



The Mountain State Greenletter

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West Virginia Golf Course Superintendents Association

Board of Director's Message

Thanks to all who were able to attend our Spring Meeting at Marietta Country Club in May! Jimmy and crew had the course in great shape and the clubhouse staff was awesome. Thanks for the hospitality and for making sure we had a great time! The only thing that could have made it better was if we could have figured out how to keep score for the game that Head Pro, Rodney Harris, put together for us.

I hope you have your teams together and are making plans to join us for our annual Scholarship Fundraiser at Berry Hills on June 12th. It will be a great day for a great cause! The WVGCSA makes a major impact and gives back in a big way to help these students continue their education. Please join us to be a part of this work! Registration and sponsorships are still available so just reach out to me or Amber and we'll get you set up!

Best wishes to you and your crew as we get busy with the summer grind. We hope to see you soon! Thank you to Landscape Supply for donating a raffle item valued at over \$200 for our upcoming fundraiser!!!

Mitch Roush, President, Riverside Golf Course

Upcoming Important Dates

WVGCSA Scholarship Fundraiser | Monday, June 12, 2023

Berry Hills Country Club, Charleston

More Details Below

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

Teams for Fundraiser (as of 5/29/2023)

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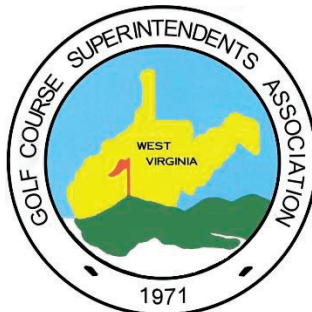
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The West Virginia Golf Course Superintendents Association
presents the 38th Annual Scholarship & Research Fundraiser Golf Tournament

Berry Hills Country Club – Charleston, WV

Monday, June 12th, 2023

Registration 10:00 am | Shotgun Start 12:00 pm

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. Towels 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:

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Putting the Squeeze on the Sod Layer

By Elliott L. Dowling, regional director, East Region

The uptick in renovations and other projects has been ongoing for the past several years. Although the type of work varies from course to course, what isn't variable is that any playing surface grassed with sod needs aeration and topdressing afterward to prevent the sod layer from becoming a limiting factor for turf health and playability.

The sod layer is inevitable. It doesn't matter if you harvest the sod from on-site or if you buy it from a farm and have it shipped in, anytime you introduce sod over a new rootzone mix, a layer forms between the two. Since water infiltration tends to slow at any textural difference within a soil profile, the simple act of sodding inherently slows water infiltration.

The key to maintaining a healthy sodded surface is regular aeration and topdressing to dilute organic matter in the sod layer and blend the two layers together. Eliminating the distinct sod layer and creating a homogenous mix will ease tension that builds at that interface and allow water to move freely through the rootzone.

On newly sodded tees, players can improve their lie by placing their ball on a peg, so aeration and topdressing has little to no impact on playability, assuming the surface is still stable. One of the easiest and most effective methods I've seen to manage a sod layer is to apply a layer of sand to the surface first then use solid-tine aeration to mechanically force sand into the profile. Hollow-tine aeration and topdressing are effective too. However, solid-tine aeration can be done more often with less labor and there is no cleanup afterward. When using solid tines, one or two people are all that is needed to apply sand topdressing and aerate.

This stretch of cool weather has limited grass growth and play. Taking advantage of the opportunity to get a jump-start on the sod layer will result in less long-term maintenance and a more reliable surface.

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A sod layer can be a limiting factor for plant health and playability if left unchecked.



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The West Virginia Golf Course Superintendents Association will be holding their 38th Annual William C. Campbell Scholarship and Research Fundraiser Golf Tournament on Monday, June 12th, 2023 at Berry Hills Country 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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(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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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, 2023. 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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