

MGCSA MEGA SEMINAR

Rush Creek Golf Club

Maple Grove, MN
Tuesday, December 5, 2023
8:00 - 3:30 (Happy hour to follow)
Wednesday December 6, 2023
8:00 - 3:00

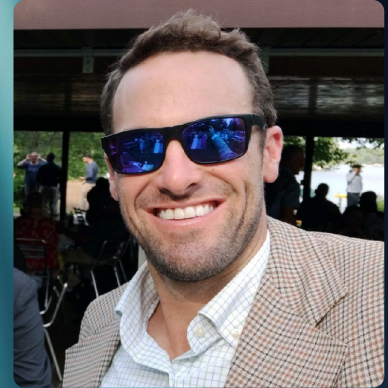
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Both Days - \$150

One Day - \$100

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2023 MEGA Seminar Schedule

Tuesday, December 5th

Registration & Networking with light breakfast & coffee	7:00 - 8:00 am
Jimmy Humston, Superintendent The Lido at Sand Valley Austin Wright, Equipment manager, Hazeltine National	8:00 - 9:30 am
The Superintendent & Equipment Manager Relationship	
Randy Robinson, GCSAA	9:30 - 10:00 am
GCSAA Update & Information	
Break	10:00 - 10:10 am
Tyler Bloom, Tyler Bloom Consulting	10:10 - 11:10 am
How to Become a World Class Candidate	
Jens Arneson, Senior Asst. Superintendent, Hawks Landing Golf Club	11:10 - 11:40 am
Getting out of the Gate, Leading your Own Crew	
Lunch	11:40 - 12:40 pm
Dr. Beth Guertal, Kansas State University	12:40 - 1:40 pm
Poa Annua - Cultural Management	
MGCSA Annual Meeting	2:00 - 3:30 pm
MGCSA hosted happy hour to follow	

Wednesday, December 6th

Registration & Networking with light breakfast & coffee	7:00 - 8:00 am
Dr. Beth Guertal, Kansas State University	8:00 - 10:00 am
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Break	10:00 - 10:10 am
Tyler Bloom, Tyler Bloom Consulting	10:10 - 11:10 am
2023 Insights and Trends	
Jens Arneson, Senior Asst. Superintendent, Hawks Landing Golf Club	11:10 - 12:10 am
So You've Been an Assistant for Five Years, Now What?	
Lunch	12:10 - 1:00 pm
Dr. Eric Watkins & Dr. Jon Trappe - UMN	
What We've Learned so far from the WinterTurf Project	1:00 - 1:30 pm
Roundtable Discussion on Putting Green Management Intensity	1:30 - 2:00 pm
Paul Diegnau, Nick Peinovich, David Phillips, with Kevin Norby	2:00 - 3:00 pm
Renovation Stories from MGCSA Golf Courses	

Tyler Bloom As the founder of Tyler Bloom Consulting, Tyler possesses a lifelong passion for the game. A former golf course superintendent and turf professional, Tyler grew up playing sports in Berwick, PA, where his love of all things golf began at the age six, when he stepped onto a course for the first time. He began his career in the maintenance department at a local club at age 15 and quickly realized that golf course management was his calling. Since then, his career has led him to work side-by-side with the most reputable Golf Course Superintendents and club leaders at some of the most elite clubs across the United States. Tyler has an Executive Certificate in Talent Acquisition from Cornell University, a Bachelor's in Turfgrass Science from Penn State University, and 19+ years of work experience in the golf and turfgrass industry, including six as Golf Course Superintendent at Sparrows Point Country Club in Baltimore, MD, where he created the first apprenticeship program for interns and post-graduates in the country.

Dr. Elizabeth Guertal is a Program Director in the Feed the Future Innovation Lab for Collaborative Research on Sustainable Intensification at Kansas State University. Prior to that she worked for Auburn University as Professor of Soil Fertility, working in Turfgrass Management. Dr. Guertal received her BS and MS degrees from The Ohio State University, and her PhD from Oklahoma State University. She conducts research in soil and soil fertility management in turfgrass, teaching and advising students. She is a past-Chair of Division C-5 (Turfgrass Management, CSSA), a Fulbright Fellow, and is a Fellow of CSSA, SSSA and ASA. She is a Past President of the Crop Science Society of America.

Jimmy Humston is originally from Johnson City, TN. He was raised playing golf and working on the local municipal golf course. His passion to play quickly turned to working after his first season on the grounds. Jimmy worked at several stops across the Southeast from North Carolina to Arkansas during his early career managing bentgrass in the southern transition zone. After spending 4 years as the senior assistant at Alotian he pursued a position at Sand Valley in central Wisconsin (2018). At Sand Valley he has been a superintendent of 4 of the 5 courses in 5 years. Most recently overseeing the construction/restoration of the Lido from start to finish. Lido just debuted at #68 in Golf Magazine's Top 100 World's Best Courses. Jimmy's wife, Ashley, and dog, Fescue, also work at Sand Valley.

Austin Wright has experience throughout the golf industry ranging from Crew Member, Assistant Superintendent, Service Technician, leading into a Certified Turf Equipment Manager has provided the unique ability to relate to all the team members to see the operation through their eyes. Starting in 2007, held various golf course management positions around the Kansas City area. In 2016, became the Grounds Complex & Equipment Manager of Sand Valley Golf Resort in Nekoosa, WI. Completed the GCSAA Certified Turf Equipment Manager program in 2022. Becoming the seventh Equipment Manager to earn the CTEM designation. Most recently in September of 2023, joined the team at Hazeltine National Golf Club in Chaska, MN as Equipment Manager.

Jens Arneson has been the Senior Assistant Superintendent at Hawks Landing Golf Club in Verona, WI for the past year. Previously he was an Assistant Superintendent at Maple Bluff Country Club in Madison, WI for nine years. While there he served as the Class C Representative on the WGCSA Board of Directors and was selected as an inaugural member of the EXCEL Leadership Program through the GCSAA. He is an active member of both the WGCSA and GCSAA, serving as a Grassroots Ambassador and speaking at the GCSAA Conference. He graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Madison with degrees in Soil Science-Turfgrass Management and Scandinavian Studies.

Randy Robinson is the GCSAA Field Staff Representative for the Central Plains region. He joined GCSAA following six years as executive director of the Iowa Turfgrass Institute. From 2006 to 2015, he was the golf course superintendent at Ballard Golf and Country Club in Huxley, Iowa. He is a 18-year member of GCSAA. Robinson earned an associate's degree in horticulture science from Hawkeye Community College. In addition, he served in the Iowa Army National Guard's HSC 109th Medical Battalion from 1997 to 2005.