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West Virginia Golf Course Superintendents Association

Board of Director's Message

Through my experience as an officer of this association, I have had many opportunities to talk with our colleagues and to listen to professional presentations about our industry. One message that continues to stick out to me is the importance of our responsibility as stewards of the environment. I was recently visited by Devin from the WV Department of Agriculture who stopped by Riverside to share some of the programs available to us through the department. He specifically spoke about a program where representatives will pick up our plastic pesticide jugs from our location for recycling. I was impressed by the effort and reminded that there are resources available to us to help us take care of the earth. I hope that you will seek out such resources and share our mission with your members and communities.

Our 39th Annual Scholarship & Research Fundraiser Golf Tournament at Canaan Valley Resort is fast approaching with an entry deadline of May 28th. I encourage you to consider making a trip out of it by playing on Sunday, June 9th, with an overnight before the tournament on Monday, June 10th. Canaan Valley is a great resort to host a such a "stay and play" and I'm sure there will be plenty of colleagues around to expand your networking experience and to build camaraderie.

I look forward to seeing you at our Spring meeting on May 6th at Oglebay.

Mitch Roush
President, Riverside Golf Course

*WVGCSA Spring Meeting
Monday, May 6 at Oglebay Resort, Wheeling
11am - Lunch and meeting
12pm - Golf on Jones Course
Cost - \$45 for lunch and golf
Please RSVP to Amber Breed by April 30th!*

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Upcoming Events:

Spring Meeting ~ Oglebay Resort ~ May 6, 2024

WVGCSA Fundraiser Event ~ Canaan Valley Resort ~ June 10, 2024

Fall Meeting ~ Pete Dye Golf Club ~ October 15, 2024

WVGCSA Turf Conference ~ Coonskin Park & Mardi Gras Casino ~ November 12-13, 2024

**WVGCSA Fundraiser
Canaan Valley Resort
Monday, June 10, 2024**

Room Reservation Info: \$109 per night (Reservation for Sunday, June 9)

Booking link: <https://www.canaanresort.com/book-now?pid=23269>

Group ID Code: 10573F

You can also book by calling 304 866 4121 ext. 7701

To Split or Not To Split?

By Elliott L. Dowling, regional director, East Region

According to Michigan State's growing degree days (GDD) tracker, most of southern New England has entered the optimal time for preemergence crabgrass control. This is about two weeks earlier than last year, but still a somewhat normal time. Courses at low elevations south of New York City, Pittsburgh and Cleveland should have already made an initial application.

The question I get most often regarding preemergence herbicide applications is whether it is best to apply once or make split applications. While I lean toward making split applications, I also understand that time, equipment and labor are limited for many courses so this isn't always an option. If you can only make one application, wait until you are comfortably inside the window for optimal timing. Making a singular application too early means products could lose efficacy later in the season, when you still need that herbicide barrier. Also, make sure to apply the full label rate of your chosen herbicide to maximize residual control.

If you can make split applications, you extend efficacy by getting some herbicide into the soil early, then follow that up with more product a few weeks later to extend control. I think this is the best way to hedge against variable spring weather and improve application uniformity and distribution. If you can slightly change the angle of the two applications, you safeguard against misses and improve overall coverage, whereas a miss with a single application leaves a gap in the herbicide barrier.

Spring preemergence applications are important. We often say in golf that it is cheaper and more efficient to control diseases, weeds and insects preventatively rather than curatively. Regardless of whether you make a single application or split applications, getting the barrier set at the appropriate time will control most weeds, helping you have a successful season.

Northeast Region Agronomists

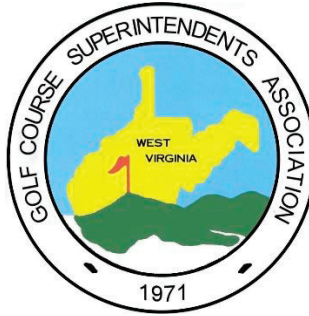
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If you don't want to be looking at weeds like this on your course it's important to get the timing right on pre-emergence applications.



The West Virginia Golf Course Superintendents Association
presents the 39th Annual Scholarship & Research Fundraiser Golf Tournament

Canaan Valley Resort – Davis, WV

Monday, June 10th, 2024

Registration 9:00 am | Shotgun Start 11:00 am

Format: 4-person scramble with no minimum Handicap

Special Club rate of \$600 per 4-person team

This must include 4 members from one Club or Resort

(Superintendent, Owners, Managers, Assistants, Golf Pros, Spray Tech or Mechanics, etc.)

Entry Form

\$700 per team (\$600 for club teams) includes: *Closest to the Hole, Longest Putt, Longest Drive & 50/50 Contests, Boxed Lunch & 8 beverage Tickets provided for on the course. Hats will be given for the tee gift this year! Cash bar and cook out following golf.*

Total Enclosed \$ _____

Golf Team Name _____

Player # 1 _____ Email _____

Player # 2 _____ Email _____

Player #3 _____ Email _____

Player #4 _____ Email _____

ENTRIES ARE LIMITED TO THE FIRST 36 TEAMS. PAYMENTS MUST BE INCLUDED WITH THIS REGISTRATION FORM. *PLEASE RETURN BY MAY 28th*

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The Annual Fundraiser has been a huge success thanks to your support.

Gold Sponsor-\$1000

4 Person team entry, Name on Major Sponsor Sign, Tee Sponsor Sign, & Ad in Newsletter

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4 Person Team Entry, Name on Lunch Sponsor Sign, & Tee Sponsor Sign

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4 Person Team Entry & Tee Sponsor Sign

Gold Sponsor wishing to add more than one team will receive a discounted price of \$600 for each additional team!

Sponsorship will help to provide Lunch, Beverage Cart, and Cook Out at the final reception. Your continued support is crucial to the success of the fundraiser.

All Corporate Sponsors must be received by June 1, 2024. We would like to thank you in advance for your continued support. Feel free to contact me at (304)280-0034.

Thank You, Tony Coppa
Fundraiser Chairman



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The West Virginia Golf Course Superintendents Association will be holding their 39th Annual William C. Campbell Scholarship and Research Fundraiser Golf Tournament on Monday, June 10th, 2024 at Canaan Valley Resort.

The Annual Fundraiser has been a huge success thanks to your support. We will once again be offering hole sponsorships for you to consider. Each hole sponsor will have their sign clearly displayed on a tee, as well as displayed on the Sponsor Board during the event. With your continued support, we can make this year's event our most productive ever as well as great fun for all involved.

If you would like to change the verbiage on last year's tee sign or if you are a new sponsor, please include your verbiage below. Please, no more than 4 words allowed per line.

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