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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

- ✓ January 1: Utah GCSA Photo Contest kicks off
- ✓ January 13: Bowling Outing
- ✓ January 14: 2022 sponsorship packages due
- ✓ January 19: Equipment Manager Service Training
- ✓ February 5-10: GCSAA Conf. & Trade Show, San Diego, CA
- ✓ February 9: Chapters of the NW Hospitality Room - Blind Burro, San Diego, CA
- ✓ February 24: Winter Education Conf. @ Weber State University
- ✓ March 9 (3:00-4:30): Service Opportunity @ Utah Food Bank
- ✓ March 31: 2021 memberships expire

Check out additional 2022 calendar dates inside the newsletter!



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Brian Roth, CGCS, Oquirrh Hills Golf Course

As we head into winter and the holiday season, it is amazing to me how quickly time can fly by... it seems like it was just April, and the season was just starting. (Didn't we just have our spring meeting here?) Thanks to everyone who supported our events and activities this year. Special thanks to Natalie, who keeps everything on track. The past summer was pretty rough for many, myself included, mostly due to the weather and water restrictions that resulted. I still hope that everyone had a productive and enjoyable season.

Even with the pandemic, or because of it, the state of the game of golf is experiencing an incredible level of growth and participation. Most courses are reporting booked tee times and increased play and revenue. The course definitely seems to be busier, and at least from my point of view, there are a lot of players I don't know or recognize. After several years of course closures and decreased rounds, it is nice to see an upswing. Hopefully this trend will continue, and will be reflected in increased capital outlays to improve the golf course by completing neglected projects and upgrading needed equipment at our facilities. We can only hope...!

Last month we had a webinar regarding implementing our BMP's at our individual courses. Mark Johnson and Emily Fuger from GCSAA talked about implementing the BMP and walked through the process of customizing the Utah BMP's for individual courses. If you were unable to attend, it was recorded and is available On Demand at gcsaa.org. It is a pretty straight forward process, and could be easily completed this winter season. The adoption of BMP plans at the facility/course level will help the Utah Chapter, as well as the GCSAA to promote and advocate for golf courses and our profession at the local, state and national level. During the past couple of years at meetings and events we have been promoting and explaining the BMP process and how easy it is to customize for individual facilities. A great deal of time and effort has been put toward this program both locally and nationally, and, as we have some "down time," take the opportunity to use for planning, and demonstrate our commitment to the professional way that we manage the resources for which we are responsible. Please take advantage of this opportunity. GCSAA staff is willing and eager to help if you have any questions.

Wishing everyone an enjoyable and relaxing holiday season. See you at our Winter Education. -Brian Roth



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CHAPTER EXECUTIVE'S CORNER



Goodbye 2021 – Hello 2022!

Man, that was quick! It is true that as you get older, the years go faster. During these colder months, I'm hoping you'll have time with your friends and families to remember the important, simple things in life.

Here are items to note:

- ✓ Vendors - 2022 sponsorship packets have been mailed out. These are due back by Friday, January 14th to ensure adequate time to order printed materials. Thank you for supporting our chapter!
- ✓ 2021 memberships will expire on March 31st. Be on the lookout - applications to join or renew will be mailed out in January. Make it easy and join/renew online!
- ✓ Let me know if there are any education topics you'd like to see on the lineup this year. We are busy planning upcoming meetings and want your input!
- ✓ Interested in hosting an event? We are always looking for host courses.
- ✓ Did you know? Service or education points can be awarded for all chapter events and meetings. And....starting in 2022, I will be entering all service and education points for you.

Cheers to 2022! Stay healthy and I'll see you at the next event!

Natalie Barker, Chapter Executive

SPARE AN AFTERNOON WITH THE

THURSDAY, JANUARY 13, 2022



Location: Fat Cats SLC
3739 South 900 East
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Schedule: 1:00-1:30 Check-in
1:30 Bowling
After bowling prizes & networking

Cost: \$25 per player/\$100 per team
(includes 90 minutes of bowling, shoes, prizes for top
3 winning teams & 2 drink tickets
\$15 per person for "networking only")

Format: 9 Pin-No Tap (knock down 9 pins and it's considered
a strike!)
4-person teams (form your own team or come as a
single and we'll create a winning team for you!)

Reservation Deadline: Sunday, January 9, 2022

Registration Link: <http://www.utahgcsa.org/-bowling-event>





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ANNUAL MEETING RECAP

On Wednesday, October 5, members of the Utah GCSA attended the 2021 Annual Education Conference and Trade Show in Wendover, Nevada. Attendees started the first day with a business meeting where president, Nate James, went over the year in review. Members then heard from, and voted on, candidates running for the 2022 board of directors.

Next, we moved into the education portion of the event where Dave Phipps, our Northwest GCSAA Field Staff Rep, gave updates from GCSAA and explained the First Green Program. After that, Bryan Hopkins, Ph.D., CPSS, Professor of Plant and Wildlife Sciences at Brigham Young University educated the group on drought conditions and ways to have green grass, despite the lack of water. Dave Phipps then took the stage again to delve into the BMPs, show how easy they are to incorporate into your own facility, and the importance of having these documents when regulations are proposed.

After lunch, Roch Gaussoin, Ph.D., Professor, Department of Agronomy & Horticulture, Extension Turfgrass Specialist at the University of Nebraska, took the screen and zoomed in to share his experiences with 30 years in turf research, advice, and learning. Finally, Jeff Jensen, Southwest GCSAA Field Staff Rep., shared the insights and experiences for dealing with drought from the Southwest Region. Later that evening, we moved into the reception and trade show where vendors exhibited new products and got a chance to connect with members.



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ANNUAL MEETING RECAP (cont'd)

Day two was filled with a golf outing at the beautiful Toana Vista Golf Course with the following winners:

- ✓ 1st Place Gross: Martinsson, Tye, Burkhart, Johnson
- ✓ 2nd Place Gross: Landis, Christoffer, Narciso, Varah
- ✓ 3rd Place Gross: Allen, Anderson, Howard, Rowley
- ✓ 1st Place Net: Miller, Coates, Phipps, Rosztoczy
- ✓ 2nd Place Net: Dinkel, Blanchard, Lopez, Sorge
- ✓ 3rd Place Net: Ware, Barker, Schneiter, Hanson



Following dinner, attendees returned for a banquet dinner and awards ceremony at the Rainbow Hotel and Casino where the 2022 Board of Directors was announced –

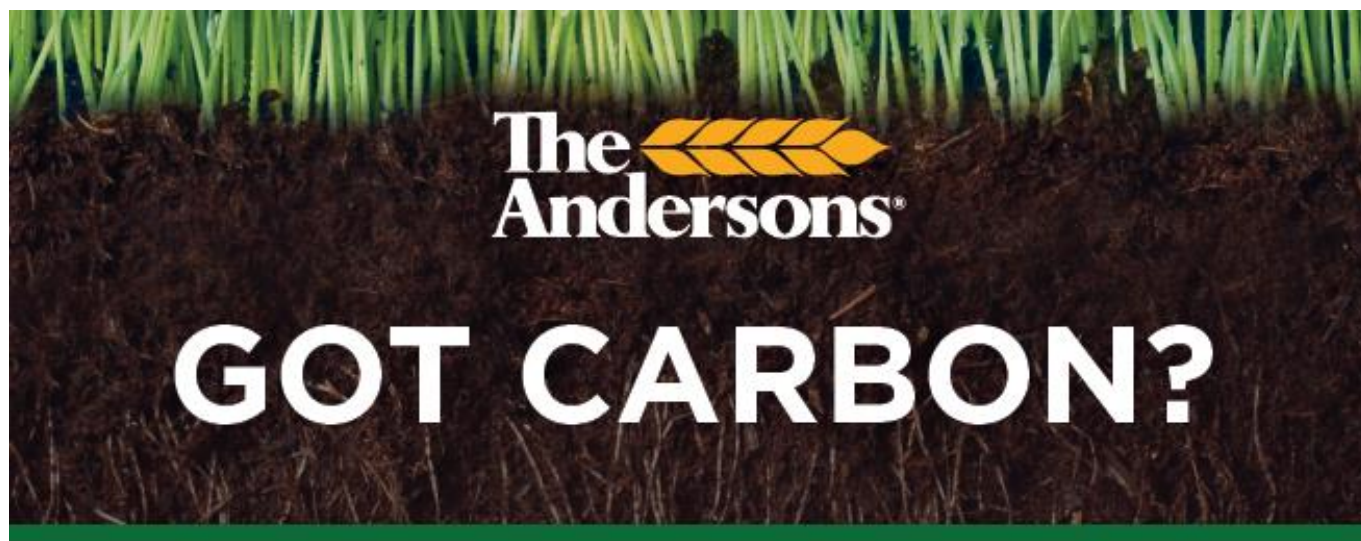
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Recipients of the 2021 Utah GCSA awards were announced – Phill Miller, Salesperson of the Year; Brack Crouch, Equipment Manager of the Year; Colby Petrilla, Assistant Superintendent of the Year; Jampe Martinsson, Superintendent of the Year (Public); Brian Renschler, Superintendent of the Year (Private); and Gary Grigg, CGCS, Distinguished Service Award.

Attendees took a moment of silence for those who have passed this year and then moved into the raffles. Overall, the event was a success, and we are grateful for your continued support and participation.

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2021 ANNUAL AWARDS**SALESPERSON OF THE YEAR****Phill Miller, Stotz Equipment**

Phill started his career in sales in 2007 and has been with Stotz Equipment for almost six years. He has been in the golf industry his entire professional life and feels he has a lot in common with his customers. Some of his favorite calls are the ones where equipment barely comes up in the conversation. He believes long term relationships are the backbone of the industry and loyalty means everything to him. He strives to be available and responsive to his customers, organized, and to grow in his sales, relationships, and knowledge.

**ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT OF THE YEAR****Colby Petrilla, Glenwild Golf Club & Spa**

Colby has been an assistant for four seasons – three years as a second assistant and this year as a senior assistant. He's been at Glenwild for five seasons, starting fresh out of college. He worked hard this year getting the crew cross-trained on all equipment which led to interchangeable positions, efficiency, and less redundancy and burnout with the crew. He believes in strong leadership and their willingness and ability to grind alongside his crew. He strives for a clear and concise layout of the day and likes to have everything organized and thought out beforehand to give the crew a straightforward approach with little guess work. Colby's goal is to be a superintendent here in Utah before he turns 30 years old and then transcend to a general manager role. He hopes to one day bridge the gap between greens committees and superintendents.

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2021 ANNUAL AWARDS (cont'd)**SUPERINTENDENT OF THE YEAR (PUBLIC)****Jampe Martinsson, Mountain Dell Golf Course**

Jampe was born and raised in Osby, Sweden. Hockey was his main passion leading him to pursue a professional career in Division 1 Hockey. His future wife was the figure skating coach at their local ice rink and after getting married, they decided to move to her hometown of Salt Lake City, UT. They moved to Utah in April 1990. The neighbor of his wife's family happened to be the then Superintendent of Bonneville Golf Course and offered him his first job as a greenskeeper. In 2004, he was promoted to Assistant Superintendent. In 2016, he was given the chance to become the interim Superintendent, and soon after was officially named Superintendent of Bonneville GC. In 2019, he was asked to be the Superintendent at Mountain Dell. He has now called Utah home for more years than Sweden. Golfing, skating, family, and loads of sunshine have kept them here. He loves working at a course where neighbors are deer, elk, moose and an occasional prickly porcupine.

**SUPERINTENDENT OF THE YEAR (PRIVATE)****Brian Renschler, Talisker Club @ Tuhaye**

Brian has been a superintendent for six years. He has worked nine years at Tuhaye and one year at Promontory. He spent ten years in the Rocky Mountains at The Club at Cordillera where he was an intern, irrigation tech, and assistant superintendent. He has a strong commitment to sustainability, safety, crew morale, and working toward less inputs. He aims to be a good steward of the industry by conserving water and working smarter, not harder. On a daily basis, he strives to keep his sanity and dealing with the non-golf course/ agronomy aspects of the job. His yearly goal is to make the course better and improve things within his control. In the near future, he plans to complete his certification and survive building a short course at his facility.

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2021 ANNUAL AWARDS (cont'd)**EQUIPMENT MANAGER OF THE YEAR****Brack Crouch, Talisker Club @ Tuhaye**

Brack has been an equipment manager on and off for the last 20 years and has been at Talisker Club at Tuhaye for eight. He has a high commitment to safety in the shop and on the course, and he prides himself with precision, efficiency, and organization. He is always striving to better himself whether it be education, enlisting new techniques or working to grow the industry as it pertains to equipment managers. Brack is a member of GCSAA's Equipment Manager Task Group working on relevant education tracts for the national conference and show, online webinars, narrowing down award nominations and scholarships, and finalizing the attesting guidelines for the Certified Turf Equipment Manager (CTEM) certification. He hopes to achieve GCSAA's CTEM certification and grow interest in golf course equipment management as a viable career choice for future generations.

**DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD****Gary Grigg, CGCS**

Gary Grigg holds a B.S. in Agriculture and Entomology from Utah State University, 1964, and an M.S. in Agronomy from Michigan State University, 1966. Gary's 53-year journey through the Golf Course industry has taken him from the potato fields of Idaho to dozens of golf construction sites worldwide, to the boardroom of one of the turfgrass industries most successful superintendent-driven companies as a co-founder and chief agronomist of Grigg Brothers – now owned by Brandt Consolidated, Inc. and simply known as GRIGG™. He has built or helped build dozens of courses, maintained a bunch more, earned Certified Golf Course Superintendent (CGCS) status for 9 consecutive 5-yr terms from the GCSAA, honored by BIGGA with a Master Greenkeeper (MG) certification, served as president of GCSAA, spoken at a gazillion turf conferences, received numerous awards, served on countless association boards, and generally leads an interesting life. Gary is a respected husband, father, grandfather, mentor, speaker, author, and friend. Further, Gary has played an instrumental role in the golf industry and continues to promote the profession and industry.

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October 2, 1999 - January 19, 2021

Assistant Superintendent, Overlake Golf Course

**Dale Winchester**

July 1, 1942 – January 7, 2021

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**Gene Young**

October 13, 1929 - December 2, 2021

Owner, Turf Sprinkler Company

**Tracy Howard**

January 27, 1973 – December 4, 2021

Superintendent, Carbon Country Club

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FIRST GREEN FIELD TRIP RECAP

by Brian Cloud, Superintendent – Cedar Hills Golf Course

On Thursday, October 28, 2021, the Cedar Hills Golf Course staff hosted 110 3rd grade students from Cedar Ridge Elementary School for a First Green learning field trip. Founded in 1997, First Green is the only STEM education and environmental outreach program in the United States and Canada that uses golf courses as learning labs. First Green, a Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA) program, pairs golf courses with local schools for a unique Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) learning opportunities.



Cedar Hills is the first golf course in Utah that has had the opportunity to host one of these field trips. However, this will not be the last. Utah County now has about a dozen field trips that have been scheduled at various courses spread out through the county. Judging by the success of this field trip it is my opinion that this will spread even more.

I started off the event with a short presentation which included introducing myself as well as the other 12 or so golf course superintendents and industry professionals that volunteered their time to share some of their experience and knowledge to these students. Next, I explained a little about the First Green, GCSAA, the benefits and importance of golf courses and turf, as well as a short explanation of why it is important to not walk on grass that is covered by frost.

We then broke the students up into four groups and sent them off to their respective stations. These four stations included a soils lab where the students were able to see the different types of soil that we have on a golf course. They learned a little bit about the importance of understanding soil reports, which allows superintendents to understand exactly what nutrients are available in the soil and what nutrients need to be replenished in the form of fertilizer. The second station was a math station where the kids were able to use a stimp meter and basic math to measure how fast the golf ball rolls on a green.

Station number three was a “cool tools on the green” station where we let the kids see some of the equipment that we use on the golf course like mowers, prism gauges, and moisture meters. We even had Dustin, one of our golf course maintenance staff, show the kids how to cut a new hole in the green. The highlight of this station came when we turned on our new high-power tow behind blower and let the kids feel what it was like to be in a tornado. The last station was a putting station where we taught the kids a little bit about the sport of golf, set up a short putting course on our practice green, and let the kids see what kind of score they could get.

Because we had so many students, we had to break the 110 kids into two sessions. The morning session began around 9:45 and went to about 11:30 when the second group came, and they both joined for lunch. At noon the first group went back to school and the second group started the labs.

Overall, this was a great experience for all involved! We were blown away by the positive comments from students, teachers, parents, and even a school board member. We all walked away with a better understanding on what it means to be a better steward of the environment and hopefully a better appreciation of the game of golf. A special thanks goes out to all those who volunteered.

“It far exceeded our expectations! It was a fabulous experience. Brian was wonderful. He was so well prepared. Everything went smoothly, the weather was perfect, and the superintendents there who help were amazing. Everyone came away with a very positive attitude. The parents who came along said it was the best field trip they had ever been on. I didn't really know what to expect, but was so thrilled about our trip. Thank you so much for the opportunity to be involved.”

-Teacher, Cedar Ridge Elementary School



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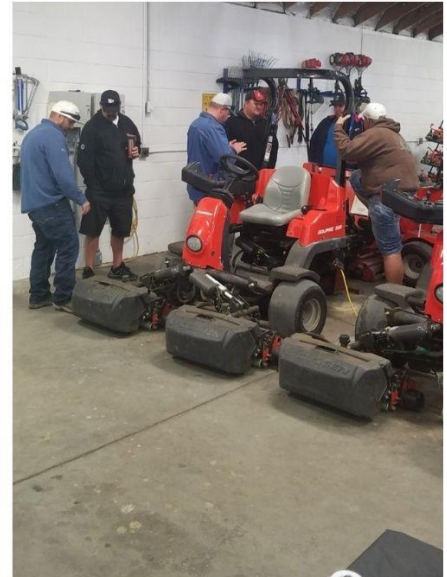
Date: Wednesday, January 19th, 2022

Time: 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Location: Turf Equipment & Irrigation

Address: 1630 South Gladiola Street, SLC 84104

Cost: \$15 Members / \$30 Non-members (*includes education & lunch*)



GCSAA continuing
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Class is limited to the
first 30 registrants

Register online at
www.utahgcsa.org

Registration Deadline: Friday, Jan. 14th

All education will be held in small groups and will be conducted around actual equipment in the shop. Discussions will be geared toward different manufacturers when possible (Toro, John Deere, Jacobsen, etc.)

Equipment Education Topics:

- Hydraulic Testing (Cody Mast)
- Reel setup & grinding (Mike Wall)
- Small engine testing/diagnostics (Dale Jones)

Discussion Topics:

- GCSAA Equipment Managers Certification (CTEM)
- Membership in the Utah Chapter
- Importance of networking

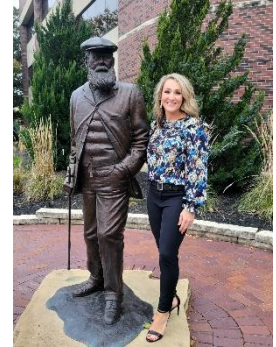


CHAPTER LEADERS SYMPOSIUM RECAP

GCSAA AFFILIATED CHAPTERS STRENGTHEN THEIR LEADERSHIP TEAMS AT THE CHAPTER LEADER/EXECUTIVE SYMPOSIUM

by Steve Randall | Nov 11, 2021

Thirty-seven leaders from 23 affiliated chapters strengthened their leadership skills at the 2021 Chapter Leader/Executive Symposium, November 9-10 at GCSAA headquarters in Lawrence, Kan. The symposium is funded, in part, by the Williams Leadership Endowment Fund through the GCSAA Foundation.



This annual event allows chapters to send a volunteer leader and association staff member to GCSAA headquarters. The program is intended to strengthen each chapter's leadership team, build on successes and learn new concepts and ideas to support chapter effectiveness.

Attendees participate in sessions focused on a broad segment of volunteer and association management topics with plenty of time to network with their peers from around the country. GCSAA staff also highlight the various ways the association can assist in chapter operations.

The session's first day was highlighted by updates on GCSAA, The First Green, regional advocacy efforts and communications platforms to assist with chapter operations.

Day two was also filled with key information from the GCSAA Foundation and leadership training.

Amy Leslie, the CEO of Perspective Consulting based in the Kansas City area, concluded the event with an interactive workshop. Leslie educated the group on how your personality can impact your leadership style, while maximizing your success both personally and professionally.

The entire event was very successful and well received by attendees.

The objectives for the 2021 Chapter Leader/Executive Symposium included:

- ✓ Gain practical skills and knowledge to help you successfully lead your facility and your chapter
- ✓ Explore the challenges and changes impacting today's association operating environment
- ✓ Build an ongoing professional network of peers and share best practices and innovative ideas
- ✓ Receive updates on programs and initiatives that are of interest to chapters from GCSAA

Attendees included Central Illinois GCSA – Nathan Jordan, Central Texas – Jake Snyman and Carol Cloud, Florida GCSA – Jennifer Bryan, GCSA of Arkansas – Samantha Nuckolls, GCSA of New England – Peter Rappocclo, Sr., CGCS, and Don Hearn, CGCS, Retired, GCSA of New York – Steven Kurta and Suzanne Mis, Georgia GCSA – Lydell Mack and Tenia Workman, Heart of America – Brent Stephenson and Thomas Storey, Idaho GCSA – Bryce Burton and Lori Russell, Inland Empire GCSA – Michael Bednar and Lori Russell, Iowa GCSA – Brian Abels and Kory Brown, Lone Star GCSA – Michael Upchurch and Carol Cloud, Michigan GCSA – Ryan Moore and Adam Ikamas, Midwest Association of GCS – Mark Kosbad, CGCS, Todd Schmitz, and Luke Cella, Minnesota GCSA – Eric Ritter and Michael Sonnek, Nebraska GCSA – Troy Lorenz and Katy Boggs, North Texas GCSA – Jason Wiedeman and Shannon Phillips, Peaks and Prairies GCSA – Ryan Bleckta and Lori Russell, Rio Grande GCSA – Michael Adkins and Carol Cloud, San Diego GCSA – Sandy Cooper, South Texas GCSA – Allen Plagens and Carrie Cole, Southern Nevada GCSA – Misty Kadel, and Utah GCSA – Natalie Barker.

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2022 UTAH GCSA CALENDAR PHOTO CONTEST



Calling All (Amateur) Photographers!

The Utah GCSA wants you to share the beauty of your course with our photography contest! We are looking for images of your golf course, wildlife on the course, maintenance operations and/or construction. Images will be judged on composition, originality, technical excellence, and artistic merit. All photos should accurately reflect the subject matter and the scene as it appeared. Photos that are digitally altered beyond standard optimization (e.g., removal of dust, cropping) will be disqualified. We will be accepting digital images January 1 through August 31, 2022. We invite all photographers from all levels of expertise to submit their best photos for a chance to win a cash prize and to be showcased in our 2022 calendar!

How to enter

Submit photographs and requested information to intermountaingcsa@gmail.com with the subject "Calendar Photo Contest". Photographs must be submitted in an image format (.jpeg, .jpg, .gif, .tiff, .png, .eps).

Prizes

- 1st place winner will be awarded \$200 cash prize and the calendar cover.
- \$50 cash prizes will be awarded to each individual selected for one of the monthly calendar spots.

Submission Guidelines & Photo Requirements

- Up to 3 photos may be submitted per photographer.
- Photos must be horizontal or "landscape;" vertical photos will not be considered.
- Max file size 20 MB per photo.
- Photographs must be submitted in an image format (.jpeg, .jpg or .gif, .tiff, .png, .eps).
- If you choose to include people in your submission, you are responsible for obtaining the necessary releases from the individuals depicted.
- Use "highest" quality for best results.
- Do not add watermarks, dates, logos, names, etc. to photographs.

Include the following information with each image

- Name of photographer
- Date photo was taken (month/year)
- Location where photo was taken (please include course name and city)
- Name(s) of person(s) and/or animals in the photo
- Description of photo (e.g., describe what is happening in the photo)

Judging

Judging will be conducted by a panel selected by the Utah GCSA Board of Directors as its sole discretion.

Contest Rules

- This contest is open to amateur photographers at least 18 years of age who are in good standing as a member of the Utah GCSA.
- The 2022 Photo Contest will run from January 1, 2022, to August 31, 2022. Late entries will automatically be disqualified.
- Submitted photographs must be previously unpublished to be considered.
- All photos must be in color and relevant to either your golf course, wildlife on the course, maintenance operations and/or construction.
- All submissions must include the name of the photographer, date the photo was taken, location the photo was taken, name(s) of person(s) and/or animal(s) in the photo and a description of the photo. Only submission that include this information will be considered eligible.
- Photographers may enter up to three photographs so long as the information is included with each image.
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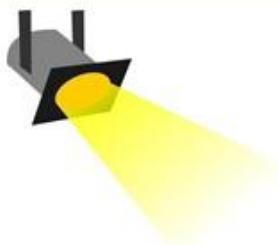
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OCTOBER

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



**10 Questions with
Dan Brown, Equipment Manager @
Willow Creek Country Club in Sandy, UT**

1. HOW LONG HAVE YOU LIVED IN UTAH?

I've been in Utah for 5 years.

2. WHY UTAH?

Less drama and better pay.

3. WHERE ARE YOU FROM ORIGINALLY / RELOCATED FROM RECENTLY?

Originally from San Diego, CA and relocated to Utah from Las Vegas, NV.

4. WHAT DREW YOU TO YOUR CURRENT FACILITY?

The peaceful atmosphere of an in-house managed country club.

5. ENJOY CITY OR COUNTRY MORE?

I would prefer to live in the country, but always found myself living on the edge of a city.

6. HOBBIES / INTERESTS?

I enjoy fixing things and collecting vinyl records and comic books.

**7. HOW IS YOUR GOLF GAME? HOW MANY TIMES DO YOU PLAY A YEAR?**

21 years ago, my clubs ended up in a lake on course 2 at the Las Vegas Paiute Resort and I have not played since!

8. FAVORITE PRO / COLLEGE TEAMS?

It was the San Diego Chargers, until the owner moved them to LA.

9. WHAT IS THE MOST INTERESTING SITUATION (WORK OR PERSONAL) YOU'VE BEEN IN?

Working 5 years as a correctional officer for the state of Nevada. Everyone should try it!

10. WHAT ARE THREE THINGS IN YOUR "TOOLKIT" YOU CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT?

An Accu-Gauge, a 1,000 Lumen flashlight and IKEA paper rulers.



NOVEMBER

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



10 Questions with Karl Anderson, Superintendent @ Dinaland Golf Course in Vernal, UT

**1. HOW LONG HAVE YOU LIVED IN UTAH?**

All my life.

2. WHY UTAH?

The outdoor fun is unmatched!

3. WHERE ARE YOU FROM ORIGINALLY / RELOCATED FROM RECENTLY?

I was born and raised in Provo but have spent the majority of my adult life and have raised my family in rural communities in Utah.

4. WHAT DREW YOU TO YOUR CURRENT FACILITY?

I was working in parks & recreation and was ready to get back to the golf course. The current pro spoke highly of the community and of Utah recreation.

5. ENJOY CITY OR COUNTRY MORE?

Like John Denver says, "Thank God, I'm a country boy."

6. HOBBIES / INTERESTS?

I have coached high school boys & girls golf for 18 years. I officiate high school basketball & football with the UHSAA. I enjoy exploring the Utah trails on an ATV and exploring the lakes & reservoirs on a boat.

**7. HOW IS YOUR GOLF GAME? HOW MANY TIMES DO YOU PLAY A YEAR?**

My golf game is declining with age, but I still enjoy playing a few times a month, in the occasional tournament, and with my kids as often as possible.

8. FAVORITE PRO / COLLEGE TEAMS?

Bubba Watson & Jordan Spieth. I cheer for Utah teams, but I enjoy watching all college ball.

9. WHAT IS THE MOST INTERESTING SITUATION (WORK OR PERSONAL) YOU'VE BEEN IN?

Working on a course has the occasional wildlife hazards. I once saved a few golfers from a moose in the drink on hole #1 at Carbon Country Club. I also had a run-in with a few thieving ravens who were trying to collect the golf balls from the fairway.

10. WHAT ARE THREE THINGS IN YOUR "TOOLKIT" YOU CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT?

My #1 tool is a set of adjustable pliers for irrigation repairs. The #2 tool is a master sprinkler-head key or radio. A trusty flashlight as #3 for using the previous 2 tools at night (or for chasing away the occasional moose).

DECEMBER

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT



**10 Questions with
Leslie Varoz, Superintendent @
Old Mill Golf Course in Holladay, UT**

**1. HOW LONG HAVE YOU LIVED IN UTAH?**

My entire life....born and raised!

2. WHY UTAH?

It was my parents' choice and I ended up sticking with it!!!

3. WHERE ARE YOU FROM ORIGINALLY / RELOCATED FROM RECENTLY?

Sandy, Utah

4. WHAT DREW YOU TO YOUR CURRENT FACILITY?

The Old Mill Golf Course was in the beginning stages of construction so the opportunity to experience the construction of a new course and the grow in process was exciting and a great learning experience at that stage of my career. I just wish I would have taken more pictures to look back on!!

5. ENJOY CITY OR COUNTRY MORE?

I love both....whichever one I'm in at the time.

6. HOBBIES / INTERESTS?

Spending as much time with my wife, our grandkids, family, and friends. Traveling anywhere, our yearly trip to Lake Powell, Ute football season/tailgating, relaxing at our family cabin, doing puzzles, card games and pickleball (we have a court in our backyard). I also love playing softball and I am still playing to this day!

**7. HOW IS YOUR GOLF GAME? HOW MANY TIMES DO YOU PLAY A YEAR?**

My golf game consists of having a great time, not keeping score and many nice cold beers!! I really enjoy seeing the beauty of all the great courses we have in the state of Utah and elsewhere and the amazing job all Superintendents are doing!! I always say I'm going to play more than the year before, but it never ends up happening!

8. FAVORITE PRO / COLLEGE TEAMS?

I really don't have favorites. I just love a great game!!!

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DECEMBER

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT (cont'd)

9. WHAT IS THE MOST INTERESTING SITUATION (WORK OR PERSONAL) YOU'VE BEEN IN?

In December of 2013, Penny and I were Christmas shopping and heard on the radio that gay marriage had been legalized in the state of Utah. We went to the Salt Lake County Government Center where it seemed like every member of the LGBTQ community had congregated. Long story short, we stood in a long line, got our marriage license then made a spur of the moment decision to actually get married that evening. Not necessarily the wedding day I or the other 700 couples thought we would have but memorable to say the least!!!

10. WHAT ARE THREE THINGS IN YOUR "TOOLKIT" YOU CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT?

My first assistant/mechanic, my second assistant and all seasonal employees!!!

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2020-2021 UGCSA WINTER ETHEPHON REPORT

Effect of winter ethephon applications on initiating traditional spring PGR applications for *Poa annua* seedhead suppression

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Introduction

Ethephon is the only seedhead suppressing plant growth regulator (PGR) currently available for golf turf. Traditionally, this PGR is applied sometime in early spring, depending on region and weather, to annual bluegrass (*Poa annua*) before seedheads emerge. Research by the author in Utah and Colorado has shown that making earlier, nontraditional, applications of ethephon in winter, before snow cover and/or after snow melts, improves seedhead suppression of traditional spring programs. The practice of incorporating ethephon in winter, as part of an overall seedhead management practice, is gaining popularity with golf Superintendents in northern U.S. regions. The objectives of this research were to:

Objectives

1. Evaluate seedhead suppression when initiating spring applications at 200, 400 or 600 growing degree-days (GDD) when preceded by applications of ethephon in winter.
2. Does making one or two winter ethephon applications influence seedhead suppression and turf safety?
3. Determine if winter ethephon applications improve seedhead suppression over spring applications alone.

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Materials and Methods

This UGCSA supported research was conducted from November 2020 through May 2021 at Glenmoor Golf Course in South Jordan, Utah on a native soil pushup putting green with sand topdressing applied. Turf was a mixed stand of creeping bentgrass (*Agrostis stolonifera*) and annual bluegrass estimated to be 80:20 mowed at 0.130 inches. A fungicide was uniformly applied to the green in late-November 2020 to protect the turf from snow mold diseases. Most other routine maintenance practices were performed, except cultivation and other pesticides (including PGRs) were withheld during the study period.

Plots were 3 ft. x 4 ft. and arranged in a randomized complete block with four replications. Treatments were applied in water equivalent to 2 gal. per 1000 sq. ft. with a CO₂-pressurized backpack sprayer at 40 psi fitted with TeeJet AI11002VS air-induction nozzles. All treatments included ethephon (Proxy®, Bayer) applications in winter, except for the standard spring treatment of Proxy mixed with trinexapac-ethyl (Primo Maxx®, Syngenta). Most winter treatments were initiated before expected snow cover (“pre-snow”) on Nov. 30, 2020, and some treatments received another application when snow melted (“post-snow”) on Feb. 8, 2021. The spring treatment of Proxy + Primo was applied to all treated plots in spring - but initiated at different timings of 200, 400, or 600 growing degree-days (GDD) according to the Michigan State University seedhead model. The model starts counting GDD on Feb. 15, and these timings represent a range of action thresholds (early, ideal, or late) for making the first spring application in order to get ahead of expected seedhead emergence. Based on weather data in 2021, the spring treatments were initiated Mar. 17 (200 GDD), Apr. 4 (400 GDD), and Apr. 14 (600 GDD) with each treatment receiving one re-application four-weeks later. A non-treated control was also included for comparison and all treatment details are listed in Table 1.

Seedheads were rated in May 2021 as a visual estimation of the plot covered with seedheads. Phytotoxicity was rated Feb. 8 and Mar. 17, 2021, on a 0 to 100% injury scale. Turf quality was also rated on Mar. 17 on a 1 to 9 scale (6=acceptable) based on injury, vigor, color, and uniformity. Data was subjected to analysis of variance ($P=0.10$) with means compared using Fisher’s Protected LSD test.

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Results

Unfortunately, seedhead suppression effects could not be determined in this study because annual bluegrass in non-treated plots did not produce enough seedheads in spring (<5% on average) to make any accurate statements. It is unclear why more seedheads did not develop but may be due to genetic or environmental factors. First, this was a new research site and the prior seedhead pressure was unknown. Perhaps the biotypes in this green were simply not great seedhead producers. Second, the winter of 2020-2021 was cold with little permanent snow cover insulating the turf. The low daily temperatures for most of January and February (90% of days) were below freezing ($\leq 32^{\circ}\text{F}$). Couple the exposed turf and cold temps with almost an inch of precipitation in mid-Feb, and perhaps conditions were right for winterkill to selectively take out some annual bluegrass. Despite these conditions, all ethephon treatments applied in winter improved turf quality (Figure 1) on Mar. 17 over non-treated turf (which included the standard spring treatment on this date), except for one treatment (Figure 2). Ethephon applied in winter was also safe to the turf as phytotoxicity was not observed from any treatment (data not shown).

Although some unforeseen factors lead to no seedhead suppression results in Utah, fortunately, this work was done in collaboration with Dr. Matt Elmore at Rutgers Univ. in New Jersey. Preliminary results from that location during the winter of 2020-2021 mirrored previous work from Utah and Colorado, showing that winter ethephon applications improved seedhead suppression compared to making spring applications alone (data not shown). Another interesting result, from one-year of data in the Northeast, suggests that seedhead suppression -as it relates to spring timing – may be affected by the number of ethephon applications made in winter. Spring Proxy + Primo applications that were preceded by a single ethephon application before snow cover, were less effective when started later compared to starting sooner. But time to initiate spring Proxy + Primo applications was not affected when preceded by two ethephon applications, one before snow cover and one again after snow melted.

Early data indicates that ethephon applied on both shoulders of the winter season could give Superintendents greater flexibility for making the first spring seedhead application, without sacrificing seedhead suppression. This practice should reduce confusion and the precision sometimes needed in spring when trying to hit a specific GDD seedhead model action threshold.

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2020-2021 UGCSA WINTER ETHEPHON REPORT (cont'd)

Table 1. Plant growth regulator (PGR) treatments tested for annual bluegrass seedhead suppression Glenmoor Golf Course, South Jordan, UT 2020-2021.

Treatment Name	Description	Product/Rate (fl.oz/1000)	Application Date
Non-treated control	Untreated	None	None
Pre-snow +200 GDD spring	Before snow cover +Spring 1 st app +Spring 2 nd app	Proxy/5 Proxy/5+Primo/0.125 Proxy/5+Primo/0.125	Nov. 30, 2020 Mar. 17, 2021 Apr. 14, 2021
Pre-snow +400 GDD spring	Before snow cover +Spring 1 st app +Spring 2 nd app	Proxy/5 Proxy/5+Primo/0.125 Proxy/5+Primo/0.125	Nov. 30, 2020 Apr. 4, 2021 May 3, 2021
Pre-snow +600 GDD spring	Before snow cover +Spring 1 st app +Spring 2 nd app	Proxy/5 Proxy/5+Primo/0.125 Proxy/5+Primo/0.125	Nov. 30, 2020 Apr. 14, 2021 May 10, 2021
Pre-snow +Post-snow +200 GDD spring	Before snow cover After snow melt +Spring 1 st app +Spring 2 nd app	Proxy/5 Proxy/5 Proxy/5+Primo/0.125 Proxy/5+Primo/0.125	Nov. 30, 2020 Feb. 8, 2020 Mar. 17, 2021 Apr. 14, 2021
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400 GDD spring program	+Spring 1 st app +Spring 2 nd app	Proxy/5+Primo/0.125 Proxy/5+Primo/0.125	Apr. 4, 2021 May 3, 2021

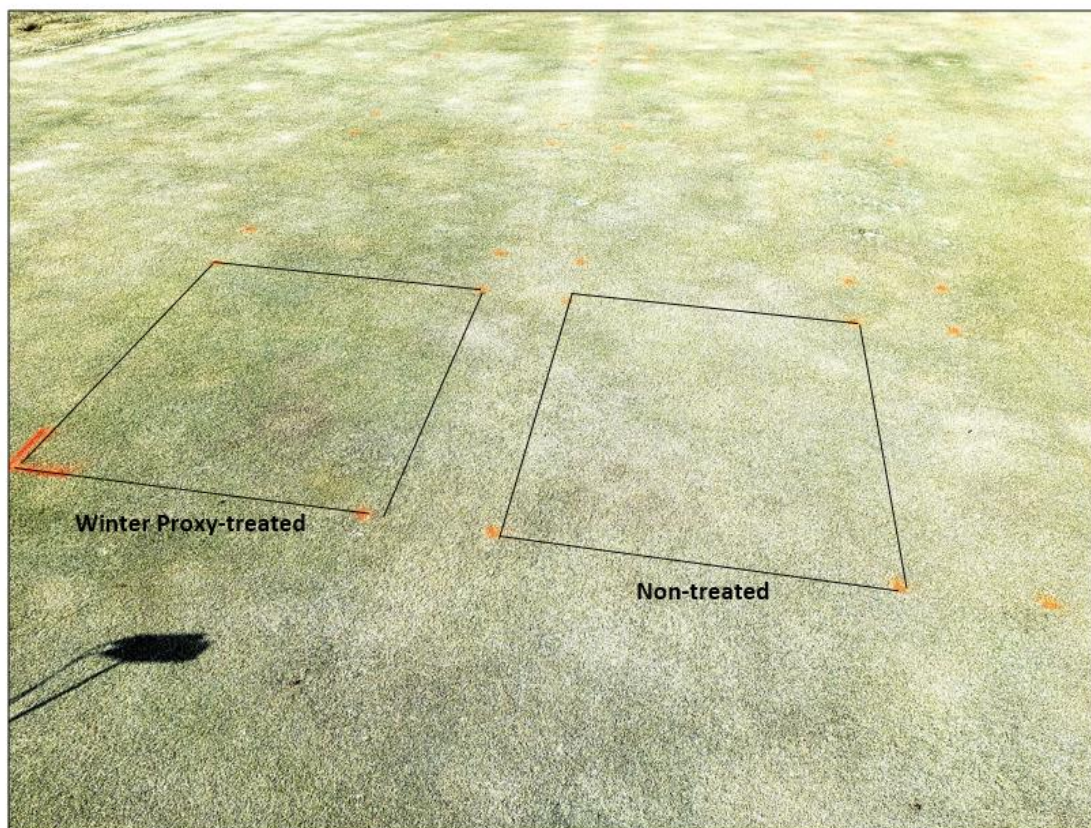


Figure 1. Non-treated turf was slow to recover from the winter of 2020-2021, and winter applications of ethephon improved turf quality during spring greenup. Photo taken May 17, 2021.

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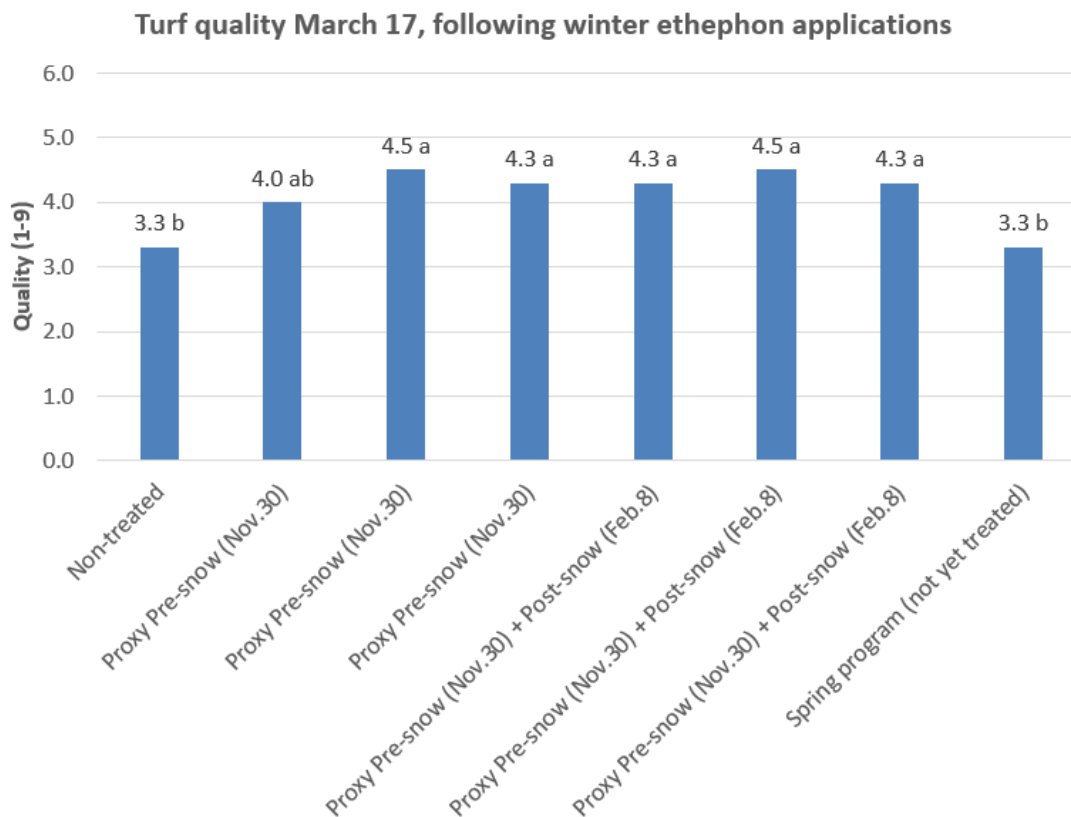


Figure 2. Winter applications of ethephon (as Proxy) significantly improved turf quality in early spring. The pre-snow application was made Nov. 30, 2020, and the post-snow application was made Feb. 8, 2021. Quality was rated (1-9, 6=acceptable) based on injury, vigor, color, and uniformity. Means sharing the same letter are not different significantly ($P=0.10$).

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- February 9: Chapters of the NW Hospitality Room - Blind Burro, San Diego, CA
- February 24: Winter Education Conf. @ Weber State University
- March 9 (3:00-4:30): Service Opportunity @ Utah Food Bank
- March 31: 2021 memberships expire
- April 1: Utah GCSA Educational Scholarship opens
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