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Fall 2018



Annual Education Conference & Trade Show October 10-11, 2018

Upcoming Events:

October 10-11: Annual Meeting & Trade Show, Wendover, NV

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October 15: Highland Classic @ Hobble Creek Golf Course

January 17, 2019: Winter Education Conference @ Weber State Davis Campus

We are only a handful of days away from the annual meeting and trade show in Wendover, NV. We have set up some great speakers - Beth Guertal, Ph.D. and Matt Gourlay, CGCS. Beth is a professor of turfgrass management and soil fertility at Auburn University. She has received numerous awards and is an expert on all things turfgrass. Matt is the Director of Golf Course Operations at Colbert Hills Golf Course in Manhattan, KS. He is a two-time Environmental Leader in Golf award recipient and a 2015 Turfnet Superintendent of the Year.

Day one will start with the business meeting in the morning where we will vote on the 2019 IGCSA Board of Directors as well as the name change from the Intermountain GCSA to the Utah GCSA. That evening we will go into the trade show, banquet dinner and awards.

Day two will begin with a field/demo day at Toana Vista Golf Course followed by a four man scramble. Bring cash for our regular skins game!

We've had a great turn out in Wendover the last six years – Thank you for your continued support and participation!



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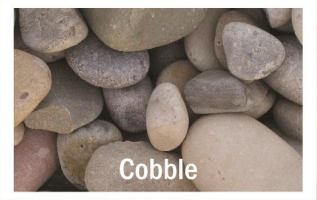
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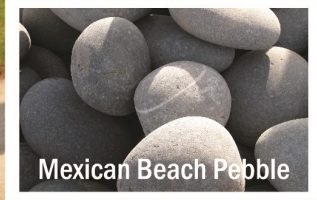
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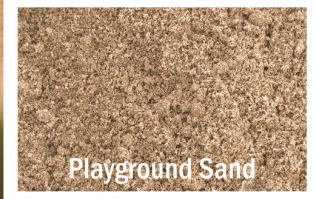
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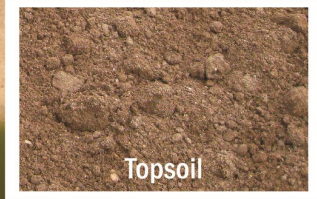
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Opinions vary on solid tine vs. core aeration



Article originally published on TurfNet

Joel Kachmarek hasn't pulled a core from the greens at Tacoma Country and Golf Club in five years.

When Joel Kachmarek says he spends a lot of time venting on his greens, he's not talking about anger management issues associated with poor putting conditions. In fact, it's quite the opposite. After nearly two decades, Kachmarek couldn't be happier with the putting conditions at Tacoma Country and Golf Club.

"No more hollow tine aeration," Kachmarek said. "I haven't done any of that since 2013.

"Our greens are almost 120 years old, and they're the best they've ever been." There are differing schools of thought on aerifying greens - namely whether to pull a core, and what to do with them after extracting them.

Kachmarek, a 19-year veteran of the club in Lakewood, Washington, wasn't always a devotee of solid tining. He tried it initially as a way to stretch the season for golfers.

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EXCEL Leadership Program Update

By: Tyler LePore,

The NuFarm EXCEL leadership program has been a career changing experience in only its first year. We attended the 2018 Golf Industry Show with a packed education schedule focused on preparing and advancing from assistant superintendent to



superintendent. Gaining extremely valuable knowledge on how to differentiate yourself and stand out in the golf course industry. In April, we traveled to GCSAA headquarters in Lawrence, Kansas. What a great experience this was to see the heartbeat of our industry and spend time with the people who play such an important role in what we do. Listening to such highly respected GCSAA members and employees talk about our industry having so much experience, the lessons taken away are invaluable and are so important for young ears like mine to hear and learn from. On October 1st, 2nd and 3rd, the NuFarm EXCEL leadership program will take its final trip of the year. Heading to Chicago, IL, to spend some time at the NuFarm headquarters. I look forward to seeing out the inaugural first year of the program and am extremely excited for the future. This program is going to put me on the fast track to success of achieving long term goals and dreams. It has been such an honor to be a part of this program and receive the recognition that has come along with it. Thank you all GCSAA members for continuing to grow the game and profession day in and day out! See you all at GIS San Diego!

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Chapter Executive's Corner

Natalie Barker

Here we are again only a handful of days away from the Annual Meeting in Wendover. I don't know about you but it always sneaks up on me so quickly! Hopefully with the turn of the season, things will slow down a bit. I know I could use a some stillness to my days. Here are a few reminders....

- I hope the weekly updates are beneficial. I know it's easier for me to send all updates and important information in a weekly format.
- We are always looking for golf courses and venues to hold our meetings and events at. If your course is willing to work within our budget and time frame contact me! We are needing a course for the Spring Meeting and Chapter Championship.
- If you have an article, pictures, etc. to include in the next edition of the Green's Examiner, send them my way! We want to know what you're doing and your life as a superintendent, assistant, technician, sales professional, etc.! These newsletters are for YOU!

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"That whole thing was facilitated by me wanting to get the greens leaner. I was just tired of watching the greens heal. When coring with hollow tines, it takes three to four weeks to heal.

That's not cool for membership," Kachmarek said. "I wanted the greens to be good for them for more days out of the year. I didn't want to take away that perfect stretch of weather in the spring and that last stretch in the fall. I was always looking for a way to make this less painful for golfers."

Through the years, he's gone from removing as much material as possible to aerating with solid tines at varying depths.

"When I first started, I was on the other side of the spectrum where I was trying to figure out how to remove more material each time," Kachmarek said. "Now, I've really gone backwards the other way."

It's a philosophy made popular by Roch Gaussoin, Ph.D., of the University of Nebraska, who for years has disputed the need to pull a core on greens. It also is one that works well for Kachmarek in the Pacific Northwest, but he admits might not be everyone.

"Everybody should do it, but I don't think it would work everywhere," he said. "But I do think a lot of people would like to see if they could modify what they're doing."

I've always said, 'you can aerify in March and you'll look good in May, or you can aerify in May and you'll look good in May.' You're going to look at holes for a long time if you aerify in March.

Venting and aerifying with solid tines are important components of Fred Gehrisch's regime at Highlands Falls Country Club in western North Carolina, but they're just that - part of his program. So are core aerification and dry injection of sand topdressing.



Aerification gets under way at Laurel Creek CC in New Jersey.

"I believe aerification is more than just a single type of aerification," Gehrisch said. "I'm a believer in core aerification and a believer in DryJect. I don't think one works that well without the other.

"I think it takes a combination of all types to be successful."

At Laurel Creek Country Club in Mount Laurel, New Jersey, John Slade runs DryJect over the greens usually in early May. With the end of the golf season in view, he core aerifies in mid-August.

"In this area, people are all over the map, and it all has to do with the golf schedule," Slade said. "I've always said, 'you can aerify in March and you'll look good in May, or you can aerify in May and you'll look good in May.' You're going to look at holes for a long time if you aerify in March.

"Because the greens are under stress in August, I don't want to put giant holes in the ground that are going to struggle to recover. Some guys wait until October because of golf. In that case, you're probably looking at holes all winter. Personally, I think what we are doing now is as good as we can do to help the greens make it through the summer."

In Tacoma, Kachmarek does not see the dramatic weather swings that necessitate such cultural practices on golf courses on the country's east coast or, for that matter, the eastern edge of Washington.

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"Growing *Poa* in this climate in the Northwest, I know it works. You can't push nitrogen if you do this," Kachmarek said.

"Hollow tines create vigor in the turf, and that is important. If your greens already are healthy and have adequate sunlight, then I should never feel the need to increase vigor."

As much as core aerification helps Gehrisch provide optimal conditions at Highlands Falls, he's nearly as concerned about the effects of a program that wouldn't include it - namely all that sand going into the profile and nothing coming back out.

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"You're putting all that material down and taking nothing out. At some point you are changing the shape of your green," he said. "That's a physical fact, and I don't see how you can maintain that. Eventually, it won't be the same green it was designed to be."

That has occurred to Kachmarek, as well.

"What will it take, 100 years of doing this to elevate a green 2 inches? It would be a soft build-up, not a ledge. And is that bad?" he said. "I don't know. I don't see it as a bad thing."

"That's part of golf. Golf courses change. Weather, trees, architects all come in and change things. Golf courses are living things, they're not meant to be created and remain static forever. What we do to golf courses and what Mother Nature does to golf courses is part of golf, and it's part of what is cool about it: It's forever changing."



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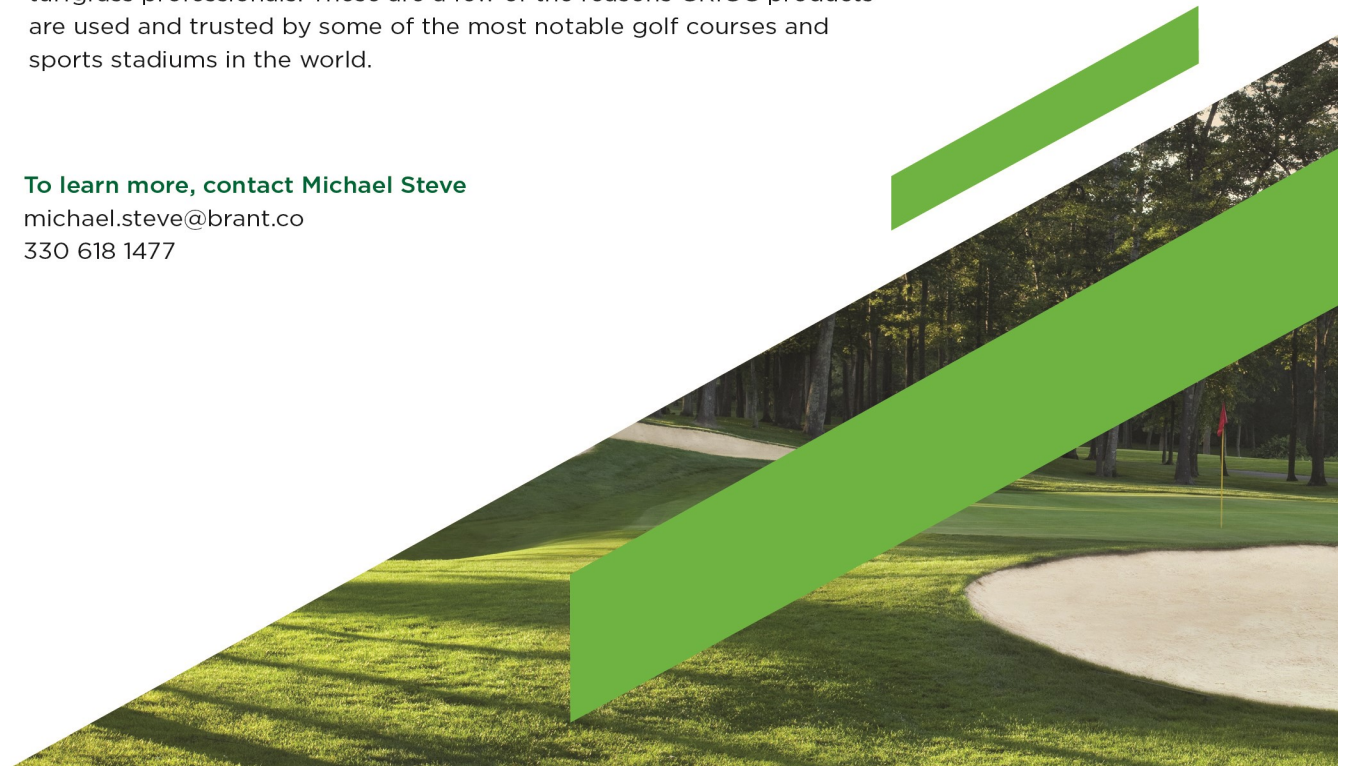
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**Each recipient was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship
to use toward their schooling!**

Meet Bentley Roth

My name is Bentley Roth, I am 18 and currently plan to study at USU campus extension in Tooele. I plan to attend graphic design classes when I complete some of the general studies for school. Along with future studies I play golf when I can with my father, at Oquirrh Hills. I also enjoy camping and I have been to over 50 campsites around Utah, From the Uintahs to near Goblin Valley. At those camps I dedicated myself to the world of scouting and I completed the requirements to receive the Eagle Scout award. These scouting experiences helped me become the person I am today.



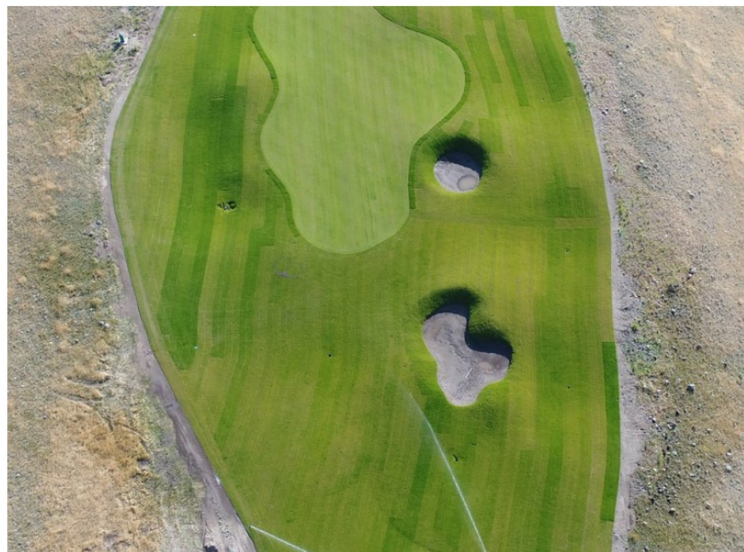
Last year I was able to go up to two different national parks in the state of Utah (Zion's National Park, Arches National Park). One of my goals is to visit all five of Utah's national parks. I enjoy hiking and seeing these great land formations built by nature. I also enjoy visiting and going along the rolling hills and seeing the new scenery of golf courses and going to and seeing national parks. My favorite scene is the Double Arch at Arches National Park

I enjoy spending my time doing an array of different art mediums. The art interests that I invest my time in include drawing, wood carving, pottery, photography, and graphic arts. I am an individual that sees the world differently, from the people in it to the carved landscapes around them. Just like anybody else I see the world in a different perspective. Thank you for this scholarship it will help me begin my school experience.

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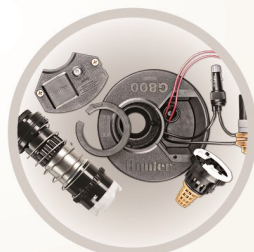
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On Thursday, September 27th, members and vendors spent their day at the Ronald McDonald House in Salt Lake City beautifying and winterizing their grounds. The Ronald McDonald House supports families that have seriously ill or injured children. They ease daily burdens for parents so they can focus on the wellbeing of their child.

The staff explained that there are 82 full rooms with a 20 family waiting list. Some families are there anywhere from a week to two years. The house provides a place to stay, eat, sleep, do laundry, play, and visit with other families.

The volunteer project was a much needed day to give back! Thank you to everyone that joined the efforts!

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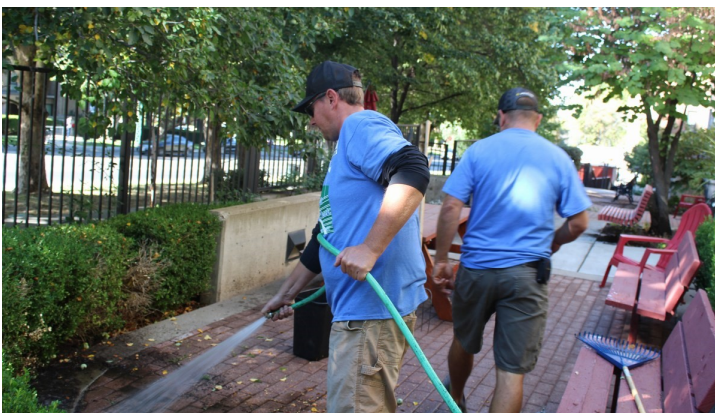


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Meet TC Rhoades

Thomas (TC) Rhoades II has lived in Morgan for 15 years he is the oldest son of Kaye and Thomas Rhoades. He has a younger brother Caleb who is 10 years old. TC graduated from Morgan High School with honors. He is a member of the National Honor Society, the Future Business Leaders of America, and The Future Farmers of America. He enjoys many activities such as camping, fishing, hunting, riding motorcycles, and playing sports. He became involved with football and baseball at a young age and continued playing through high school. TC will be furthering his education at Utah State University Eastern where I will pursue a degree while playing for the USU Eastern Eagles baseball team.



Meet Alec Weinert

This is Alec's second time receiving the IGCSA Educational scholarship! He did a small internship at Entrada in St. George from January to March. Then did his main internship at #28 ranked Gozzer Ranch in Coeur d'Alene, ID from March-September. He's in his last session at Rutgers to get his professional turfgrass management certificate which begins the first week in October and ends in December. He is also currently in the job market!

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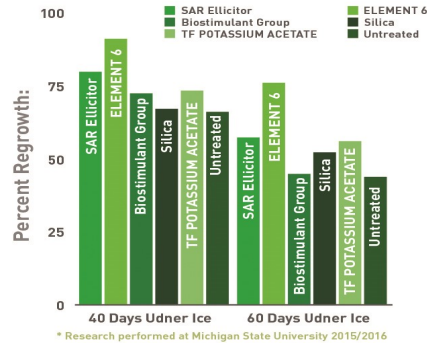


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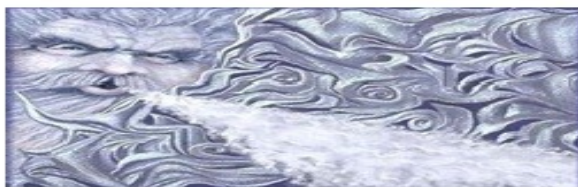
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