf course superintendent for various clubs in Richmond, VA. Along with his extensive experience, his Turfgrass Management degree from VA Tech has allowed Chris to be very instrumental in developing management strategies throughout his career.

Chris and LSI share the one core value that matters most when managing a business: Customer Focus. Throughout the on-barding process, it was very evident that Chris will bring a customer centric focus to the central and eastern VA golf course market.

Kevin Connelly, Vice President, comments: "Our obsession to customer service led us to look for an addition to

our team. Someone who would fit our culture of accountability and exceptional service. I was very fortunate to connect with Chris. His humility and eagerness to be a part of something that he can impact is what made this decision easy. I'm convinced our company will learn from Chris as much as he can learn from us. It's going to be a fun ride."

Chris will serve as the District Sales Representative for LSI. He will also be very instrumental in their internal efforts to continuously improve partnerships with customers and suppliers.

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The Virginia Tech Research Classic is the association's main fundraising effort of the year. For the fifth consecutive year the event was an overwhelming success netting over \$50,000, which will support turf research in Virginia. One aspect includes turfgrass plots that Virginia Tech researchers have established on the short course at Independence. The Tech team wanted to establish research in central Virginia, as the climate and growing conditions are more "mainstream Virginia".

A full field of 120 players competed in the 4-person scramble (no mulligans!), with the team of Chris Roberts, Jeff Snyder, Eric Spurlock, and Brian Vincel winning the event with an impressive -15 (57) gross total. Winning the net division was Tommy Adams, Scott Mauldin, Travis Pitts, and



VT Team - Askew, Goatley, McCall

Nick Adams coming in at 55.1, edging out the next team by 0.3 strokes!

With the help of top industry vendors, net proceeds since inception brings the total to more than \$250,000 going towards turfgrass research! A special thank you goes out to everyone that helped make this event so successful to include sponsors, the event committee, club staff and everyone that participated in the event.

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Getting to Know Katrin Wolfe

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1. What did you do before the GCSAA?

I worked in higher education for over 10 years. The last 7 years were in NCAA Division II collegiate athletic administration with a focus in athletic compliance. I worked for

University of Pittsburgh at Johnstown and East Stroudsburg University. Athletic administration was a good transition into golf organizational work. Connecting with the membership and program support is a transferrable skill that has been strong between the two industries.

I come from a golf background as a player. I was fortunate to play at Penn State where I was a four-year starter. I have qualified for several USGA tournaments including the Women's U.S. Amateur and Women's U.S. Mid-Amateur. I still play amateur tournaments and enjoy playing the game.

2. What are some things you look forward to in the new position?

I am excited to meet the membership and chapters in the Mid-Atlantic. I want to help grow golf course management and the game. I am hoping I can expand the offerings of the GCSAA and increase membership and chapter engagement. I also would like to see First Green field trips grow especially in DC and Virginia. Engaging early with our future workers will diversify our industry.

3. What challenges do you see in your position?

I am the new kid on the block, and it is always hard being new. Trying to create relationships and communications is difficult but when it happens good things happen. I hope to make an impact and the membership feels comfortable connecting with me. It is nerve-racking to walk into a room or event and be the new person. I hope people are comfortable talking to me so I can help them best use the GCSAA and their membership.

4. What programs or events are you excited for with the GCSAA?

I am excited to get involved in the First

Green. Who does not love a field trip? Even better the field trips are to a golf course. It is novel to connect with students to learn about STEM in a real-world environment. Also, I love that we can showcase golf course management as a career.

I am also looking forward to GCSAA Conference and Trade Show in San Diego, CA. Having the event face to face is such a positive for the golf industry. In addition, I am excited to meet more of the membership. It will be nice to see so many people together in one place there for support and networking.

5. What is one thing people wouldn't know about Katrin Wolfe?

I am a fitness junky. I like to move and workout. I studied exercise science and it has helped shape my career. I have been hiking all around the country and my favorite hiking trip was to the Grand Canyon. I am always up for a new fitness craze. I taught Zumba and cycling for many years. I currently do CrossFit and addicted to my Peleton bike. Bonus one thing people did not know is I have only lived in Pennsylvania.

Get Started on Facility BMP Manuals

An Important Part of Your Agronomic Plan

Now that the second edition of the Best Management Practices Manual is published, it's time for Virginia superintendents to create its own personalized facility BMP – this is now available! The updated BMP project is supported by a \$10K grant from GCSAA and EIFG. Here is the chapter lineup:

1 PLANNING, DESIGN, & CONSTRUCTION

2 IRRIGATION

3 WATER MANAGEMENT

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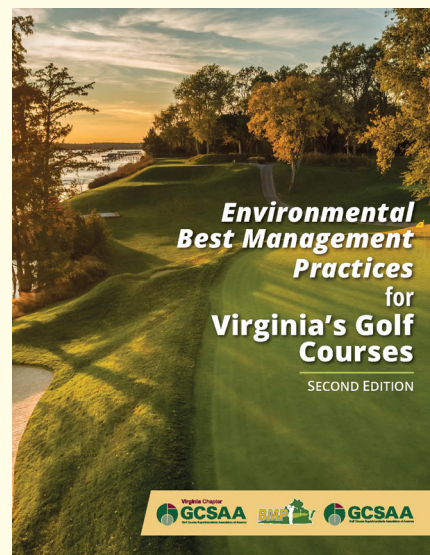
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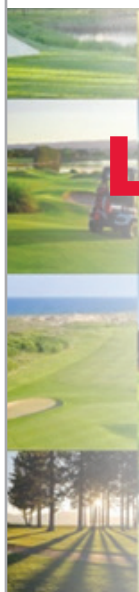
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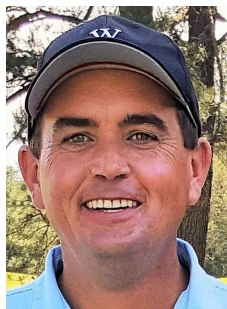


Virlina Cup Team Taking Shape

VGCSA Looking to Recapture the Cup at James River CC

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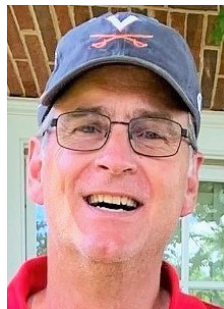
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Jeff Snyder



Brent Graham, CGCS



Rhett Martin



The VGCSA will have a strong team when the Virlina Cup Match heads to James River Country

Club in Newport News on October 10-12. Six of the eight spots have been claimed, with two more at-large picks to go.

First it was at the VGCSA Championship where Cameron Yancey of Nottoway River Country Club, Brent Graham of Two Rivers Country Club and Rhett Martin of Salisbury Country Club punched their tickets after tremendous play at Two Rivers CC. Then it was Patrick McNamara of Dominion Valley Country Club, who qualified by winning the GWGCSA Qualifier. Jeff Whitmire of Williamsburg Country Club then earned his spot on the team by winning the TTA Dick Cake Memorial at Elizabeth Manor

G&CC. Most recently, Jeff Snyder of The Water's Edge won the VTA/SVTA Qualifier at The Pete Dye River Course. The team will be rounded out by two spots reserved as picks for the Captain and Sponsor.

Syngenta returns as the sponsor, headed by Larry Feller, Sam Camuso and Mark Brazinski. The Virginia Team looks to win the cup for the third time out of the last five. Host superintendent is Rob Wilmans.

Rounds 4 Research National Auction raises \$336,500 for Turfgrass Studies VGCSA Grosses Record \$15,375



The 2021 Rounds 4 Research fundraising program to support turfgrass studies, administered by the Environmental Institute for Golf (EIFG), sold more than 1,100 rounds and yielded nearly \$336,500 in its May online auction. The EIFG is the philanthropic organization of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA).

More than 70 GCSAA affiliated chapters and turfgrass organizations assisted with the effort

and will receive proceeds from the auction to support turfgrass research at the local level.



The VGCSA received 44 donations from our members totaling \$15,375 in revenue. Our top selling item was the Dormie Network Stay & Play Package donated by Ballyhack, which went for \$3,400! Other top selling items include Kinloch Golf Club, The Club at Creighton Farms, The Highlands Course at Primland and Kingsmill Resort. This is an important fundraising event each year for VGCSA. Our proceeds are used to fund Robb Bohannon, the head of our advocacy team at Hunton Andrews Kurth, who are instrumental in keeping the association up to date with government

relations and voicing our concerns to state and local legislatures.

A special thank you goes out to all the donors and bidders that made this a successful fundraiser. If you have not had a chance to donate to this auction in the past, please consider a donation for 2022. Auction dates and information materials will be available soon.

About the EIFG

The Environmental Institute for Golf is the philanthropic organization of the GCSAA. Its mission is to foster sustainability through research, awareness, education, programs and scholarships for the benefit of golf course management professionals, golf facilities and the game. Visit EIFG at www.eifg.org, or find us on Facebook or Twitter.

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ODGCSA Scholarship Tournament a Success at Spring Creek GC



The ODGCSA Scholarship Tournament was held at Spring Creek Golf Club on June 15th. It was a fantastic day for networking, golf and fundraising. Host Superintendent Ryan Holbrook and his staff had the golf course in superb condition, and we could not have gotten a better day of weather for the annual event.



Chris Roberts & Paul Van Buren

The morning started off with a light social during registration followed by a 2-person best ball competition. Coming in with a gross score of one-under-par 71, Paul Van Buren and Chris Roberts were



Mark & Jimmy Rodgers

victorious. In the net division, three teams tied at -7 with Tommy Adams and Jerome Dodson coming out on top after the scorecard playoff.

A special thank you goes out to everyone that participated in the event and to all the sponsors.

Your support enables ODGCSA to award scholarships to eligible and deserving students. Any student employee actively enrolled at a golf course with a VGCSA member in good standing, whether they are part of the maintenance crew, food and beverage department, or any other department at the golf course, is eligible to apply. We encourage all members to forward the scholarship application to those that are eligible and might be interested – you may access the form off our webpage on www.vgcsa.org.



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Government Relations Round-UP



Robb Bohannon

As the Virginia General Assembly begins conducting more off-session meetings in person, legislators are preparing for a special session in Richmond that will convene on

August 2nd. Allocating the over \$4 billion in federal relief funding from the American Rescue Plan and filling judicial vacancies will be the focus of the special session, which could last several weeks. Broad topics that Governor Northam and Democratic leaders in the General Assembly have agreed to as funding priorities include public health, small business relief and specific support of the hospitality and tourism industry, modernizing public schools, and increasing broadband deployment.

The summer has been filled with campaign activity. In November, Virginians will head to the polls to select a governor, lieutenant governor, and attorney general. Republicans selected their statewide ticket – former CEO of The Carlyle Group Glenn Youngkin for governor, former Delegate Winsome Sears for lieutenant governor, and Delegate Jason Miyares (R-Virginia Beach) for attorney general - in May. In the June primary, Democrats selected

their statewide candidates – former Governor Terry McAuliffe handily won the nomination to run for a second term, Delegate Hala Ayala (D-Prince William) secured the nomination for lieutenant governor, and Attorney General Mark Herring (D) earned the opportunity to run for a third term. Only New Jersey and Virginia have regularly scheduled governor's races in 2021, and Virginia's is expected to be the most competitive and most expensive in the country.

Also on the November ballot are all 100 members of the House of Delegates, where Democrats currently enjoy a 55-45 majority. Republicans are working diligently – particularly in rural and suburban districts – to take back seats they held before losing control of the chamber in 2019. There are a handful of races that are expected to be very competitive. The statewide races will increase turnout for these elections, and candidates are currently focused on fundraising and getting their messages out to voters.

Specific to VGCSA, the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has been

conducting workgroup meetings related to the expedited review process golf courses gained from Senate Bill 673 (2020) by Senator Monty Mason (D-Williamsburg) that prohibits drilling nonagricultural wells outside of the surficial aquifer. The association is represented by Brent Graham from Two Rivers Country Club on the workgroup.

We are also awaiting the convening of the workgroup from the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS) that will examine best practices as they relate to neonicotinoids. This workgroup was created in lieu of legislation that would have allowed localities to regulate and prohibit the use of these pesticides. VGCSA worked with stakeholders from Virginia Tech and the agribusiness community to oppose the legislation as filed, and helped draft a final bill that still allowed golf course superintendents to use these products in the manner by which they are licensed and trained. We fully expect additional bills to regulate, or even ban, certain pesticides to be introduced in 2022.



Terry McAuliffe (D) will face Glenn Youngkin (R) in Virginia's Gubernatorial Race.

2021 Event Previews

VGCSA Match Play Championship

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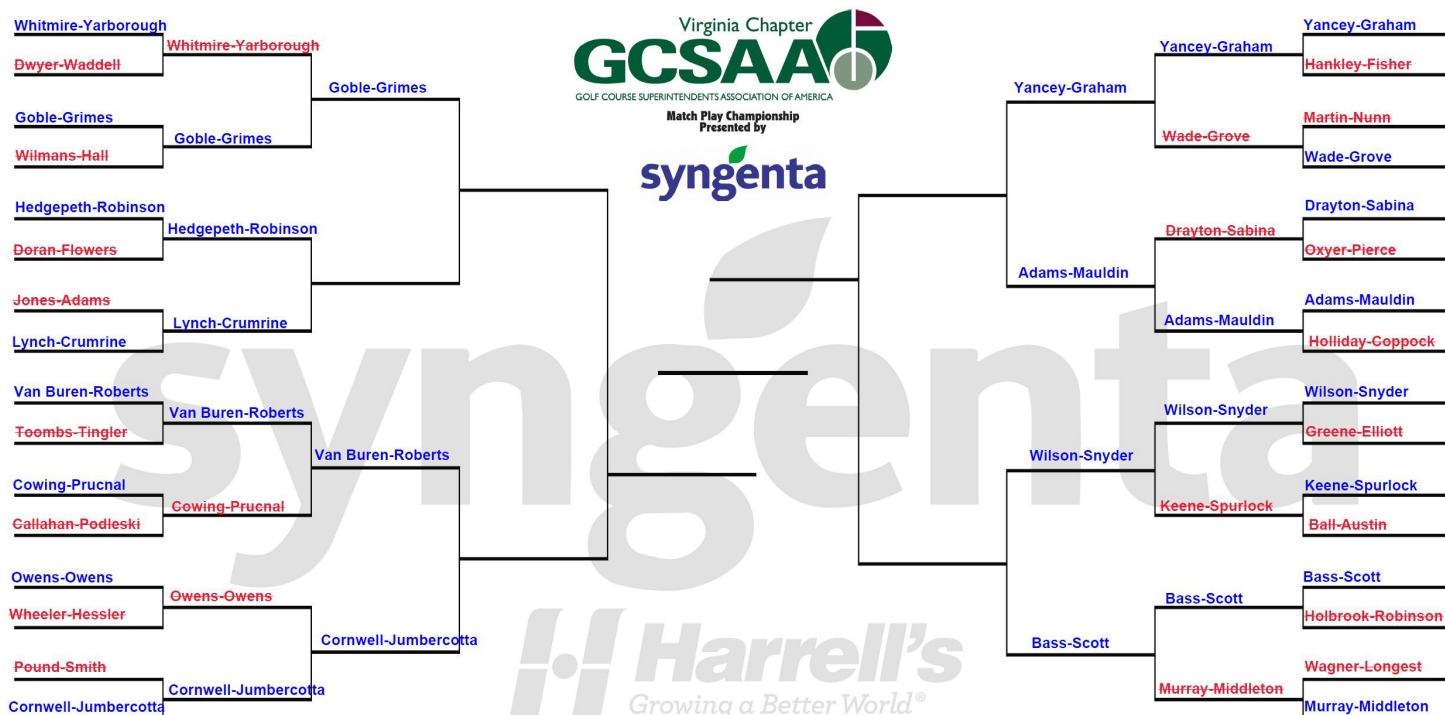
Things are heating up in the 4th Annual VGCSA Match Play Championship presented by Syngenta. A rematch of last year's finals will happen when Cameron Yancey & Brent Graham take on Tommy Adams & Scott Mauldin. Former champions still in the mix are Paul Van Buren and Chris Roberts, who defeated Jim Prucnal and Todd Cowing.

David Callahan & Rob Podleski faced off against Todd Cowing & Jim Prucnal at Glenmore CC.



VGCSA Match Play Championship

Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Championship	Round 4	Round 3	Round 2	Round 1
May 12 - June 15	June 16 - July 15	July 16 - Aug. 15	Aug 16 - Sept. 15	September 16 - October 15	Aug 16 - Sept. 15	July 16 - Aug. 15	June 16 - July 15	May 12 - June 15



Lakeside Park Club to Host the Joe Saylor Memorial

Save the Date – Monday, October 4th



The VGCSA is pleased to announce that Lakeside Park Club in Richmond will host this year's Joe Saylor Memorial Tournament on Monday, October 4th. Mike Nowicki 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! The event will be contested on the club's classic Donald Ross layout, steeped in history.

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



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VGCSA Championship & Virlina Cup Qualifying

Cameron Yancey shoots 69 to Claim 5th Title!



Tommy Adams, Scott Mauldin, Jeff Holliday, Brent Graham, Cameron Yancey, Rhett Martin, John Murray

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The VGCSA Championship was contested in Williamsburg at Two Rivers Country Club on Monday, May 10th. The course played firm and fast, and the greens were lightning quick. Cameron Yancey won his 5th title with a barrage of birdies on the back nine to finish at -3 with a 69 and secure his spot on the 2021 Virlina Cup team. Coming in second and also earning a spot on the Virlina Cup team was host Superintendent Brent Graham with a 78. The low net in the Superintendent division went to Scott Mauldin with a 70, and Jeff Holliday was able to squeak by Jeff Yarborough in the Senior Superintendent Division, winning by 2 strokes.

Rhett Martin took home top honors in the Assistants Division with a 79, also securing his spot on the Virlina Cup team. In the Affiliate division, Tommy Adams won with a gross 79.

VGCSA Assistants Forum Heads to Hermitage CC

Save the Date – October 25th



VGCSA is excited to host another first class event for the assistant superintendent members at Hermitage Country Club in the Richmond area

- SAVE THE DATE
- Monday, October 25th. The annual event draws



Jake Odum

assistant superintendents from across Virginia for a day of networking, education and golf. Superintendents, vendors and other VGCSA members are invited. VGCSA Board member Jake Odum is hosting the

event at his club. Among the topics will be understanding and managing expectations when moving up to a first superintendent's job.

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News from Local Associations

ODGCSA News

Well, we have entered the dog days of summer, and I would like to think we are on the downside of things, but we all know how fickle weather can be in central Virginia this time of year. Let's all hold the line and hope those cooler nights on the horizon show up sooner rather than later.

I would like to thank Ryan Holbrook and the entire staff at Spring Creek for hosting a wonderful Scholarship Tournament, we could not have asked for better conditions and reception afterwards. The food was delicious, and the staff was outstanding, so thanks again! I would also like to thank all the sponsors that help support the event and make our Scholarship program a success each year, you all are a big part of it! I would especially like to thank all the participants that took time out of their schedule to make the trip, I know we had some people drive

several hours to be there and I hope we can count on all of you again next year and the years to come. Thank you from the ODGCSA Board!!

I know we are still in a state of uncertainty even though there have been some strides made to get things back to normal. Unfortunately our calendar of events has not been finalized, and the only meeting we have coming up is a joint event with the TTA around the middle of September. We are planning on having a speaker and golf for that event, so please keep an eye out for emails in the future with more details. In the meantime, if you have an education topic that would be of interest, please let us know, and we will do our best to accommodate.

Let's all remember we are in the middle of summer, although I know there are

challenges facing us all before the cooler weather decides to arrive, it is coming. Never forget, your colleagues can be your best resource when you need help, so do not hesitate to reach out to them. It is a great way to network and get to know the guys in your area.

Thanks for all you do and I hope to see all of you soon!



Chris Roberts
ODGCSA
External VP

TTA News

Summer is back, albeit after a soft opening in June and early July. We've been fortunate in the Tidewater to hold on to some mild weather early in the summer, although the heat index is 103 degrees as I write this now. The TTA functions slow down this time of year to focus on cool season grass - and the beach - and fishing - but fear not, we will pick back up in the early fall with some fun events. The Bert Walton Memorial and

HRAREC Fundraiser will be held at Cavalier Golf Yacht & Country Club on November 8th to cap off our 2021 schedule - stay tuned for a few events to be scheduled before that. The TTA will be represented in the Local Association Challenge on August 5th at Country Club of Petersburg, so pull for your fellow Tidewater supers to bring home the hardware!



Tim Doran
TTA External
VP

News from the GWGCSA

We are half way through summer already. Less than 30 days to August aerification! I do not know about everyone else, but for me 2021 is absolutely flying by. The demand for play seems to be leveling off to a more sustainable level, which is certainly a good thing for all of us during the summer heat. It is nice to be hosting events again and things feeling a bit more like a normal busy golf season.

I would like to thank everyone that came out for our event here at Potomac Shores in June. It was a little hot but I think we all

managed to have a good time. Congratulations to our event Winners, Scott Cornwell and Ferris Crilly. In addition, a big Congratulations to Shane Sullivan for his first ever Hole in One.

Mark your calendars for our next event, which will be September 13th at Stonewall Golf Club. As always, our annual meeting will be at Evergreen Country Club in November. I hope everyone is having a great season and I look forward to seeing everyone at Stonewall in September.



David Walter
GWGCSA
External VP

News from Local Associations

VTA External VP Report

The life of a superintendent never seems to get easier. Like everyone else in the state the big topic of conversation is Labor...or lack thereof. Next year the labor issue will get better, but who knows what else will be thrown our way.

Good news we are finally starting to get back to having some regular events. In June the VTA held its annual Bob Ruff Sr. Fundraiser at Ivy Hills in Forest. There was a great turnout, beautiful weather and Darren Hall had the golf course looking great even after three inches of rain 2 days before the event.

On July 13th we had a mini field day and Virlina Cup Qualifier at the Pete Dye River

Course. The Virginia Tech Turf Team put on a spectacular demonstration, going over test plots, research and the highlight of the event was witnessing some new drone technology.

There were four individuals vying for a spot on the Virlina Cup Team. After a short weather delay, Jeff Snyder from The Water's Edge was the one left standing as the VTA qualifier. This seemed fitting as Jeff was the qualifier for last year's event that was canceled due to Covid.

Stayed tuned for information regarding our year end meeting in October. Stay safe and just know that fall aeration is right around the corner.



Sean K.
Baskette
Hidden Valley
Country Club
VTA External
VP

SVTA News

Hopefully as I'm writing this, it's a little cooler than 93 degrees where you are at but somehow I doubt it! This is definitely turning out to be a warm one here in the valley. With that said, golfers are still coming out to play and golf in general still seems to be on an upswing which is good for everyone. We had an excellent meeting

at Bryce resort with guest Sam Camuso discussing ABW's. Thanks Joel Miller for hosting! Everyone put on your calendars Oct 14 at Blue Ridge Shadows. It's the annual VTF fundraiser. Always a good time and good fundraiser. Hope everyone has a great rest of the summer. Fall will be here before we know it!



Eric Ferrell
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GCSAA Update

by *By Katrin Wolfe, Mid-Atlantic Field Rep*



Wolfe meets with Jeff Holliday at the Virginia Tech tournament.

I started with the GCSAA in May, and it has been a whirlwind. I have been fortunate to travel through the Mid-Atlantic region meeting the membership and chapters. I have attended several events and have seen firsthand what camaraderie is found in the GSCAA. I am excited to help this wonderful group of individuals and help grow the golf course management field.

My first event I attended as the Field Rep was to the Virginia Tech Turfgrass Research Classic at Independence Golf Club in Midlothian, VA. It was a great day on the links and a great start to my time with the GCSAA. I followed up my visit with a trip to the Eastern Shore of Maryland at The

Chesapeake Challenge at Queenstown Harbor. I have also made stops in West Virginia and Pennsylvania. I'm so lucky to be in this industry. I have had nothing but support and well-wishes as I start this new journey.

As we move into the late summer and early fall at the GCSAA, it is important that we look at opportunities to connect with our local communities. The First Green is a great way to help local students understand what great work is happening at golf courses and a way to create career aspirations for golf course management. The First Green is a living laboratory that allows students to experience science, technology, and math that is hands-on and interactive. Who does not love a field trip? Also, the experience is a great way to get good news about the local courses. As we enter the new normal and are back to interacting face to face, the First Green is a great experience for you and the local schools. Please feel free to contact me for more information or for help getting a First Green field trip at your course.

Do not forget the GCSAA Golf Championships for 2021 is coming up fast. This year it is in Palm Springs, California.

Not only will be getting some great golf over 36 holes, but you can also experience a First Green field trip. In addition, time to get out and see friends who you have not been able to see for a year and enjoy a scramble! Registration opens August 13.

Lastly, if you are looking to help golf at legislative level, please consider becoming a Grassroots Ambassador. The goal is to match a GCSAA member with every member of Congress. The GCSAA goal is almost there but we need your help. Your state has a couple openings. You can see if your district needs an ambassador by visiting "GCSAA Advocacy" on the website. This is a way to connect with lawmakers and help the golf course management industry.



Wolfe speaks at MAAGCS / ESAGCS Chesapeake Challenge

Employment Corner

As a service to members, the VGCSA provides complimentary posting of jobs to VGCSA members and Partners. Please visit www.vgcsa.org/-employment for a complete listing and details of available positions. Here is a sampling:

- Ballyhack Golf Club in Roanoke, VA seeks Equipment Technician/Manager
- Heritage Hunt Golf & Country Club in Gainesville, VA seeks Golf Course Mechanic
- Hermitage Country Club in Manakin-Sabot, VA seeks Assistant Superintendent
- Woodberry Forest School in Madison, VA seeks Grounds Manager
- Virginia Beach National Golf Club seeks First Tee Course Manager
- Cutalong Club at Lake Anna seeks Assistant Superintendent
- Woodmont Country Club in Rockville, MD seeks Turf Equipment Technician
- Musket Ridge Golf Club in Myersville, MD seeks Equipment Manager
- Cattail Creek Country Club in Glenwood, MD seeks Assistant Superintendent
- The Cove Creek Club in Stevensville, MD Seeks Superintendent
- Brandermill Country Club in Midlothian, VA seeks Assistant Superintendent
- Jefferson Landing Golf Club in Jefferson, NC seeks Assistant Superintendent

2021 VGCSA Schedule

July TBA - TTA Building the Game of Golf, Virginia Beach National / First Tee

August 5 – VGCSA Board Meeting, CC of Petersburg

August 5 – VGCSA Local Association Challenge, CC of Petersburg

Sept TBA – SVTA Meeting, Lakeview GC, Harrisonburg

October TBA – TTA Meeting

October 4 – VGCSA Joe Saylor Memorial, Lakeside Park Club, Richmond

October 10-12 – The Virlina Cup, James River CC

October 14 - VTF Fundraiser, Blue Ridge Shadows GC, Front Royal

October 19 – VTA Annual Meeting, Goodyear GC

October 20-22 – GCSAA Chapter Delegates Meeting, Lawrence, KS

October 25 – VGCSA Assistants Forum, Hermitage CC

November 8 – TTA Bert Walton Memorial, Cavalier Golf Yacht & CC, Virginia Beach, VA

November 8-10 – GCSAA Chapter Leaders Symposium, Kansis City Airport Marriott & GCSAA HQ

November 18 - VGCSA Board Meeting, Hermitage CC

December 6-7 – VGCSA Conference, UVA Darden Conference Center, Charlottesville, VA

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