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West Virginia Golf Course Superintendents Association

Board of Director's Message

Happy Leap Year! We are busy planning our year and we hope you will take the opportunity to join us in our events! Invoices were mailed last month and we hope you will help us recruit new members!

We are looking forward to our spring meeting in the Northern Panhandle. Thank you to Tony Coppa for hosting us! Please let Amber Breed know if you will be able to attend the meeting.

We are excited to have Pete Dye on our schedule of events and we would love to have you join us. The USGA will be hosting an education seminar during lunch, then we will play golf. Be sure to join us since this is our annual meeting and the Century Cup/Vendor Cup Tournament! We will send more details soon.

The WVGCSA is a sponsor of the Callaway Junior Tour once again and we know this Junior Tour is the best of the best! One of the many ways we can grow the game and the industry is to support and encourage junior golf. If you have a junior golfer in your life, be sure to check out the CJRT!

**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***

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***

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New Year, Same Roots

By Brian Gietka, agronomist, East Region

The Northeast has experienced the ups and downs of temperatures and precipitation that we've come to expect during winter. Many areas recently warmed up enough to not only thaw frozen turf but open for play with golf carts. Meanwhile, other locations just got a fresh covering of snow. If your course has thawed turf, it's a great opportunity to assess root system health and potentially take some steps to promote root growth.

Having a deep, vigorous root system is paramount to surviving the rigors of summer. Although staff levels in winter are low and working around play on warm winter days may be challenging, root systems provide the foundation for healthy turf and high-quality playing surfaces so it's never too early to get a jump on the next season.

Turf depends on its roots to provide several vital functions. Roots anchor the turf and provide a strong, physical support structure for stability. Absorbing and transporting water and nutrients, which is an essential function of roots, supports turf growth and development. Roots and stems also store food reserves in the form of carbohydrates, which are needed when the turf requires more energy than provided by photosynthesis. Carbohydrate storage increases when the growth rate slows. Therefore, promoting root growth during warmer weather in the winter months is beneficial for season-long turf health and quality playing surfaces when it matters most.

If weather permits, several quick and minimally disruptive practices can be implemented at this time of year to promote root growth. Small-diameter solid or needle tines, slicing knife tines, cross tines, star tines or micro tines can be used to create channels in the putting green profile. This will encourage air and water to infiltrate into the rootzone. Moving air and water deeper into the profile will encourage root growth that ultimately stores carbohydrates needed for the upcoming spring growth season. Taking some time to vent or implement other methods of aeration during breaks in winter weather is a great way to encourage strong turf for the season ahead.

Northeast Region Agronomists

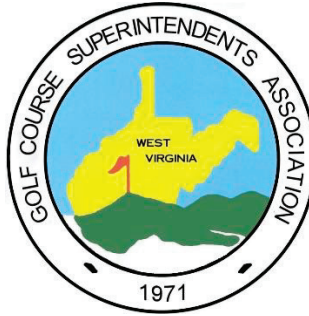
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It's never too early to get a jump on root growth for the long season ahead.



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*

Make checks payable to “**WVGCSA**” and return to:

WVGCSA | PO Box 335 | Charleston, WV 25322

Call Tony Coppa for Questions at (304)280-0034

If paying by credit card, please email Amber Breed at 1971wvgcsa@gmail.com

WVGCSA Fundraiser
Canaan Valley Resort
Monday, June 10, 2024

Room Reservation Info: \$109 per night (Reservation for Sunday, June 9)
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Monday, June 10, 2024

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

Silver Sponsor-\$850

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

Bronze Sponsor-\$750

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.

Line #1 _____

Line #2 _____

Line #3 _____

Line #4 _____

Contact Person _____

Phone Number _____

Address _____

Company _____

(If different from above)

Number of Holes sponsored _____ @ \$100.00 for 1st sign & \$50.00 for additional tee signs \$ _____ Total Sponsor

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