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West Virginia Golf Course Superintendents Association

Board of Director's Message

This past week I had the opportunity to represent the WVGCSA at the annual GCSAA Chapter Delegates Meeting in Kansas City.

In attendance were 69 delegates, each representing a different GCSAA affiliate chapter. The first delegates meeting took place in 1992, with the primary goal of providing a clearer line of communication between the GCSAA Board of Directors and the members of the GCSAA.

As a first time delegate it was a very rewarding experience. Prior to the meetings, I had the opportunity to visit the GCSAA headquarters in Lawrence, Kansas.

All current board members, board candidates, the CEO (Rhett Evans), and COO (Robert Randquist, CGCS) were also in attendance.

Most importantly, I now have a greater understanding as to how the GCSAA utilizes the dues we provide to the association. Whether it be through chapter outreach, the First Green program, government advocacy, or Rounds4Research, there are numerous beneficial ways the GCSAA represents us.

Board elections will take place at the annual GCSAA Conference in February. Delegates had the opportunity to meet with each candidate to better assess their qualifications. Now as the voting delegate for the WVGCSA, I'll be in attendance for the conference in February to place our votes. Throughout the affiliate associations there are approximately 2000 votes not assigned to a respective local chapter. While independent votes are totally acceptable, the hope is that we could have any independent voters within our association begin voting as a WVGCSA member. This would help to strengthen our voting power as an association. The GCSAA will provide me with a list of independent voters within our association in the near future. I will reach out to you. Should you wish to remain an independent vote, that is not a problem.

Finally, a proposed dues increase will also be voted on next February. This dues increase was originally scheduled to take place in February of 2021, but was postponed due to the pandemic. There is a proposed increase of \$30 for Superintendents and \$15 for Assistants. I would strongly encourage you to reach out to members of our board or myself to share your thoughts on this topic. Having had the opportunity to attend this meeting, I have a newfound respect for everything the GCSAA does for us. However, I understand this increase may still be coming at a financially challenging time for many of us.

Thank you,
Robert Cline, CGCS
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October Annual Meeting

Thank you to those who participated via Zoom and in person at our annual meeting at Bridge Haven Golf Club. It was a beautiful day and a great day of golf. Congratulations to Marshall Klay of Advanced Turf Solutions for winning the Vendor Cup and Jerry Stutler of Little Creek CC for winning the Robert Allman Century Cup!

New Board Members for 2022:

Bobby Cline, CGCS, Guyan - President
Mitch Roush, Riverside - Vice President
Andy Bates, Bridgeport - Director
Jimmy Clinton, Marietta CC - Director
Nathan Armstrong, Glade Springs POA - Director
Jerry Stutler, Little Creek CC - Director

Also on the Board:

Tony Coppa, Oglebay - Past President
Jason Hart, Bridge Haven - Treasurer
Rich Puskavich, Walker Supply - Class E
Kirby Lewis, Mountain State Floratine - Class E
Mike Bogroff, The Pines CC - Director
Brad Ullman, WVGA - Class H
Amber Breed - Secretary/Bookkeeper



Jerry Stutler, Little Creek CC with the Robert Allman Century Cup



Marshall Klay, Advanced Turf Solutions with the Vendor Cup

To Treat or Not to Treat?

By John Daniels, agronomist, Northeast Region

White grub damage has been showing up over the past several weeks in many areas of the Northeast. I wouldn't be surprised to find grub activity in areas that were treated earlier in the year with a preventative insecticide because above-average precipitation like we experienced this summer can favor beetle activity and lessen insecticide performance.

However, just because you find a population of grubs below the turf surface doesn't mean you should automatically load up your sprayer with an insecticide. Late-season treatments, particularly in October, are much less effective. Work from Michigan State University indicates that September treatments result in a 20%-80% kill whereas only 20%-55% when applied in late October. Fully grown white grubs are harder to kill, and it could take as long as 10 to 14 days after treatment before they die. Not to mention, the damage is probably already done.

Trying to promote turf recovery with additional seed and fertilizer is arguably a much better use of resources this late in the year. Save your insecticide until next year and make sure to apply at the appropriate time. For curative treatments with products like carbaryl or trichlorfon, treat prior to May 15. After that date, grubs stop feeding as they prepare to pupate. In general, preventative treatments provide the best solution to grub problems. They include products like imidacloprid, thiamethoxam, clothianidin or chlorantraniloprole. Just make sure to avoid applying too early in the year as the products will degrade over time – leaving your turf susceptible to outbreaks come next fall. Mid-June to early July is typically the best timeframe to apply preventative insecticides for controlling grubs in northern states.

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Fully grown white grubs are harder to kill, so October treatments will likely provide inconsistent control. A better strategy at this point in the season would be to put your money toward recovery.



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Due to the rising Coronavirus cases in the state, the Board has decided to cancel the Turf Conference for 2021. We understand everyone still needs education credits for their pesticide licenses so we have listed a few opportunities available this fall.

~ WV Dept. of Ag - <https://wvplants.wvda.us/SecurityLogin.aspx> - click on the Pesticide Programs tab and scroll to Recertification Course Locator.

~ Virginia GCSA Turf Conference, Charlottesville, VA - December 6-7, 2021

~ Eastern Shore Conference, Dewey Beach, DE - November 2-4, 2021

~ Ohio Turfgrass Conference and Show, Columbus, OH - December 6-9, 2021
<https://ohioturfgrass.org/mpage/CS>



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