



The Mountain State Greenletter

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West Virginia Golf Course Superintendents Association

Board of Director's Message

Not sure about you all, but I'm really looking forward to a frost delay!

A reminder that our fall meeting will take place at The Pines Country Club in Morgantown on October 11th. Hoping everyone can be in attendance at 10:45AM for a brief meeting. Lunch will be at 11, then we will head out onto the course.

Following this event, our turf conference will be just a few weeks away. We will be at Stonewall Stonewall Resort on November 1st.

Thank you,

Bobby Cline, CGCS
Guyan G&CC

Upcoming Events:

~Annual Meeting

The Pines CC, Morgantown

October 11, 2022

10:45am Registration - 11:00am Lunch - 12:00pm Golf

\$70 per person

~Turf Conference

Stonewall Resort, Roanoke

November 1, 2022

See Details and Registration Forms

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WVGCSA 33rd Annual Turf Conference

Monday, October 31st, 2022

6:00pm-9:00pm Early Conference Registration/Check In
6:00pm-9:00pm **Stonewall Ballroom** - Vendor/Exhibitor Set-Up
7:00pm-11:30pm **Hospitality Suite**

Tuesday, November 1st, 2022

All Conference Presentations will be held in the Stonewall Ballroom

Session Moderator: Bobby Cline, CGCS, President of the WVGCSA, Guyan G&CC

7:30am-8:00am Breakfast/Trade Show Opens—Stonewall Ballroom

7:30am-8:00am ***Welcome and Announcements***

8:00am-9:00am ***“GCSAA Business”***
Katrin Wolfe, GCSAA

9:00am-10:00am ***“TBD”***
TBD

10:00am-11:00am ***“TBD”***
TBD

11:00am-12:00pm ***“TBD”***
Richard Buckley, Rutgers University

12:00pm-1:00pm **Lunch**

Session Moderator: Mitch Roush, Vice President of the WVGCSA, Riverside GC

1:00pm-2:00pm ***“TBD”***
Richard Buckley, Rutgers University

2:00pm-3:00pm ***“TBD”***
Dr. Ben McGraw, Penn State

3:00pm-3:15pm **Break– Soda**

3:00pm-4:00pm ***“What the Heck is Next? The Growing Golf Business”***
Pat Jones

4:00pm-5:00pm ***“WVDA Pesticide Regulatory Update”***
Chad Carpenter, WV Dept. of Agriculture—tentative

WVGCSA 2022 ANNUAL TURF CONFERENCE
DISTRIBUTOR REGISTRATION FORM

Fee for Full Conference Registration is \$350.00 and includes two Name Badges
Fee for additional Badges is 75\$ a piece
Fee for Full Conference Registration if not buying a booth is \$110.00
Fee for Lunch Sponsorship is \$75.00

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Official Registration Form WVGCSA Turf Conference

NAME _____

ADDITIONAL PERSONS _____

FACILITY _____

ATTENDING BANQUET _____ (Including Guests)

Registration Detail

Members: Number attending entire conference

_____ @ \$125 = \$ _____ (includes banquet)

Non-Members: Number attending entire conference

_____ @ \$165 = \$ _____ (includes banquet)

Guests attending banquet only _____ @ \$25 = \$ _____

Please make checks payable to: WVGCSA
If you have any questions, feel free to contact
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Making Ball Marks Disappear

Adam Moeller, agronomist and director, Green Section Education

Ball marks are a part of golf, but there is an easy solution to ensure they don't cause bumpy conditions, scalping and an unsightly appearance – fixing them properly. Unfortunately, unrepaired or improperly repaired ball marks have been a part of golf for centuries and it's likely to always be an issue to some extent. Maintenance teams often fix unrepaired ball marks prior to mowing the green, but they can't get all of them. When ball mark issues arise, there is a simple trick that can be used to help mask the issues.

During the U.S. Senior Open at Saucon Valley Country Club, the maintenance staff used multicolored sand to help mask the ball mark scars, smooth the surface and promote turf recovery. In the past, they used green sand to fill and smooth ball marks, but that seemed to make them stand out even more. To make the repaired ball marks blend in better with the turf surface, the maintenance team switched from a green sand to a mixture of different-colored sands. The mixture includes six different colors of sand: black, yellow, teak, chocolate, green and blue. The sands are purchased separately and mixed at different proportions to match the color of the putting greens, which changes throughout the year. The sand mixture also includes creeping bentgrass seed to help promote turf recovery. Smoothing each ball mark is made easy by using 12-ounce condiment bottles that are filled with the multicolored sand mixture.

Ball mark issues don't seem to be going away unfortunately, so this turf tip is something worth considering if you're looking for ways to mask their issues. Let's not forget that golfers still need to do their part by remembering to repair their ball mark.

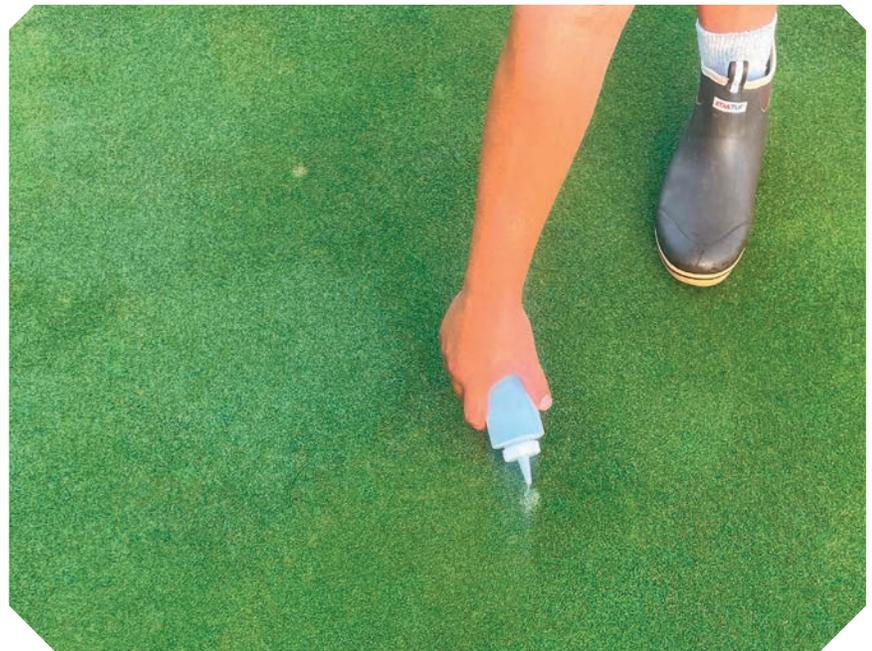
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A 12-ounce condiment bottle containing a multicolored sand can help mask ball mark issues.



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