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## President's Message



### THE INFINITE FLAT AHEAD

I was driving West on Interstate Highway 80 leaving the early fall orange of Fremont Cottonwoods, Gamble Oak, and Rocky Mountain Maples that glowed and rustled in the light crosswind about Salt Lake City, Utah. I was lost in my own mind as I drove over a lost sea towards the lost town of Wendover, NV. US 80 – the old Lincoln Highway as it was once known was built over the prehistoric bottom of Lake Bonneville. The asphalt follows the old Pony Express route from Salt Lake City to Sacramento, CA. Most of what was then a thousand feet below the water of Lake Bonneville is now the West Desert by common name but the arms of a compass needle do not lie as south and north and behind are desolate all the same. A desolation that no magnetic declination can offset.

Life struggles in the old Bonneville country creating an appallingly perfect silence only broken by a hymn chorus of salt and wind. There is nothing to track the drive of time – no fast food, no gas stations, no trees, no homes, no schools – nothing. The linear horizon unbroken by curves in the road – only the curvature of the earth. A four lane chunk of salt desert highway elevated endlessly into the impoverished western skyway.

Power poles rise near the Interstate. Each pole increasingly smaller in my sun pinched gaze until reaching a vanishing point uncluttered by trees, hills or much of anything. The copper coils are supported by Lodgepole pine harvested from the upper reaches of the Stansbury range. The black electrified lines flow in a slow, long amplitude wavelength that seems to continue indefinitely into the infinite flat ahead. I did not altogether understand where the power needed to go nor did I really understand where I needed to be.

But, I drove farther – faster – drier into a new type of nothing. The windows are down – road howl overcomes Hank Williams Sr. on the AM radio. My eyes burn slightly from the sun and salt blowing off the lost lake. I see some water but very little. What water does remain is a dense saline pancake batter inhabited by faded barn red brine shrimp. These shrimp seem very alone and perhaps a little sad in their specialized, confined existence.

To my right previous travelers have fashioned little towers of rock. These tiny pyramids called cairns typically mark travel direction in the wild lands. The rock cairns in this wanting place were shaped by parents into circular maze puzzles to be solved by a small child playing happily shirtless in a sagging diaper alongside the highway. Empty 4% beer cans sparkle wonderfully in the sun grabbing my attention and making me thirsty. Litter lines the path from Salt Lake City towards Wendover – McDonald's styrofoam, Starbuck's cups, discarded conference week programs, lawn chairs, diapers, firework casings, electric guitars, and abandoned cars. Litter had no more reason to stop in this desolate land than did I.

After an hour and half of increasing isolation lost between Argonite and not much of anything else - I entered Wendover. As I drove on towards a giant neon cowboy smoking an endlessly burning Chesterfield Cigarette I passed The Rainbow Hotel and Casino. The reader board outside pulled at me. My eyes were tired from the drive, the salt, the sun, and life. It was far too late to see detail in the treeless, rock dotted foot slopes near Wendover but I could somewhat read the marque outside the Rainbow. It said in big black hand placed letters - "World Famous IGCSA Turfgrass Conference – Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. I pulled off the Highway heading for the conference, some coffee, and perhaps a Chesterfield cigarette.

I hope you too get lost in the infinite flat ahead while driving over Interstate Highway 80 to the turfgrass conference in Wendover.

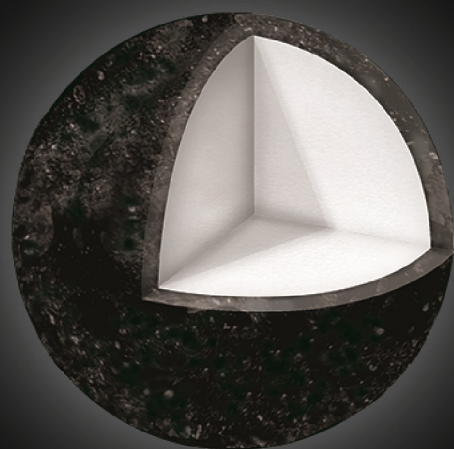
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## FULL CIRCLE

*Written by: Alan Davis, Superintendent—Willow Creek Country Club*



For this member spotlight we would like to welcome back an individual that has been gone from our great state for some time, but has found his way “home.”

Darin Carlyle has the privilege of managing one of his favorite courses in the state, Hobble Creek Golf Course. A course that prior to being superintendent he has spent quite a bit of time on. Originally from Denver, he moved at a young age to Price, Utah where he spent his childhood. He attended BYU for college, where he met his wife, also a student. After college he and his wife made their way to La Quinta, California where they called home for 25 years. Darin had the opportunity to host multiple PGA Tour events, and managed some of the finest courses in the area. During this time Darin and Lola had three children, all of which now are college age and beyond. Part of the draw to returning to Utah was the fact that his two youngest children are currently both attending college in the area. So far Darin is enjoying being an “empty nester,” and has recently had the honor of becoming a grandfather. Though he’s a grandpa, he still enjoys riding his Harley with his wife. He also enjoys skiing, white water kayaking, and on occasion golf. Darin is also quite an accomplished DIY home renovator, a talent he credits to his wife’s love of HGTV. Darin feels incredibly fortunate to have landed this position, and to have the opportunity to get back to Utah. He is looking forward to getting involved with the IGCSA and meeting everyone. When you meet him, be sure to ask him about his unique “topdressing” story from one of his past clubs. We welcome Darin back and are looking forward to having him in the association for many years to come!

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sist financially. Please keep their situation in your thoughts, and should you or anyone you know feel compelled to make a donation the link is provided below.

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## *Chapter Executive's Corner*

*Natalie Barker*

*Hi Everyone, Fall is here and hopefully things will start slowing down for you. I've been busy getting things ready for the annual meeting and can't wait to see you all! I can't believe it's already the last meeting of the year—where does time go?! I must be getting old!! Here are a few items of interest...*

- The IGCSA phone is still having issues—we moved so we are temporarily on an internet line and it's sporadic. If you need to get a hold of me you can always email, call or text. My cell phone number is (801) 554-9218.
- Golf Industry Show registration and housing opens October 17th.
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- Justin Jeffery will be attending the Chapter Delegates Meeting on November 7-8 in Lawrence, Kansas. If you have any items of interest for Justin to take with him, send them over.
- Did you know? GCSAA partnered with Columbia Sportswear for member discounts! Columbia is offering a 50% discount to GCSAA members on outdoor wear purchases. In addition, members can customize orders for a small charge. Visit <http://www.ocsapparel.com/gcsaa/> to view available options.



## It's never too late?

*Because the turf is less efficient at taking up N in late fall, excessive N applied at this time can be prone to loss via nitrate-N leaching.*

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Fall-applied nitrogen (N) for your turf is such a hopeful concept, offering a promising elixir of life for your turfgrass as it heads toward a winter of dormancy, off-color and inactivity. (That would pretty much describe my personal February.) The idea is that your last-chance fall application of N would provide fall color retention, prolonged growth and better fall root growth. However, increased concerns about the environmental fate of that N have caused turfgrass managers and researchers to take another look at late-season N, especially in cooler temperature regimes.

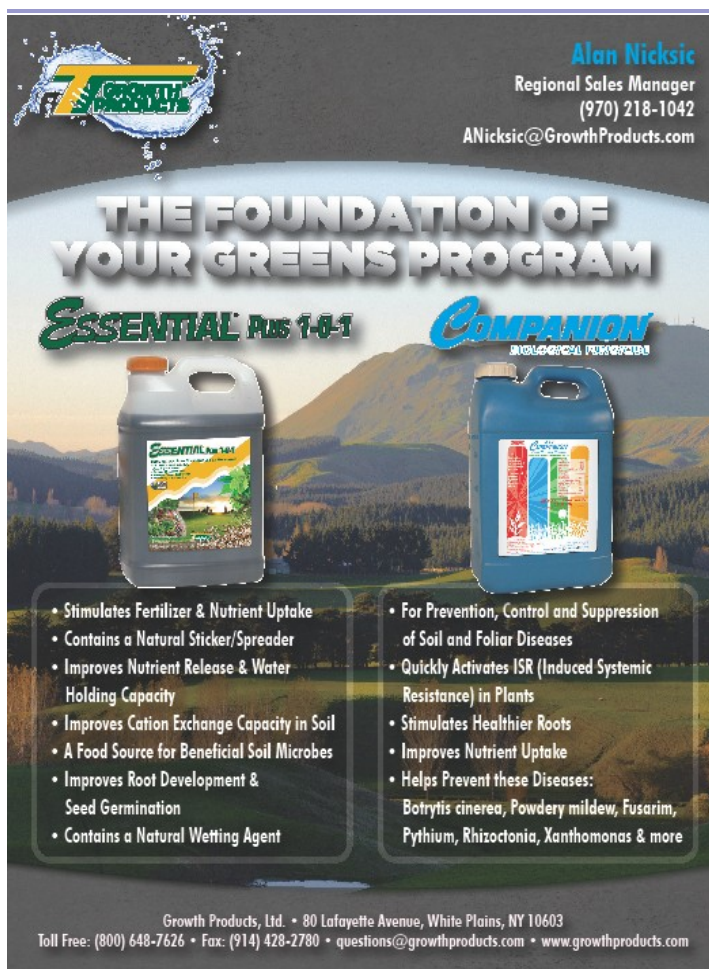
Turfgrass researchers at the universities of Minnesota and Wisconsin decided to take a look at the existing research on late-season N fertilization of cool-season grasses. This particular paper is a “review of the literature.” Rather than doing a new project, the researchers wrote a summary of all the work that came before, producing a very useful tool for determining what we know about late-season N fertilization of cool-season grasses. Note that late-fall fertilization is *not* the same as “dormant fertilization,” which is N applied after plant metabolic activity declines, with that N intended for spring growth. This research paper did not examine dormant fertilization.

For fall fertilization of cool-season turfgrasses, the researchers found some fairly standard recommendations. First, late-fall N fertilization was preferred, because early-spring N fertilization in the cool and damp will inhibit root development and prevent the plants from developing tolerance to summer heat and drought stress. Second, late-fall N should be applied after turfgrass shoot growth has ceased. This timing is important, as the plant is still metabolically active, but is no longer actively producing shoot growth. Thus, photosynthates produced in this time period do not go to shoots, but instead move to roots, rhizomes and stolons, helping the plant gain winter hardiness, fall root growth and spring green-up. Third, recommended N rates for this late-fall application ranged from 0.5 to 2.0 pounds N/1,000 square feet (25 to 98 kilograms N/hectare), typically about 25% to 50% of the total N fertilizer applied.

Agronomically, how did all of this late-fall fertilization work? It worked pretty well. Greatest demonstrated benefits were with improved color and quality late into fall, followed by earlier spring green-up. This happened without an undesirable stimulation of winter shoot growth. Plant uptake of fall-applied N was on the lower side, however, with an average N uptake of about 50% of applied N (within the first month). Spring green-up was also often improved. Late-season root growth was often unaffected by the application of late-fall N, but application of late-fall N never decreased late-season root growth. Such improvements were seen when late-fall N was applied as late as Oct. 31 (Rhode Island) or early November (Illinois, Wisconsin, and Pisa, Italy). No additional benefits were observed with N applications later in the year (December, January). Over a multitude of field studies, no winter injury from late-fall N was ever observed.

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Given that about half of fall-applied N is not being taken up by the plant, is it prone to loss from the turfgrass system? The answer is yes. There were leaching losses of nitrate-N when N was fall-applied. When soluble N (typically urea) was applied in excess of 1 pound N/1,000 square feet (49 kg N/hectare), more nitrate-N was measured in leachate than in unfertilized turf. It is generally recommended that fall one-dose applications of soluble N greater than 1 pound N/1,000 square feet be avoided to protect water quality. A lower N application rate is recommended.

The authors concluded that the proven turfgrass benefits with late-fall N are mostly seen in improved color and quality. The idea that these late-season applications improve turfgrass photosynthesis and rooting is largely unproven. Results are highly variable across regions and often depend on turf species and seasonal weather. Finally, do not overapply late-fall N. Because the turf is less efficient at taking up N in late fall, excessive N applied at this time can be prone to loss via nitrate-N leaching.

*Source:* Bauer, S., D. Lloyd, B.P. Horgan and D.J. Soldat. 2012. Agronomic and physiological responses of cool-season turfgrass to fall-applied nitrogen. *Crop Science* 52:1-10.

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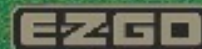
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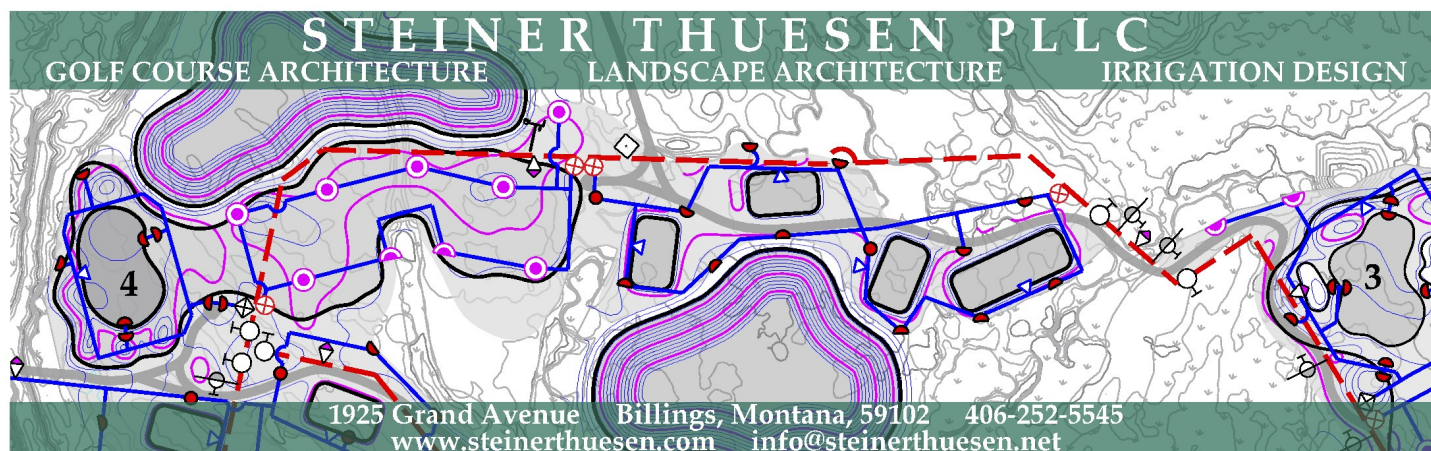


## IGCSA Bylaw Changes

*In order to remain affiliated with GCSAA, we needed to amend our bylaws to reflect the change in language from Class SM to B. All SM classifications noted in our current bylaws have now been changed to B (all changes have been highlighted in yellow). Classifications were also updated to correspond with what is actually listed on the IGCSA membership application.*

*Further, the Affiliate Representative board position's purpose and duties (Article VII, Section 9) have been incorporated.*

**Proposed bylaws are attached and will be voted on at the Annual Meeting in Wendover.**





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#### VICE PRESIDENT: (vote for 1)

- Justin Jeffery, Victory Ranch

Other \_\_\_\_\_

#### SECRETARY/TREASURER: (vote for 1)

- Paul Stokes, Logan Golf & Country Club

Other \_\_\_\_\_

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- Eric Jones, Talons Cove Golf Course

Other \_\_\_\_\_

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- Chris Connolly, Willow Creek Country Club

Other \_\_\_\_\_

*If you are unable to attend the annual election, please cut this ballot out and mail it to the IGCSA office with your votes. Proxy ballots must be received by **October 1st, 2017.***



## Hurricane Disaster Relief

In light of the tragedy caused by Hurricanes Harvey and Irma, GCSAA and the Environmental Institute for Golf (EIFG) established a relief effort for victims. This effort focuses on providing support directly to the GCSAA members who suffered personal loss due to these disasters.

The IGCSA donated \$1,000 to these relief efforts. Our deepest thoughts and prayers go out to those affected by Hurricanes Harvey and Irma.

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## **Running for GCSAA Board of Directors**

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Five years ago I traveled to Lawrence, Kansas, as a first time delegate representing the Intermountain GCSA. You might know Lawrence as the home of the Jayhawks of Kansas University, but if you're a member of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America then you will know that it is also the headquarters of GCSAA. My first trip to Lawrence was the first time I truly did anything of significance with GCSAA outside of being a member for roughly ten years. I really did not know a lot about the Association that I've come to know today. Like a lot of you, I knew that I got a subscription to a magazine and I got to attend the Golf Industry Show (GIS) every February. Other than that, I thought that GCSAA was like the rest of the Golf Associations in America—only focused on the wealthier larger clubs and the larger chapters and oh how I was wrong!

GCSAA and it's members are the true leaders and heroes of the golfing world. No other GOLF Association has every member in mind. From the lowest budget members to the highest; from the way they champion and lead the fight against government regulations to the way they make every member that gives them the opportunity to make their job easier; from massive amounts of continuing education that each member has at their fingertips. You see GCSAA is not just a magazine—they are so much more and I found this all out on my first trip to Lawrence.

### **So why am I running for the Board of Directors?**

Being a Superintendent at a small 9 hole executive/9 hole par 3 course in Taylorsville, Utah, I never thought it was a possibility that a person in my position would ever be considered for a national seat. That changed my first year as a delegate. One evening I was sitting next to the delegate from the east coast talking about what we had heard that day from the candidates running and the direction GCSAA was heading when this gentleman looked at me and said "one day I can see you running for the Board of directors of GCSAA." That's when it hit me. GCSAA represents a guy from Utah at a family-owned course just as they represent the superintendents from the world's most famous courses. I learned we are all one big family that no one superintendent is more important than the other.

When I returned home from that delegates meeting I looked at my wife and told her GCSAA is so much more and I want to start volunteering on a national level. With her blessing and support I started to volunteer for anything GCSAA would offer me. But it has not been enough. I want to serve more and I want to help GCSAA reach every member and reach those potential members that might have the feeling that I had in that first delegates meeting.

So why am I running? Simple, I want to serve and advance the superintendent's position in the world. I want to bring light to all members that GCSAA is an association for all superintendents large and small. If a guy from Utah at a small family-owned course can see what GCSAA is, then anybody can see it.



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