

Benefits of GCSAA Membership

Do you have access to the only resource solely focused on your success and that of your facility? The Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA) and its affiliated chapter, the VGCSA, are that resource.

Composed of 20,000 members who represent thousands of golf facilities around the world, the GCSAA is dedicated to serving its members, advancing their profession and enhancing the enjoyment, growth and vitality of the game of golf. The GCSAA is the voice and champion of the golf course superintendent profession, providing advocacy, professional development and community to help its members achieve greater recognition, career opportunity and to ensure golf facility success. As part of this charge, GCSAA also holds dearly to its dedication to advancing the game of golf and the environment in which it is played.

Cooperative efforts between the GCSAA and affiliated chapters assist in maximizing individual and team potential through:

- quality education programs
- the industry's largest conference and trade show
- valuable career assistance
- powerful government representation
- networking opportunities
- information references
- professional recognition
- beneficial turf research
- informative publications
- ongoing support

The GCSAA and its affiliated chapters like the VGCSA offer support and services that benefit individuals like you—people involved with every aspect of the golf course management industry.



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*Keeping Pace
with Your Profession*



Member Benefits of the Virginia Golf Course Superintendents Association

Commonwealth Crier Newsletter and VGCSA Member Directory

Stay in touch with your fellow superintendents with the quarterly publication, *Commonwealth Crier*. Get local association news and timely educational articles from across the state. The *VGCSA Member Directory* gives complete contact information on all members and industry partners.

Education and Survey

The VGCSA hosts local educational seminars every year. Topics range from technical turfgrass subjects to professional development. VGCSA educational programs earn professional certification credits (PDI). The VGCSA also conducts a biannual survey of turf practices and compensation/benefits.

Networking Opportunities

VGCSA and local association meetings and events provide a good opportunity to meet informally with your professional peers and gather important information. Members share information, solve problems and learn more about the local golf course industry. The value of your dues could easily be realized by networking to identify an inexpensive solution to a problem you are having at your golf course.

GCSAA Activities

GCSAA update information is provided to the VGCSA membership through *Commonwealth Crier* and on our web site. Information about GCSAA's conference and show, annual election, and upcoming seminars are also highlighted at VGCSA meetings. VGCSA jointly sponsors a social event at the national conference with MAAGCS, free to members.

Golf Events

The VGCSA and its local associations host golf tournaments that bring members throughout the state together. The Tollie Quinn, Wee One Foundation and Joe Saylor tournaments are open to all members. VGCSA also sponsors a team in the GCSAA National Championships.

VGCSA Website (www.vgcsa.org) and Electronic Communication

The VGCSA website has become *the* source for member information. The website has a searchable online member

directory, meeting and event schedules for both VGCSA and local associations, industry news, weather information, employment opportunities, equipment for sale, plus industry links and electronic notification of key events.

Government Relations

The VGCSA works with other allied associations through the Virginia Golf Council to ensure that our voices are heard on issues that affect the golf industry. VGCSA is a member of the Virginia Agribusiness Council.

VGCSA Annual Meeting & Awards

All VGCSA members are invited to the annual meeting of the association, which includes the annual awards – Distinguished Service, President's Award for Lifetime Service and Scholarship. The event provides a great opportunity to network with the association leadership.

VGCSA Partner Program

VGCSA members enjoy great relationships with industry partners who support the organization through the VGCSA Partner Program. With over 60 partners, VGCSA members receive exceptional service and pricing from companies that show their support of your profession every year.

Local Association Membership

When you pay dues to the VGCSA you are also paying dues to the local association of your choice (Old Dominion GCSA, Greater Washington GCSA, Tidewater Turfgrass Association, Virginia Turfgrass Association and Shenandoah Valley Turfgrass Association). These dues help fund activities at the local level. You have the option of membership in multiple local associations.

Assistants Forum

VGCSA stages a special education and networking event for assistant superintendents and crew members. The event includes an outstanding speaker and a panel discussion led by the top superintendents in the region. The event includes a golf event and reception. The cost of the event is subsidized by sponsors and the local associations.

Virginia Golf Course Superintendents Association Membership Application

Name, First _____ M.I. ____ Last _____

Job Position _____

Club or Business _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Work Phone (____) _____

Fax (____) _____

Cell Phone (____) _____

Email _____

GCSAA Membership No. _____

CGCS? (please check) Yes No

Local Association Memberships (please check all that apply):

ODGCSA TTA GWGCSA VTA SVTA

Note: Dues include membership in one local association.

Membership Dues by Classification

Check	Class	Dues
<input type="radio"/>	A – Supt (more than 3 years)	\$135*
<input type="radio"/>	SM – Supt Member (less than 3 years)	\$135*
<input type="radio"/>	C – Asst Supt	\$75
<input type="radio"/>	D – Complimentary (AA, honorary, educator)	\$0
<input type="radio"/>	E – Student	\$0
<input type="radio"/>	F – Associate (suppliers, industry)	\$135*
<input type="radio"/>	Additional Local Association memberships	\$50 each

***Class A, Supt. Members, and Associates deduct \$15 if local association is VTA or SVTA.** The VGCSA is an Affiliate Chapter of the GCSAA, and all Class A and SM members must also be members of the GCSAA.

I hereby make application for membership in the VGCSA and have attached my dues for one year in the amount of \$ _____.

Or sign up online at www.vgcsa.org.

Signed _____

Date _____

Please send application and payment to:
VGCSA

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