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A Note from Victor

Victor Heitkamp Fargo Park District / Osgood Golf Course NCTGA President

Season's Greetings, I hope this message finds you all well. Sitting in my office watching the snow come down I can't help but feel excited for the best day of the year to be upon us. Many people over look this great day, and for some it could be the worst day of the year, but I guess it is all in how you view your glass. Are you a glass half empty or a glass half full kind of person? It's a great moment of reflection. Now some of you may be thinking I am speaking of Christmas Day, or maybe New Year's Day. Nope. The day I speak of is December 21st, the winter solstice, the darkest day of the year. It truly is my most favorite day of the year, because there is light at the end of the tunnel, every day after December 21st gets a little brighter. It won't be long and those longer days will lead to much warmer days, as the sun continues to rise ever so slightly higher in the sky. To me that brightness is a reminder of the great things soon to come.

There are some exciting things happening in the NCTGA. We launched the new website in December. The web address hasn't changed, https://www.nctga.net but we find the redesigned look to be fresh and it is our hope that you find it easier to navigate. I invite you to take a moment and check it out, let us know what you think. We would also encourage you to register for the upcoming 2018 Conference and Trade Show while you are looking through the site.

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NCTGA
33rd Annual Conference & Trade Show Schedule

Due to scheduling conflicts there will not be a recertification before or after the conference.
Arrangements for Recertification are Scheduled With NDSU Extension Dept.

SUPER TUESDAY

Tuesday, February 27th, 2018

7:00 AM—8:00 AM	Registration	
8:00 AM— 9:00 AM	Brian Horgan	Impacts of Management Practices on Winter Injury
9:15 AM— 9:30 AM	Break	
9:30 AM— 12:00 PM	Brian Horgan	Dealing with And preventing Plant Stress
12:00 PM - 1:00 PM	Lunch	
1:00 PM - 1:45 PM	Brian Horgan	Understanding Soil Testing Philosophies
1:45 PM - 2:00 PM	Break	
2:00 PM - 3:30 PM	Brian Horgan	Sustainable Turfgrass Systems

Wednesday, February 28th, 2018

6:00 AM – 7:30 AM	Registration	
6:00 AM—1:00 PM	Vendor Set-up	
7:30 AM—7:45 AM	President's Opening Remarks	
8: 15 AM—9:45AM	Dr. Kristina Walker	Pre-Game Agronomic Field Safety Assessment for Sports Fields: Future Implications of Risk Assessment
8:15 AM —9:45 AM	Jeff Forsberg	Making Your Ballfields Look Like The Pros On A Budget
9:45 AM—10:00 AM	Break	
10:00 AM—11:30 AM	Dr. Kristina Walker	Interpreting Soil Test Data to Develop Annual Fertility Management Plans
10:00 AM—11:30 AM	Steve Randall	Staying Relevant in a Changing Profession.
11:30 AM—12: 00 PM	Lunch	
12:00 PM	Steve Randall	State of The Industry
12:15 PM—1:00 PM	NCTGA Annual Meeting	
1 :00 PM—2:00 PM	Jenny Satter	Hiring, Training, Maintaining the Employee
1:00 PM—2:00 PM	Sam DeMarais	Trees 101
2:00 PM—8:00 PM	Trade Show	
6:30 PM _ 8:00 PM	Social	

Schedule Continued

Thursday March 1, 2018

7:00 AM—8:00 AM	Coffee
9:00 AM—12:00 PM	Trade Show
8:00 AM– 9:30 AM	Matt Cavanaugh, John Spaulding Tall Fescues Becoming More Popular Q & A Session following their talks.
8:00 AM—9:00 AM	Tim Jallen / Nick Baker Ballfields 101 Keeping it Simple For You Q & A to Follow Their Talks
9:00 AM –12:00 PM	Trade Show
9:30 AM—10:30 AM	Tim Jallen / Nick Baker Building and Maintaining Mounds and Home Plate
11:00 AM — 12:00 PM	Jeff Forsberg Maintaining Your Ballfield
12:00—1:00 PM	Lunch
1:00 PM—2:00 PM	Educational Points Distribution
2:00 PM—-5:00 PM	NCTGA Board Meeting

*The Conference & Trade Show Schedule is subject to change.

Sponsorship Opportunities

Coffee Break Sponsor—$175.00
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Speaker Sponsors

On behalf of the NCTGA Board of Directors we have developed a speaker sponsorship program for our Annual conference and trade show. The vendor support is very important to the high level of speakers that we bring in. Below are the three levels of sponsorships, Please indicate which level of sponsorship you would like and again Thank You for your support!

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2018 NCTGA CONFERENCE SPEAKERS

SUPER TUESDAY
Dr. Brian Horgan

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Professor and Extension Turfgrass Horticulturist
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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 focuses on the fate and transport of pesticides and nutrients, water conservation strategies, and low-input turfgrass systems. He 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 the turfgrass and ornamental communication association.

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2018 Speaker Schedule Continued

NCTGA 33rd Annual Conference Guest Speakers

Profile Products
Jeff Forsberg
Regional Sales Manager Profile Products
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Jeff is a graduate from Iowa State University with a degree in Horticulture focused on Turf Management. He currently works as a Regional Sales Manager for Profile Products covering eight states. He resides in Chaska, Minnesota.

Wednesday February 28th, 2018
8:15 AM —9:45 AM Making Your Ballfields Look Like The Pros On A Budget

Thursday March 1st, 2018
10:00 AM —11:00 AM Maintaining Your Ballfield

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Thursday, March 1st, 2018

8:00 AM– 9:30 AM Maintenance and establishment of fine fescue native areas
Q & A Session following their talks.

NCTGA 33rd Annual Conference Guest Speakers

Fargo Park District
Sam DeMarais
Park Forester

Sam has been the Park Forester for the Fargo Park District for the last 3 years. Prior to working at Fargo Parks was for the city of Fargo forestry department throughout college. I also work with a nonprofit association called North Dakota Urban and Community Forestry Association (NDUCFA). I grew up in Fargo and graduated from NDSU with a degree in Urban Forestry. I am an avid bow hunter and enjoy anything outdoors.

Wednesday, February 28th, 2018

1:00 PM—2:00 PM Trees 101

GCSAA
Steve Randall
Director of Chapter Outreach
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Steve Randall, a native of Wahpeton, ND oversees the field staff program and other chapter services, which aim to strengthen the awareness, access and engagement of GCSAA programs and services. Randall and his team help advance chapter operations and chapter leadership which support GCSAA at the local and regional level. Prior to working at GCSAA, Randall was the executive director of the Sun Country Amateur Golf Association (New Mexico/West Texas Golf Association) and worked for the Minnesota Golf Association in regional affairs, media relations and junior golf operations. Randall received a bachelor's degree in business management and communications from St. John's University in Collegeville, MN and a master's degree in mass communications from the University of South Dakota.

Wednesday, February 28th, 2018
10:00 AM –11:30 AM "Staying Relevant in a Changing Profession."

12:00 PM State of The Industry

NCTGA 33rd Annual Conference Guest Speakers

University of Minnesota Crookston

Kristie S. Walker, Ph.D.
Assistant Professor of Agronomy
Golf and Turf Management Program

Kristie S. Walker is currently an Associate Professor of Agronomy in the Agriculture and Natural Resources Department at the University of Minnesota Crookston. She is head of the Golf and Turf Program at UMC and teaches all courses related to turfgrass management and soil science. In addition, Dr. Walker is the advisor for the Turf Bowl Team, Turf Club, and the Soils Judging Team. Dr. Walker received her Ph.D. and M.S. from Purdue University in August 2008 and May 2006, respectively in Agronomy specializing in turfgrass management and soil fertility. Her current research interests include: carbon footprint determination of golf courses, irrigation regimes that conserve water, nitrogen fertilization effects on above ground responses and soil nitrogen losses, and cultural management practices that reduce turfgrass wear and soil compaction.

Wednesday, February 28th, 2018

8:15 AM —9:45 AM Pre-Game Agronomic Field Safety Assessment for Sports Fields: Future Implications of Risk Assessment Interpreting

10:00 AM—11:30 AM Soil Test Data to Develop Annual Fertility Management Plans

St Paul Saints

Nick Baker
Head Groundskeeper of CHS Field

Nick Baker graduated from Iowa State University with a Bachelors Degree in Horticulture with a Turf Grass Management Emphasis in 2011. During his time at Iowa State Nick interned with the New York Mets at Citi Field and The Iowa Cubs at Principal Park. After graduation Nick took a position with the Minnesota Twins and was there until the 2014 Season. Nick left the Twins to take a job as an Assistant Sports Turf Manager position with the University of Minnesota Athletics Department in June of 2014. In November of 2014 Nick took over as Head Groundskeeper of CHS Field, Home of the St.Paul Saints and Hamline Piper. Nick resides in St.Paul with his wife Emily and children Adeline and Flynn.

Thursday, March 1st, 2018

8:00 AM —9:00 AM Ballfields 101 Keeping It Simple For You
Q & A to Follow Their Talk

9:30—10:30 AM Building & Maintaining Mounds & Home Plates

Matt Cavanaugh

Assisant Superintendent
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A few turf classes at Kansas State & the University of Minnesota have provided gainful employment for 15 years in the turfgrass industry. Assistant superintendent, grounds manager for a school district (I don't want to talk about it), sales rep for PBI Gordon, turfgrass research scientist at the University of Minnesota (I'm not that fancy) and now back as an Assistant Superintendent at Rush Creek Golf Club in Maple Grove, MN. I enjoy learning, talking and sharing about turf.

Thursday, March 1st, 2018

8:00 AM– 9:30 AM Maintenance and establishment of fine fescue native areas
Q & A Session following their talks.

Fargo Park District

Jennifer Satter – PHR/SHRM-CP
Director of Human Resources & Payroll

Jenny was hired as the first Director of Human Resources & Payroll with Fargo Parks in September of 2015. As Director of the HR department, she oversees recruiting, performance management, payroll and benefits and employee relations. Jenny has 20 years of experience in human resources and maintains her PHR and SHRM-CP certifications in the field. Jenny lives in south Fargo with her spouse Tony and their children Paige and Ty. She enjoys her book club, golfing and watching her children participate in their sports.

Wednesday February 28, 2018

1:00 AM– 2:00 PM Hiring, Training, Maintaining The Employee

Tim Jallen

FM Redhawks
Director of Field and Stadium Operations
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I was a 2011 graduate of North Dakota State University where I played baseball and received a Bachelor's of Science Degree in Zoology with emphasis in Fisheries and Wildlife. During the final few years of college I also started working at the Moorhead Country Club in Moorhead, MN. That is when my interest in turfgrass management and the golf course industry as a whole really began. In the Fall of 2009, along with my Zoology credits, I also started studying in the Sports and Urban Turfgrass Management program at North Dakota State University. Upon graduation in 2011, I traveled to New Jersey and Colorado to expand my working knowledge and experiences in different environments and climates. After much thought, I decided to change my focus and direction to the world of baseball, as it has been a passion of mine since a very young age. I have been the Director of Grounds at Newman Outdoor Field since the Spring of 2014 taking care of on-field operations; mainly baseball games but also concerts and other small events. I was born and raised in Bismarck, ND but attended high school in Scottsdale, AZ. My parents, sister, and niece currently live in Bismarck, ND. I reside in Fargo, ND with my black lab, Chipper.

Thursday, March 1st, 2018

8:00 AM– 9:00 AM	Ballfields 101 Keeping It Simple For You Q & A to Follow Their Talk
9:30—10:30 AM	Building & Maintaining Mounds & Home Plates

Mandan Municipal Golf Course Introduces FootGolf!

On September 1st 2017, the Mandan Park District unveiled an exclusive new FootGolf Course. Located on the 9 hole Mandan Municipal Golf Course, FootGolf is a relatively new precision sport that requires players to kick a soccer ball into a cup by using as few attempts as possible. FootGolf, which combines elements found on a soccer field with those found on a golf course, is quickly growing. The Mandan Park District recognized FootGolf as an opportunity to provide a new and unique recreational activity to the community, and to maximize the use of their golf facilities. This is the first American FootGolf League accredited course in North Dakota! The new course consists of 18 AFGL certified holes, with two sets of tees to match any skill level.

When designing the FootGolf course, it was essential the golf maintenance staff routed the layout in a way that would have minimal impact on the traditional golf course. While the golf course itself is 9 holes, the FootGolf course has 18 holes ranging from 70 to 220 yards in length and a par of 72. For example, a typical par 5 golf hole may contain 3 separate FootGolf holes. Each hole consists of a tee area and green, while utilizing the same traditional golf fairway. The FootGolf greens and tees are maintained at a ½" fairway height of cut. This allows the soccer balls to roll smooth and true, much like a golf ball on a green. The golf maintenance staff placed the FootGolf tee boxes and greens in easily accessible areas, and mowed the turf to the proper height in a way that seamlessly blends in with the existing golf course fairways and approaches. The course routing brings bunkers and trees into play as hazards to provide both intrigue and a challenge.

FootGolf cups are 21" in diameter, and are permanently placed in their location. The holes can be covered in times of course closure. A golf flagstick and flag indicate the hole position, just as in traditional golf. FootGolf players are required to make tee times, and may utilize the golf facility at the same time as regular golf play. Typically, an 18 hole round of FootGolf takes about the same amount of time as a 9 hole round of traditional golf, so pace of play is not generally an issue. The cost to play FootGolf is $10 per round, and soccer balls are available for rent.

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NCTGA 33rd Annual Conference & Trade Show
February 27th,28th, March 1st, 2018
Holiday Inn, Fargo, ND
Individual Registration Form

Registrant Name_____
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Company Name_____

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Super Tuesday Fee — $90.00
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Super Tuesday Fee After January 30th, 2018 —$120.00
Student Registration After January 30th, 2018 — $40.00
Registration Fee For All Three Days After January 30th, 2018 — $220.00

2018 Membership Dues = $90.00
(Membership Dues must be paid for at least 1 representative per company/organization)

Total Due = _____

Registration fee includes social, educational sessions, trade show, coffee break and lunch.
Please send payment to: NCTGA – P.O. Box 10823 – Fargo, ND 58106 or register on-line at www.nctga.net.

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By January 27, 2018

- **To make your reservation call:**
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NCTGA 33rd Annual Conference & Trade Show
February 27,28th,March 1st, 2018 –Holiday Inn, Fargo, ND
Exhibitor Registration Form

Company Name_____

Address_____

City, State, Zip_____

Telephone_____ **Email**_____

Vendor Representative (1st Person included in booth fee)_____

Vendor Representative (2nd Person $90.00)_____

Additional Representatives (3rd Person$50.00/person)_____

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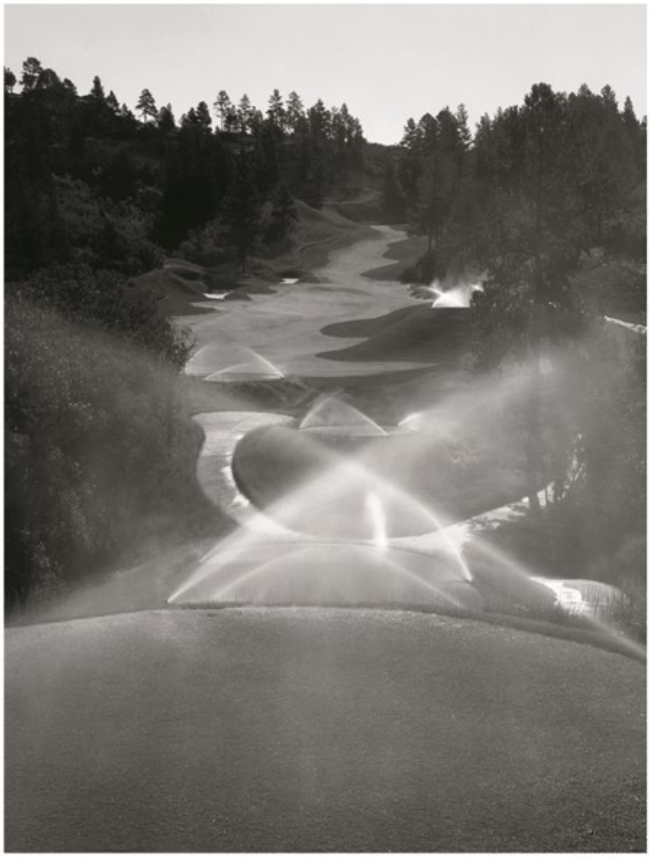

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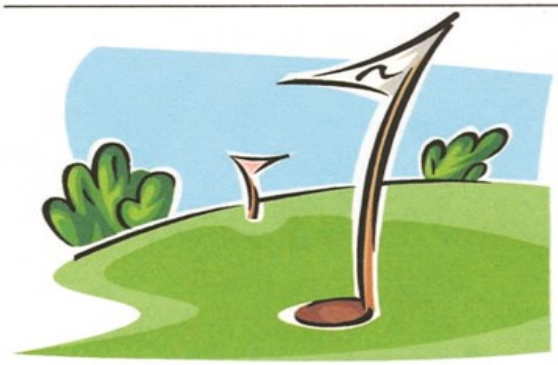

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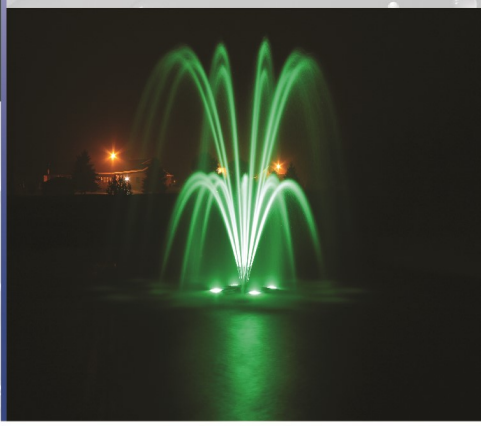

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We have been busy putting the final touches on the Conference and Trade Show and we are excited to announce another great lineup of speakers that will be joining us again this year. You will find the conference schedule in this issue of Talking Turf.

In closing I would also like to throw in a plug for any members who may be interested in serving the association on the board of directors. The NCTGA is always seeking new voices who are passionate about the growth of the turf industry to serve on its board. There will be three seats open this year and the nominations and voting of new board members will take place at the 2018 annual meeting. Please consider running and if you have any questions please contact Rene, any of the directors, or me.

On behalf of the NCTGA I would like to wish you a Joyful Holiday Season and the Best of Wishes in the coming New Year!

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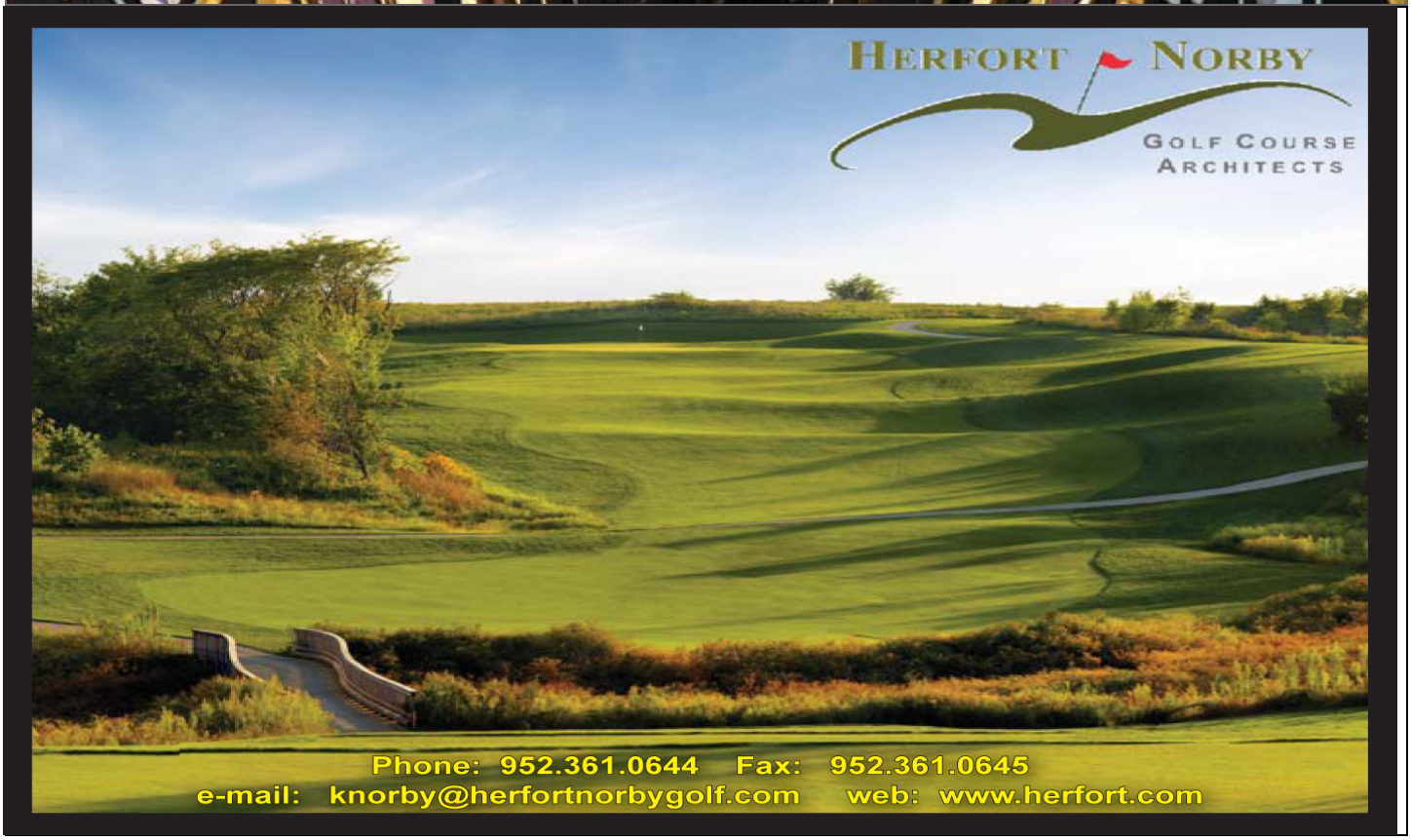
Being Held at the NCTGA Annual / Conference & Trade Show
February 28th, March 1st, 2018
Share in the fun. Silent Auction Items will be displayed in the Exhibitor's Booths on February 28th, then displayed in a central location on the Trade Show Room Floor on March1st. Bidding will begin February 28th at 2:00 p. m.
Questions/details contact Rene' Smith

GCSAA PDI Points Available at the 2018 NCTGA Conference and Trade Show

We are happy to announce that the GCSAA has approved our application for PDI points for this year's NCTGA Conference.

Your renewal cycle can be found on the GCSAA web page, under the "My Member Center" category.

PDI forms and code will be available at the conclusion of the conference.



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Board of Directors Position

The NCTGA is seeking motivated and energetic individuals to join our Board of Directors, February 2018 This position offers an opportunity to be involved with a non-profit organization that provides Educational Scholarships, networking and educational events such as the Annual Golf Tournament and Annual Conference and Trade Show. The major responsibilities include:

- Attending quarterly Board of Director Meetings.
- Recruiting new members and maintaining relationships with existing members.
- Assist with event planning.
- Promote and support NCTGA as a whole.

This is a volunteer position.

If you are interested in this opportunity, please contact a Board Member or contact Rene Smith at: 701-552-1940 or email info@nctga.net.

Note: Applicants must contact a Board Member or Rene Smith personally.