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President's Message

For many of us the winter of 2017 was minimal and the grind of the season has already began. It appears at this time experts are saying we are about 3 weeks ahead of normal growing conditions and thus plans and calendars will need to be refined.

I would encourage everyone to find time to attend GCGCSA meetings this year for not only the educational experiences but also for the networking with peers who are experiencing the same issues and concerns as oneself. As a team, we can continue to grow our profession and the recognition of our industry while also helping to grow the game of golf and be stewards for the environment.

At this time, I would also challenge every member to enroll his or her Assistants and Equipment Managers in our organization. For a minimal fee, you can strengthen your own team through education, new technology, training and leadership building skills while also strengthening our organization.

Please remember to patronize and support our partners as their financial support helps to minimize our costs and thus we are able to pass along the savings in dues and expenses to all. I would also like to invite every member to attend the Scholarship Fundraiser this year at Kenwood Country Club. The students who benefit will be our work force in the near future, and qualified employees are getting harder and harder to find.

Therefore, in conclusion as we look to the future, I only hope Mother Nature remembers that she came in like a lion this March with the wind damage and flooding that many of us experienced and leaves like a lamb with fairer weather in May.

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Four Bridges

April 17th - Golf and Education

Mechanics Training

April 25th - Mechanics training and Round Table

Research and Scholarship Outing

June 5th - Kenwood Country Club



Message From the Editor

The Green Breeze has a long history of being the publication of the Greater Cincinnati Golf Course Superintendents Association. Last year we only had 2 issues of the Green Breeze due to various challenges. This inaugural issue of the 69th Volume of the Green Breeze represents a re-dedication to the publication.

In a changing age where information is more readily available and consumed on our many electronic devices. I choose to create this issue in a format that is more easily viewed on such devices. Through this method I also have the ability to use many more photos. If you have any photos of your course, whether they are scenic or agronomic in nature please send them to me and I will try to incorporate them in the website or the Green Breeze publication.

I always welcome as much feedback as possible both the personal and professional areas of my life. If you have an opinion about the format of this edition, either positive or negative, feel free to share it with me. You can reach me be email at gcgcsa@gmail.com. I'm here to serve my fellow association members through open lines of communication.

Thanks for your help, Tony

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April Host Course

Four Bridges golf course, designed by Golf World's first ever "Designer of the Year", Robert E. Cupp, opened its entire eighteen holes in June of 2000. With a maximum length of 7,230 yards, the Cupp design will inspire and challenge golfers of every skill level. Cupp has woven the course through 200 acres creating a course full of character and subtlety. Features include waste bunkering, two double greens, and L-93 bent grass greens and fairways.

Four Bridges has 3.5 acres of greens, 3.5 acres of tees, 28 acres of fairways, 96 acres of rough, 70 sand traps, 5 acres of waste bunkers and 16 ponds.



Joel Hanlon became superintendent at Four Bridges in 2015 after spending10 years at Camargo club under the tutelage of Doug Norwell. Joel grew up in Plymouth, WI and received his soil science degree from the University of Wisconsin, where he met his wife Katie Swinford. Katie teaches Latin at Sevin Hills and they have a 4 year old son Lucas. Joel interned at Red Sky Golf Club in Vail prior to coming to Cincinnati.

Joel's staff includes 1st assistant Andy Custis, 2nd assistant Jake Halak, mechanic Chris Santoro, and horticulturist Erin Mackintosh.

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Host: Kenwood Country Club

Date: June 5th

Applications deadline: May 15th

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Scholarship Application

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Hall of Fame

We are proud to announce the incoming GCGCSA Hall of Fame class for 2017.

Howard Dammel

Denny Warner

Given the connection both these gentlemen share with Kenwood CC, we will be conducting our awards ceremony this year at our Scholarship Outing being held at there.



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2016 HOF - Charles H. Tadge (CGCS)



Charlie's interest in golf began as a caddie at the Miami Valley Golf Course in Dayton, where he worked through his high school years. After serving in the army, Charlie attended the University of Cincinnati, where he received an undergraduate degree in Industrial Management. He then moved on to Purdue University, receiving a graduate degree in Agronomy, thus beginning his career in turfgrass.

Charlie has served on the Board and as president of the Midwest Regional Turfgrass Foundation, the Miami Valley GCSA, the Northern Ohio GCSA, and of course the Golf Course Superintendent Association of America. He was also one of the founders of OTF and served on the Board and as president of that foundation. As president, he was instrumental in developing the OTF Conference and Show, which became a model for many regional shows. Charlie has received the OTF's highest honor, Professional of the Year.



As a superintendent, Charlie started at Miami Valley Golf Club, moved to Mayfield Country Club, and then came to the Cincinnati area with the Hamilton County ParkDistrict. Charlie was the East District Superintendent overseeing operations at theVineyard, Little Miami, and Sharon Woods Golf Courses and parks. He worked in that capacity for 14 years before retiring.

Charlie served on our GCGCSA Board for most of those 14 years as the liaison and chapter delegate between our association and the national organization. He kept us up to date on our chapter's responsibilities and any changes that were occurring. Charlie's life of involvement and dedication to our profession sets a standard for all superintendents.

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National Golf Day

WE ARE GOLF, a coalition of golf's leading organizations, will host its 10th annual National Golf Day on Wednesday, April 26, 2017 on Capitol Hill in Washington, D.C. "We look forward to celebrating the 10th anniversary of National Golf Day by educating our country's lawmakers about the game's significant impact," said Steve Mona, Chief Executive Officer of World Golf Foundation, administrator of WE ARE GOLF. "We are optimistic about the momentum for golf in 2017 and also pleased with the strides our industry has made on Capitol Hill in the last decade to ensure that golf's interests are effectively represented."

Social Media

In 2016, the National Golf Day Twitter campaign (#NGD16) exceeded more than 52 million impressions (37 million in 2015; 16 million in 2014; 7.2 million in 2013). This included reaching 17.7 million Twitter and Facebook unique accounts. #NGD16 exceeded 4.4 million Twitter impressions during its peak between 3-4 p.m. on May 18, when it was also a global trending topic for the second straight year.

Visit the social media hub to continue following the action. Be sure to tag @wearegolf on Twitter and Instagram to show your support for the golf industry.





OTF
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Timely Weed Control Options

Dr. David Gardner of the Ohio State University offers suggestions for control of winter annuals, crabgrass and more in the latest OTF Turf Tips video!

Straka to serve as President of OTF

Jason Straka, partner at Fry/Straka Global Golf Course Design and active industry proponent, is commencing his term as President of the Ohio Turfgrass Foundation's (OTF) Executive Committee. A long-time Trustee on the Foundation's board, Straka just completed his one year term as the 2016 Vice President and has also served as Treasurer and member of the Foundation's Education Committee.

"As a strong believer in the mission of the Ohio Turfgrass Foundation, it is with great excitement that I begin my term as the Foundation's President," Straka said. "It is an honor to be the first golf course architect to serve in this capacity, and I value the privilege to continue OTF's legacy of supporting the turfgrass community."

One of Straka's primary objectives for 2017 includes launching the Buckeyes for Environmentally Sustainable Turfgrass (BEST) program. BEST, which has been in the development stage for several years, will provide turfgrass managers an opportunity to earn recognition as environmental stewards by following industry best practices.

Ohio Golf Statistics

Ohio Direct, indirect & induced economic output

$4.8 billion

Number of golf courses

738

Direct Golf Economy

$2.4 billion

Total Wage Income

$1.5 billion

Total Jobs

68,120

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Putting Green Etiquette Tips

All golfers have an opportunity to positively impact course conditions, pace of play and the extent to which other golfers enjoy the game whenever they step foot on a golf course. By practicing these simple tips during your next round, you can do your part to improve playing conditions for all to enjoy.

Divot Repair Etiquette

Just like ball marks, divots are an innate part of the game. But they too can frustrate golfers by disrupting playing quality. Furthermore, divots are labor-intensive for maintenance staffs to address. Fortunately, with these simple course care etiquette tips, anyone can improve course conditioning as they golf.

Practice Facility Etiquette

As with any sport, developing skills as a golfer requires practice. Whether you are working on your putting, short game or just heading to the driving range to work on your swing, doing these things will ensure a better practice experience for all.

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