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The Meadows Golf Club



# President's Message

Spring golf is in full swing in our neck of the woods. Here at Rolling Hills, it is great to see members coming back to the course, new hires joining the team, and the irrigation system charged for the season. Other courses are well into their maintenance routines while others are still clearing snow or waiting for snow to melt. Regardless of your current situation, the season is either here or coming quickly.

Like many courses around the state, at Rolling Hills we use the winter to knock out projects, plan for the coming season, and invest in our team's growth. Every course has a different level of winter work, but it seems that every year, we all get the question, "What do you do at a golf course in the winter?" Here is a little snapshot of the work our Agronomy Team had a hand in at Rolling Hills this offseason!



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Rolling Hills Winter Watering

Our team still has a few areas that we must restore from the winter work, but we are excited to get those spots cleaned up to enjoy the golf season. Several other exciting changes will come later this season as we are beginning a long overdue bunker renovation in September. Our bunkers are about 40 years old and to say that they are tired would be an understatement!

Have a great start to the season and if you want to share your winter projects, let us know as we would love to highlight them in the Reporter!



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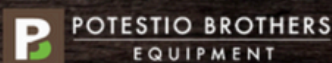
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# Superintendent Spotlight

Overview: An interview with Randy Athanites, Superintendent at Lake Arbor Golf Club

## Describe Your Facility?

Lake Arbor was built in the early 70's as part of the city of Arvada's first planned community. The golf course is lined with condominiums, apartments and single family houses.

## What Makes Your Facility Unique?

The Lake Arbor master developer convinced Golfer Orville Moody, fresh off of his 1969 US Open win, to design the golf course. Orville hung around the course in the beginning and was one of the regulars before he went back out on tour. The city of Arvada purchased the course in 1974.

## What's the biggest challenge you face at your facility?

The close proximity of the houses and the neighbors using the course as a park or shortcutting through the course.

## What's the biggest change while being in the golf industry?

The maintenance equipment has changed over the years but the technology in the golf clubs and golf balls have had a bigger impact in my opinion. Some of the older courses, like Lake Arbor are almost too short, almost every par 4 at the Arb is drivable for a decent golfer.

## What are you getting right at your facility?

Our old school pushup greens have long been known as some of the best of any municipal course. They are not super challenging which makes them appealing to golfers of all abilities.

## How many years have you worked in golf and how did you get started in the industry?

I have been in the industry for forty years. I had a good friend that hired me in 1984 as a seasonal worker. I was a mechanic at my previous job so they kept me on to assist the course mechanic over the winter. I was hired full time in 1986 as a maintenance worker then moved into the mechanic position when ours retired. I attended Front Range Community College to get my turf certificate. I moved into the superintendent position five years ago.

## What's your favorite hole on your course and why?

Probably number eight because it is the only hole where hitting out of bounds is not really an issue or concern with an errant shot

# Superintendent Spotlight

## What do you do when you're not at work?

Spend time with the family and do projects around the house. I also build slot cars in my spare time.

## Favorite sports team?

I would have to go with the Broncos but I like all of the Denver sports teams. I am a Denver native homer.

## Tell us a little about your family?

I have been married to my beautiful wife Mary for twenty six years. I have two sons, my oldest Niko, is a materials engineer at the Hyundai plant in Montgomery Alabama. My youngest, Theo, is attending UNC studying to be a secondary math teacher.



A Photo of Randy, his wife Mary, and his two sons, Niko and Theo.

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# Become a Certified Golf Course Superintendent

**Overview:** *Why and How to Become a CGCS*

**What:** Certified Golf Course Superintendent is the highest professional designation possible to be earned through the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America. When a Golf Course Superintendent has accumulated 20 points that are based on experience, education, and service and continuing education credits, you earn the status of Class A. This system also has a sliding scale where for example if someone has many years of experience, the educational requirement is lower to meet the necessary overall score. See the Class A eligibility scale [here](#). Once Class A status is obtained, you can apply to become a Certified Golf Course Superintendent.

**How:** Once you apply for certification, the process is very smooth. This process includes three proctored exams, verifying the communication requirements, and a course visit during the growing season by two of your peers who have been certified. The schedule of taking the exams and having the site visit done is flexible. You may do these in any order, as long as you first apply for certification and the site visit is done during the growing season. The communication requirement consists of completing three of the following: a site-specific BMP, hosting a First Green Event, writing an article for *The Reporter*, or serving on the RMGCSA's Board of Directors as some examples. Renewal of the designation is on a 5-year cycle that includes keeping a recent pesticide applicators license or having passed the GCSAA IPM exam, plus earning a combination of 15 service and continuing education credits. One of the most important items to remember about going through the certification process is that you as a Golf Course Superintendent are being evaluated, not the property. For example, you will not be evaluated on whether or not you have clover in your roughs. You will be evaluated on how well you know how to identify and manage the clover or any other challenge that your property presents to your operation and level of expectation.

**Why:** Having this designation is extremely valuable when trying to achieve professional goals in your career. Whether it is for a national GCSAA board position or obtaining the next position that one has set forth as a goal, having CGCS after your name sets you apart from others. For example, when one has aspirations of running for a national GCSAA board position, it is nearly impossible to win that election without CGCS designation. When trying to obtain more desirable positions that have a lot of competition, one has to have the best resume, experience, and professional development compared to others. When only 10% of golf course superintendents are certified, this designation can help set you above many others early during an application process. Since 2020, 9 members of the Rocky Mountain Golf Course Superintendents Association have become Certified Golf Course Superintendents.

# Become a Certified Golf Course Superintendent

Once certified, the benefits are fantastic. Besides setting yourself above others in professional development and possibly earning higher pay, being an attestor is another phenomenal benefit. You get to visit other golf courses and get a very deep look into another superintendent's operation. You can ask questions about products they use, timing for cultural practices or chemical applications, how they manage and recruit for their teams, and anything else that you would like to learn about. The tips and tricks you can learn from other superintendents are amazing. Whether it is getting information on a company that specializes in native area weed management, seeing irrigation heads being marked with shaving cream or a greens mower attachment that has had wonderful results, the amount of information that is learned during one of the visits is incredible.

If you have questions about the process of becoming certified or want to know more, please send me an email at [jkunze@arvada.org](mailto:jkunze@arvada.org) or reach out to another Certified Golf Course Superintendent. There is also some excellent information for [certification exams](#). If you have a friend who is certified, ask them about the process and what benefits they have experienced from earning it. It's a challenge and a goal that many should have, no matter what property you manage.

**Certification News**  
**Congratulations to new and renewing CGCSs!**  
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# Driving Sustainability Forward: A New Way to Support the Game and the Environment

Dave Marcucilli - Principal Designer - Bell Mountain Golf

The Rocky Mountain Environmental Golf Institute (RMEGI) has launched the Environmental Sustainability Fee, a smart and simple initiative to fund environmentally responsible golf course management. Building on successful efforts like Rounds for Research and the Memorial Tournament, this program creates a sustainable, golfer-supported funding stream designed to strengthen the future of the sport. Golf courses can participate by adding a small fee; either during tournament sign-ups or daily round purchases with all proceeds donated at the end of the season, often with potential tax benefits.

Golf clubs across Colorado have already embraced this approach by including a \$1 to \$3 fee on group bookings and events, generating meaningful support for sustainability programs without disrupting operations. The response from players has been overwhelmingly positive. Golfers are proud to contribute to environmental efforts while doing what they love. It's a low-effort, high-impact way to drive change at the local level.

Funds raised go directly toward programs that matter: scholarships for students pursuing careers in golf and green industries, university research to improve turfgrass management, and advocacy efforts to promote smarter, more sustainable land use. A key focus is on expanding the use of Best Management Practices (BMPs) to reduce water use, limit chemical inputs, and ensure healthier playing conditions.

RMEGI invites every course and golfer to take part. By making small contributions during everyday golf activities, players become part of a bigger movement protecting natural resources, improving course sustainability, and preserving the game for generations to come. Learn more at [www.rmegi.org](http://www.rmegi.org) or reach out at [info@rmegi.org](mailto:info@rmegi.org).

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# Affiliate Angle

Overview: An interview with Brandon Carter from Carter Precision Services, LLC



*Brandon Carter with wife Lisa and daughters Penelope and Hadley*

## **What is your current affiliate company and your position? How long have you been in this position?**

My company is Carter Precision Services, LLC and I am the Owner/Operator. I formed this company in 2022 following the purchase of a Mini-excavator with multiple attachments.

## **Where are you based out of and what territory do you cover?**

I am based out of Dacono and I am willing to travel within the metro area.

## **What are the responsibilities of your company to our industry, and how is your company involved with RMGCSA?**

I feel my company can help superintendents in the industry provide a more aesthetically pleasing view of waterways and thin out heavily vegetated areas landing zones to help minimize the amount of time golfers look for lost golf balls.

# Affiliate Angle

## What might we be surprised to know about your company?

The service I am most proficient at is vegetation mitigation around waterways. I am able to reach 15' from solid ground. My machine will mulch any vegetation, up to 8" diameter with efficiency, in place and leave zero cleanup for the end user. Vegetation mitigation does not only have to be around water ways. As a past Superintendent, I am familiar with the unsightliness and difficulties of maintaining these areas with hand tools, along with how and where to put the waste. This is where the machine proves its worth.

## Did you go to college? If so, where and what major did you graduate with?

I attended Colorado State University from 1997-2001 and graduated with a BS in Landscape Horticulture with an emphasis in Turfgrass Management.

## How and when did you begin working in the golf industry and what do you like most about it?

I began working in the golf industry at the age 16, as soon as I was able to be employed as a maintenance worker at Pagosa Springs Golf Club where my father was the Golf Course Superintendent. I can say I definitely enjoyed the "actual work" of the golf course. The most rewarding part of the golf industry was providing the best possible playing conditions I could with the resources that were dealt.

## Tell us a little about your family, and what hobbies or activities you participate in when you are not at work?

My wife Lisa and I have two young girls, Penelope and Hadley, who keep us busy with soccer, dance, gymnastics, and girl scouts. We enjoy time away from the city in the summer by Glamping. Our favorite spot doesn't have cell service for 25 miles prior to arriving! I still love the game of golf even though I rarely find myself on a course to play. This past year I set a new record in recent years for rounds played; at 1 round.

## What are the biggest changes you have seen in the profession since you began your career?

The biggest change in the industry I have seen, is that there aren't golf courses being built with every new subdivision. The days of rapid promotions and new job prospects on the horizon are long past. True masters of the art are challenged with providing the same conditions golfers dream of, with new budget cuts every year.

## Do you regularly attend RMGCSA meetings or events, if so why are they important?

When I was a member of the RMGCSA as a superintendent, meetings were a luxury and I did attempt to attend them when I could break away.



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# Equipment Manager Spotlight

Overview: An interview with Kristopher Jagers from Flatirons Golf Course

## Describe Myself:

I am a dedicated and passionate person who thrives on organization and precision. With 13 years of experience as an equipment manager, I've mastered the art of keeping things in top shape, ensuring peak performance in every situation. My love for sports, racing, and video games speaks to my appreciation for skill, strategy, and excitement.

My journey started with R/C cars, a hands-on introduction to mechanics and maintenance that laid the foundation for my career. This passion was fueled by the influence of both my dad and stepdad—both skilled mechanics—making my work not just a job but a personal legacy. Their expertise and passion for machinery shaped my dedication to the craft, driving me to always push for excellence.

Beyond all that, I'm someone who values family above everything. Whether it's watching sports, attending an event, or just socializing at home with family and friends, my love and dedication shine through in everything I do. I'm the kind of person who finds joy in both the details and the big picture, always striving to make things better.

## What is your favorite turf equipment piece of all time?

The Toro Groundmaster 4500 is my favorite piece of turf equipment because it combines power, versatility, and durability to handle turf maintenance tasks with ease. Its advanced cutting system delivers a superior quality of cut, ensuring a smooth, clean finish on large areas. Its robust construction is built to withstand tough conditions, ensuring reliability and longevity.



## Do you spin or relief grind, or backlap?

I primarily spin and relief grind, only resorting to backlapping in rare circumstances.

## Lease or own?

The City of Boulder only purchases equipment and does not consider leasing. I also don't have experience leasing equipment, but I'm open to hearing other equipment managers' opinions on the topic.

## Equipment Manager Spotlight

**What's one piece of equipment that has been what you would call a monumental innovation to golf course maintenance?**

Vacu-Cutters revolutionized golf course maintenance by promoting vertical growth, optimizing turf health, reducing aeration core removal, and improving topdressing retention.

**If you could give one piece of advice to someone interested in a career in this aspect of the golf maintenance industry, what would it be?**

Keep your shop, tools, and equipment clean, organized, and operating like new. Taking pride in maintaining and caring for your equipment shows others the value of proper equipment operation. It fosters respect for the equipment and creates a culture where everyone is more likely to treat the equipment with care, ultimately leading to longer-lasting, more efficient, and smoother operations.

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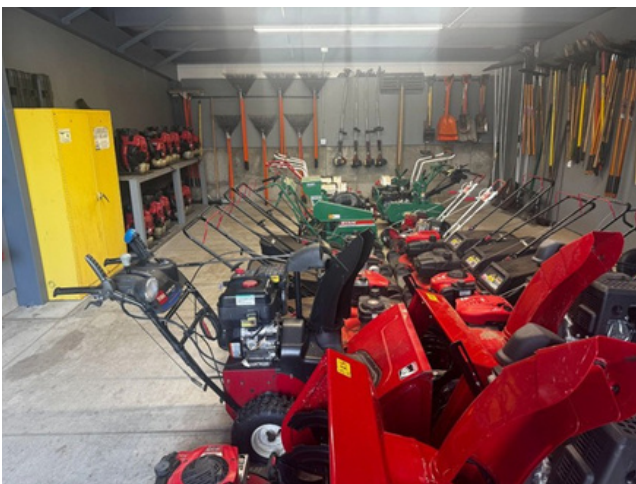
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## Shop Tours Event Recap

On February 20, 2025, the Rocky Mountain Golf Course Superintendents Association provided an Equipment Shop Tour event. There were 50 attendees who filled a coach bus that toured each facility. Please greatly thank Bob Butzen and others from Fox Hollow and Homestead Golf Courses, Cody Harrison from Denver Country Club and Brian Adamson from Pinehurst Country Club for opening up their shops for others to see and converse about. Also a huge thank you to Ben Getman, Kevin Malloy and their RMGCSA Education Committee for organizing and setting up this sold out event. Thank you to the City of Lakewood Courses also for providing breakfast burritos and lunch for the attendees and thank you to LL Johnson for sponsoring the food and the bus. It was a huge hit, was attended well and definitely an event to put on your future calendars as an event that will not want to be missed.



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# Emission Reduction Requirements for Lawn and Garden Equipment

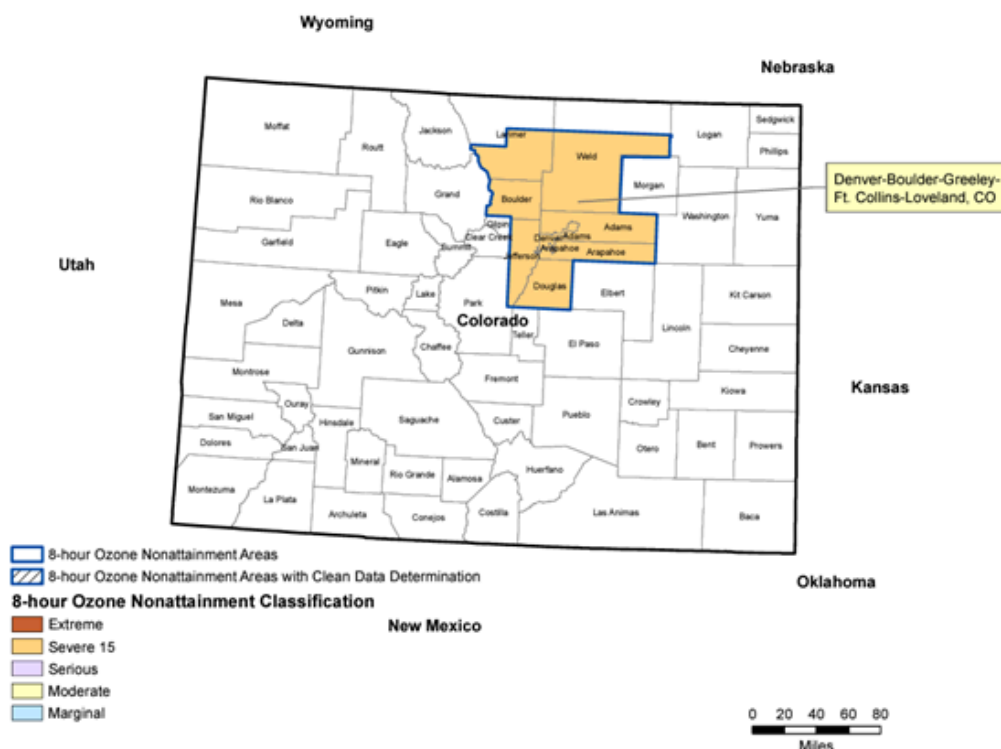
Please see this article that has been reposted from last year's May/June issue of The Reporter. This is important as these rules take effect on June 1, 2025.

On Friday, February 16th, 2024, the Colorado Air Quality Control Commission (AQCC) voted to restrict the use of the high emission gas-powered lawn and garden equipment on public property (See Regulation Number 29: <https://cdphe.colorado.gov/aqcc-regulations>). The restriction bans small engines and handheld landscaping tools listed in Part A, Section II under 25 horsepower on state property, and under 10 horsepower on local municipal and federal properties. This rule bans the equipment use in the EPA's ozone nonattainment area in Colorado which basically includes the Front Range between Castle Rock and Fort Collins. The AQCC's new rule takes effect during the summer ozone season in 2025, which has been designated from June 1 to August 31. You can read more about it [here](#).

Please see the map below for the EPA's ozone nonattainment area in Colorado. You can see which counties are included in the nonattainment area and all cities, state and federal entities within these counties are subject to this mandate.

Colorado 8-hour Ozone Nonattainment Areas (2008 Standard)

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If you manage a city or federal entity within the counties listed, you will not be able to operate any gas powered small engine under 10 horsepower from June 1 to August 31. If you manage a state property, this restriction rises to 25 horsepower. Even though these restrictions are currently limited to local, state and federal properties, they may be enhanced to other commercial or private entities in the future. It is important that we are all aware of these regulations and how we can prepare and be ready for anyone who deals with these restrictions.

# Emission Reduction Requirements for Lawn and Garden Equipment

Previously, there was a grant available that supported the electrification of this equipment. This grant was available for replacing weed eaters, push lawn mowers, and almost anything on the list of limitations that is provided in the first link above. One golf course in particular was able to use this grant for one of the new Toro eTriFlex 3370's that are 100% electric powered. Others have been eligible for funding for other means of electrification of their small equipment. Please see the following link for information about this previous opportunity for more information. This particular grant has spent its funding, however there should be additional grants and funding available in the future so it's important to start looking at information, preparing and budgeting now. Information on the previous grant can be found here: <https://www.mowdownpollution.org/grant/>

Manufacturers, distributors and retailers are also offering 30-40% incentives for purchasing electric equipment. In this issue of The Reporter, check out some of our sponsors and see how they can help fulfill these needs. Many sell brand name electrical equipment already, while others are bringing on more brands as we speak to help meet this new demand. Talk to your salespeople about what is available and how they can help you meet these requirements without being financially burdened.

Lastly, thought needs to be taken now on how we design our maintenance buildings and facilities appropriately for charging electrical equipment and batteries. If building a new facility or having one planned, it is important to add areas that meet codes and requirements for large charging areas. For example, anyone who has an electric golf cart fleet knows the ventilation requirements, additional fire protection, surge protection and having the electrical capability to draw enough energy to charge all of those batteries every night. Electrical usage budgets must also be evaluated and adjusted appropriately for the increased demand.

Small engines are currently classified as one of the highest polluting engines. While everyone can agree steps should be taken to reduce pollution, preparations also need to be made as we move forward with mandates and regulations being implemented. We all must be prepared to make these changes and adjust so we continue to provide incredible products to our customers.



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# Assistant Spotlight

*Overview: An Interview with Chris Kruscavage*

## Describe your Facility?

Lakewood Country Club, founded in 1908, is a historic par 71 course set on 118 acres. The layout offers a range of playing distances, from 4,300 to 6,800 yards. Originally designed by Tom Bendelow, the course featured dirt fairways and sand greens. In 1916, it was redesigned by Donald Ross, incorporating strategic shot-making that requires precision off the tee and well-protected, elevated green complexes. The routing is designed to be highly walker-friendly, providing a pleasant experience for our walking members. Most recently, in 2017, the course underwent a restoration by golf course architect Gil Hanse, further enhancing its classic design.

## How many years have you worked in golf and how did you get started in the industry?

I have been working in the golf industry for 9 years. My journey began with a seasonal position at Red Sky Ranch (Norman Course) in Wolcott, CO. At the time, I was working in a sales job in Denver but felt the need for a change. I decided to move up to the mountains, spend the summer playing golf, and see where it would take me. Little did I know that decision would set me on the path I've been following ever since. After two summers on the grounds crew at Red Sky, I made the move to Florida to experience turf care year-round. Not long after arriving, I enrolled at Florida Gateway College and began an internship at Ocean Reef Club in Key Largo. From there, my adventure in the industry continued to unfold.

## What is the biggest challenge at your facility?

Having only been at Lakewood Country Club since February of 2024, I would say the biggest challenge in my first year has been navigating the learning curve alongside the Director of Grounds, as it's both of our first years on this property. We've had to familiarize ourselves with the specific nuances of Lakewood, such as determining the right amount of irrigation, selecting the appropriate inputs, wetting agents, and fertigation chemicals, and experimenting with different mowing and rolling schedules to achieve consistent green speeds and firmness while maintaining healthy playing surfaces. While these challenges are part of the process, they also make this career so rewarding. Every day brings new and unique obstacles, and as turf managers, it's our job to find the best solutions tailored to our property's needs.

## What do you like about your team at your facility?

What I appreciate most about the team at Lakewood is the strong sense of unity we have. Everyone works together, understanding that each role is crucial in achieving the goals we've set. It is also exciting to see several of our team members pursuing degrees and certifications, which speaks to the commitment to growth within our group. I believe fostering an environment of healthy competition keeps everyone motivated to learn and continue progressing in the industry.

# Assistant Spotlight

## What's the most rewarding part of being an assistant for you?

Having been involved in sports and part of teams for much of my younger life, the most rewarding part of being an assistant for me is being part of a team working toward a common goal. I truly enjoy watching people grow and develop new skills that not only improve their job performance but also help them become better individuals. It's fulfilling to see team members learn how to solve problems and collaborate effectively as different situations arise.

## What is your favorite hole on your course and why?

My favorite hole at Lakewood Country Club is hole #1. There's something exhilarating about starting the round with a drivable par 4 that's surrounded by bunkers. It sets the tone for the round.

## What is the last book you read?

The last book I read was *Extreme Ownership* by Jocko Willink. It's a powerful book on leadership that I make a point to read once a year. Each time I revisit it, I discover new insights that help me grow both as a leader and as a communicator. I highly recommend it to anyone in our industry, it's been an invaluable resource for my career.



## What do you do when you're not at work?

When I'm not at work, I enjoy spending time outdoors. I love playing golf and exploring new courses, as well as fishing and camping during the summer months. In the winter months I try to ski as much as possible. This year has been a bit different, as I welcomed my first child in July 2024. It's been an exciting and transformative experience, but I'm enjoying every moment of it!

## Favorite sports team?

Go Dawgs! Sic 'Em! Woof Woof Woof!

## More Than Just a Golf Course

*Mitch Savage- Director of Agronomy- CommonGround Golf Course*

How many superintendents think of the golf course they call home as a “laboratory”? Perhaps some, but probably not many. It is a concept I was first introduced to when I interviewed for the role I currently hold at CommonGround Golf Course. At that initial interview, Ed Mate, Joe McCleary, and other Colorado Golf Association staff and board members (the golf course is owned by the CGA) emphasized to me that CommonGround is exactly that and should always be viewed as such. That notion is even reflected in the course’s name and tag line, “A place for all and all the game teaches.” But it wasn’t until I was fully immersed in the culture of the CGA and CommonGround that I realized it goes far beyond playing the game of golf. It also includes other community engagement opportunities and environmental stewardship efforts, all of which provide valuable learning opportunities that I believe will ultimately help make me a better golf course superintendent.

CommonGround Golf Course and the surrounding land the CGA owns is the largest contiguous green space within the I25, I225, and I70 Denver metro corridor. I am fortunate and proud to tell people that my office is a 337-acre green space in an urban environment that provides storm water capture, carbon sequestration, urban cooling, wildlife and pollinator habitat, recreational opportunities, and many other benefits. The CGA and CommonGround use this asset, this golf course, this “laboratory” to explore opportunities, learn, build partnerships, and give back in ways that will help ensure the golf course remains a vital component of the Denver and Aurora communities in which it lies.



CommonGround Native Wildflowers With Help From Denver Botanic Gardens



CommonGround Site Visit With Pesticide Regulators

## More Than Just a Golf Course

Now entering my sixth year at CommonGround, with the assistance and mentoring from some very dedicated and conscientious professionals, I have been introduced to things I never imagined I would during my career, and I am learning how to view not only CommonGround, but all golf courses, through a different “lens”. I’ve had the opportunity to be involved in the development of a formal partnership between the golf course and Denver Botanic Gardens. During this time, “DBG” has completed a full floristic inventory of plants found throughout the property, assisted with seeding trials using various golf course equipment in the out of play native areas, begun pollinator monitoring, and helped with the creation of a plant palette of native and adapted species for appropriate use in future projects at CommonGround. I have also been introduced to the local birding community, who now utilize the golf course and surrounding wetlands once or twice per month throughout the year for bird watching activities. To date, one hundred thirteen bird species have been identified throughout the golf course, including raptors, shorebirds, waterfowls, songbirds, and waterbirds. I have also had the opportunity to host a group of pesticide regulators representing several different agencies, who were taking part in a professional development class through Colorado State University, for a site visit and tour of CommonGround. During this visit, the discussion focused on ongoing projects and plans with the botanic gardens and the golf industry’s best management practices. The event was so enjoyable to host that I am now working with the Colorado Golf Coalition’s lobbyist, Jennifer Cassell, to recruit state law makers for future visits to the golf course for similar tours and discussions.

These endeavors, which go beyond the daily responsibilities that come with overseeing a golf course maintenance operation, provide a ton of excitement and motivation and grow my love of the golf course management industry. I truly enjoy, as the CGA mission statement claims, “making golf and ALL it offers available to everyone”. If my education, understanding, and appreciation of golf courses can continue to grow as much as it currently is, more than twenty years after first getting my start in the industry as a high school age seasonal employee, imagine how much more we can use our facilities to educate and enlighten others in our communities



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# Rounds 4 Research

Overview: Upcoming R4R Auction on April 21 - 27, 2025 and Donations

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If you are unfamiliar, Rounds 4 Research is an innovative program aimed at generating resources to fund research and help ensure golf's future. Basically, golf facilities can support the effort by donating rounds of golf, with whatever parameters you want to set, that are then auctioned online.

Proceeds from the donations of Colorado golf facilities go directly to the Rocky Mountain Environmental Golf Institute (RMEGI). If donating a round of golf isn't an option for your facility, cash donations are accepted as well. This money is then used to fund special projects and research that impact golf in the state of Colorado and the Rocky Mountain region.

Last year RMGCSA was able to raise \$14,536 through the auction. This incredible amount of money is almost \$5K more than what we raised the previous year. If you have any questions please feel free to reach out to one of us on the Rounds 4 Research Committee

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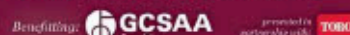
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