



# The Green Sheet

Central Pennsylvania Golf Course Superintendents Association

Educational Meeting Issue

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February 2018

## Winter Educational Meeting

Wednesday, February 21, 2018

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Registration begins at 8:00 AM

### LedgeRock Golf Club

1 Greenbriar Drive  
Mohnton, PA 19540

Lunch/Program - \$90.00

Coat & Tie

## 2018 PGCSA Hospitality/ Networking Event

Wednesday February 7, 2018  
7:30-10:30 pm

Grand Hyatt, San Antonio  
Texas A

## Upcoming Events

- **GCSAA Golf Industry Show**  
Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center., San Antonio, Texas  
February 3-8, 2018
- **LCAP 27th Annual Winter Lawn Care Conference**  
Holiday Inn Conference Center Lehigh Valley  
February 13, 2018
- **2018 Western PA Turf Conference and Trade Show**  
Doubletree by Hilton Hotel, Pittsburgh  
February 27 -28, 2018

## GCSAA

### New Education for Assistants

Within any industry, continuing education is an important asset in professional development. Our industry is no different, and superintendent positions are as competitive as ever. For assistant superintendents looking for their first opportunity, this education could be a key factor in separating themselves from the pack. Particularly, it should be highlighted and leveraged on a resume to show potential employers that you are engaged in actively trying to improve yourself beyond the degree you may have previously earned.

To help you reach your educational goals, GCSAA has been developing and will soon be releasing education certificates for assistant superintendents. The certificates will cover 4 competency areas including: principles of golf course agronomy, business, communications/leadership, and environmental management. Although these certificates are geared toward assistants, any member or non-member can take the exams (cost is cheaper for members) to help improve their skills.

The first two exams, agronomy and business, are scheduled to be released in January 2018 with an associated study guide, and each exam will be between 70-75 questions. The remaining two exams will be developed and released later in 2018.

For assistants or others looking to hone their mechanical intuition, GCSAA also has 8 competency exams for equipment managers and covering: cutting units, drivetrain systems, electrical systems, engine technology, hydraulic systems, metalworking and fabrication, spray systems, and fundamentals of turfgrass operations. These certificates are currently available for any member or non-member, and can be found at [gsaa.org](http://gsaa.org).

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## Update on Chapter Delegates Meeting November 7-8, 2017 Kansas City, MO and Lawrence, KS

I had the privilege to represent the Central Pennsylvania Superintendents Association at the annual chapter delegates meeting in Kansas City this year. This was an overall great experience and a visit that I would recommend to all members of the GCSAA. The GCSAA headquarters is loaded with history and even has some really neat artifacts in the museum, but being able to see the inner workings of GCSAA will give you a new appreciation for what the association is all about and a better idea of what the association can do for you.

The delegates meeting is a chance for a representative from each chapter in the GCSAA to get together with the Board of Directors, CEO and GCSAA headquarters staff to be brought up to speed on what's going on inside the GCSAA. We were given updates on financials, all the various initiatives, political governances and the candidates who will be running for office this year. I have to admit I had no idea how many initiatives and programs that GCSAA is actively involved with that are of benefit to every member.

The government affairs briefing was very eye opening in that the GCSAA is very actively involved with 3 key initiatives, GCSAA PAC, National Golf Day and Grassroots Ambassador Program, all for advocacy efforts in Washington and on behalf of every golf course and member. They are always in search of volunteers for these initiatives and could be a great way to get involved and give back.

The GCSAA staff are also very involved in other programs such as State implementation of BMP's, First Green, Rounds 4 Research and Task Groups for Equipment Managers, Assistants and Students. These are all great programs that focus on education and research and are available for every member to get involved or learn something from in one way or another. Information on all of these programs can be found on the website.

Financially GCSAA is healthy and is growing. Currently there are over 17,000 members. A goal of 20,000 members by 2020 has been put in place and CEO Rhett Evans has challenged the staff to make that a reality. The association focuses on spending its resources on key member services and initiatives which include research and environmental programs, chapter outreach and government affairs. GCSAA worked into an agreement with the Wee One Foundation to assist members during times of medical hardship, and will be providing financial donations as well as helping promote Wee One through various media channels. There were several stories shared of the benevolence that GCSAA has been able to provide for many members going through hard times whether medical or from the recent natural disasters from the hurricanes in Texas and the Southeast.

This is a very brief synopsis of my trip to the delegates meeting and if anyone has any questions please feel free to give me a call or better yet call GCSAA and ask how you can get involved. Over the last few years I have heard more and more about what does GCSAA do for me other than provide a monthly magazine. After this trip I can honestly say that GCSAA offers more than I ever knew and it is up to you to get more out of it than a monthly magazine. The GCSAA staff are very eager to help all of its members and are only a phone call or email away. Getting involved is the best way to make a difference and a great way to start would be on the local level with the board of directors or just routine participation in our local events.

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# CPGCSA Winter Educational Meeting Agenda

February 21, 2018  
LedgeRock Golf Club

- 8:00           **Registration and Continental Breakfast**
- 9:00           **Introductions/Welcome**
- 9:15           **Nutrient Effects on Soil Chemical and Physical Properties**  
Beth Guertal, Auburn University
- 10:15          **PA Pesticide Rules and Regulations**  
Steve Detwiler, Pennsylvania DEP
- 11:15          **Break**
- 11:30          **The History of Poa Annua and Cultural Effects on its Population**  
Beth Guertal, Auburn University
- 12:30          **Lunch**
- 1:15           **How to Get that Equipment Package You Want Approved**  
Erica Ward, DLL Finance
- 1:45           **Unlock Your Strengths for Team Success**  
Lyne Tumlinson, Lift Coaching
- 2:45           **How to Speak Millennial-Ease: Moving from Frustration to Fluency**  
Lyne Tumlinson, Lift Coaching
- 3:45           **Wrap-up/Comments**
- 4:00           **Hors d'oeuvres and Cash Bar**

*Credits*

*GCSAA Education Points - .55  
PDA - 2 Core, 2 Category 7*

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## **Winter Educational Meeting – Reservation Form**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Course/Company: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Guest: \_\_\_\_\_ Course/Company: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Program/Lunch      **\$90.00**

Deadline: **February 16, 2018**

Checks Payable To: **CPGCSA** or **Payment through PayPal at [www.cpgesa.org](http://www.cpgesa.org)**

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## 2018 CPGCSA Meeting Schedule

**May 14**

Carlisle Country Club

**June**

Colonial Country Club

**July**

Berkshire Country Club

**September**

PSU Game

**October**

Moccasin Run Golf Course



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