

In Today's World, We Consider this a Win

Interaction was HIGH at the 2020 Peaks & Prairies GCSA Fall Meeting & Trade Show (even though numbers were low). Many facilities still had one representative in attendance, even if they weren't able to bring additional team members. More about the event on page 16.

PPGCSA Private Webcast January 21

It is fitting the 2021 annual webcast will be held on the 21st of January! This is a private webcast started years (and years) back. The immediate benefits can be at least tri-fold. Many sites choose to invite fellow facilities in their area for the camaraderie or additional thoughtful discussion. Each site then interacts virtually with facilities in the region for quality education, which can tackle challenges and help improve your course conditions for the upcoming season. Roch Gaussoin, PhD will lead the January 21 discussion. Watch for more information to come.

State of the States

Montana remains under a state of emergency and in Phase 2 at the time of this writing, due to COVID-19. A brochure of FAQs, completed by the State Emergency Operations Center Joint Information Center (JIC) is available (last updated Nov 13), by visiting the NEWS tab of our website (ppgcsa@ppgcsa.org) homepage. It is important to know that cities and counties may have imposed additional requirements related to COVID-19.

Wyoming remains under a state of emergency. The Wyoming
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PPGCSA Events:

PPGCSA "Almost" Spring Meeting March 1 & 2,
2021, DoubleTree Hotel by Hilton, Billings, MT
Northwest GCSA Turfgrass Expo October 11-12,
2021, Coeur d'Alene Resort, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho
 For event information, visit ppgcsa.org

2021 is Looking Up for the "Almost" Spring Meeting!

With the promising outlook for a COVID-19 vaccine, we are feeling very hopeful as we plan our "Almost" Spring Meeting, March 1 & 2. Holding a spring meeting three years ago in Billings was met with a positive response with the central location on the map fed by interstates – and a different property to keep things interesting. The 2021 meeting will be held downtown Billings at the Doubletree Hotel, offering easy accessibility to great restaurants – many within walking distance. The northwest appreciates its craft breweries, distilleries and cideries. Downtown you will find several easily accessible locations to sample.

We are busy planning the spring event and we look forward to sharing the educational offerings over the winter.

MSGA and WSGA Contribute Grants to the PPGCSA

The quality of education did not take a back-seat to Covid-19 in 2020. Financially, this has been a challenging year for our association as we assembled great education along with opportunities to earn pesticide re-certification credit this fall. At the same time, we saw participation and sponsorship drop with our scholarship/education tournaments and fall meeting. This year – more than ever – the grants received from the MSGA (\$5,000) and WSGA (\$500) made a strong impact. Please be sure to thank your local state board members.

Montana and Wyoming BMP Distribution

ImmEDIATE access to the completed Montana and Wyoming BMPs is available through the home page of our website ppgcsa.org. Scroll down beyond the calendar event for the tab titled "BMPs (MT and WY)." From here, for each of the two states you can click on the online PDFs, download the PDFs, and find the link to
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*“Peaks & Prairies Golf Course
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dedicated to furthering the education
of our members for the betterment of
golf and its environment.”*

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President's Message

Make that Conversation Happen

Mike Kitchen, CGCS

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As I reflect upon my time in the golf industry, I am taken to my early days at Michigan State University in the Crop and Soil Science auditorium. Every Tuesday and Friday afternoon, after a burger and “a couple beers” at the Peanut Barrel, we sat through our seminar class where industry leaders came through and lectured us about their experiences in the turf world. Our lecturers consisted of university professors, salesmen, journalists, managers/owners of equipment companies, chemical company titans and a more than a few high-end superintendents. At the time I remember the chatter amongst my classmates about what a waste of time that class was and what a money grab it was by the university. Now, 25 years later, I laugh at my naïve self. Learning from their experiences has proven to be invaluable over the years.

I remember that literally every superintendent who came through the hallowed halls of MSU talked about how growing grass was the easy part. As a young, green student, I just snickered: “If that’s true, why do we spend all our class time learning about soils, cultural practices, equipment management, and other turf related items?” Now, as the old bald guy (although to be fair, I was a young bald guy too), I realize how right they

were.

My esteemed educators consistently reminded us of the importance of communication, which is a point no longer lost on me. Despite my best efforts, I still find I need to do a better job communicating with my staff, our members, my greens committee, and my

board. What I am finding is that five minutes of preventative communication will save me an hour of explaining down the road. I am also learning I need to be more assertive and say what needs to be said rather than tiptoeing around certain subjects because what needs to be said might not be what someone wants to hear. Those of you who know me realize what a challenge this is for me because I do not do well with confrontation. Having said that, even at my age, I am learning that confrontation does not necessarily have to be acrimonious. It is entirely possible to have a pleasant conversation and ultimately disagree.

If there’s a conversation you have been putting it off because you’re afraid of how it will turn out, I encourage you to make that conversation happen, no matter how difficult it might seem. Say what needs to be said (as nicely as possible, of course) so that conversation will no longer be looming over you like the proverbial dark cloud. It is almost certain that conversation will go much better than you have been imagining because that’s the nature of tough conversations – they tend to be much worse in our heads than they are in reality. Then, with that tough conversation behind you, go enjoy the easy part of your job: growing grass.



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Time Well Spent

Mike Combs, Superintendent
Buffalo Hill Golf Course, Kalispell, Mont.

The title of this article is taken from the motto of our friend's brew pub in John Day, Oregon. I feel it is very appropriate given our current state of affairs and how we superintendents tend to overspend our time at work.

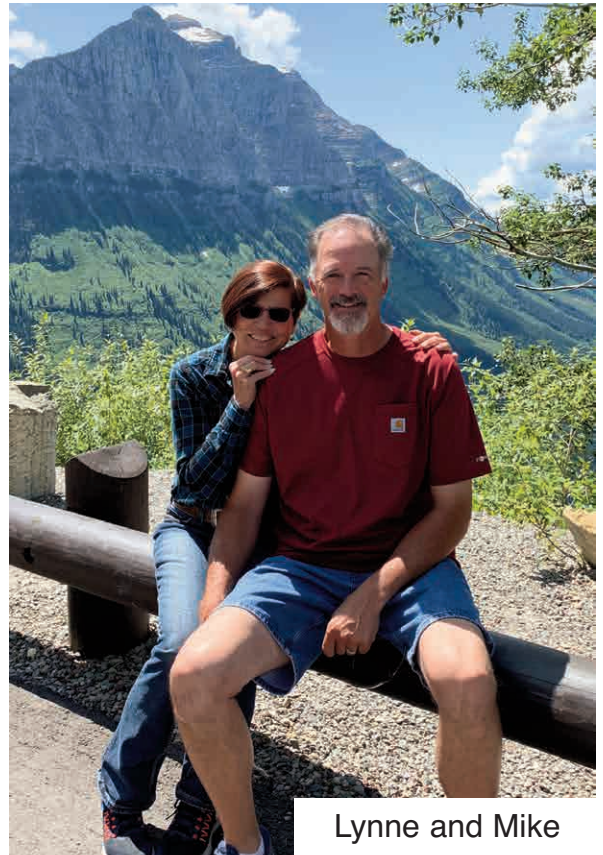
This year has made it difficult for me to be spending the quality time I should have with my wife, in conversations with my kids (they live out of state), and at home.

I have taken classes on time management and have always tried to keep in mind that it ALL can't be done, fixed, repaired, replaced, cleaned up, etc., in a day!

This year has taken all of this to the limit as we have dealt with trying to find employees to work, having employees who want slightly differing shifts from regular schedules due to COVID concerns, to huge winds that blew down and/or damaged 42 trees on our course.

We all must take that step back sometimes and breathe! Every one of us enjoys what we do and cares about the course we get to manage. However, we often forget to take that time for us and care for ourselves and give the time to our family. It is imperative for our own state of

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minds that we do so. We are fortunate we truly have winters that let us step back, but, do not forget, we need to enjoy the summers in this amazing and beautiful state where we live.

Time Well Spent with family and friends can clear our minds, recharge the inner being that drives us, and allows us to focus on what is truly important! God's Blessings to you ALL!
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Past President's Message

Just as Sweet the Second Time Around!

Jason Lamb, Sidney Country Club, Sidney, Mont.

Wow, I can't believe another year has passed. It seems like only a few months have gone by since I took over as president once again. But, what a year it has been. For many of us, it has been filled with uncertainty, cancelled tournaments, new regulations and lost revenue - only to be followed closely by increased green fees and full courses. For the most part, the weather in our area favored golf; granted, a little more rain would have helped me sleep a little better. But, oh well. Hopefully the golfers at your facilities were happy to have something to get out and do. I am happy to have survived another year, which I will say looked rather less than ideal at times. Returning from the fall meeting, the weather drastically changed from what Mr. Weatherman had predicted and we found ourselves with eight inches of snow, a full irrigation system and no fungicide applied. Time to polish the resume! But, I guess the good Lord decided my time in Sidney was not over yet and produced the sun long enough for us to scramble through all the year-end processes. We managed to get the covers on the greens the day before the snow returned. This was accomplished with the help of 15 of the high school wrestlers. What can I say? Their boundless energy got the job done in record time. Oh, to be young again; they ran between holes when many of us struggled to stand after pounding our umpteenth nail and rolling our unknown number of tires. It was a fun time at work.

Before I bore you all to sleep with my ramblings, I want to say once again it has been my absolute pleasure being the president of our association. Mike Kitchen and the rest of the board are awesome to work with and will keep Lori in line. And, if you did not know, that is a full-time job. You constantly have to prod Lori to meet deadlines and stay on task. I can't count the times that I had to babysit Lori to get articles done or wake her up in her office to answer the phone. I



Jason Lamb and Zac Leader

hope Mike is up to the task. Or, wait - maybe that is what Lori had to do for me. Either way, I am sure happy Lori was there, as well as all of our members; you all truly make a great association of which to be a member.

Since this is my "farewell" article, I need to say farewell to Zac Leader. He has been my assistant and crutch for the past several years. By the time you read this, he will be moving on; it sounds like to the Great Falls area. For anyone in search of a great young man, you could do no better. He has helped me, taught me, grounded me and challenged me to do better. Words cannot relay how much I will miss him. He will be great at whatever his mind chooses to do. Thanks, Zac; I love you and miss you already. Now I must go because my tears of emotion are shorting the keyboard. So to all, I say thank you for allowing me to be president. It has been truly fulfilling, and I was just joking about this being the last article of mine you have to stumble through; Lori already has me booked for the spring. Until then, may your grass be green and your irrigation have no leaks.



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Montana and Wyoming BMPs

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to access the GCSAA template - where you can complete your own facility guide.

Printed versions are to follow around the end of the year – and will be available to all courses in Montana and Wyoming. Your board of directors felt this tool was too important to wait until you had a chance to view online. We want to place a copy in the hands of each golf course facility in Montana and Wyoming – at member courses and non-members courses alike. The 2018 BMP grant we received will help cover the costs for print versions.

Scholarships Awarded

Congratulations to our 2020 Peaks & Prairies GCSA scholarship recipients! Applications are due September 20 each year and are announced at the business meeting of the fall conference. Categories include turf management, legacy awards and the Founding Fathers event scholarship.

Our 2020 deserving recipients are:

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I made the mistake of falling on the wrong side of Lori’s graces; as such, I am writing an article for the PPGCSA newsletter.

There is little I can write that most all of you don’t already know about growing grass, or managing employees, or dealing with golfers. All of that comes with the territory and we all learn how to deal with our common challenges in the way that best fits our golf courses, our personalities, and our management styles. Mistakes are made – hopefully none so egregious it ends up in termination. In general, we can get away with a lot, and Mother

Nature, or a sympathetic Board of Directors, gives us a shot at redemption. And, more often than not, that’s all we need.

For all the stresses, real or imagined, this is a wonderful profession. Sometimes it takes a lapse in judgment or a fresh perspective to truly appreciate how lucky we are. In the rare instance we have visitors from afar, the common sentiment is, “How beautiful it is out here.” And my stock reply is, “Yes, I have a pretty nice office to work in.” And I am reminded, that, yes, indeed, this is a pretty nice office to work in - whether here or at any of the golf



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We grow grass for a good living, and, now, more than ever, I have come to appreciate how special this profession is. Often, I consider the plight of my grandparents and the hard life they lived growing crops, raising dairy cattle, and trying to feed nine children in the sand counties of central Wisconsin. I sometimes wonder what my grandfather, who, by all accounts was successful, would think of the profession his grandson has chosen. Part of me thinks his agricultural sensibilities and German heritage would find my endeavors frivolous. To a degree, I would have difficulty arguing his point. And then, I consider that maybe he would be proud of the way I have adapted to the world while still recognizing my roots in the land, and for my efforts to make the world a little bit more beautiful place, “whether by a healthy child, a garden patch, or a redeemed social condition” (Emerson).

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Only a fraction of the courses in the states donate. The great news is we have room to grow! Get a jump on the 2021 auction by talking to your facility now if you do not already donate. The EIFG website is already accepting donations for 2021 – visit EIFG.ORG and click on the “Donate a Round” on the website banner.

The EIFG reports the 2020 auction, delayed until July due to the pandemic, sold out of all 997 rounds of donated golf.

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Thank you so much for awarding me with the Peaks & Prairies GCSA 2020 Turf Scholarship. I can't wait to finish my two-year certification from Rutgers and turn my love of golf into a lifelong career. I feel very fortunate to have members such as Jason Bush and Justin Bishop to give me guidance, as well as the association for offering support to the people who are passionate about the turfgrass industry.

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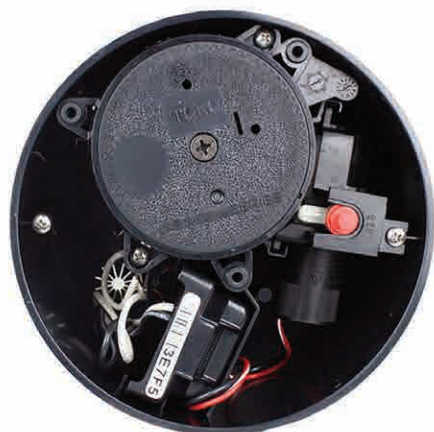
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