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West Virginia Golf Course Superintendents Association

Board of Director's Message

Thank you to everyone involved with making the event at Bel Meadow a success! We had 15 teams participate. With the money raised we were able to award 5 scholarships for the upcoming school year. Thanks again to Randy Workman and Howard Lott, CGCS for hosting the event. We already have a couple of potential courses lined up for next year's fundraiser. If you might be interested in hosting the event, please let Amber know.

Congratulations to Team Landscape Supply for winning the event and to Katrin Wolfe of the GCSAA for winning the 50/50. I'd also like to take this opportunity to point out that our team from Guyan has been awarded last place for 2 consecutive events. I'm confident we can make it #3 in 2023.

I hope everyone's season is going well. If not, remember that the longest day of the year has already passed! Best of luck to you all.

Thank you,

Bobby Cline, CGCS
Guyan G&CC

Scholarship Recipients:

**Sierra Beaulieu
Philip Webb
Jarret Lambert
Mary Roush
Ethan Wilson**

Upcoming Events:

**~Annual Meeting
The Pines CC
October 2022**

Details to be released soon

**~Turf Conference
Tuesday, November 1st
Stonewall Resort**

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37th Annual Scholarship & Research Fundraiser Golf Tournament

Results

- 1. Landscape Supply (56)*
- 2. Apex (59)*
- 3. Buckhannon CC (60)*
- 4. BASF (60)*
- 5. Berry Hills CC (61)*
- 6. Advanced Turf Solutions (62)*
- 7. Walker Supply (62)*
- 8. Best Sand (63)*
- 9. Mountain State Floratine (64)*
- 10. Harrell's (65)*
- 11. EH Griffith (65)*
- 12. Oglebay Resort (67)*
- 13. Bel Meadow GC (69)*
- 14. WVGA (70)*
- 15. Guyan G&CC (94)*

Long Drive Men's #6

** Zach Gillespie*

Long Drive Women's #6

** Katrin Wolfe*

Long Putt #9

**Mountain State Floratine*

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The Last Annual Bluegrass Weevil Scout

By Elliott L. Dowling, Senior Consulting Agronomist, Northeast Region

Traveling from Pennsylvania to Virginia last year I hardly mentioned annual bluegrass weevils (ABW). I'm not exactly sure why, and frankly, most of the superintendents I work with didn't know either. Everyone understands the devastation ABW can cause, so it seemed like holding your breath and not jinxing it was the best solution. Now, a year later, superintendents are back on high alert.

Most of the southern portion of the region is beyond peak adult migration. Hopefully, if you planned to apply an adulticide, you've done that by this point. Traveling across Pennsylvania the last few weeks, I've observed that superintendents are well into their scouting regime. Soap flushes, traps and good ol' knives are being used everywhere.

The next application in a sound ABW program should be a larvicide. Depending on where your course is and the product being used, that application could be out already or going out real soon. Along that line, there are some new ABW chemistries on the market. There was some experimentation with these new products last season and I heard good things but remember, it was a quiet year overall.

So, a word of caution: Try the new chemistries if you're interested but keep some of what you know on the shelf. I say this not because I've heard anything negative about the new products. In fact, I'm all for experimenting with new products. Even if your ABW program is working fine, new modes of action can help reduce the potential for resistance, which is a major issue in ABW control. Trying different ways of doing things is also a good way to either make positive changes or confirm that what you are doing is right. Just like all other aspects of golf course maintenance, if what you're doing works then stick with it, but don't be afraid to try something new.

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