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November 13th...
Maketewah Country
Club

Fall Education/
Annual Meeting

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From the President

Hello everyone, I hope this Green Breeze finds you doing well with the season winding down and preparations for the holiday's right around the corner. After the summer that never really was, winter is knocking on our doorstep. I heard July was the 4th coolest on record and August was similar though I don't know where it ranked. And so it goes growing turf in the transition zone. If you were considering warm season turf you are probably having serious second thoughts. If you have cool season fairways you enjoyed a relatively stress free season, until the next scorching summer, which could be next year, who knows for sure? The only sure thing around here is that every season is different than the one before and that is part of what makes all of us so valuable. We learn to adjust and adapt to what Mother Nature throws our way, make the best of it, and provide the conditions our members, owners and the golf community demand.

Speaking of adjusting and adapting our annual meeting and board election will be November 13 at Maketewah along with a great lineup of speakers for our fall education meeting. If you have ever thought about running for the board I want to encourage you to do so. If you are not sure but curious, get in touch with a current board member to get your questions answered. It can be a great learning experience, a chance to expand your network of contacts in the industry, and an opportunity to grow both personally and professionally. Get out of you comfort



Ronald L Freking
President, GCGCSA

zone just a bit and give it a try, you will be glad you did. If serving on the board isn't your thing but you have ideas for future meetings or any input at all just reach out to a board member. We would all welcome the opportunity to hear your thoughts and ideas.

If you are wondering about this "electronic" version of the Green Breeze, it is just us catching up with technology. The cost of printing and postage just make it impractical to stay with the old print version that was sent out by snail mail. We intended to switch over permanently in a couple of months but during the transition of the chapter administrator position it is just more practical for us to produce this PDF format.

In closing I want to thank Coldstream Country Club and Bob Weaver for hosting the Scholarship and Research tournament in 2015. As we continue to secure such high quality locations for this event we also ensure the success of the tournament which has become the centerpiece of our meeting schedule each year.

**GCSAA
Maketewah Country Club
Fall Education/Annual Meeting
November 13, 2014
Meeting Agenda**

8:30am: Registration and Annual Meeting/Elections
9:00am: Myths and Misconceptions about Pythium Diseases - Dr. Lane Tredway
10:00am: Anthracnose & Summer Patch Control - Steven McDonald
11:00-12:00pm: Lunch
12:00pm: Managing Plant Stress & Disease - Michael L. Agnew Ph. D.
1:00pm: Once Upon a Time There Was A Strobilurin - Matt Giese
2:00pm: Adjourn

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As we have turned the corner and are heading to the finish line of another year, I hope you have time to reflect on the year that has just passed. This year has taught us many things such as Mother Nature giving us a horrific winter with much turf damage and a cold prolonged spring that made turf recovery difficult but then She have us a mild summer with timely rains and great growing conditions that have allowed turf recovery and helped superintendents maintain great turf conditions throughout the summer. In my travels around the region this spring I saw firsthand some of the devastation and I also saw some of the great conditions this summer. My hats off to all superintendents for the great job you do and the struggles you go through to maintain the golf courses.

It has been a very busy summer at GCSAA as well. We wrapped up our Rounds for Research auctions for 2014 in August recording just over \$114,000 for the June auction and just shy of \$31,000 for the August auction. The 2014 total was \$145,339 raised with 804 rounds sold. Just over (continued onto page 3)

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... \$116,000 will be going back to the chapters that provided the rounds to be used for research, education, scholarships and government outreach at the local level. In the first two years of the program the auctions have generated just shy of \$300,000 and just over \$233,000 has gone back to chapters. We are looking for more donations for 2015 and hope to increase participation with bidders and raise even more for chapters in the upcoming year. If your facility would like to donate rounds you can do so through the chapter or directly on line at gcsaa.org.

On the government relations front it has also been a very busy summer. GCSAA has been working to extend the use of two products that superintendents use, methyl bromide and nemacur. Through all of the efforts of Chava McKeel and her staff along with Reed Smith, GCSAA's lobbyist in Washington D.C. we have a seat at the table and we are able to have conversations with the EPA and elected officials and let them know how superintendents use these products and why they are important to our industry. Another area under attack is the insecticide class of neonicotinoids. With the decline of bees around the world and many pointing the finger at neonics, GCSAA is monitoring this situation very closely and providing information to help superintendents inform their local governments of the facts as well as providing those facts to the elected officials in Washington D.C. Another issue that has surfaced locally is the toxic algae blooms on Lake Erie that forced Toledo to issue a ban on drinking water for two days. We will continue to follow this closely and provide information to help local superintendents inform the public and answer media questions if they arise.

The chapter delegates meeting dates have been set and it will be October 14-16, 2014 in Lawrence, Kansas at GCSAA Headquarters and a local hotel. This is a chance for delegates to learn firsthand what is going on at GCSAA and have input into how the future will be shaped for GCSAA. If you have any concerns with the industry or for GCSAA make sure you voice them to your delegate prior to the meeting so that they can be voiced at the meeting and discussed. The GCSAA Conference and Show will be in San Antonio, Texas in February of 2015 so now would be a good time to start planning your trip. Hotel registration is open and I would encourage you to use the GCSAA Travels site as they have some very competitive rates. If you really want to wow those you work for, invite them to San Antonio and let them see the show and the amount of education that is offered and encourage them to take a seminar that interests them to see the quality of the education offered. They will be impressed! If I can help you with anything, please don't hesitate to contact me and I look forward to seeing you at an event soon.



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