

## Sunday, October 15, 2017

### Additional Opportunities

**Tour of Floating Green** - Interested in a tour under the floating green? Advance registration required. Tours start at 4:00 p.m. Contact Kevin Hicks KHicks@cdaresort.com

**Circling Raven Golf Club, Worley, Idaho** (approx. 30 minutes from CDA Resort) Limited tee-times available - contact course directly to play at industry rate 1-800-523-2464 and ask for pro shop

**7:00 p.m. - Bushwood Briefing** - meet your fellow conference attendees and see old friends while you join for a no-host gathering at Coeur d'Alene Taphouse Unchained. *Unchained is located across from CDA Resort Hotel, or can be accessed by the hotel sky bridge*

## Monday, October 16, 2017

### Education presented in the Convention Center

**6:30 a.m.** Registration desk is open. Continental breakfast is available (sponsorships welcome) Any changes for the golf tournament accepted till 10:00 a.m. today

**7:45 – 8:00 a.m. Welcome** Kevin Hicks, Superintendent, The Coeur d'Alene Resort Golf Course

**8:00 – 9:00 a.m. Cultural and Mechanical Practices: What Really Works and What Does Not**

Thomas Nikolai, Ph.D., Turfgrass Academic Specialist, Michigan State University, E. Lansing, Michigan

**9:05 – 10:05 a.m. New Winter Recovery Research, Bentgrass Germination Data, Ice Melt and Phytotoxicity Data and Impact of Wetting Agents on Spring Green Up and Surface Hardness** Brian Horgan, PhD., Professor and Associate Head,

University of Minnesota, St. Paul, Minnesota

**9:30 – 11:00 a.m. Convention Center - Equipment Distributors** move in first as overhead door will be shut at 11:00 a.m. to allow booths along wall to set up. If you are showing equipment, it is important to bring in your equipment during this time.

**10:05 – 10:20 a.m. Break**

**10:25 – 11:25 a.m. Turf Around the**

**World** Micah Woods, Ph.D., Chief Scientist at the Asian Turfgrass Center and Adjunct Professor, Department of Plant Sciences at the University of Tennessee

**11:00 – 2:00 p.m.** Trade Show individual booth move in - Convention Center (overhead door will be closed by 11:00 a.m. to allow set along wall) (Must be ready to show by 2:00 p.m.)

**11:25 – 11:40 a.m. Business Meeting IDAHO GCSA** Elections presided by president, Gerald Flaherty, CGCS, The Valley Club, Hailey, Idaho

**11:25 – 12:30 p.m. Lunch**

**12:40 – 1:40 p.m. Counterintuitive Results that are Worth Knowing** Thomas Nikolai, Ph.D., Turfgrass Academic Specialist, Michigan State University, E. Lansing, Michigan

**1:40 – 1:55 p.m. Break** (sponsorships welcome)

**2:00 – 3:00 p.m. Where Did the Fun Go?** David McLay Kidd, DMK Golf Design, Bend, Oregon

**3:00 – 6:30 p.m. Northwest GCSA TRADE Show** - Take advantage of this opportunity to talk to leading supporters at a unique event. Benefit from discussions about products and services while these companies support our chapters. Only registrants and booth participants allowed for this special event.

## Tuesday, October 17, 2017

**6:00 - 9:00 a.m.** Trade Show Exhibitor move out - Convention Center

**6:45 a.m.** Continental breakfast (sponsorships welcome)

**7:20 – 7:40 a.m. Business Meeting PEAKS & PRAIRIES GCSA** Elections presided by president, Jason Busch, The Powder Horn, Sheridan, Wyoming

**8:00 – 9:00 a.m. Sustainable Turfgrass Systems** Brian Horgan, PhD., Professor, University of Minnesota, St. Paul, Minnesota

**9:00 – 9:15 a.m. Break**

**9:15 – 10:15 a.m. Positioning for Success** J. Rhett Evans, Chief Executive Officer, GCSAA, Lawrence, Kansas

**10:20 – 11:15 a.m. Leaves of Grass: Applications and Implications of Clipping Volume** Micah Woods, Ph.D., Chief Scientist at the Asian Turfgrass Center and Adjunct Professor, Department of Plant Sciences at the University of Tennessee

**11:15 – 11:35 a.m. Business Meeting INLAND EMPIRE GCSA** Elections presided by president, James Curdy, Desert Aire Golf Course, Mattawa, Washington

**12:30 p.m. Northwest GCSA Golf Challenge** The Coeur d'Alene Resort Golf Course. Which chapter will take home bragging rights? Lunch boxes will be in the carts. Space is limited for play - we encourage you to register early. (Hole sponsorships welcome) Host Superintendent: Kevin Hicks (you are welcome to drive your vehicle to the course, or hotel vans will also be available)

We will see you in beautiful Coeur d'Alene!

## **Our Speakers:**

**J. Rhett Evans** is the GCSAA chief executive officer. Evans joined the GCSAA staff July 9, 2009, as chief operating officer and was promoted to CEO Jan. 25, 2011, after serving as interim CEO since June 22, 2010. Evans has gained recognition and support for enhancing association services for its members and strengthening its position as a leading golf association. Evans helped to establish the We Are Golf (WAG) coalition and has served as Chair. WAG, which has a focus on giving the U.S. golf industry a bigger voice with government, is a collaborative effort among the industries' golf organizations. In addition, through Evan's leadership of GCSAA and its philanthropic organization, the Environmental Institute for Golf, the discussion of sustainability has progressed from theory to action at golf facilities. He serves as chairman of the Golf 20/20 Environmental Committee, a member of the Golf 20/20 Executive Board, represents GCSAA on the National Recreation and Parks Association Golf Coalition, and other industry initiatives. Evans is a native of Prescott, Ariz. He and his wife, Colleen, reside in Lawrence, Kan., with their daughter and son. Evans is a four-time Ironman Triathlon finisher and an active adventurer.

**Brian Horgan, Ph.D.**, is a professor and associate head in the Department of Horticultural Science at the University of Minnesota. He holds degrees from Michigan State University, North Carolina State University and the University of Illinois. Horgan's research interests focus on the fate and transport of pesticides and nutrients, water conservation strategies, and low-input turfgrass systems. He lectures around the world on these topics and on sustainable golf facilities. Horgan is the science editor for Turf News, associate editor for the Crop Science Journal, European Turfgrass Journal and the International Turfgrass Research Journal. Horgan was recently named the 2015 Environmental Communicator of the Year from TOCA and he received the 2016 Distinguished Outreach Award from the University of Minnesota. Horgan completed a sabbatical with the USGA in 2017 focusing on developing solutions for sustainable golf facilities.

**David McLay Kidd** has been around golf his entire life and as the son of a superintendent, he saw 'behind the curtain.' Kidd looked to begin a formal education and won a place at the prestigious Writtle College on the outskirts of London where he studied Horticulture and Landscape Design. His early career saw him work in maintenance at The Gleneagles Hotel, in construction for Southern Golf in Europe, and in design and development for a major development group. In his late 20s, Kidd designed and built his first course in the USA - Bandon Dunes. Since then, Kidd has lead a small

like-minded group to create a plethora of critically acclaimed golf courses around the world. According to GOLF Magazine, he has the highest number of courses in the rankings of any living architect. His most recent projects include Gamble Sands in Washington and Mammoth Dunes at Sand Valley in Wisconsin.

**Thomas A. Nikolai, Ph.D.** worked 10-years on golf courses prior to entering the world of turfgrass research in 1989. He has performed more studies with lightweight rolling, leave mulching, and alternative spike than any other researcher. He authored *The Superintendents Guide to Putting Green Speed* and is world renowned as the "Dr. of Green Speed" due to the numerous studies he has performed that investigate putting green cultural and mechanical practices. Nikolai has given hundreds of presentations on four continents, 24 countries, seven Canadian Provinces and 33 states. In 2010, he initiated a study to investigate the social, economic, and environmental impact of turfgrass on an urban society by mowing and fertilizing around abandoned homes, lots, and parks in Flint, Michigan. In 2003 and 2017, Nikolai was voted "The Outstanding Faculty Member" at Michigan State University by his students and in 2004 he took first place for a "General Feature Article" in trade magazines. Nikolai also writes a bi-monthly column called *Up to Speed* for GCM Magazine.

**Micah Woods, Ph.D.** holds degrees in horticulture with an emphasis on turfgrass management from Oregon State University (B.Sc.) and Cornell University (Ph.D.). Woods established the Asian Turfgrass Center in Thailand in 2006. He is the co-developer of the MLSN soil nutrient guidelines for turfgrass, conducts turfgrass research and is a frequent speaker about turfgrass topics around the world. Woods worked as course maintenance staff at six courses in the United States and was golf course superintendent at Shanghai Links (China) for two years and at Habu CC (Japan) for one year. He is also the author of two books: *A Short Grammar of Greenkeeping* and *Turfgrass Science and Greenkeeping*. Woods has enjoyed working at many golf tournaments, including the Masters (13 times), the U.S. Open (twice), the Open Championship (three times), and the Ryder Cup.

**P.O. Box 807, Lolo, MT 59847**

**406-273-0791**

**[idahogcsa.org](http://idahogcsa.org), [legcsa.org](http://legcsa.org), [ppgcsa.org](http://ppgcsa.org)**

*An exceptional event years in the planning and open to all who love turf*

# Northwest GCSA TURFGRASS EXPO 2017

**October 16-17, 2017**

**The Coeur d'Alene Resort**  
*on the shore of Lake Coeur d'Alene*  
**Coeur d'Alene, Idaho**

*Hotel Reservations are due by September 13*

*Hosted by these chapters:*



Idaho GCSA • Inland Empire GCSA • Peaks & Prairies GCSA