



# The Mountain State Greenletter

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West Virginia Golf Course Superintendents Association

## Board of Director's Message

**I know we are few days late, but we want to let you know we are excited about our 39th Annual Scholarship & Research Fundraiser Golf Tournament at Canaan Valley Resort! We currently have 17 teams but have space for a few more! Invite your Superintendent friends or sales representatives to bring a team and support a great cause!**

**We had a great time at Oglebay Resort on May 6th. We had around 20 who attended and played golf. We are blessed with so many beautiful golf courses in our great state. Thank you Tony Coppa for hosting us!**

**At the spring meeting, we were able to vote on our scholarship recipients. These scholarships we supply are a direct result of our fundraiser tournament. We approved a scholarship for Philip Webb, Assistant Superintendent at Guyan Golf & Country Club who is getting his Masters Degree at Auburn in Turgrass Irrigation Design. Congratulations to Philip for graduating from Walla Walla Community College with a BAS degree! Mary Roush, daughter of Mitch Roush, will once again received a scholarship towards her Public Relations/Marketing degree at WVU. A new scholarship recipient this year is Lillian Honaker, daughter of Keith Honaker at The Resort at Glade Springs. Lillian will be attending West Virginia State University in the Health Sciences/Occupational Therapy field.**

**I look forward to seeing as many of you this summer as I can.**

**Mitch Roush  
President, Riverside Golf Course**

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### Upcoming Events:

*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*

**WVGCSA Fundraiser  
Canaan Valley Resort  
Monday, June 10, 2024**

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

**Booking link: <https://www.canaanresort.com/book-now?pid=23269>**

**Group ID Code: 10573F**

**You can also book by calling 304 866 4121 ext. 7701**

# Sweep Away the Hassle of Aeration Core Cleanup

## By Brian Gietka, agronomist, East Region

The benefits of putting green aeration are well known, but the disruption to golfers and extra demands on the maintenance team often prompt superintendents to look for ways to make the practice less painful. Pulling cores and disposing of them sounds simple enough, right? However, picking up aeration cores from all the putting greens in a limited amount of time without damaging the turf is not so simple. Sure, there are tools to ease the process, but they come with limitations. There are windrowers and collection boxes that can simplify removal by piling up cores to be hand shoveled into utility carts, but removing aeration cores with shovels is hard work. There are bulky, tow-behind core sweepers but they are difficult to maneuver and require a large utility vehicle to drive over surfaces that were just aerated to reduce compaction. Not to mention, tow-behind core sweepers don't work well on wet cores or abrupt undulations. Thankfully, there is a new tool that addresses these challenges.

During my recent travels, I came across a new core sweeper that provided excellent results. The Hatsuta Core Sweeper is a self-contained, three-wheeled unit that picked up wet cores and debris to give a clean surface. This compact core sweeper has wide smooth tires, is easily maneuverable and did not disturb the turf. The collection hopper lifts high enough to dump into a large dump trailer, making core collection just a two-person task. Eliminating hand shoveling allows staff to complete other tasks to speed up the process or helps short-handed teams complete aeration when it previously may not have been an option. Depending on your location, there also may be companies that can help you with this machine on a contract basis, which frees up even more staff and eliminates the upfront and maintenance costs associated with purchasing one.

A machine like this will not only reduce cleanup time, your employees (and their backs) will be very grateful. For more ways to improve the efficiency of core aeration or any other questions, please reach out to your USGA regional agronomist.

Northeast Region Agronomists

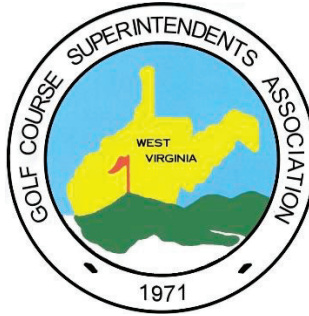
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A new core sweeper makes aeration cleanup a much less painful task.



**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 \_\_\_\_\_

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**ENTRIES ARE LIMITED TO THE FIRST 36 TEAMS. PAYMENTS MUST BE INCLUDED WITH THIS REGISTRATION FORM. \*PLEASE RETURN BY MAY 28th\***

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**presents the 39th Annual Scholarship & Research Fundraiser Golf Tournament**

## **Canaan Valley Resort – Davis, WV**

**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.

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