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West Virginia Golf Course Superintendents Association

Board of Director's Message

This month was highlighted by our annual fundraiser at Berry Hills CC. The course was in great shape and the hospitality was appreciated. Thanks to Russ Stewart, Barry Evans, Chris Breed and crew for hosting us. It was great to see everyone and raise money for our scholarships. Our special thanks also goes out to Amber Breed who always does a fantastic job organizing and facilitating our events. Best wishes to the Berry Hills team as they host this year's West Virginia Open on July 26-28. They are sure to make a great impression on the state's premier players as they gather for this time-honored tournament.

I hope things are going well at your respective courses as we are in the midst of summer. Please reach out to us if there is anything that the association can do to make you more successful.

Take care and see you soon,

Mitch Roush, President, Riverside Golf Course

Upcoming Important Dates

*WVGCSA Annual Meeting | TBD (October)
Bridgeport Country Club, Bridgeport
More Details to Come*

*WVGCSA Turf Conference | Tuesday, November 7, 2023
Stonewall Resort, Roanoke
Details to be Released this Summer*

Fundraiser Team Results

Harrell's - First Place

Berry Hills - Second Place

West Virginia Golf Association - Third Place

Apex - Fourth Place

Bridge Haven - Fifth Place

Oglebay Resort - Sixth Place

Advanced Turf Solutions - Seventh Place

Thank you to everyone who participated, sponsored and helped make this tournament a success. We have awarded two scholarships for the 2023-2024 school year!

Mary Grace Roush (WVU) - David Quinn Memorial Scholarship

*Philip Webb (Walla Walla Community College) -
William C. Campbell Memorial Scholarship*

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Just a Little Dustup

By Elliott L. Dowling, regional director, East Region

Some golf courses look for a natural alternative to concrete or asphalt cart paths but often don't pull the trigger because of concerns about dust or the risk of washouts from heavy rain. The allure of a natural path set into the beautiful landscape of a golf course is more appealing than the hard surfaces often used as cart paths, but dealing with dust can be a real challenge.

One way to manage this issue that I'm seeing at The Los Angeles Country Club during this year's U.S. Open is to apply a specially formulated sprayable polymer to bind soil and stone particles and cut down on dust. How often this is applied depends on weather and use. For example, during the U.S. Open there is constant traffic so the material is applied nightly or every other night. For regular use on a golf course, the material might only need to be applied monthly to keep dust down, or perhaps on an even longer interval if there is rain.

Before you decide against decomposed granite or natural stone paths because of concerns about washouts or dust, investigate maintenance with a stabilizer. You might find that you can have your cake and eat it too.

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The maintenance team at LACC regularly applies a sprayable binder to stabilize their natural stone cart paths and limit dust.



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