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Sunset Golf Course

2601 Sunset Drive
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[Sunset Golf Course \(sunsetgc.com\)](http://sunsetgc.com)

**Hosts: Bob Gomboc
Sam Risteff**

Thursday, May 16, 2024

Registration begins - 9:15 AM

Golf - 10:00AM Shotgun

Lunch - following golf

Tournament - 4 Man Scramble

Sam Risteff has been at Sunset Golf Course for the past 44 years. Sam has held the positions of Golf Course Superintendent and General Manager.

Bob Gomboc was born and raised in Middletown, PA, Bob started working part time summer positions at Sunset Golf Course in 1990 under Sam. After graduating from Rutgers Golf Turf School in 1998, Bob became full time Assistant Golf Course Superintendent and worked there for 10 years. In June 2023, Bob returned to Sunset as the Golf Course Superintendent. Bob has been married to Lora for 24 years and they have 2 children both at Middletown Area High School: Son RJ a senior, and daughter Ainsley a sophomore.



Sunset Golf Course is a challenging 18-hole, par 71 Championship Course that is over 6,200 yards in length with picturesque views of the Susquehanna River and rolling, rural countryside of Londonderry Township that paint every curve of this recently improved golf course.



The History of Sunset Golf Course

Sunset Hill is located in Londonderry Township, Pennsylvania. The non-contiguous Sunset Hill was acquired by the United States Air Force in 1956 as part of a program to upgrade the former Olmstead Air Force Base to accommodate jet aircraft. This was to create a proper glide angle for jets; to do so, over 30 feet of Sunset Hill was removed. Following the removal of the hill, a nine-hole golf course was constructed. It was named the Olmstead Golf Course and was designed by the Army Corp of Engineers.

Sunset Golf Course's evolution continued in 1968 when Olmstead Air Force Base was retired. At this juncture, Londonderry Township stepped in and purchased the course, renaming it Sunset Golf Course. The course, initially a nine-hole facility, underwent an expansion in 1975 overseen by the Vincent Construction Company which added an additional nine holes.

In 2017, Harrisburg Regional Airport Authority met to discuss modifications to the course due to a planned runway expansion, which would entail removing trees on Sunset's front nine. Now, with the trees gone, architect Kelly Moran used native grasses and plantings to surround the fairways and greens while incorporating additional tee boxes and sand traps. We now feel that the concept of getting to play a links-style front-nine with a traditional tree line style on the back-nine within the same property makes Sunset a unique experience.

2024 Meeting Schedule

June 13

Carrol Valley Golf Resort

Host – Jamie Dennison

October 7

Hanover Country Club

Host – Bill Brooks

Planning With Climate and Weather Data

When it comes to successful agronomic preparation on golf courses, accurate climate and weather data makes all the difference.

January 2024 | Ed Brotak, Ph.D.

Like any outdoor sport, golf is at the mercy of the weather, which means the work of the golf course superintendent is also subject to the same whims of Mother Nature.

Brad Jakubowski, an instructor of plant and turfgrass science at Penn State University who has taught several GCSAA seminars on how the weather affects golf courses, says, “(The weather) impacts superintendents’ facilities and their management decisions daily. Decisions concerning irrigation, mowing, pest management, fertilization, plant growth management, projects, etc., are all dependent upon the weather.”

As such, Jakubowski is an advocate for relying on weather and climate data to guide management decisions. “Weather and climate data is one of the most important sources of information golf course managers utilize,” he says.

The long and short of it

But the terms “weather” and “climate” aren’t interchangeable. Climate is defined as the long-term pattern of temperature and precipitation over many years. For example, the standard value used for determining “normal” or “average” conditions is 30 years. To fully describe the climate of an area, it’s not enough to just use averages but also to note extremes and how frequently they occur. Looking at climate data will give you an idea of what has happened in the past, what you can reasonably expect in the future and what extremes in temperature and precipitation may occur.

The National Centers for Environmental Information (<https://bit.ly/41aDEA8>) have a wealth of climate information. You can get daily, monthly and annual data for temperature and precipitation for the country, individual states or even specific cities. Although calculated at the NCEI, this information is also distributed locally by Regional Climate Centers (<https://bit.ly/46U1Jfz>), through state climatologists (<https://bit.ly/3NjmEC5>) or local agricultural Extension offices.

Marc Szablewski is the GCSAA Class A superintendent at the St. Andrews Golf Course in Overland Park, Kan., and regularly uses climate data. “Every season is different, so dates don’t mean a ton,” the 17-year association member says. “A good data model that is very helpful is growing degree days for application intervals of certain products. The model also helps look back at past temperatures and gives a good gauge of plant growth from the past.”

Jeffrey Austin, the GCSAA Class A superintendent at the Yale Golf Course in New Haven, Conn., has made climate data an important part of his agronomic planning. “With regards to long-term planning, I like to know annual trends in such items as temperature and precipitation totals. Both points of information can help in scheduling pest applications; there are products that I do not need to have on the shelves during summer months because the likelihood of a certain disease is only prevalent during spring and fall months.”

Don Forehope, who manages turfgrass in one of the most inhospitable places in the world as the superintendent at Furnace Creek Golf Course, part of The Oasis at Death Valley, also relies on climate data. “We use climate data to plan for turf management, as well as for the effects on play and/or people,” he says. “We monitor our past years’ temperatures to give us an idea of how to plan. Each month the patterns change, so we have to increase or decrease our watering plan.

“Since temperatures fluctuate between winter and summer — particularly in summer when they can vary from 100 to 130 degrees — we look at our watering plan each month, perform temperature checks and examine weather patterns. Our EZLinks tee time reservation system stores historical weather data and our play records for each day of the last 12 years, which makes it helpful to see what months and weeks have been busier. Having this historical data also helps us maintain staffing levels that will ac-



Myriad weather data points are available to golf course superintendents to help them manage their daily decisions, from irrigation to mowing to pest management. Photo illustration by zeeclock1/stock.adobe.com

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commodate walk-ups or advance-reservation golfers.”

Kevin Breen, CGCS, director of greens and grounds at the La Rinconada Country Club, Los Gatos, Calif., and current president of the GCSAA, adds, “I use historical data to manage the golf course — chemical and fertilizer applications and personnel schedules.”

In the here and now

All the planning in the world won’t account for the occasional curveballs tossed out there by Mother Nature, so monitoring current weather conditions is also commonplace on golf courses, most often by using on-site weather monitoring. This ranges from using “low-tech” methods, such as thermometers and simple rain gauges, to complete on-site weather stations.

“We have an electric weather station on our fourth hole that measures temp, precip, winds, dew point and atmospheric pressure,” says Austin, a member of GCSAA for 19 years. “It gives us real-time and historical weather data.”

For help with current conditions at locations away from the course and updated forecasts, there are two basic sources. You can go to the [National Weather Service website](#) for free information for a host of locations, or you can use the services of private meteorology firms that typically offer basic information for free and more detailed information via subscription. Paid services are tailored to the specific needs of the clients, who often can interact directly with meteorologists.



Planning for frost is one area of concern for many superintendents that can be informed by accurate weather data. Photo by MrSegui/

Breen, a 33-year GCSAA member, only needs to look in a mirror to interact with a meteorologist — he has a degree in meteor-

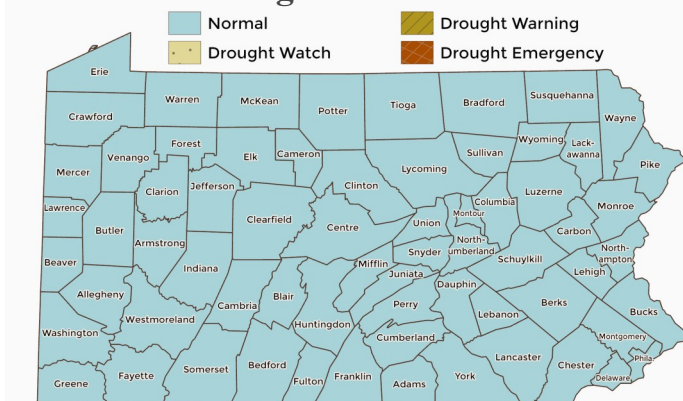
Presidents Message

Every Monday is our senior league here at Range End. 180 players are signed up and most of the time they all show up. Mondays we are a geriatric day care center. This past Monday after the rain all weekend, I was asked by one of the most vocal geriatrics if “the course was wet?” I felt a vitriolic response welling up inside me. Before it surfaced he followed with “I guess that a stupid question”. I smiled and fled the pro shop. I miss last spring of 2023. That was one of the best ever! This definitely is the year of chaos. From 90 degrees to 47 with rain.

Hang in there. We may be begging for rain in a couple months. See you Thursday!

Pete Ramsey
Central Penn President

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ology from the University of Nebraska. As a result, he relies on basic data from the National Weather Service. “I use a combination of raw data, forecast models and NOAA forecasts that I access online,” he says. “I learn so much from the NWS discussions that are part of my local forecast and would say that is my one go-to.”

At St. Andrews GC, Szablewski uses Weather or Not, a private firm in Kansas City. Paul Latshaw, CGCS, the director of golf course operations at Merion Golf Club in Ardmore, Pa., uses several private firms, primarily Weather Sentry, powered by DTN. But he also uses a golf-specific service, Grass Roots Weather, headed by Herb Stevens. “It is a service that I highly depend on and value his professional opinion,” Latshaw says. On his phone, Latshaw — a 36-year GCSAA member — has several apps he relies on, including RadarScope and Dark Sky.

Water works and more

As Jakubowski pointed out, there are many uses for weather and climate data, and each superintendent contacted for this story noted its role in water use and management. In water-scarce Death Valley, Forehope says, “We usually use daily weather forecasts on our irrigation computer to let us know how to schedule. The information we look for is wind, rain, humidity and barometric pressure. It is always helpful to know our conditions so that we can update or stop our watering cycle throughout the week.”

Irrigation decisions at Merion are guided by projected daily evapotranspiration along with hourly winds, humidity and dew points, Latshaw says.

And at Yale GC, Austin says, “We mainly use temperature, humidity, wind, precipitation, cloud coverage and length of daylight. All of these categories affect how well turf grows during any given day and how we treat it in terms of mowing, watering, etc.”

Disease management is another part of a superintendent’s job that benefits from accurate data. “Anytime you can prevent a disease, it is going to require less product and save chemical applications,” Szablewski says.



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Not surprisingly, weather forecasts become less accurate the farther out they go. Forecasts that offer some specificity are typically reasonably accurate out to a week. More general outlooks for the second week are also generally accurate. Beyond that, forecast reliability should be questioned.

Szablewski says he uses forecasts “usually just a few days out for chemical application preparation. The long-range is more planning out mowing schedules and watering concerns. Day-to-day has its own personality.”

Forehope is a little more confident in forecasts but knows they’re not foolproof. “We typically forecast two weeks out, primarily because of our location, the weather patterns and the unpredictability of the forecast,” he says. “What the forecast says may change within a week. We have had instances where we adjust our watering plan to accommodate a forecast, but then had to go back and recalculate it because of a sudden change in weather.

“However, we do monitor our past years’ temperatures to give us an idea of how to plan. Each month the patterns change, so we have to increase or decrease our watering plan.”

Breen, Latshaw and Austin don’t put much faith in anything outside of 10 days. “Forecasts can change so quickly that anything outside of 7-10 days is a little difficult to trust,” Austin says. “I will plan our weekly practices using the forecast, all while knowing that changes will need to be made on the fly.”

One area where accurate forecasts can make all the difference is frost, a major concern for most superintendents. “If we dip into the 37-to-38-degree range with clear skies, there is a good chance we will have frost on our first hole, which happens to be at the lowest part of the course,” Szablewski says. “We will monitor the temps in the morning for any delays and usually put off mowing if we are up against a busy morning.”

Latshaw says, “Normally we look at nighttime temps and DTN to see if they are projecting a frost. If we believe there is going

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to be a frost, we always communicate with the pro shop so we can let golfers know there might be a frost delay. There is always rotational maintenance that occurs, so if we are delayed by two hours, we have to delay the first tee time the same. There are times that if we know we are going to have a heavy frost and the tee sheet is packed, we will take out some maintenance aspects to get them playing sooner. Sometimes we will run water lightly to help burn it off.”



With a degree in meteorology, GCSAA President Kevin Breen, CGCS, knows all about the importance of the accuracy of weather data when making decisions around La Rinconada Country Club in Los Gatos, Calif. Photo by Adam Weidenbach

Reading the tea leaves

Weather’s effect on golf course management is undeniable, which emphasizes the importance of access to and understanding of reliable climate and weather data.

“Almost every agronomic decision is based off of weather and weather projections,” Latshaw says. “You obviously can’t con-

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trol it, but weather forecasts or outlooks can impact your agronomic programs. I am constantly looking at the weather, not just daily but what is in the projected forecast, and adjust agronomic programs with the information we have. Then when inclement weather does occur, such as heavy rains, high dew points, high daytime temperatures coupled with high nighttime temperatures, programs change accordingly.”

Szablewski looks at it this way: “Weather data for superintendents is very important, but it’s not the end-all-be-all. There is a ‘feel’ element to managing turf for longevity. We have certain time frames we like to hit on having products out, but the seasons can vary. Nothing ever goes as a 12-month plan in the transition zone. The data that is really most important is what you have in the next couple of days, then move on out from there with regards to planning.

“Then be ready to pivot, because you will have to when the forecast changes.”

Ed Brotak, Ph.D., was a longtime professor of atmospheric sciences at the University of North Carolina, Asheville.

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NORTHEAST REGIONAL UPDATE

Deep Thoughts About Bunker Sand Depth

April 19, 2024

Brian Gietka, agronomist, East Region

Early spring is a good time to check bunker sand depths, but how much sand should your bunkers have to perform their best?

As another season begins, spring tasks such as checking bunker sand depths are happening throughout the Northeast. Over time, bunker sand is moved or displaced due to play, washouts, maintenance and other factors. Several times recently in my travels I have heard the complaint: “There’s no sand in the bunkers!” While a lack of sand is sometimes the case when bunkers play too firm, adding more sand is not always the answer.

Bunker sand infiltration rates can reduce dramatically within just a few years of installing new sand. This occurs naturally as sand traps leaves, grass clippings and soil particles. As more organic matter and soil particles accumulate in bunker sand, more water is held and the sand will play firmer even if there is plenty of it. Things can seem even worse during the winter and early spring because bunkers are raked infrequently and weather tends to keep sand wet. Warmer weather and more raking may solve the problem, but if the bunkers continue playing firm you may need to replace contaminated sand.



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So, when it’s time to replace or add bunker sand, how is the proper depth determined? Typically, 4-6 inches of sand on bunker floors performs well, but liner systems have become more common and some create a perched water table. I find 4-6 inches is often not enough sand to adequately move water away from the sand surface with certain liner options. This is where having an accredited laboratory perform a moisture column test can help. During this test, the bunker sand is saturated and moisture content is measured every two hours over a 48-hour period. Moisture measurements are made at 0 (bottom of the column) and 4, 6, 7 and 8 inches from the bottom. For a good minimum sand depth in your bunkers, add 1 inch to the depth at which moisture levels dry to 15% after 48 hours. So if the sand has 15% moisture content at 6 inches after 48 hours of drying, you want 7 inches of sand in the floor of your bunkers.

If you want to discuss [bunker sand selection](#) and installation practices further, please reach out to your [regional USGA agronomist](#).

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Go Big or Go Home

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Elliott L. Dowling, regional director, East Region

The golf season has not fully ramped up yet in the Northeast, but many courses are already seeing a lot of play. This is both good news and bad news for most facilities. The good news is courses remain busy, with some seeing golf rounds continue to tick up year over year. The bad news, especially for courses with small greens and tees, is the increased traffic is responsible for weak grass as the season goes on. For many, this has demonstrated a need for larger greens.

Putting greens often shrink over time. Maintaining the perfect cleanup pass is difficult in any circumstance, but even more so as courses change equipment, team members and superintendents. You can probably find aerial photos showing original green shapes and sizes and compare them to what you have today, or probe the soil to find the edge of original greens mix. Don't be surprised if your greens have gotten quite a bit smaller, even if your course isn't that old.

The easiest way to fix putting green shrinkage is to identify where the original green perimeter was and slowly mow the existing collar or surrounds back to putting green height. This works best if the soil profile in that area still matches the putting green and the grasses surrounding the green are the same as the green itself.

If the original putting green margins are not large enough to meet your needs, you may need to make more-extensive adjustments. A few courses I've been on this spring have large areas around their greens that were previously rough and have been mowed to fairway height that they now are converting to putting surface. Since the soil profile under these areas is most likely native soil, they will require either very aggressive cultivation and topdressing, or excavation and replacement with new rootzone mix to function properly as part of the putting surface.



Expanding greens isn't always as easy as just lowering the height of cut. Proper planning, material selection and timing are necessary for long-term success.

If you plan to add new mix, it is important to send a sample of your current mix to a lab for analysis. Courses with push-up greens will usually have anywhere from 2 to 6 inches of a sandy soil mixture above native soils from years of repeated cultivation and topdressing. This is the depth that affects turf health and quality the most, and what you want to test. Use the lab results to purchase a new mix for the expansion areas that closely matches what you currently have.

Spring is a difficult time to do this work because keeping new putting green turf alive during the heat of summer is tricky. Therefore, use this spring to plan for expansions and get your testing done, but don't start lowering the height of cut or regrassing areas before August. Green expansions are a good fall project that can usually be done in-house, especially if you are only lowering the height of cut and perhaps performing aggressive aeration and topdressing. Even if the work can be done in-house, it's a good idea to have a golf course architect consult on any significant putting green expansions to make sure they meet your design and maintenance goals.

Clearly, golfers are eager to come back to the course this year. It is important to plan for that by continuing to expand greens and tees wherever possible to spread traffic and wear. Moreover, putting green expansions provide the opportunity for more hole locations if done right. This adds to golfer enjoyment because they get a new look on the same hole they've played many times. For assistance with planning your putting green expansion project, reach out to your [regional USGA agronomist](#).

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2024 National Golf Day: News and Buzz

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Friday, May 10



• Area students from Two Rivers Public Charter School and The Field School paid a visit to Langston Golf Course this morning to cap off National Golf Day activities. The trip included newly-added STEAM activities such as golf course hole design. Anthony Riggs, assistant superintendent at Hampshire Greens Golf Course in Ashton, Md., discussed the details of his job with students from Two Rivers,

giving them an inside look at potential careers in the golf industry, along-side interactive stations on soil, irrigation and more.

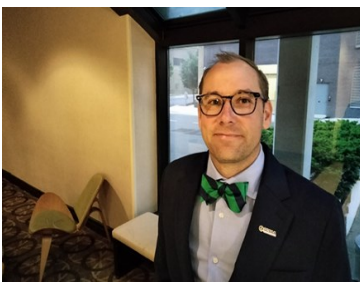
— Abby Olcese

- * National Golf Day community service projects commenced early this morning at the National Mall and Langston Golf course, allowing participants to further show the value of golf and golf course management to communities across the country. Tenia Workman, executive director of the Georgia GCSA, has come to National Golf Day for five years. She said the community service project is her favorite part of National Golf Day every year. "I love working with my friends and colleagues from Georgia and around the country," she said.

The teams at Langston Golf Course made quick work of their project, replacing old turf with more attractive shrubs. Adam Schilp, project manager for the National Links Trust, which manages Langston Golf Course, said the beautification of this part of the course was welcome. "With the help of 50 volunteers, it's been made into a space that hopefully visitors can enjoy for a long time to come," he said.

— Abby Olcese

Thursday, May 9



- * Patrick Van Vleck, CGCS, is all about his golf course. But there is something about where he is this week that is something to shout about. Van Vleck is a 21-year GCSAA member who is in Washington, D.C., for National Golf Day. Besides recently being recognized as one of the GCSAA Grassroots Ambassador Leadership Award recipients, Van Vleck was able to spend precious time in the halls of the U.S. State Capitol on Wednesday to share his story with lawmakers, including the state representative he is paired with, Rep. Katherine Clark (D-Mass.)

Why Van Vleck chose to travel from Unicorn Golf Course in Stoneham, Mass., to D.C. is simple, even if it meant leaving Unicorn GC behind for a few days. "Why would I leave my golf course to be here? Because I think it's important. I want people to hear our (golf superintendents) story, the real story, not by what you may hear from the non-golfing public," he says. "When you have 300

of us (National Golf Day attendees) here knocking on doors, you can't ignore us. It's that one time of the year we can come out here in force and not be not heard."

- Howard Richman

- * National Golf Day participants celebrated a job well done with a dinner honoring Grassroots Ambassador Leadership Award winners. The program, [which recently celebrated its 10th anniversary](#), now boasts more than 525 participants from 413 congressional districts across the U.S.

"The goal has always been to educate members of congress on what golf course maintenance means, and so we get our members to build relationships," said Michael Lee, GCSAA's senior manager of government affairs. Lee stressed that effective advocacy efforts aren't just limited to a visit to the capital once a year. "The good news is, you don't have to come to Washington to do this," he said. "Your representatives have local offices and local staffs that run them who you can get to know." [Learn more about this year's award winning advocates.](#)

— Abby Olcese



The GCM staff is covering National Golf Day advocacy and community service activities in Washington, D.C. as they unfold. Check back often for the latest updates. For more stories on National Golf Day, [click here](#).



- * Meetings on Capitol Hill for National Golf Day started at 9 a.m. and run until 4 p.m. EDT today. National Golf Day participants have scheduled times to connect with their legislative representatives to talk about big issues facing the industry, and how it impacts the courses in their district. Kevin Sunderman, GCSAA's Chief Operating Officer, says he's appreciated the growing relationships with legislators in the 10 years he's attended the event.

"Coming here for 10 years, you really do see the needle start to move," he said. "This year, in the meetings, it feels like we have some real champions in terms of issues like the tax bill."

- Abby Olcese



Wednesday, May 8

- National Golf Day activities began this afternoon with a discussion of the legislative issues that GCSAA members and industry representatives will discuss with their legislators during tomorrow's day on the hill. Robert Helland, GCSAA's director of congressional and federal affairs, encouraged the assembled superintendent audience to be sincere about the value of golf. "We need you to make the argument tomorrow that Golf matters. That we have a community and economic impact," Helland said. "Congress doesn't think outside of their silos a lot of the time. And that's why it's so important that you be here. We have an institution in this country that shouldn't be discriminated against."

— Abby Olcese



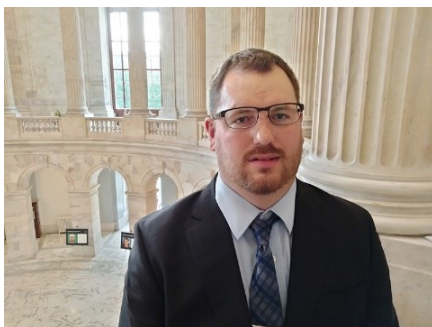
- *Steve Sands has watched Tiger Woods, Scottie Scheffler and many other standout players for years. It is those behind the scenes, though, that he recognized Wednesday. Sands, the NBC Sports/Golf Channel anchor and reporter, served as keynote speaker on his home turf during the American Golf Industry Coalition event as part of National Golf Day event festivities at the Double Tree by Hilton Hotel Washington, D.C.-Crystal City.

With more than two decades of experience, Sands has seen more than his share of golf courses, whether at major championships, tour events or courses he's played that aren't necessarily in the broadcast spotlight. The superintendents and their teams that prepare golf courses deserve to have that light shined on them, he says. "We see it every single week. It's amazing," Sands says, "and the people who work and belong to your organization

(GCSAA) are the greatest in the world. They're the ones that drive the engine. They literally are the people who make it good for those like me who play recreationally."

- Howard Richman

- Less than halfway into 2024, Ryan Deering already has had a full, fruitful plate. Equipment manager at Rolling Greens Country Club in Arlington Heights, Ill., Deering is spending this week nearly half-way across the country. He's in Washington, D.C., for National Golf Day. Deering is set to be on mulch patrol Friday for the service project on the National Mall. And he's excited to participate. "It's unbelievable. I think I can learn from others," Deering says. "It's a pretty unique opportunity." Deering has already had quite a year. He applied for and was selected for the Melrose Equipment Management Experience, which included a trip to the GCSAA Conference and Trade Show this past winter. Deering isn't done. He's working his way toward becoming a Certified Turf Equipment Manager. If anything, Deering is a go-getter. Once he returns from the National Mall experience, he has immediate plans upon returning to Illinois. "I'll be at work Saturday," he says.



— Howard Richman



- "Members of congress need to hear from you," Rep. Jimmy Panetta (D-Calif.) told the assembled group of superintendents and industry representatives at the Kennedy Caucus Room at the Russell Senate Office Building on Wednesday night. Panetta, who received the Champion Award that night from National Golf Course Owners Association, was speaking at the opening reception for National Golf Day, addressing a bill he had co-sponsored for [tax code modernization](#) that would benefit golf courses and those who work on them. "They need to hear why you need this bill, which will bring you natural disaster relief, because you deserve it." The need for golf course superintendents and industry professionals to share their experiences with their representatives and illustrate golf's community, environmental and economic impact was a consistent theme throughout the night — as it has been throughout the event itself. "If you don't tell your story, someone else will," Kevin Sunderman, GCSAA's chief operating officer, said. "That's why advocacy matters."

GCSAA president Jeff White, a repeat attendee at National Golf Day, says he's seen the effects of that storytelling on behalf of the industry firsthand. "I think the general opinion of golf has changed over the years, in part because of us coming here to this," he said.

“The most surprising thing for me about this event is how much we’ve managed to change the perception of golf and what it means. What we do here is working.”

If you need proof that the public’s interest in golf is increasing alongside the legislative opinion, Penny Lee of the Government Relations Leadership Forum pointed to the upcoming Solheim Cup, which will be hosted at Robert Trent Jones Golf Club in Gainesville, Va.

(where Lee is a board member) In September. She told the assembled crowd the event is on track to have record-breaking attendance for a women’s sporting event.

“We appreciate the work you do on behalf of players, on behalf of staffers, on behalf of superintendents, the whole gamut,” she said. “Now that the Solheim Cup is back domestically, I’m expecting more of you to be here in the nation’s capital to cheer on team USA.”



GCSAA members, industry partners and members of congress came together to kick off National Golf Day activities on Capitol Hill at a congressional reception on Wednesday Night. Photo by Daniel Swartz

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The following offices will be up for election for the GCSAA Board of Directors at the 2025 Annual Meeting in San Diego, CA.

- President
- Vice president
- Secretary/treasurer
- Director (four positions)

The Call for Nominations deadline is on June 30. If your chapter will be nominating a candidate for the 2025 GCSAA Board of Directors, please have your letter of nomination to Shelia Finney, Senior Director, Member Programs by the deadline. You can send it to her via mail or email. Even if your candidate is an incumbent, we still ask for the nomination letter.

Here is a link to the Call for Nominations with a list of offices up for election in in 2025. It also has directions on how to nominate a candidate.

[2025 Call for Nominations | GCSAA](#)



Golf Course Superintendents Association

Dear CPGCSA Member:

The CPGCSA Board of Directors has developed a scholarship for students pursuing a career in Golf Course Management and/or for children of a member of CPGCSA seeking any type of higher education. The deadline for applications is July 31st.

Listed below are the CPGCSA Scholarship Guidelines:

Eligible Candidates:

Applicants must fall into one of the following categories:

- * Students majoring in Golf Course Management at an accredited institution and are employed at least part time by a CPGCSA member.
- * Students majoring in Golf Course Management at an accredited institution and are currently a member of CPGCSA in good standing.
- * Students attending an accredited institution and are the child of a CPGCSA member in good standing.

Guidelines for Applicants:

- * Applicants must have completed at least one year at an accredited institution.
- * Applicants must submit a typed essay of no more than 500 words outlining his or her career goals and why they feel they are deserving of the CPGCSA Scholarship.
- * Applicants must submit two letters of recommendation. (One from an instructor and one from a CPGCSA member)
- * Applicants are eligible to receive this award one time.
- * The scholarship will be paid directly to the college or university.

Timeline

- * July 31 - Deadline for submission of applications.
- * August - Board will review applicant's information, approve and notify recipient.
- * Annual Scholarship Tournament – ceremonial presentation of the award.

Attached please find a scholarship application. Additional applications can be obtained by contacting CPGCSA office at (717) 279-0368 or cpgcsa@hotmail.com. If you know of a deserving student, Central Penn GCSA can help.

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Please join Thom Mahute and Fisher & Son for an Open House during the 2024 US Women's Open at Lancaster Country Club. Attendees can walk to this event, just north/east on New Holland Pike approximately 100 yards from the patron bus drop off.

More details to follow for the attendees as we get closer to the event.

Please respond by May 16th to: tmahute@fisherandson.com
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