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News from the Virginia Golf Course Superintendents Association

President's Message

I hope everyone has survived this past winter's weather and is ready for, hopefully, somewhat of a normal spring. Here in the Old Dominion we have experienced extended cold temperatures with more frequent rain and snow. After all it is winter. By now everyone has either aerified their greens or are about to, and everyone is ready for the spring green up. Before you know it the seasonal change will once again provide the cool temperatures of fall and the cycle begins again. Sound like Groundhog Day?

I am looking forward to an active year in the VGCSA with plenty of educational opportunities throughout the state provided by your local associations as well as your state association. You will find a schedule of events in this newsletter as well as on our website calendar. I would encourage everyone to take the time to participate and network with your fellow superintendents.

I would first like to thank all the individuals who help support our Partner Program. Your efforts in our industry make a huge difference in the direction of our Association. I would strongly encourage all of our members to support those who support us.

The deadline for all courses within the Chesapeake watershed to take advantage of the Nutrient Management Plan cost-share that has been provided by DCR is May 2014. About half of the money that had been approved for their budget has been utilized by other courses so if you haven't contacted a Planner yet I would do so as soon as possible. Remember, courses outside the Chesapeake watershed, or those courses who may miss the May 2014 deadline, can also take advantage of the \$100,000 that has been approved in this year's DCR budget. You can find a list of pre-approved Planners on the DCR website.

I know there have been a lot of questions about the process and exactly what information is needed for the plan. Does my course need to be mapped, how many soil samples do I need to take, what portions of my property should I include? All of these



questions can be answered by going on the DCR website or contacting a Nutrient Management Planner. Derik Catald, DCR's Urban Nutrient Management specialist, is working hard to continue to define the guidelines for the Nutrient Management Plan and plans to provide a completed outline in the coming months. We have recently added a sample Nutrient Management Plan to our website for review.

On February 14th the VGCSA ascended on the General Assembly to hand out information on our BMP and to promote the association. The team led by Rob Wilmans included Chris Petrelli, Chad Karr and David Norman. At one point during the afternoon these gentlemen were introduced in front of the entire General Assembly by Lieutenant Governor Ralph Northam. Brad Copenhaver of the Virginia Agribusiness Council coordinated the event. Thanks gentlemen for your support and hard work representing our Association.

The Virginia Golf Council has also been very busy this offseason and just published the 2014 Virginia Golf Economic Impact Study. The goal of the study was to provide accurate information on the impact of golf in Virginia to the Virginia state legislature. For example, the direct golf economy in Virginia is over \$1.3 billion and is comparable to agricultural crops of \$1.4 billion. Jon Guhl, Executive Director for the MAPGA, was interviewed by DC's News Channel 8 on their *Capital Golf Weekly* about the study and its importance to our industry. Representatives from the golf council have also met with the Virginia Tourism Council to establish common interest and discuss partnership possibilities.

I would also like to congratulate Jeff Berg on his recent appointment to the GCSAA

Government Relations Committee. Mr. Berg, Past President of the VGCSA, has had a history with his involvement with government affairs as one of the key individuals in the development of the BMP manual and his leadership both on the local and national level. Good luck, Jeff, I know you will represent us with honor.

Registration is now open for the Landscape Supply BMP tournament which raises funds for BMP-related issues including the Water Quality Monitoring, support of the Nutrient Management Plan and other government-related issues. This year the tournament will be held at Farmington Country Club on May 12th. A new twist to this year's tournament will be a team competition between facilities. A team consisting of at least three facility employees or members will compete for the Environmental Cup. I would like to personally challenge all facilities to assemble a team to come out and compete. This is a worthy cause in which all money raised will inevitably benefit all of us.

Finally, I would like to remind everyone that Virginia Cup Qualifiers are quickly approaching. This year's Captain Matt Boyce is excited to establish a formidable team to compete and bring home the trophy. The state qualifier will be held at Viniterra Golf Club on April 29th with four regional qualifiers set up by each local association. Please reference our website calendar for a site near you. Once the team has been selected, they will be headed to the prestigious Primland Resort to compete against the Carolina GCSA's finest on October 5th, 6th and 7th. Dust off your clubs boys and come out and give it your best.



Jeff Holliday, CGCSA
VGCSA President

National Golf Day is Wednesday, May 21

Leaders of the U.S. golf industry have long recognized the need for the industry to speak with a strong and unified voice to elected officials on issues of common concern. Toward that end, leaders from the industry's major Allied Associations have determined that hosting an annual National Golf Day in Washington, D.C. affords an outstanding opportunity for the industry to reach out to Members of Congress in a coordinated and effective manner.

The seventh annual National Golf Day will take place on May 21, 2014. The World Golf Foundation is coordinating the day's agenda which will include industry leaders meeting with Members of Congress and their staffs to carry the message that golf is more than a game - it is a major U.S. industry, providing two

million jobs and creating annual wage income of \$55.6 billion. In total, the U.S. golf economy exceeds \$68.8 billion, making golf larger than the spectator sports and performing arts industry. As a significant contributor to the U.S. economy, the continued health and growth of the golf industry has a direct bearing on jobs, economic development and tax revenues for thousands of communities across the country.

Golf's leaders will be at National Golf Day to communicate the message that the industry is united as never before in its efforts to increase its impact economically, improve its environmental stewardship and use its fundraising capacity to improve the lives of millions of Americans.



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Viniterra to Host VGCSA Championships on April 29

The VGCSA Championship features the top players of the VGCSA, vying for championships in two divisions, Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent. Viniterra GC in New Kent plays host Tuesday, April 29th in this stroke play event. Class A, SM and C are eligible. The top two superintendents and the top assistant will qualify for the Virlina Cup at Primland Resort, October 5-7, 2014.

The event allows for a true championship competition with an individual stroke play format played under USGA Rules. Syngenta is the sponsor for the event and the Virlina Cup. The top two players in the Superintendent Division, as well as the Assistant Champion, will qualify for the Cup. Four additional qualifying events will be hosted by TTA, GWGCA, SVTA and VTA — check local association web pages for more information.

There is a discounted entry fee, thanks to Syngenta's sponsorship. This includes golf, cart, lunch, prizes and awards party. An entry form is enclosed with this mailing, or you may register at www.vgcsa.org.



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- 2013 Chester Guzek
- 2012 Brian Vincel
- 2011 Jeff Whitmire, CGCS
- 2010 Jeff Whitmire, CGCS
- 2009 Chester Guzek
- 2008 Robert Friend, CGCS & Jeff Whitmire, CGCS (tie)
- 2007 Robert Friend, CGCS
- 2006 Robert Friend, CGCS
- 2005 Jeff Whitmire, CGCS
- 2004 Troy Hall
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- 2002 Robert Friend, CGCS
- 2001 Rick Wakefield, CGCS
- 2000 Jeff Whitmire, CGCS

Past Assistant Champions

- 2013 Eric Sheets
- 2012 Brendan McNulty
- 2011 Matt Sobotka
- 2010 Josh Saunders
- 2009 J.D. Dickinson
- 2008 Andrew McCormick
- 2007 Ryan Severidt
- 2006 Pete Alvord



VGCSA Visits State Legislature

VGCSA Government Relations Chair Rob Wilmans led a contingent of Chris Petrelli, Chad Karr and David Norman to the 2014 General Assembly Session in Richmond in February, on behalf of the Virginia Golf Course Superintendents Association. The group promoted Environmental Stewardship of golf courses and course managers by handing out thumb drives of our BMP document, a sleeve of golf balls, a soil test kit (highlighting nutrient management), and a message card to all of the Senator and Delegate offices.

The event was a success from both a marketing and legislative standpoint, by pointing out how golf courses already are taking large steps toward IMPROVING the environment, as well as meeting with government officials and putting a face on the golf course management industry.

The group also presented highlights from the recently published Economic Impact Study for the Golf Industry in Virginia.

Thanks go to Brad Copenhaver and Katie Frazier of the Virginia Agribusiness Council for coordinating the event. The more VGCSA can show government officials that golf courses are a good thing, and that less regulation equals more affordable and better quality golf!



Lieutenant Governor Ralph Northam recognizes VGCSA in the Senate Chamber, citing the Economic Impact of Golf in Virginia



Chad Karr, Rob Wilmans, Delegate Matthew James of Portsmouth, Chris Petrelli, David Norman



Rob Wilmans, Chris Petrelli and Chad Karr at the State Capitol

Buy Sod Scholarship Program Grows

The Buy Sod VGCSA Scholarship program was established in 2012 by Buy Sod, Inc. as a means to support the children of qualified golf course superintendents, who plan to attend an institution of higher learning, following graduation from high school. High school seniors who are the children of Class A or SM members in good standing of the Virginia Golf Course Superintendents Association are eligible for the program. At the VGCSA Annual Meeting, Buy Sod's John Robertson funded the program with a significant contribution, based on sales to customers in Virginia.

Scholarship winners must enroll at an institution of higher learning within one year of high school graduation, and the award check will be written to the school/institution. The VGCSA Board of Directors will be the final authority in the selection process. Awards will be announced by May 15, 2014.

Last year, the honoree was Rachel Van Fleet, daughter of Jeff Van Fleet, GCS at

Forest Greens GC. Rachel is currently enrolled at Duke University. The committee plans to expand the program this year.

Applications are now open for this program, and a form is enclosed with the newsletter mailing and available at www.vgcsa.org. Applications must be received by May 2, 2014.



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VGCSA Receives Donations at Annual Meeting



John Robertson presents check to VGCSA President Jeff Holliday

Buy Sod Scholarship Fund Grows with Big Donation at Annual Meeting

The VGCSA Buy Sod Scholarship Fund grew dramatically with a donation of over \$2,500 presented by John Robertson at the VGCSA Annual Meeting. The scholarship program benefits children of VGCSA superintendent members who are attending an institution of higher learning following high school. Rachel Van Fleet was the inaugural recipient of a Buy Sod scholarship in 2013—she is now attending Duke University. This year's donation will allow VGCSA to grow the 2014 program and also start an endowment fund.

Helena Makes BMP Donation at Annual Meeting

Helena continued its tradition of providing support for the VGCSA's BMP Research Fund with a sizeable donation of over \$2,000 at the Annual Meeting, bringing their three-year total to over \$8,000. Tommy Adams made the presentation to VGCSA President Jeff Holliday, CGCS. "Helena is proud to support this important research," said Adams. Funds come from the annual sales promotion.



VGCSA President Holliday with Tommy Adams of Helena

Pebbles Golf Cars Continues BMP Donation at Annual Meeting

Pebbles Golf Cars (Club Car) also continued its tradition of providing support for the VGCSA's BMP Research Fund with a donation at the Annual Meeting, bringing their three-year total to over \$4,000. Michael Pastirik made the presentation to VGCSA President Jeff Holliday, CGCS. "We hope to continue to grow this contribution in the future, based on our sales," said Pastirik.



VGCSA President Jeff Holliday with Michael Pastirik

VA Tech and NC State Team Up for Turf Diagnostic Needs

Over the past five years, my office has served professional turf diagnostic samples in Virginia. Although not a member of the National Plant Diagnostic Network (NPDN), I have offered this free service to assist both the turf managers and the Plant Disease Clinic (PDC) at VA Tech. As I do not have a dedicated support staff, samples submitted during the summer may not be immediately processed.

In an effort to provide more timely diagnostics and to remain active around the Commonwealth, I have created a partnership with the NC State Turf Diagnostic Lab. The NCSU TDL has an excellent reputation and is managed by Lee Butler who has years of experience with fine-turf diagnostics. Under this new partnership, turf managers in Virginia (typically VGCSA members) are strongly encouraged to submit samples directly to the NCSU TDL. The TDL system will automatically notify me of all Virginia diagnoses and control recommendations.

The downside is that out-of-state fees (\$100/sample) will still apply. The processing time, however, will improve. I encourage you to visit the website to set up an account, if you haven't already (<http://www.turfpathology.org/Pages/diagnostics.aspx>).

If the pay-for-service option does not suit your needs, the VT PDC will still accept professional turf samples for diagnosis. Samples should be submitted via your local VCE Extension Office, which will help ensure that all forms are properly submitted. This link to the VT PDC will provide more information on sample submission: <http://www.ppws.vt.edu/extension/plant-disease-clinic/submitting-samples.html>.

This shift in procedures is meant to provide more accurate and timely diagnoses and to create more interaction. If you have any questions or would like to discuss specifics, please do not hesitate to contact me.



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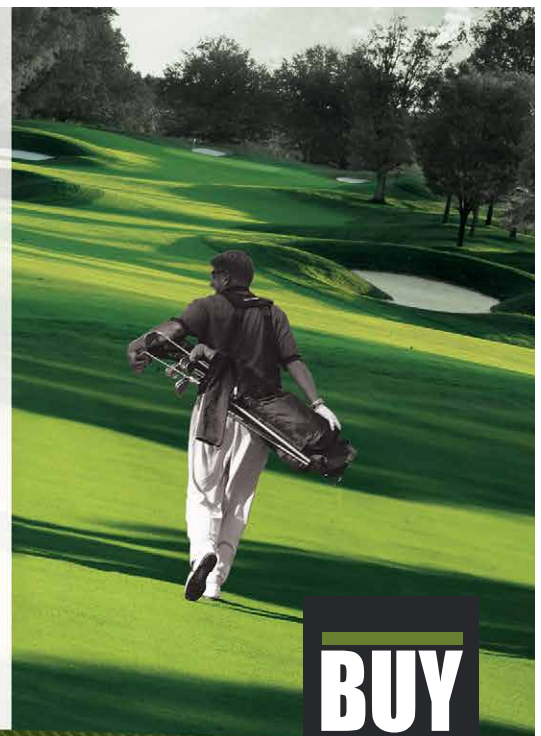
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April 15	VTA Meeting, London Downs GC
April 20	TTA Meeting, Hell's Point
April 22	GWGCSA Virlina Cup Qualifying, Goose Creek GC
April 28	Brody King Classic, The Piedmont Club
April 29	VGCSA Championship, Viniterra GC
May 6	ODGCSA Tollie Quinn Tournament presented by STI, The Williamsburg Club
May 12	Landscape Supply BMP Tournament, Farmington CC
May 19	TTA Dick Cake Tournament & Virlina Cup Qualifying, Elizabeth Manor G&CC
May 20	VTA Fundraiser, Blue Hills GC
May 22	SVTA Virlina Cup Qualifying, Lake View GC
May 28	Virginia Agribusiness Council Golf Tournament, Spring Creek GC
June 2	VTC Fundraiser, Wintergreen Resort
June 9	VGCSA-CMAA-NGCOA Joint Event featuring Darin Bevard, Cavalier G&YC
June 10	VTA Virlina Cup Qualifying, Great Oaks GC
June 12	TTA Meeting, Sewell's Point GC
July TBA	TTA Norfolk Tides Baseball, Norfolk
August TBA	VTA Salem Red Sox Baseball, Salem
September TBA	GWGCSA Meeting, Potomac Shores GC
September TBA	TTA Outer Banks Meeting, Nag's Head GL
September 16	VTA Meeting, Tuscarora CC
October 5-7	The Virlina Cup, Primland Resort
October 14	VTA Annual Meeting, The Pete Dye River Course at Virginia Tech, Radford
October 20	VGCSA Joe Saylor Memorial, The Federal Club
October 21	VGCSA Fall Conference, Hermitage CC, Manakin-Sabot, VA
October 25	TTA Run for Bay 5K, Tidewater
October 27	VGCSA Assistants Forum, site TBA
November TBA	GWGCSA Annual Meeting, Evergreen CC, Haymarket
November TBA	TTA Annual Meeting
November TBA	ODGCSA Annual Meeting & Par-3 Shootout, Independence GC
2015	
January 26-29	VTC Conference & Show, Fredericksburg Expo Center
January 27	VGCSA Annual Meeting, Fredericksburg CC
February 21-26	GCSAA Conference & GIS, San Antonio, Texas

(note: additional GWGCSA & SVTA events TBA)

Building Your Environmental Program

Environmental programs are gaining popularity among golf courses across the land. Of course in Virginia we have the well documented BMP manual that serves as the benchmark for golf courses in the Commonwealth. If you are interested in building on that established base to complete a more robust environmental program, GCSAA can help.

By clicking on the "Environment" menu on GCSAA's homepage, you will be on your way to tailoring a custom-made environmental program that suits your course, your budget, and your staff.

On the Environment page, there is a box of links under the heading "Get Started." Here, you have a quick start guide, sample policies and objectives, and a guide to environmental programs. Click on the quick start guide, and there appears a list of tips under various topics including: general facility practices, basic risk management, water use, water quality, energy conservation, and pollution prevention.

One of the keys to any successful environmental program is continual improvement. While it may seem like a daunting task getting started, don't be afraid to start small. Making minor adjustments here and there can give you a taste of what building a program is all about.

From there, document your improvements – documentation is key! Then, build on those improvements over time. A good environmental program is a living document that is constantly evolving. Try not to take on too much at one time and burn yourself out. Set small goals, and build from there.

Before you know it, you will have a showcase environmental program in place that you and facility can be proud of.

– Chase Rogan, GCSAA Mid-Atlantic Field Representative

Berg Named to GCSAA Government Relations Committee



Jeff Berg of Goose Creek Golf Club in Leesburg has been named a member of the GCSAA Government Relations Committee for 2014. This important group works with GCSAA staff on national and regional issues affecting golf course superintendents and the industry. With a location convenient to Washington, DC, Berg will be participating in activities at the nation's capital, including "WE ARE GOLF" and National Golf Day, set for May 21.

Berg led the Virginia Golf Course Superintendents as its President, 2010-2011. During that time, he was instrumental in the creation of the "Best Management Practices" manual for Virginia, and interacted with the Governor of Virginia and legislators to promote the environmental stewardship of golf course superintendents.

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Changes Coming to Virginia Stormwater Management

New Construction

General Permit Brings Changes

Peak golf season is right around the corner and so is the new Virginia Stormwater Construction General Permit (CGP). The current 5-year permit term for the Virginia Stormwater Management Program (VSMP) general permits expires on June 30, 2014. If you have a project that is currently under construction (or gearing up), it's time to get a new application prepared for submittal to the Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). Based on recent conversations with DEQ staff, it is our understanding that the DEQ will be prepared to accept reissuance applications in mid-April. Along with the new 5-year permit term beginning on July 1, 2014, the new CGP also brings some changes.

Permit fees are increasing, significantly.

Whereas the current VSMP permit has fees ranging from \$200 to \$750 depending on the area of disturbance, the new CGP has permit filing fees ranging from \$290 for smaller projects up to \$9,600 for areas of disturbance ≥ 100 acres. Additionally, the CGP includes annual permit maintenance fees ranging from \$50 to \$1,400 per year of permit coverage (starting at end of year 1). For state and federal facilities, a whole different set of processes and fees may apply.

Inspection frequencies will be more frequent.

The current VSMP permit requires inspections of the construction project at least once every seven calendar days or at least once every 14 calendar days and within 48 hours following any runoff producing storm event. The new CGP tightens those windows to 5 business days or at least once every 10 business days, respectively. More frequent inspections (every 4 business days) might apply if a project drains to waters that are

exceptional, impaired, or have other planning considerations. All projects within Chesapeake Bay localities will have the more frequent inspection frequency due to the Chesapeake Bay TMDL.

Part II B or not II B.

Current VSMP permit holders who submit the new application prior to July 1, 2014 will be subject to the Part II C stormwater technical criteria in the VSMP Regulations – the old way of doing things – through 2024. Projects that received plan approval prior to July 1, 2012 but don't initiate coverage before July 1, 2014 may be "grandfathered" under the Part II C technical criteria for stormwater until 2019 if a CGP is obtained and maintained. Projects not meeting the above criteria will be subject to new stormwater technical criteria (Part II B) in the VSMP Regulation.

What does Part II B mean?

The new stormwater management (SWM) technical criteria (Part II B) in the VSMP Regulation approaches compliance much differently than the old (Part II C) methodology. Water quality design for new and redevelopment projects must meet more stringent thresholds for phosphorus removal. Part II B now accounts for managed turf areas differently than open space/forestland, requiring a whole new approach and potential quality controls. This is a whole new level of planning fixed on reducing runoff, but there are also many more tools applicable in the golf environment to get the job done. Part II B allows better accounting for increases in runoff and protection of your resources, but will present challenges with space planning in managing runoff volumes. This makes it even more important to work with folks who can tackle the technical challenges, while understanding your needs in terms of playability, maintenance realities, and client satisfaction.

May need to work with DEQ or at the local level – it depends.

After July 1, 2014, many CGP applications will go a local VSMP Authority (likely the locality in which the project is located) instead of directly to the DEQ. The DEQ will still receive applications for those projects operating under DEQ approved Annual Standards and Specifications and for all regulated activities in those localities that were either not required, or did not "opt in", to administer the program.

A summary of Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plans (SWPPPs).

All SWPPPs must contain a copy of an approved E&S control plan, approved SWM plan, pollution prevention plan, and additional information depending on the project's location in relation to impaired/TMDL waters. The SWPPP is a "living" document that is updated/modified as construction progresses, contains all inspection reports and site information, and is available onsite to inspectors as requested. SWPPPs must be completed along with the E&S control and SWM plans prior to submitting the CGP application.

To avoid project delays, coordinate with your environmental consultant and engineer early to make sure that all of these – plans, submittals, approvals, fees – are addressed appropriately prior to construction.

Special article from Stantec, formerly Williamsburg Environmental Group. Contact Glenn Muckley, P.E. (glenn.muckley@stantec.com) or Toni Small, P.E. (toni.small@stantec.com) for more information.



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Landscape Supply BMP Fundraiser Tournament Tradition Continues to Grow

One of the most important events of the year – and one of the most fun – is coming soon! With the unwavering generous support of Landscape Supply, Inc., the Virginia Golf Course Superintendents Association is pleased to announce the **6th Annual BMP Fundraiser Tournament** will take place on **Monday, May 12**, at the spectacular **Farmington Country Club** in Charlottesville.

One of the finest country clubs in America, Farmington Country Club is also one of the most stalwart supporters of the game. Farmington features 27 holes of outstanding golf with the original 18 designed by Fred Findlay in 1927, and another nine added in 1965, designed by his grandson. It is surrounded by mountain ranges including the beautiful Blue Ridge range.

The tournament will be played on the North and South nines, generally recognized as among the best courses in the region. The same course plays host to the annual Kenridge Invitational, one of the best amateur events on the east coast. Landscape Supply and VGCSA are thrilled to bring the BMP event to Farmington and acknowledges the club for its generous support.

The Virginia Golf Course Superintendents Association (VGCSA) has published



Environmental Best Practices for Virginia's Golf Courses. This comprehensive document provides summary Best Management Practices (BMPs) and accompanying recommendations, specifically adapted for golf courses in Virginia. Combining the results of scientific research with the experience of golf course superintendents and the expertise of other golf industry representatives as well as State regulators, BMP's provide critical information in a number of key areas.

Implementation of BMP's specific to Virginia's environment minimizes nutrient loading to waterways, decreases pesticide runoff and conserves water while preserving the quality experience Virginia's golfers are accustomed to. Furthermore, the adoption of BMP's - in combination with critical ongoing research directed by VGCSA - will help achieve goals established by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency for the Chesapeake Bay. Ultimately, BMP efforts will help improve the game and make golf even better for our environment.

Eligibility

The event is open to all VGCSA members and suppliers, their friends, colleagues (club professionals, GMs, board members) and associates at golf clubs in and around Virginia. We encourage Virginia legislators to participate in this event, which gives promise to Virginia's environmental stewardship. Clubs are encouraged to support this important cause by fielding a team, and competing in the new club competition.

Format & Rules

Format for the event is four-man Captain's Choice (i.e., Scramble). USGA Rules govern play, as modified by Local Rules.

Flights

Teams will compete in various flights, based on team handicaps. The field will be limited to 30 teams, so please register early!

Prizes

Prizes will be awarded to winners in all flights. Prize distribution will vary according to the number of entries in each division. Other prizes will be awarded for closest-to-the-pin and long drive. New! A special prize will be awarded to the top club (minimum of three players from the same club).



1st Tee of Farmington Country Club



Industry Leaders Announce Economic Impact of Golf in VA

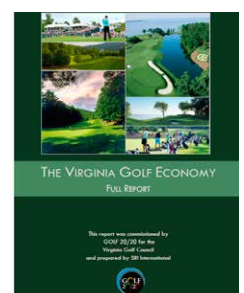
The Virginia Golf Council has released the 2014 Virginia Golf Economic Impact Study, and it once again underscores the significant role golf plays in Virginia. “This important part of our economy and Virginia culture is a significant driver of tourism,” said VGC Secretary David Norman.

The 2014 study and the original 2007 Economic Impact Study were commissioned by the Virginia Golf Council, a partnership of the allied golf associations in Virginia. The project was completed by the research firm SRI International in partnership with Golf 20/20. A major goal of the study was to provide accurate information on the impact of golf in Virginia to the Virginia state legislature. The study is a valuable tool to decision-makers in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

The study, using 2012 data, showed some very interesting facts about the golf industry in Virginia:

- There are 327 golf facilities, 48 stand-alone ranges, and 38 miniature golf facilities (all considered small businesses) in Virginia, which encompass approximately 37,000 acres.
- Golf in Virginia generated a total economic impact of \$2.5 billion, supporting nearly 30,000 jobs with more than \$730 million in wages.
- The *direct* golf economy in Virginia is over \$1.3 billion and is comparable to agricultural crops of \$1.4 billion.
- Golf brings visitors to the state, spurs new residential construction, generates retail sales, and creates demand for a myriad of goods and services in Virginia.

“We like to say ‘Virginia is for GOLF lovers,’” said Norman, citing a worldwide focus on the industry when the LPGA Kingsmill Championship hits town in Williamsburg, May 12-18, bringing the top lady golfers in the world to the Commonwealth.



Entry Fee

Entry fee is \$500 per team (\$125 per player) and includes the following: green fees, cart rental, range balls, cookout lunch and beverages, prizes, awards reception and tee gift. Thanks go to our sponsors, who have covered a large portion of the cost of this outstanding event. An entry form is included with the newsletter mailing.

Supporting the BMP Program

A goal of the event is to showcase the BMP Program to golf course superintendents and members of their staffs, general managers, club professionals, board members, committee chairs, legislators, turf professionals, industry suppliers, educators, students, government agency representatives and other interested parties. All proceeds go directly to fund this project, now in the water quality monitoring phase.

Sponsorship & Prize Donation

Golf industry partners are encouraged to support this event through the sponsorship program coordinated by Landscape Supply. Please contact Patrick Connelly (804-640-8872 pconnelly@landscapesupplyva.com) for details, and thanks go out to the many sponsors who will ensure our success the first five years!

Schedule

11:00 a.m. Registration – Driving Range Open, Cookout Lunch, Putting Contest
 1:00 p.m. Shotgun Start (on-course beverages)
 5:45 p.m. Awards Party

Results from the 2013 Landscape Supply BMP Tournament

Low Gross – The Williamsburg Club (Jeff Whitmire, Dan Capozzi, Jim Gallagher, Paul Schubring)

Low Net 1st Flight – Two Rivers CC (Brent Graham, Ryan Dwyer, Augie Young, George Farrar)

2nd Net 1st Flight – Agrium AT/Glenmore CC/Aqua-Aid/McDonald & Sons
 (Jim Wilson, Kevin Fortune, Sam Green, Andrew Green)

Low Net 2nd Flight – GWGCSA (Bo Jumbercotta, Scott Furlong, Pete Wendt, Mike King)

2nd Net 2nd Flight – Billy Casper Golf (Dan Evers, Mark Pfeiler, Eric Nelson, Mark Murphy)

Hole-in-One – Paul Schubring #4

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Rounds4Research Gears Up for 2014 Auction – Please Donate a Foursome!

Welcome to Rounds 4 Research, an innovative program aimed at generating resources to fund research and help ensure golf's future. The premise is simple: Golf facilities can support the effort by donating rounds of golf for two or four or "stay and play" packages and other items that will be auctioned off online to generate funds for turfgrass research.

Rounds 4 Research is administered by the Environmental Institute for Golf and presented in partnership with the Toro Co. The EIFG is the philanthropic organization of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America.

The VGCSA is featuring a research auction for the ninth consecutive year, with proceeds going to the BMP Fund, currently in the Water Quality Monitoring phase. All VGCSA rounds are slated to be auctioned overlapping with this year's US Open and Father's Day, running June 9-22, 2014.

Accordingly we are now soliciting donated rounds.

We already have a good start of rounds donated in advance last year as follows:

- Cedar Point Country Club
- Elizabeth Manor Golf and Country Club
- Foundry Golf Club
- Heron Ridge GC
- Indian Creek Golf & Yacht Club
- Ingleside Resort
- Lake Monticello Golf Club
- Loudoun Golf & Country Club
- Princess Anne Country Club
- Salisbury Country Club
- Westham Golf Club

We are asking all Virginia clubs to please donate one or two complimentary foursomes of golf (including cart) to be auctioned to benefit our research fund. In order to allow time to prepare for the auction, **please donate by May 1, 2014.**

A donor form is attached with the newsletter mailing, or you may donate online at www.rounds4research.com. **Please make sure you designate that proceeds benefit the Virginia GCSA.**



VGCSA members can help promote the auction by advertising the auction at their club in an electronic newsletter or special email – the VGCSA office will reach out for your help in advance of the auction.

– Shawn Gill, R4R Chair

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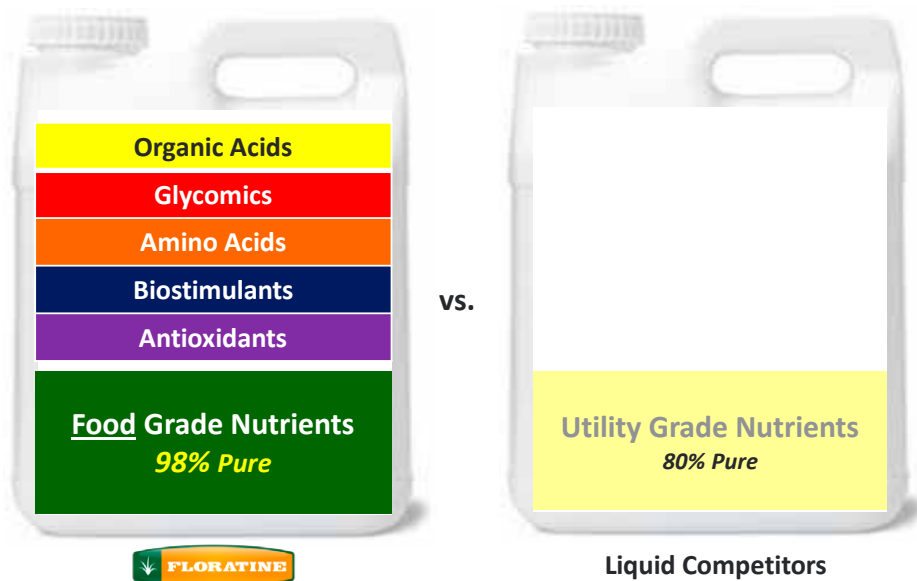
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News from Local Associations

ODGCSA News

The ODGSA started out the year by partnering with the VGCSA in offering the Monday class prior to the VTC Conference.

This years classes were: 1) Maximizing Turfgrass Disease Control with Proper Application Strategies and 2) Gadgets and Gizmos-Using Technology to Identify and Communicate Turf Management Problems.

“March Madness” was a huge success this year with approximately 70 attendees

from the three locations combined.

As always, we would like to thank our sponsors: Revels Tractor, Jacobsen, Helena, and LAL Fence Painting.

Coming up on May 6th will be the “new look” Tollie Quinn held at the Williamsburg Club. If you haven’t already heard, this event is no longer the qualifier for the Virlina Cup.

Smith Turf and Irrigation will serve as the primary sponsor for this event that will focus on fun and prizes for players of

all skill levels.

The rest of the 2014 calendar can be found on VGCSA website (www.vgcsa.org).



Dan Taylor
ODGCSA
External Vice President

TTA News

The TTA kicked off 2014 with our annual family night at the hockey game. Around 50 people showed up including families for a fun night of sports and fellowship. Nothing like grown men hitting each other to take your mind off of work.

The last week of March, James River Country Club hosted the joint meeting with the ODGCSA. Shawn Askew and David McCall were the speakers covering a wide variety of topics. Dr. Askew’s talk on *Poa* cure was very informative, and it

is good to see the VT guys out front on this product.

David McCall talked about social media, in particular Twitter and Facebook. You can follow the professors on Twitter and also go check out the Virginia Turfgrass facebook page to see what is going on in the state. Thanks to Jay Long for being the gracious host, too bad it wasn’t golf weather.

We will be meeting at Hell’s Point in April and in May we will be having the Dick Cake at Elizabeth Manor, which is

our qualifier for the Virlina Cup.

Hopefully spring will have arrived by then and we might have some greened up Bermuda to play on.

It has been a *looong* winter down here in Tidewater and we are all ready for green grass!



Rob Wilmans
Tidewater Turfgrass
Association
External Vice President

SVTA Update

Spring has finally arrived in the Shenandoah Valley which I am sure is welcomed by all. Mother Nature was as brutal as she has ever been, keeping a majority of the courses snow covered and making it hard to get any outside work done. It was a nice break, but enough is enough and it is time to get back to work.

With the amount of moisture throughout the valley provided by Mother Nature, I am sure the turf is just waiting for warmer temperatures to blow out of the ground. With aerifications having already happened or scheduled in the near future, I wish everyone good luck to a great start in the

2014 season.

The SVTA has set up a great schedule for the 2014 season and had our first meeting at Bowling Green CC where a certified technician taught a CPR, Defibrillation, and First Aid Class. I urge everyone to become certified, because you never know when a situation will present itself and you will have to use these techniques in saving someone’s life.

The next meeting scheduled is on April 24th, unfortunately due to conflicts at previously scheduled course, we are in the process of selecting another course. It is possible that we will be at Rock Harbor GC.

I would like to thank David Lewallen for all his hard work and commitment while serving as the SVTA External VP on the VGCSA Board. He has decided to retire from this position and I only hope that I can fill his shoes and represent the SVTA like he did.



Scott Cornwell
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News from Local Associations

News from the GWGCSA

As I sit down to write the “spring” newsletter for the GWGCSA it looks and feels a lot like the dead of winter, with several inches of snow on the ground and temperatures projected to only get up into the mid-30s.

Never thought I’d hear myself mumble the words “I can’t wait to see the course full of golfers” but at least that would be a sign that the change of seasons has finally occurred. I’m sure I am not alone in being well behind schedule for completion of spring-time projects that will help us survive what I’ll bet will be a brutal summer (that just seems like the way things are apt to go with our weather “luck” here in the mid-Atlantic.) I’m even looking forward to getting out and busting hump whether it be walk mowing or digging up broken irrigation.

I do have a few exciting things to report from the Greater Washington leadership. At a recent board meeting we

welcomed a couple of our members to the ranks of those trying to help grow our association and make a difference in our area. Brian Nevans from Laurel Hill Golf Club is our new Assistant Superintendent representative to the board and Jeff Clarke of Turf Equipment and Supply Company will serve as tournament coordinator and web master.

Jeff has set up an email for local correspondence and has created a GWGCSA Facebook page to help our members to stay current on what is going on in our region of the state. Hope you all will check it out. Being a little behind the times, I do not have a Facebook page, so this should provide the impetus I need to join the modern age. We think this will be a great way to post local jobs, post pictures of problems and successes and let everyone know about upcoming events. A big shout out to Jeff for stepping forward and volunteering to take on

these responsibilities!

Finally, we are very much looking forward to getting our meeting and golf events going. We’ll be starting with our Virlina Cup qualifier on April 22 at Goose Creek Golf Club. Thanks Jeff Berg for hosting this event and a special congratulations to Jeff for being named as a member of the GCSAA Government Relations Committee. And in September, we look forward to playing at the Potomac Shores Golf Club where David McGregor will host what I’m sure will be the most talked about gathering of our season.

Let’s all cross our fingers and hope for a nice long spring once it finally arrives.

Take care everyone.



Shawn Gill
GWGCSA
External Vice President

VTA News

Mercy, uncle, wave the white flag, tap out, surrender. Whatever I need to tell Mother Nature, I’m willing to do it to finish off this winter. As I write this article, looking at the snow on the ground yet again, it makes me yearn for some consistently warmer temperatures. With the weather trending towards the extremes of late, I am sure it will not be long before we wish for cooler days.

The VTA board members meet recently and finalized our meeting schedule for the upcoming season. We start off the year on April 15th at London Downs with an important speaker, Derik Cataldi. Derik is the point person from the Virginia Department of Conservation and

Recreation for the nutrient management plans that we are required to submit in the coming years. I hope everyone can make time on their schedule to attend and hopefully clear the air of any questions about the plans you may have.

The rest of the schedule is as follows;

- **May 20th**, Fundraiser at Blue Hills Golf Club
- **June 10th**, Virlina Cup qualifier at Great Oaks Country Club
- **July/August TBD**, Salem Red Sox game
- **September 16th**, Tuscarora Country Club
- **October 14th**, End of year meeting at Pete Dye River Course

With such a large geographical region it

is difficult to cover the entire region. With one meeting in all four corners, it will cut the travel time for at least one meeting a year. We are also working on attaining GCSAA continuing education points for our meetings this season.

Hopefully the weather will break soon and we can get out on the course, and more importantly, get players out. I do not know about you, but I have built enough snowmen with my kids for one year.



Bill Keene
Virginia Turfgrass
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