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The Utah GCSA is dedicated to improving the superintendents' position in the golf industry through education, networking, advocacy and to grow the game of golf.

-VISION STATEMENT-

The Utah GCSA is a community of golf course management professionals and a go-to information source to enhance and grow the profession.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- ✓ 06/30/2019: GCSAA board nominations due
- ✓ 07/01/2019: Highland Classic @ Crater Springs
- ✓ 07/15/2019: Chapter Championship @ Glendale Golf Course
- ✓ 08/16/2019: UGCSA Board nominations due
- ✓ 09/09/2019: Benevolent Fundraiser Tournament @ Jeremy Ranch Golf & Country Club
- ✓ 12/09-12/10/2019: Annual Education Conference & Trade Show (St. George)
- ✓ 1/25-1/30/2020: Golf Industry Show, Orlando, Fla.



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Get Out!!!

We are approaching July, almost 4 weeks into what is considered the "Hundred Days of Hell." I start my hundred days a little early because once that old pig skin is kicked off the only care I have in the world is what time to arrive at the tailgate lot - Go Utes!

This year we were handed a fairly easy spring, at least from an irrigation standpoint. Well, not including you Wes and Spencer. Rain definitely didn't cooperate with early season projects. Well, we got through that because I think what we truly are is professional adapters.

So, as we face the toughest stretch of our job, this Superintendent is telling you to "Get Out" and take an occasional break from the course. I know that this is a lot easier said than done. Dang, I even live on my course's 14th hole. A little tough to turn the turfgrass mind off. But, I thoroughly enjoy the early evening drives around the property, checking moisture, tweaking clocks, and moving hoses. But am I ignorant to believe the course couldn't make it a day or even a week without me? As many of you know, I have other interests and have the wonderful opportunity to see other properties. It's so helpful to see what some of our peers are doing and come back with some new ideas and fresh eyes.

If you don't already have a hobby, find one. We live in a state that provides something for everyone. Hiking, biking, camping, fishing, UTV/ATVs, boating, geocaching, and even golf. Get reacquainted with your spouse and kids isn't a bad way to go, either.

Are we going to look back and say "I put in 70+ hours a week in June, July, and August and boy do my approaches look good?" Or, would you rather say, "you should see the brown I caught on the Provo" or "my kid's team that I help coach is small, but they make up for that by being slow."

How are we, as employers and leaders, ever going to improve our assistants and other crew members if we do not give them a taste of responsibility and ownership? Let them know that you trust them to hold down the proverbial Fort.

If you are working yourselves 60+ hours per week, I think it's safe to say you're missing something. Hours worked doesn't always equal productivity. Learn to delegate, and trust in your people a little more - I am trying to get better at that. Oh, "but I've got a small staff" you say, Well, welcome to the 90 percenter club.

Coming from a dad that is essentially an empty nester - my greatest joy is to look back and say that I rarely missed a game, rehearsal, or golf tournament. And BTW, my approaches are just fine.



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FIFTEEN LOCAL CHAPTERS RECEIVE OUTREACH GRANTS FROM GCSAA FOR COMMUNICATIONS EFFORTS

by Jun 11, 2019 | Sarah Huerter

Awards total \$27,000 for local outreach, including media promotions and economic impact study

Lawrence, Kan. (June 18, 2019) – The Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA) has awarded 15 Chapter Outreach Grants totaling \$27,000 to help affiliated chapters engage in outreach activities to key constituents on the local level, primarily golfers and employers.

Now in its 11th year, the Chapter Outreach Grant Program has helped fund initiatives such as local media buys, state golf days, informational videos, trade show booths and state economic impact studies.

"The Chapter Outreach Grant Program give our chapters assistance in spreading the message of the important work of superintendents and the many benefits golf brings to communities," said Rhett Evans, chief executive officer for GCSAA. "Local efforts, combined with our national outreach initiatives, drive positive public perception of superintendents and the game of golf."

GCSAA affiliated chapters receiving grants in 2019 include:

- California GCSA
- GCSA of Central California
- Florida GCSA
- Georgia GCSA
- Metropolitan GCSA
- Michigan GCSA
- Mid-Atlantic Association of GCS
- Minnesota GCSA
- Nebraska GCSA
- Philadelphia Association of GCS
- Rocky Mountain GCSA
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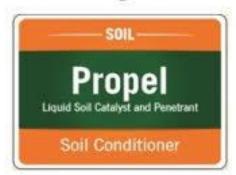
Our chapter plans to help the Utah Golf Foundation with the Veterans on Course Program. The mission of the program is to provide veterans with access to the game of golf as well as donated clubs, balls, and bags. The Utah GCSA Board of Directors will be attending Vets on Course event on August 15th at Soldier Hollow where they will talk about the mission of our association, give a short agronomy lesson and discuss availability of course jobs for vets.





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WHAT IS A BMP AND WHY SHOULD I CARE?

Written by Alan Davis, Superintendent @ Willow Creek Country Club

As many of you have heard over the last few UGCSA meetings and several communications, the UGCSA board with some outside assistance is working to complete a BMP for Utah. First of all let's get the acronym out of the way — **Best Management Practices**. Please do not confuse this for MMP — Mandatory Management Practices, which does not exist, at least for our purposes. The BMP's are merely a set of guidelines, compiled by different arms of our industry, that highlight an agreed upon "best practice" for various aspects of managing a golf course. The BMPs are created to be unique for each state as each state and the challenges presented vary greatly.

Why do we need this? I believe it holds us all accountable to try and manage by the guidelines set forth in the BMP. Notice I said try. There is a possibility that your club will not go for a pond buffer strip. So you take extra care when fertilizing and increase your "fertilizer buffer" around waterways. It is possible that it is not feasible to install a new state of the art equipment wash system that is self-contained. But could you possibly fortify your current system in some regard? These are just a couple of examples, but the takeaway is this. Try!!!



These guidelines will be established and we should all make a concerted effort to move toward the goal of compliance. Compliance may look different at different properties, but nonetheless compliance should be the goal. Recently at my club we had a self-imposed OSHA audit, which was painful and helpful at the same time. Most of our violations were things I would have never viewed as hazardous. It gave me a different perspective on our facility, or maybe reiterated what I already knew. Either way, it was thought provoking and helpful. I view the BMPs like this exercise, minus the pain.

CHECK OUT THE NEXT PAGE FOR MORE ABOUT BMPS AND HOW YOU CAN HELP!

BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES – CALL FOR ITEMS

The Utah BMP committee would like to include pictures of practices and success stories from Utah courses to help customize our document. Below is just a brief list of examples that are needed - however, we need it all AND NEED YOUR HELP! Please send your pictures, stories, strategies, etc. to Paige Boyle at: peboyle@aggiemail.usu.edu by 6/30/19.

EXAMPLES:

- Erosion/sediment control
- Stormwater retention
- Rain garden/berms/pervious pavement
- Wildlife/pollinator habitat
- Buffer strips around ponds/lakes
- Collecting soil/water samples
- Alternative water supply source/use/signage
- Monitoring soil moisture levels
- Irrigation audits
- Rain gauge/rain shut-off device use
- Any cultural practices (topdressing, mowing, aeration, rolling, etc.)
- Shade issues/management on turf
- IPM practices (scouting, biocontrol, etc.)
- Efficient washing stations (with rain gardens, wash pads with waste water collection/reuse, blowing cuttings before washing, etc.)
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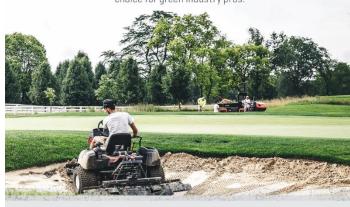




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SPRING SERVICE PROJECT WAS A SUCCESS!



On Saturday May, 4th, UGCSA members, their family, and friends did a service project at Ronald McDonald House. Everyone worked hard painting, planting flowers, spreading mulch, and pruning & trimming trees. Special thanks to Daryl Dinkel of Target Specialty Products for sponsoring shirts, and Ed Murdock of Plant Food Company for sponsoring lunch!

















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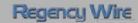




















NATIONAL GOLF DAY

Written by Nathan James, Superintendent @ Soldier Hollow Golf Course

As a first-year Utah GCSA board member, it was difficult to turn down the opportunity to attend the National Golf Day in Washington, D.C. Last winter, I remember being in a state of panic as I filled in my next year's planner with course practices and projects, wondering if I would have enough time to dedicate to be a board member. Soon after, I attended a meeting and I saw how involved other superintendents were, I decided to become more involved. Before I knew it, it was the spring, and I was boarding a plane to fly to Washington, D.C. for National Golf Day. I had never been to Washington D.C. and had never been on an UGCSA trip before, so I knew there would be a lot to take in on this trip.



Wow...What an experience!

If you haven't had the opportunity to attend National Golf Day, then you should!

GCSAA has led this event since its conception and they have gained valuable support from other key players in our industry such as The American Society of Golf Course Architects and the Golf Course Builders Association of America. We were given the opportunity to speak for golf as a whole to senators and congressmen that have the ability to make a difference. We were able to convey our stewardship in regard to land and water conservation. I also had the pleasure of meeting numerous fellow superintendents that represented nearly all 50 states.



I was also able to use a day to tour a few of the sites such as Arlington National Cemetery, the Lincoln Monument, and even take in a Cardinals/ Nationals baseball game.



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UGCSA CALL FOR NOMINATIONS!

If you would like to run or nominate someone you think would do a great job on the Utah GCSA Board of Directors, send us your/their name and course. The following positions will need to be filled:

- ✓ President
- ✓ Vice President
- ✓ Secretary/Treasurer
- √ (2) Directors
- ✓ (1) assistant superintendent liaison
- √ (1) affiliate/vendor representative

"Only members of the Association actively employed as Golf Course Superintendents or Assistant Superintendents shall be eligible for election as Board of Directors. Three quarters must be members of GCSAA. Associates, affiliates, or other commercial liaisons may be appointed to the Board of Directors but may not hold any office in the Association and may not vote on matters involving the operation of the Chapter." (Article VII, Section 2). Officers must also be a class A or B member of the GCSAA."

The time requirement is very minimal; however, we are looking for members who are dedicated and enthusiastic about improving our chapter. The board meets on an as needed basis in a central location.

We've come a long way and need your help to keep our chapter successful! Voting for these positions will take place at the Annual Education Conference & Trade Show in December.

The deadline for nominations for the 2020 UCSAA Board of Directors is August 16, 2019.













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Invasive EAB continues its spread across North America

In the 1975 cult classic film Monty Python and the Holy Grail, King Arthur and his knights become chafed when, in their quest to find the chalice used by Jesus and his apostles during the Last Supper, a sorcerer tells them that what appears to be a harmless rabbit is instead the blood-thirsty beast guarding the cave where the vessel supposedly is located.

Only when the bunny goes on a killing spree, wiping out many of his men, is Arthur convinced of its destructive and murderous ways.

No doubt, many felt the same way the first time they learned the tiny and seemingly harmless emerald ash borer made its way into North America almost 20 years ago. Just like the knights in scene 19 of the Holy Grail underestimated the ferocity of what they thought was a benign and innocent rodent, those who doubted the dangers presented by the tiny emerald ash borer are likely having second thoughts. Unfortunately for those dealing with EAB, the pests reproduce like rabbits and there exists no divine hand grenade that can impede them. Just ask folks in Morris County, New Jersey, where the teensy ash borer is threatening what is believed to be the nation's oldest and largest ash tree that predates the signing of the Declaration of Independence. A tree that has survived since before the American Revolution might not be able to withstand the onslaught of a bug about an inch in length.

Since it came into the port of Detroit as a stowaway in packing materials on a Chinese cargo vessel in 2002, EAB has spread to 35 U.S. states and five provinces in Canada.

Scientists believe that the pest eventually will reach the entire ash tree range in North America, an area that covers parts of at least 42 U.S. states and six Canadian provinces. Each ash borer, however, only flies a few miles throughout its lifecycle, so moving firewood, or not, is critical to controlling its spread.





Invasive EAB continues its spread across North America (cont'd)

A series of webinars conducted by scientists and other experts from several states is available on the web site emeraldashborer.info. Webinars cover a range of topics, including how to prevent infestation and what to do after one has occurred. The EAB web site is a news and information portal that is a cooperative effort between Michigan State, Purdue and Ohio State universities, the Michigan and Ohio departments of Agriculture; the Michigan, Indiana and Ohio departments of Natural Resources; the USDA Forest Service; the USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS); and the Canadian Food Inspection Agency.

Native to parts of eastern Asia, the EAB borer burrows into ash trees as an adult where it lays its eggs. The larvae feed on the layer beneath the bark, disrupting the tree's vascular system and its ability to take up water and nutrients and eventually kill the tree.

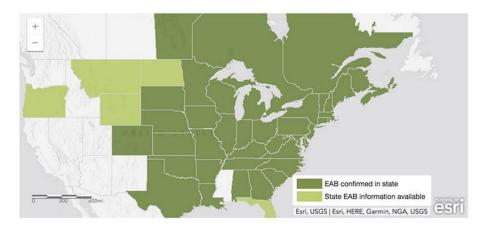
EAB kills ash trees by disrupting the uptake of water and nutrients through the trunk and into the upper reaches of the tree.

Adult females, which grow to about a half-inch in length, create a hole in the bark into which they deposit their eggs. After hatching, the larvae feed on and chew galleries through the tissue beneath the bark layer. In the spring, new adults chew through the bark and emerge leaving behind a D-shaped exit hole before flying into the canopy to feast on ash leaves and begin the reproductive process all over again.

Symptoms of infestation include thinning of the canopy and sprouts growing from holes in the trunk that were created by the pests. Woodpeckers like the larvae, and woodpecker damage might also be a sign of EAB infestation. According to the Ohio Department of Agriculture, canopies of mature ash tree typically are decimated within two years of infestation and the trees dead within five years.

Tree canopies can be wiped out within two years, and mature, healthy trees typically are dead within three to four years. All native North American ash species are susceptible to damage.

June 17 by John Reitman





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GCSAA CALL FOR NOMINATIONS!



The following offices will be up for election for the GCSAA Board of Directors at the 2020 Annual Meeting in Orlando, Fla.:

- ✓ President
- ✓ Vice president
- ✓ Secretary/treasurer
- ✓ Director (two positions)

The deadline for nominations for the 2020 GCSAA Board of Directors is June 30, 2019.

HOW TO NOMINATE A CANDIDATE

Chapters choosing to nominate a candidate should do so in the form of a letter sent on chapter letterhead and signed by a chapter officer to:

GCSAA Nominating Committee Chairman c/o Shelia Finney, Senior Director, Member Programs 1421 Research Park Drive Lawrence, KS 66049-3859











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7:15 - 7:50 Registration, network & continental breakfast

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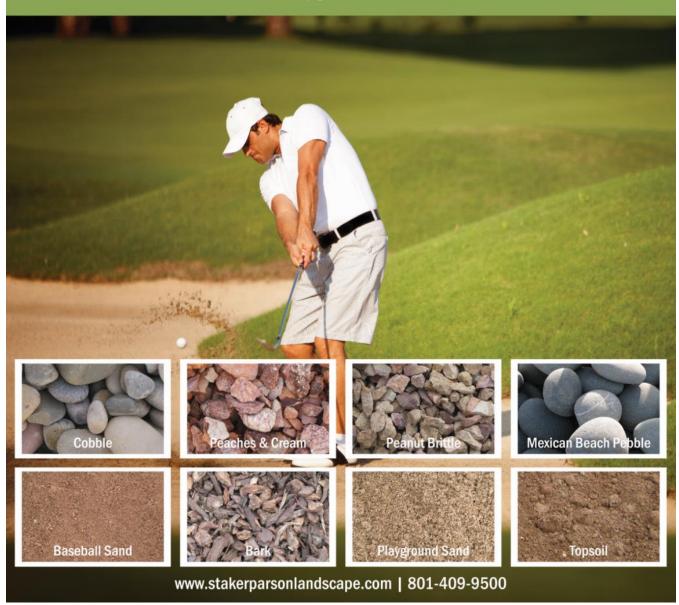
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