

GCSAA EDUs and Pesticide Recertification points will be applied for this event.

Event Sponsor: 

Hotel Block:

Best Western Plus, McCall Lodge & Suites

Please make HOTEL reservations by **August 31** (note this early date) — see information at end of the agenda.

Sunday, October 6, 2024

Best Western Plus, McCall Lodge & Suites

4:30 p.m. Board of Directors Meeting (dinner follows) Board Room

Monday, October 7, 2024

Meeting Location: McCall Golf Club

(Golf attire: collared shirt, no jeans)
Host superintendent, Eric McCormick

7:15 a.m.

Registration desk is open and a continental breakfast is available, co-sponsored by **WILBUR ELLIS/THE ANDERSONS, MANNING DRONE SERVICES** and **EARTH MEDICINE**

Any changes for the golf tournament accepted until 8:30 a.m. today

Silent Auction begins! *During the pre-registration time, please complete the online auction form with your donation information – see the calendar event on our website idahogcsa.org for the link.*

Abiotic Tree Disorders – Little-Known Secret

8:00 – 9:15 a.m.

John Fech, Horticulturist and ISA Certified Arborist, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Lincoln, Neb.

Little-Known Secret...of all the things that can go wrong

with trees and shrubs, about 70% are not due to living organisms such as insects and fungi. There are lots of influences that are abiotic. Regardless of the specific cause, the keys to success are the same. A step-by-step approach, beginning with an accurate diagnosis should guide the process from start to finish.

Break (Bid, Bid!)

9:15 – 9:30 a.m. (Check out those auction items!)

Wetting Agents and Their Effects on Putting Green Surfaces

9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Doug Karcher, Ph.D, Professor & Chair, Horticulture and Crop Science, The Ohio State University

How wetting agents are used to ameliorate droughty turfgrass rootzones, including why they are very effective in some situations, and perhaps not worth the investment in others. This presentation will also explore the myriad of wetting agent products currently sold in the turfgrass industries, how they are classified (e.g. penetrant vs. retainer) and how they may be used beyond simply treating localized dry spots. This presentation will blend foundational knowledge, key historical research findings, and the latest research and trends.

Lunch

11:40 – 12:40 p.m.

Lunch Sponsor:



Golf Outing, McCall Golf Club

1:00 p.m.

Eric McCormick, host superintendent
Golf event open to conference registrants (and spouses) only. *Collared shirts required.*

Hole sponsors are welcomed.

Almost Season End Event

Following golf

(approximately 5:00 p.m.)

Enjoy snacks and beverages at McCall Golf Club hosted by Idaho GCSA, and these two companies.



Tuesday, October 8, 2024

Meeting Location: McCall Golf Club

(Golf attire: collared shirt, no jeans)

Host superintendent, Eric McCormick

7:30 a.m.

Continental breakfast is available, co-sponsored by **RAFT RIVER SOD, NUTRIEN SOLUTIONS** and **SYNGENTA** Silent Auction continues

EarthWorks: Who are we and how can we help?

8:00 – 8:20 a.m. .

Kevin Hicks, EarthWorks

An Allied Member Silent Auction Presentation

10 Signs that You Have Tree Health/Safety Issues – What to look for, important symptoms and benign symptoms.

8:30 – 9:30 a.m.

John Fech, Horticulturist and ISA Certified Arborist, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Lincoln, Neb.

What to look for – important symptoms and benign symptoms. This program will present the visual symptoms of 10 classic categories of tree maladies. Recognition of their appearance will help superintendents and crew members become aware that further investigation may be necessary.

Break (Bid, Bid!)

9:30 – 9:50 a.m.

Idaho GCSA Business Meeting

9:50 – 10:40 a.m.

President Brandon Crim, Centennial Golf Course, Nampa, Idaho, presiding. Jason Sigmund, The Valley Club, Hailey, Idaho, Nominating Committee Chairman for Board of Directors – slate TBA.

This Happened During the 2024 Season

10:40 – 11:50 a.m.

Adam Lott, Whitetail Golf Club, McCall, Idaho; **Shane Shaffer**, Redhawk Golf Course, Nampa, Idaho; **Bart Brandell**, Jerome Country Club, Twin Falls, Idaho; and **Brandon Crim**, Centennial Golf Course, Nampa, Idaho

Silent Auction

12:00 p.m. Auction ends.

FIRST GREEN

Whitetail Golf Club

Volunteers welcome! Observers welcome!

12:30 p.m. - 2:15 p.m.

Our speakers include:

John Fech is a horticulturist and ISA certified arborist with the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. The author of two books and over 400 popular and trade journal articles, he focuses his time on teaching effective landscape maintenance techniques, water conservation, diagnosing turf and ornamental problems and encouraging effective bilingual communication in the green industry. He works extensively with the media to extend the message of landscape sustainability and best management practices for trees and turf.

Doug Karcher, Ph.D., has been appointed as the Chair of the Department of Horticulture and Crop Science at The Ohio State University since 2021. In this role, he serves the College of Food, Agricultural, and Environmental Sciences by

facilitating the department's diverse teaching, research, and extension programs. Prior to this, Dr. Karcher served as Professor of Horticulture and Interim Assistant Experiment Station Director at the University of Arkansas. Dr. Karcher's research background is in turfgrass soil management and cultural practices with an aim to improve turf quality while minimizing environmental impacts. He has authored/co-authored over 60 journal articles, a book chapter, and 120 other articles, which include meeting abstracts and trade magazines. Dr. Karcher was awarded two U.S. Patents for inventions related to determining nitrogen levels and quality characteristics in plant systems using digital image analysis. He also authored "Turf Analyzer" software that is used by turfgrass scientists to assess turfgrass research. Dr. Karcher is a long-time teaching faculty member for GCSAA, primarily providing seminars on wetting agents and turfgrass assessment technology. He has presented extensively, nationally and internationally. He received a B.S. Degree from The Ohio State University, and Masters and Ph.D. degrees from Michigan State University, all specializing in turfgrass science.

Thank you to our host, Eric McCormick

**Thank you to all participants of
"This Happened During the 2024 Season"**

**Hotel Information:
Reservations due by August 31:**

To reserve your room, specify **Idaho GCSA Best Western Plus, McCall Lodge & Suites (208) 634-2230**. Please note the cancellation policy when making your reservation.

Continental breakfast included.

**Best Western Plus, McCall Lodge & Suites
211 South 3rd St., McCall, ID 83638**

Standard King or Double Queen \$145+ taxes



Fall Meeting

and Silent Auction

October 7 & 8, 2024

McCall, Idaho

**Conference:
McCall Golf Club**

(please register by Sept. 23 for best rate)

**Golf:
McCall Golf Club**

(Reserve by AUGUST 31 for our rate)

**Hotel:
Best Western Plus, McCall Lodge & Suites
McCall, Idaho**

Event
Sponsor:

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