

Winter Turf Conference

The Winter Turf Conference is your first opportunity of the year to participate in one of the IGCSA's events. We have a great lineup of presenters for this occasion and are excited to hear about a variety of topics from the First Green Program in Utah to the upcoming year through the eyes of the GCSAA President.

When: January 16, 2014

Where: Riverside Country Club
 2701 North University Avenue
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Time: 8:00 a.m.— 4:00 p.m.

For more information, please visit igcsa.org or contact the IGCSA office.

Upcoming Events:

- **January 16, 2014**
 Winter Turf Conference,
 Riverside Country Club
- **February 1-6, 2014**
 GCSAA Annual Conference and Trade Show,
 Orlando, Florida - Orange County Convention Center
- **May 1, 2014**
 Fore Lakes Golf Course
 Spring Event sponsored by RMT

IGCSA Year in Review

By: John Hansgen, Vice President IGCSA



It has been a pleasure interacting with all of you throughout this past year. The IGCSA is continuing to improve upon all the hard work and dedication provided by members and former employees whom have continuously strived to improve the Intermountain Golf Course Superintendents Association. Our success is due in large part to those efforts of members providing countless hours of often unrecognized service in order to create a productive atmosphere facilitating the opportunities for vendors and superintendents to build symbiotic relationships. The holiday season presents the opportunity for reflection of events which have transpired and motivates us to strengthen our weaknesses. The IGCSA held successful events, extended appreciation of outgoing board members, entered into relationships with allied organizations, and reinstated an educational scholarship fund. 2013 has been a productive year and I look forward to building on our successes.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Greetings Friends,

As we leave 2013 behind us, we can only look back on what kind of a year it was and look forward to the year ahead. From the golf course side of life I found out what pythium and dollar spot look and feel like. It was the first time in 19 year of working at Fore Lakes Golf Course that I had ever seen either one of them. If you ask my dad he will inform you that “he never had these problems when he was in charge.” I say “it’s because he had an assistant (me) that took care of them before he could see them.”

Anyways, it was a great year for me. My oldest son Peyton started Kindergarten, played in his first golf tournament and changed his first cup thanks to the help of the Hi-O cup cutter. It was a little crooked but straighter than some I have seen! On a not so happy note, I lost my Grandpa Vaughn in December to old age. Anyone who had the privilege to know Vaughn knew what kind of man he was and what he meant to our profession – he will be truly missed.

2013 was a great year for the IGCSA. We held six events over the course of the year, added four new sponsors and about 25 new members. Our events were bigger in terms of participation than they had been over the past 10 years. And we’re excited about 2014 to grow even bigger. We have five events planned and scheduled already— Our first event being the Winter Turf Conference held at Riverside Country Club on January 16. Our Spring Event will be sponsored by RMT and will be held at Fore Lakes Golf Course on May 1, 2014. The Green Source IGCSA Chapter Championship will be in June at Wasatch State Park, where 2013 winner Jason Lundberg will try to defend his title. The Fall Event will be sponsored by Great Basin Turf and has not yet been set but we are looking at the first of September. And finally, the Annual Education Meeting and Trade Show will once again be hosted in Wendover, Nevada, sometime in October. Start thinking about volunteering for the Board of Directors this year as we will be having some spots open up including the presidency. Under the new bylaws that were approved in 2013, vendors and assistants are not eligible for the board but we would love to have you volunteers for the various committees. These are great opportunities to see how the board works, share your ideas, and get to know other members.

I thank you all for allowing me to continue my terror reign on the IGCSA! I truly do find it an honor and a privilege to serve our Association as President for the second year. The IGCSA members are like family to me and the relationships that I have formed over my 14 years as a member are priceless. I learn more about this business from those relationships than I did in all the schooling I have done.

I thank you for your time and cheers to a new year!

T.A. Barker

President, IGCSA



A new thought from an old friend... Clover

By: Douglas Washburn, AgronoTec Seed Co.

I have been accused of smoking the product I sell. Some of you might think so after you consider this recommendation for some of your “out of play” areas. It is widely used and greatly relied upon in some settings. Particularly where a “return” on investment is required. I am speaking of the use of clovers in grass.

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IGCSA Year in Review

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The IGCSA held events at Talons Cove, Wingpointe, Birch Creek, and Toana Vista. The facilities were excellent and I applaud the dedication exemplified by our members and their staff in providing the conditions we experienced. It was my pleasure to play with Leslie Varoz and Brandon Bonham at Talon's Cove in this RMT sponsored event—it's nice to see that RMT is still in business after picking up the beverage tab of our threesome! The weather was great and the camaraderie was even better. Wingpointe hosted the Green Source Chapter Championship which concluded in a sudden death playoff between Wingpointe's Mike O'Connor and Murray Parkway's Jason Lundberg, where the old adage of clean living did not play out as Jason took home the trophy. Way to represent Mike! The Great Basin two person scramble event took place at Birch Creek in Logan and I have to say B.S. to the rumors of water shortage as I was hard pressed to find a dry spot—the course was flawless as always. Good work Chad, you could teach us all a thing or two I am sure. Former Birch Creek employee Jeff Schnieder and Bo Benson both at Nibley in the Salt Lake City golf division took advantage of a great pairing, yours truly and my horse Scott Budge, just edging old man C. Randle Price from East Bay and his outstanding and generous assistant Nate Lundberg (thanks for the late season lending).

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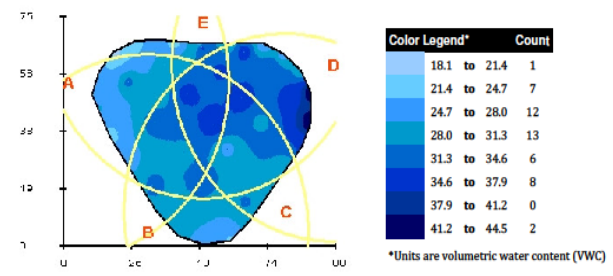
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The Fall is a busy time in the NW region with aerification, leaf pick up, and now snow mold applications as well as the beginning of fall projects. Oh yeah, it's also the time for the two most favorite seasons of most NW members – football and hunting. But, please take a look at these new toys and let me know what you think.

I am especially excited about the new Northwest Forum and the Northwest Blog. The forum is designed to allow members in the NW region to post questions, comments and discussion topics geared toward members with similar agronomy / climate conditions and interests. As the GCSAA field representative in this region, I have had the opportunity to observe many interesting agronomic and management techniques, experience innovative chapter initiatives and events, and interact with so many fantastic GCSAA members in the region. I look forward to sharing these experiences with you on a routine basis on this blog. **Northwest Web Page @ gcsaa.org**

<http://www.gcsaa.org/community/regions/northwest.aspx>

At this webpage, you will find:

- The Latest Northwest News and Highlights
- Region Specific Education and Information Resources
- Links to Chapters, University Programs, and Allied Associations
- ***NEW* A Link to the Northwest Regional Forum Discussion**
- Regional Specific Compensation, Environmental and Pesticide Data
- Member Transitions – New Member Listings and Members on the Move
- Regional Job Postings
- GCSAA_NW Twitter Posts
- ***NEW* Northwest Field Staff Blog / Report**

There are several formats for you to contribute and provide feedback to the information. I encourage members to post your thoughts, questions and observations. There is no better feedback than what you can receive from your peers and colleagues.

Thanks very much for your support. I am looking forward to seeing many of you during my upcoming travels during the end of 2013 and the beginning of 2014! As always, please contact me if there is anything I can do for you!

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Scott Budge should have won but his partner couldn't putt and forgot his whip. Mel Duke once again hosted our yearend bash and since I had recently jumped on the wagon I was too sober to remember who came out on top. As always the greens were awesome. Sorry to whoever I left out, I am sure you cheated anyway. When did we start letting landscapers win? As the late great Harry Caray would say "Holy Cow" + whatever?, congrats Gregg Sorenson and your 72 handicap! It wasn't Jeremy Tye or Matt Isbell as they were contending for the UGA 8 man team title, leaving the door open for the rest of us chumps.

Utah State University presented an outstanding field day event with many trials and research plots. Salt tolerance, drought resistance, pest monitoring, weather station comparison, and snow mold trials were among those available for inspection by attendees. After the field days we met as an association at a local park and had lunch before heading to Birch Creek and exhibiting our profanity and club throwing abilities. (Maybe that was just me). Once again the support of our sponsors assisted in providing us with an excellent yearend banquet and educational seminar at the Rainbow Hotel and Casino. Outstanding prizes, good food, and excellent company led to a very successful conclusion to the associations events.

I think Jeff Murdock must have stuck a roll of tickets in the prize drawings, maybe the adage of clean living finally came through as he needed a haul to get back to Wyoming, didn't see the Lundberg's table win much, go figure? Thanks to Lyne Tumlinson, John Brubaker, and Grant Cardon for presenting, as well as David Phipps for his continued support from the National Association.

As a result of matching funds from the GCSAA we were able to continue outreach and marketing efforts with Superintendent Spotlights in the Fairways Magazine, providing financial support for members' or relatives educations through the IGCSA Scholarship grant, entered into an agreement with allied associations, and enhanced educational opportunities provided by IGCSA.

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Chapter Executive's Corner

- Be on the lookout for the membership applications and sponsorship packages for the 2014 year. They have all been mailed out to the address you have on file with the IGCSA office. If you have any questions or concerns, don't hesitate to ask!
- Leave me a message! I'm not sitting by the office phone all day long. When you call, please leave me a short message and I promise I'll call you back. I'm a busy mom and am constantly running, wiping, juggling, etc., etc.! You can also email me and I'll usually respond within the hour.
- Reminder that if you have a job opening, send us the details. We are here to help you get the word out and help our members advance their careers.

I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know all of you! Please let me know if there's anything I can do for you—I'm here for the members!

Natalie Barker
Chapter Executive

IGCSA Year in Review

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The success of the IGCSA has led to the reinstatement of an Educational Scholarship Program where Roxie McFarland, daughter of Jeff McFarland is benefiting by receiving a grant assisting with her pursuit of a Masters Degree in Occupational Therapy. Congratulations Roxie—I encourage members to take advantage of this program.

IGCSA has also joined forces with the Utah Section of the PGA, and the UGA to form the Utah Golf Alliance which is an effort to display golf's economic and environmental impact on the State of Utah. IGCSA is dedicated to continuing the advancement of our members and the education they provide assists in meeting that objective.

Thank you to all the vendors that continue to support us year in and year out. Without this support our association would not be able to provide the educational and networking opportunities our membership is exposed to. Thank you also to those active members that make all this possible. I cherish the opportunity to interact with old friends and make new acquaintances at association events. It is great to see longtime members continue to support the association. Those comprising our association are charitable, knowledgeable, dedicated people with a sense of duty and commitment rarely found in this world. I love being able to take a little from each one of you and try to incorporate those characteristic into my daily activities. Be a good neighbor and support our association, invite inactive members, fellowship those you know and inspire them to join our association.

Thanks again to Phil Millett for his outstanding service to the IGCSA Board of Directors—your input will be missed. We hope to continue to see you often at association events. Thanks to Natalie Barker for providing the classy touch and support in her role as association Executive Director—your hard work has not gone unnoticed. (My wife loves her so she must be awesome!) Thanks to the Board for the roles they play in making the association a success. Thanks T.A. for the almost Castro-like leadership. You have helped elevate our association – keep up the good work. Remember the association is only as good as the participation of its members so be a good member and reap the reward of benefiting from your participation. Happy New Year on behalf of your IGCSA Board of Directors.

John Hansgen

IGCSA Vice President

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A new thought from an old friend... Clover

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