
We please need all hotel stays to be at this property to meet our contracted financial obligations.

Sunday, February 22, 2026

12:00 p.m. - Board of Directors Lunch/ Strategic Planning Meeting, followed by Board Meeting (hosted board dinner following), The Riverside Hotel, Boise, Idaho

Monday, February 23, 2026

7:15 a.m. **Registration desk open**

Sign in and enjoy a continental breakfast co-sponsored by **TURF EQUIPMENT & IRRIGATION**, **NUTRIEN SOLUTIONS** and **TIMBER CREEK RECYCLING**

8:00 - 9:10 a.m.

Interseeding Success — Improve your course with reduced or no closing

Turfgrass breeders develop new cultivars with improvements in quality and disease resistance. To take advantage of new genetics, you need strategies to introduce new species or cultivars with minimal or no closing to maintain revenue. Various strategies on timing and methods, both based on research and actual superintendent success stories, will be presented. *Leah Brilman, Ph.D., Director of Product Management and Technical Services for DLF-Pickseed USA, Corvallis, Oregon*

9:15 - 10:15 a.m.

Recognizing and Responding to Nematode Stress

Plant-parasitic nematodes are an often-overlooked factor contributing to putting green decline and inconsistent turf performance. An overview of nematode biology and feeding behavior will be provided, along with common symptoms of nematode stress and guidance on distinguishing these from other biotic and abiotic issues. Integrated pest management strategies will be covered, encompassing cultural, biological, and chemical approaches appropriate for cool-season turf systems.

Emily Braithwaite, Graduate Research Assistant,

Turfgrass Program, Department of Botany & Plant Pathology, Corvallis, Oregon

9:30 - 1:00 p.m.

Trade Show set up

10:15 - 10:35 a.m. **Break**

10:35 - 11:35 a.m.

Whiskey Is for Drinking, Water Is for Fighting: Water Scarcity and Policy Challenges in the Western United States

Jeff Jensen, Field Staff, Southwest Region, GCSAA

11:35 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Lunch sponsored by



12:30 - 1:30 p.m.

Tips and Tricks for your Maintenance Facility

Join a session packed with practical insights gathered from golf courses across the country. Hear tips and tricks that equipment managers can use to improve efficiency, solve common challenges, and enhance operations in their day-to-day roles. Learn innovative techniques and best practices directly from the field to elevate your work and keep your equipment running smoothly.

Trent Manning, CTEM, Ansley Golf Club at Midtown, Atlanta, GA., and Ansley Golf Club at Settindown Creek, Roswell, GA

1:30 - 1:50 p.m. **Break** co-sponsored by

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1:50 - 2:50 p.m.

Decoding Patch Diseases from Symptoms to Solutions

In recent years, prolonged periods of summer stress and variable weather conditions have increased the frequency and severity of patch disease activity outside traditional seasonal windows. Integrated management strategies will be discussed, with emphasis on the differences between preventative and curative approaches and how to time interventions for effective control.

Emily Braithwaite, Graduate Research Assistant, Turfgrass Program, Department of Botany & Plant Pathology, Corvallis, Oregon

2:50 - 3:30 p.m. **Business Meeting:** President Paul Venable presiding. Partners reaching Platinum Sponsor status in 2025 will be honored.

3:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Trade Show & Social

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6:30 - 9:00 p.m.

Trade show booth teardown will follow the trade show. Please clear your booth by 9:00 p.m.

Tuesday, February 24, 2026

7:30 a.m. **Enjoy a continental breakfast** co-sponsored by **AG ENTERPRISE SUPPLY**, **STOTZ EQUIPMENT** and **WILBUR-ELLIS**

8:00 - 9:00 a.m.

Electrical Troubleshooting for Turf Equipment

Learn a practical, step-by-step approach to diagnosing electrical problems on turf equipment. This session breaks down circuits, wiring diagrams, voltage drop testing, and common failures like poor grounds and high resistance connections. Using clear schematics and real world examples, you'll gain the confidence to trouble-shoot accurately—without guesswork or unnecessary parts replacement.

Trent Manning, CTEM, Ansley Golf Club at Midtown, Atlanta, GA., and Ansley Golf Club at Settindown Creek, Roswell, GA *continued*

9:05 a.m. - 9:20 a.m.
GCSAA Program Update

Dave Phipps, Field Staff, Northwest Region, GCSAA

9:20 - 9:40 a.m. **Break**

9:40 a.m. - 10:40 a.m.

Breeding Turfgrass for Sustainability

Turfgrasses bring many benefits to the environment including carbon sequestration, moderating temperatures, reducing water runoff, and cleaning water and air. In order to take full advantage of the benefits we need to reduce any negatives from turfgrass maintenance for increased sustainability. Among the targets for more sustainable turfgrasses are cultivars that require less water while staying green, and require less mowing and also less fertility and other inputs for environmental benefits.

Leah Brilman, Ph.D., Director of Product Management and Technical Services for DLF-Pickseed USA, Corvallis, Oregon

10:40 a.m. - 11:40 a.m. **Raft River Sod**
Lunch sponsored by



12:30 p.m. **Spring Golf Outing! RedHawk Golf Course, Nampa, Idaho, Daniel Lee, GCS, and Tyler Mickels, hosts**

Our Speakers:

Leah A. Brilman, Ph.D., is the director of research and technical services for Seed Research of Oregon. She holds degrees from California State University-Bakersfield and the University of Arizona. Her research interests include turfgrass breeding and genetics as well as the utilization of new cultivars and management changes. Brilman's excellence in the turfgrass industry has been well-documented through the many awards she has received. In addition to participation in state and regional turfgrass conferences around the US, Brilman has lectured in the United Kingdom, Russia, Australia, Japan, and Korea. She has been a GCSAA faculty member and co-coordinator of the GCSAA Turf Bowl and the

STMA Student Challenge competitions for many years. She enjoys quilting, genealogy research and working as a volunteer with Special Olympics of Oregon in her spare time.

Emily Braithwaite is a Ph.D. student in Plant Biology & Pathology at Oregon State University, and also helps manage the OSU Turfgrass Diagnostic Lab. She received an M.Sc. in 2024 in Horticulture, and has over 10 years of research experience in turfgrass management. Her research currently focuses on optimizing surveying, collection, and management of plant-parasitic nematodes in cool-season putting greens, as well as resistance management of nematicides. Prior to starting her graduate education, Braithwaite was a research technician at OSU working primarily on diseases of golf course putting greens.

Jeff Jensen has served as the GCSAA Southwest Field Staff Representative since 2012 covering 10 GCSAA affiliated chapters in Arizona, California, Hawaii, and Nevada. He started his career in the golf business in 1994 and has worked for Golf Enterprises, American Golf, KSL, and OB Sports in a variety of positions. His experience also includes stints at several golf clubs. Jensen also served for six years as the Chief Operating Officer for Imagine Communications in Henderson, NV. Jensen serves as a committee member for numerous California water task groups and committees. He grew up in Dillon, Mont. and has been a resident of Southern Nevada for 35 years.

Trent Manning, CTEM With over 28 years in the golf industry, Trent Manning, CTEM, has earned some of the highest honors in his field, including being named the 2018 Most Valuable Technician by GCSAA and receiving the Edwin Budding Award in 2022 for his contributions to the turf equipment industry. Born and raised in North Georgia, Manning has stayed close to home, honing his skills as an equipment manager at Ansley and Settindown Creek Golf Clubs where he first started at age 16. His dedication to advancing the industry extends beyond the golf course; as the creator and host of the Reel Turf Techs podcast, Manning shares the stories of turf equipment managers from around the globe.

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Boise, Idaho February 23 & 24, 2026

The Riverside Hotel

