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From the President

I would like to begin by thanking the outgoing board members for their years of service to the association. Ron Freking, Kyle Williams and Dave Peru. Ron served two years as President and lead us with a true passion while Kyle completed a two year term after serving several years ago in full capacity. Dave Peru who recently became General Manger at Devou Park Golf Course resigned his position, however in the short time he was on the board he was an influential member of this team. Fortunately Dave will continue to be with us in the capacity of Chapter Administrator, which we look forward too him following Bob La-Chance.

I want to introduce are three new incoming board members, Steve Ohl from Great Parks , Tim Mason from Hickory Sticks and Anthony Dierkers from Heritage Club, Tony was appointed due to Dave's departure. . We are thankful to have them joining us. Along with current board members Sean Walters and Jeff Helvie we will have an experienced and eager board.

Personally this is a new chapter for me as I begin my second stint as your GCGCSA President. Since my last term I have gained a lot of experience and have seen the ups and downs of our wonderful association. Of course all the members are the reason for our contin-



Dan Walter
President, GCGCSA

ued success, without everyone's support we couldn't be as successful as we are today.

As I reflect back on the season I can not help think about it without mentioning the passing of Dennis Warner and what he meant to our association. He was a true servant to this wonderful industry we all are blessed with; please take time to enjoy these times as your career progresses. We can all learn from Denny as he always had a firm hand shake and a generous heart for all those he encountered.

We are excited to announce the 2015 Scholarship & Research Tournament will be held at Coldstream Country Club on June 1st. We appreciate Bob Weaver and his club for offering to host this event.

Please take time out of your busy schedule to attend the Holiday Party at BW3, info is included in this issue.

We at the GCGSA wish you all a Happy and Healthy New Year!!

Congratulations to the 2015 GCGCSA Board Members!

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Mark your Calendar!
Social Holiday Gathering

Join us for our annual social gathering for the holidays at BW's in Rookwood Commons. This event has been well attended by your peers the past two years. Please take time out of your busy holiday schedule to spend some time with other members of the GCGCSA! Appetizers will be provided by the association.

Where?

Rookwood Commons
3805 Edwards Road
Cincinnati, Ohio 45209

When?

December 18th
Beginning at 1:00pm

2015 Scholarship and Research Tournament Announcement

The GCGCSA would like to thank Bob Weaver and the Coldstream Country Club for hosting the 2015 Scholarship and Research Tournament. Next years tournament will be held on June 1st.

2015 and Beyond, how can we serve you better, faster?



As we wrap up another year that went by too fast, what a terrible question to ask, how can we speed things up even more? Well, that is exactly the question we want to answer. In this age of instant information the GCGCSA is making changes to keep pace. Please consider following GCGCSA on Twitter. The Twitter “handle” is @gcgcsa. If you are not familiar with Twitter, ask someone on your staff to show you the application. Give it a try, follow your favorite sports team, news interest or professional organization. If you give it an honest try, I promise you will be hooked, just ask one of your peers who has been Tweeting lately.

So that’s Twitter, what else is new? The association is moving the GreenBreeze to a completely digital version. This will allow us to get more publications out and save on printing and distribution costs. As it has always been in the past, the GCGCSA would love for members to assist with content. If you have something to add, please forward it to one of our board members and they will make sure to pass it on.

The biggest change that can assist you, the member, is updates to our website. The website is being tweaked weekly and we are proud to announce one of the newest updates. The website has been updated to adapt to your mobile device. If you are on your phone, Ipad or tablet you can now navigate our website far easier than in the past. Please check out the website on your mobile device and let a board member know what you think. The biggest way the association can serve you, the member, is by listening to feedback and acting accordingly. Please let us know how we can serve you better and faster!

USA Green Section Record North-Central Region Update

John Daniels, Agronomist, Central Region

Courses throughout the region are continuing to concentrate efforts on fall cleanup. As the remainder of leaves drop, superintendents are taking steps to protect turf going into the winter. A common focus is improving sunlight and air circulation. Managing the growing environment for turfgrass is critical to sustaining year-round turf performance.

Identifying areas where shade is a problem and selectively pruning will pay dividends for 2015 and beyond. Remember, a well-designed tree pruning program benefits the turf as well as the trees. Deciduous

trees are best pruned when they are dormant. Thin out cluttered canopies and remove problem trees to give your turfgrass the sunlight it needs to begin the season



strong and healthy. Remove low-hanging branches that impede air movement and obstruct golf cart traffic. More sunlight will reduce the potential for winterkill and provide a quicker spring green-up of both warm- and cool-season turfgrass species.



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