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Board of Director's Message

WVGCSA Fellow members,

I'd like to start out by sending our condolences to Micah Davis' family of Black Knight CC and his passing this month. In times like this I think it's important to know that no matter what goes on at our courses or places of employment that family and friendships can never be taken for granted.

I'd also like to remind everyone to RSVP for the spring meeting by May 10th for a day of education and golf on Monday May 19th at Belmont Hills CC. Let's hope for less windy days in May and I hope everyone is getting their storm damage cleaned up from this past months weather events.

Have a geat month and look forward to seeing everyone soon.

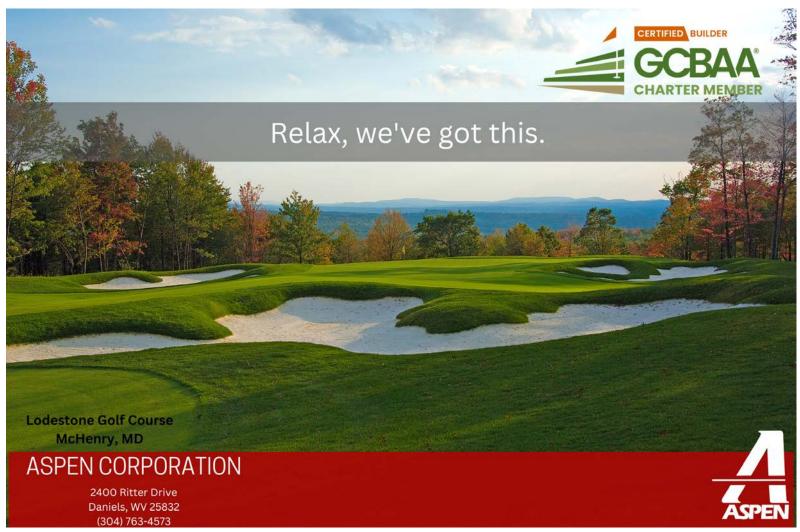
Andy Bates, President Bridgeport Country Club

UPCOMING EVENTS:

~Spring Meeting - May 19 at Belmont Hills CC (Education included for WV, OH, PA and GCSAA)

~40th William C. Campbell Fundraiser - June 30 @ Pete Dye GC

~ Turf Conference - November 10-11, 2025 @ Bridgeport Conference Center







The West Virginia Golf Course Superintendents Association

presents the 40th Annual Scholarship & Research Fundraiser Golf Tournament

Pete Dye Golf Club – Bridgeport, WV

Monday, June 30th, 2025
Registration 10:00 am | Shotgun Start 11:00 am
Format: 4-person scramble with no minimum Handicap

Special Club rate of \$900 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

\$1,000 per team (\$900 for club teams and \$1,200 non-WVGCSA member teams) includes:

Total Enclosed \$

Tee Gift (Hoodie), Closest to the Hole, Longest Putt, Longest Drive & 50/50 Contests, Boxed Lunch & 8 beverage Tickets provided for on the course. Cash bar and cook out following golf.

		
Golf	Team Name	
Player #1	Email	Hoodie Size
Player #2	Email	Hoodie Size
Player #3	Email	Hoodie Size
Player #4	Email	Hoodie Size

To guarantee hoodie size, please return team sizes by May 1st!

ENTRIES ARE LIMITED TO THE FIRST 36 TEAMS. PAYMENTS MUST BE INCLUDED WITH THIS REGISTRATION FORM. *PLEASE RETURN BY JUNE 10th*

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The West Virginia Golf Course Superintendents Association

presents the 40th Annual Scholarship & Research Fundraiser Golf Tournament

Pete Dye Golf Club – Bridgeport, WV Monday, June 30, 2025

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

Gold Sponsor-\$1,300

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

Silver Sponsor-\$1,150

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

Bronze Sponsor-\$1,050

4 Person Team Entry & Tee Sponsor Sign

Corporate Sponsor and \$1,000 level teams wishing to add more than one team will receive a discounted price of \$800 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, 2025. 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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TEE SPONSOR FORM

The West Virginia Golf Course Superintendents Association will be holding their 40th Annual William C. Campbell Scholarship and Research Fundraiser Golf Tournament on Monday, June 30th, 2025 at Pete Dye Golf Club.

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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The Benefits of Using Clipping Yields to Track Early Season Growth By Brian Gietka, agronomist, East Region

A new season is beginning in the Northeast as putting green covers are being removed in the northern part of the region and annual bluegrass weevils are crawling around to the south. A common topic of discussion when aeration is planned is how fast the greens will heal, especially when growth is sluggish in early spring. Spring temperatures are unpredictable, which makes scheduling things like nitrogen applications and aeration challenging. Ultimately, when temperatures are low and the turf is not growing much, applying nitrogen will not stimulate growth to encourage healing. Instead, the nitrogen can fuel organic matter accumulation and/or remain in the soil for uptake when temperatures rise, causing excessive growth and other surface performance problems.

Collecting and measuring clippings is a great way to tell how much or how little the turf on your golf course is growing. This information is especially helpful early in the season. If clipping volume (not weight) is low, this may be a function of soil temperature. As growing temperatures arrive, there may be enough nutrients in the soil to support healthy turf, so don't create unnecessary growth with nitrogen applications. Instead, be patient and provide supplemental fertilizer when clipping volumes decline after the initial flush of growth.

In an ideal world, superintendents would have the flexibility to schedule spring aeration once growth and clipping volumes naturally start to increase. Unfortunately, the calendar at most courses doesn't leave much room to adjust spring cultural practices based on weather trends. Regardless of when you perform aeration, clipping volume data will help set expectations about recovery time. If clipping volumes are low at the time of aeration, that likely means a longer recovery. Tracking this information year over year makes it easier to explain how aeration may be affected by the current year's weather.

Entering clipping volume data into the USGA's DEACON® management system along with temperatures and nitrogen applications will help you tell the story of spring growth with easy-to-understand charts. If you haven't done much putting green data collection in the past, there's no time like the present to begin. The Green Section Record article "A Quick-Start Guide to Putting Green Data Collection" will help you get the ball rolling. If you have any questions about measuring or interpreting clipping volumes, reach out to your regional USGA agronomist.

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Consistently measuring clipping volume will help you plan early season agronomic programs and manage expectations.

Reminder about Scholarship Applications! Deadline is May 15th!

Non- Turf Degree Scholarship - David Quinn Memorial Award:

David Quinn was a Professor Emeritus at West Virginia University. David worked many years with the West Virginia Golf Course Superintendents Association. He served on the Board of Directors and held the role as moderator during the WVGCSA Turf Conference. David passed away August 11, 2001 and the WVGCSA wanted to honor him by adding his name to the non-turf scholarship award.

Turf Degree - William C. Campbell Scholarship & Research Award:

Mr. William C. Campbell is one of the greatest amateur golfers to ever play the game. His winning record includes the Mexican Amateur (1956), U.S. Amateur (1964), Ontario Amateur (1967), U.S. Senior Amateur (1979-1980), three WV Open's and 15 WV Amateur's. He has finished runner-up in the U.S. Open and British Amateur, and has played in 37 U.S. Amateur's, 15 U.S. Open's and 18 Master's. He has been a member of eight Walker Cup teams (Captain 1956) and is undefeated in eight singles matches.

As an ambassador and volunteer to the game, Mr. Campbell is the only American to serve as both President of the United States Golf Association and Captain of the Royal & Ancient Club of St. Andrews, the two primary governing bodies of golf for the world. In 2009, Mr. Campbell was inducted into the West Virginia Golf Hall of Fame as one of its inaugural members.

For more information, check out www.wvgcsa.org. Applications are available for print on our website.





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