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## Monday, February 19, 2024

4:30 p.m. - Board of Directors Meeting and hosted Board Dinner, The Riverside Hotel, Boise, Idaho

## Tuesday, February 20, 2024

7:15 a.m. Registration desk open. Please sign in and enjoy a continental breakfast co-sponsored by **DCI ENGINEERS, NUTRIEN SOLUTIONS, and PACIFIC GOLF & TURF/RAINBIRD**

### 8:00 - 9:10 a.m. **Snow Mold Bloodbath... what can we learn from last winter**

Last winter saw widespread snow mold breakthrough on treated areas. In this presentation we'll discuss the potential reasons for the breakthrough, whether these kinds of conditions will become more common in the future, and what strategies we can employ to prevent this from happening again. *Paul Koch, Ph.D., Associate Professor, University of Wisconsin - Madison*

### 9:15 - 10:15 a.m. **Tips for Success from a Tenured Superintendent**

This presentation is for anyone looking to remain relevant in the golf course industry. A 33-year member and 82nd President of the GCSAA, Davis has been superintendent at the Olde Florida Golf Club since 1992. Davis feels fortunate to have stumbled upon the career and will provide his viewpoint on what has led to his tenure and success in the industry. *Darren J. Davis, CGCS, Olde Florida Golf Club, Naples, Florida*

9:25 - 1:00 p.m. Trade Show set up

10:15 - 10:30 a.m. **Break**

10:30 - 11:30 a.m. **Simplifying Plant Health Activators** Plant health activators are becoming

more common in spray programs for a variety of reasons. But questions remain about how they work and whether they really help. In this presentation we'll define the various types of plant health activators and discuss situations when your turf can benefit from their use. *Paul Koch, Ph.D., Associate Professor, University of Wisconsin - Madison*

11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. **Lunch sponsored by**  **TURF & HORTICULTURE**

### 12:30 - 1:25 p.m. **How to Set Yourself Apart in the Golf Industry: The Art of Self Promotion**

Personal stories and real-life examples to demonstrate the importance of communication, professionalism and self-promotion as a way to set yourself apart and advance. We will cover a variety of topics designed to help you present yourself at the highest level and become the "author of your own destiny."

*Darren J. Davis, CGCS, Olde Florida Golf Club, Naples, Florida*

### 1:30 - 2:30 p.m. **Potassium Nutrition in Turfgrass and its Effects on Disease and Winter Injury**

We will discuss the relationship between potassium nutrition and turfgrass diseases, including anthracnose, dollar spot and microdochium patch. We will also cover the effect of potassium fertilization on winter injury of golf course putting green turf. Finally, potassium fertilization recommendations for both annual bluegrass and creeping bentgrass turf will be presented. *Chas Schmid, Ph.D., Turfgrass Research Associate, Oregon State University*

2:30 - 2:45 p.m. **Break** co-sponsored by **EARTHWORKS, MAGIC VALLEY BENTGRASS and SILVER CREEK SUPPLY**

2:45 - 3:30 p.m. **Business Meeting:** President Brandon Crim presiding. Partners reaching Platinum Sponsor status in 2023 will be honored.

3:30 - 6:30 p.m. **Trade Show & Social** Our leading suppliers and distributors share their knowledge, products and services. Prizes! Beverages and snacks are served.

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6:30 - 9:00 p.m.

**Trade show booth teardown** will follow the trade show. Area must be cleared by 9:00 p.m., please.

## Wednesday, February 21, 2024

7:30 a.m. **Enjoy a continental breakfast** co-sponsored by **HUNGRY PLANET ORGANICS, TURF EQUIPMENT & IRRIGATION, and WILBUR-ELLIS/THE ANDERSONS**

8:15 - 9:30 a.m. **Boise Banter - A Roundtable Discussion** Moderated by Alex Bliss, Sun Valley/Elkhorn Golf Club, Sun Valley, Idaho

9:30 - 9:50 a.m. **Break**

9:50 - 10:50 a.m. **Backpack Sprayers 101: Unleash their full potential**

This presentation will cover ways a backpack sprayer can be used on a golf course. It will also cover what features should be considered when

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purchasing a backpack sprayer (both manual and electric), and how to modify the spray wand to improve calibration accuracy. Methods on how to calibrate a backpack sprayer for broadcast or spot applications will also be covered. *Chas Schmid, Ph.D., Turfgrass Research Associate, Oregon State University*

10:50 a.m. - 11:40 a.m.  
**Lunch**



12:30 p.m. **Spring Golf Outing! Centennial Golf Course, Nampa, Idaho, host superintendent**  
Brandon Crim

### ***Our Speakers:***

***Darren Davis, CGCS,*** has been superintendent at Olde Florida Golf Club in Naples, Florida since 1992. He was elected as the 82nd president of GCSAA in 2018, His commitment to the association has continued and Davis is presently the GCSAA Centennial Celebration Committee Chair—a position he will hold through the association's 100 year anniversary on September 13, 2026. Davis has received recognition on both the national level and Florida state level. He is a two-time winner of the GCSAA Leo Feser Award and was honored with a GCSAA National Environmental Steward Award in the private course division. Davis graduated with highest distinction in 1991 from the turfgrass management program at Pennsylvania State University, obtained an Associate in Arts Degree from Tallahassee Community College in 1987, and in 2007, Florida Gulf Coast University conferred upon him a Bachelor of Arts in Communication, Summa Cum Laude.

***Paul Koch, Ph.D.,*** is an associate professor in the Department of Plant Pathology as well as the

Molecular and Environmental Toxicology Center at the University of Wisconsin – Madison, joining the faculty in January of 2014. Koch's research has focused primarily on (1) the impact of environmental conditions on fungicide breakdown in the environment and (2) snow mold diseases on golf course turfgrass. Koch also oversees the University of Wisconsin Turfgrass Diagnostic Lab and the University of Wisconsin Turfgrass Fungicide Testing Program. The UW Turfgrass Fungicide Testing Program is one of the largest of its kind in the country and tests approximately 200 fungicide treatments annually for efficacy against both winter and summer turfgrass diseases. Koch received his Ph.D. from University of Wisconsin – Madison with a major in plant pathology and a minor in molecular and environmental toxicology.

***Chas Schmid, Ph.D.,*** is a research associate in the turfgrass program at Oregon State University where he conducts applied turfgrass research and teaches undergraduate and PACE courses. Schmid is a South Dakota native who received his B.S. in horticulture, his M.S. in agronomy from the University of Nebraska, and his Ph.D. in plant biology and pathology from Rutgers University. His research interests include the management of organic matter in putting greens, the impact of cultural management practices such as soil nutrition and soil pH on anthracnose disease of putting greens, and turfgrass cultivar evaluations.

Thank you to Alex Bliss,  
moderator of the Boise Banter!

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