



# The Mountain State Greenletter

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West Virginia Golf Course Superintendents Association

## Board of Director's Message

WVGCSA Fellow members,

First and foremost I'd like to thank Mitch for everything he's done while being President of WVGCSA along with Amber and the rest of the board for their support and contributions. For those who don't know me, my name is Andy Bates, Golf Course Superintendent at Bridgeport Country Club. I've been working in the area since 2021 and look forward to the upcoming 2025 golf season. I've been involved on and off with other local chapters over most of my career and appreciate the opportunity to be a part of the WV chapter.

While I've only been a part of the chapter for a few years we will be celebrating our 40th anniversary scholarship fundraiser this year at Pete Dye and really hope to have as much participation as possible. With that being said, we are offering free meetings and golf at this year's conference and education meetings. I know we are all under snow cover like we haven't had for many years so I'm hoping everyone is staying warm and enjoying themselves. Get outside and ski, sled ride, snowmobile or go for a walk before we know it we will be back out on the course doing what we all know best. I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible starting with the spring meeting and throughout the season.

Stay safe and warm,

Andy Bates, President  
Bridgeport Country Club

## Upcoming Events:

*~Spring Meeting - May 19 (tentative) at Belmont Hills CC*

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



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Bridgeport Country Club



**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:**

*Tee Gift, 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.*

**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 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**

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## **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**



# 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.

Line #1 \_\_\_\_\_  
Line #2 \_\_\_\_\_  
Line #3 \_\_\_\_\_  
Line #4 \_\_\_\_\_

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Number of Holes sponsored \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$100.00 for 1<sup>st</sup> sign & \$50.00 for additional tee signs \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total Sponsor

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# Winter Injury: Prevention and Preparation

By Elliott L. Dowling, regional director, East Region

Winter injury is a complex problem with no guaranteed prevention. We know a lot about the mechanisms that cause winter injury and we have several options to reduce the risks, but whether you experience injury or not often comes down to timing and luck. Getting in front of potential winter injury by raising mowing heights prior to dormancy, improving growing environments, and improving surface drainage plays a critical role in prevention.

So, what can be done now that we are in the middle of winter and have a few months left to go? One thing is to help water move off surfaces when possible. Standing water can lead to crown hydration. Plants will absorb water during a warmup, which can lead to damage if temperatures drop. Depending on how much water needs to be pushed from the surface, or in some instances snow and ice, this can take a lot of labor. Even if you want to remove water or snow, you might not have that ability based on reduced winter staffing. Even if you can't get to every potential trouble spot, trying to get water moving in the highest-risk areas will help.

If you suspect winter injury might've happened, the article "How To Sample for Winter Injury on Putting Greens" will show you how to check. This process is simple to do and knowing if you have damage as early as possible is important so that you can let people know what to expect and start planning for how to recover.

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Areas that hold water have a higher risk for winter injury, especially in shaded growing environments. Removing water, snow and ice from trouble spots during winter can be helpful if you have the staff to do it.





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