

2025 GEORGIA GCSA ANNUAL MEETING

KING AND PRINCE BEACH RESORT
DECEMBER 8-10, 2025



**HOST GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENTS:
ASA HIGH, CGCS, FREDERICA GOLF CLUB
LUCAS WALTERS, OCEAN FOREST GOLF CLUB**



2025 GEORGIA GCSA ANNUAL MEETING SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 8

11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Registration

*Ocean Forest Golf Club
200 Ocean Road
Sea Island, GA 31561*

12:00 pm

1st Round Golf Championship

Box Lunches & Beverage Cart
in partnership with
Beard Equipment Company

6:30 pm

**Reception, Dinner and Cornhole
Tournament**

*King and Prince Resort
200 Arnold Rd.
St. Simons Island, GA 31522*

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9

.3 GCSAA points applied for
3 hours GA Pesticides Credits applied for
Business attire for meetings please

7:00 – 8:00 am

Registration & Breakfast

King and Prince Resort

8:00 – 8:30 am

Leading out with BMPs

Chave McKeel, GCSAA, Director, First Green and Workforce Development

GCSAA is the leader in advocacy in the golf industry. GCSAA's BMPs initiative has high value in the association's government affairs advocacy efforts. Soon the BMPs will have an even higher value when addressing compliance with FIFRA and the Endangered Species Act. During this informative presentation, you will be provided with an update on the ongoing work between GCSAA, EPA and USFWS to respond to the EPA's ESA Workplan which will impact pesticide labels in the future.

8:30 – 9:00 am

Joshua A. Tapp, MSc, Director, Environmental Programs

Exciting New Upgrades to the GCSAA BMP Adoption Tool

Integrating a mobile phone app for easy access and adjustments to adapt and modify your BMPs

Outpacing Regulatory Pressures for the Future

Ways to be proactive in an ever changing regulatory environment

9:00 - 10:00 am

Elections & Association Business

10:00 am Adjourn

2nd Round Golf Championship

12:00 pm

2nd Round Golf Championship

Frederica Golf Club

100 Pikes Bluff Drive

St, Simons Island, GA 31522

Box Lunches & Beverage Cart

in partnership with

Beard Equipment Company

11:30 am

"Paint and Pour" and ladies luncheon

Complimentary

King and Prince Resort-Solarium

Please register by emailing

allison@ggcsa.com

6:30 pm

Reception • King and Prince Resort

7:00 pm

Annual Banquet & Awards Ceremony

King and Prince Resort

Jacket preferred for banquet

Georgia Golf Hall of Fame

in partnership with

Jerry Pate Turf & Irrigation

Superintendent of the Year

in partnership with

Corbin Turf & Ornamental Supply

Raffle Prize: Traeger Grill

Donated by **Bulloch Fertilizer**

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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10

7:00 am Prayer Breakfast

King and Prince Resort, Lanier Ballroom 1
in partnership with

Corbin Turf & Ornamental Supply

Speaker: **Frank Siple, CGCS**

7:00 - 8:00 am

Registration & Breakfast

King and Prince Resort

8:00 - 9:30 am

**The Georgia Golf Environmental
Foundation Presents Ongoing and Future
Research Updates**

Dr. Brian Schwartz, University of Georgia

9:30 - 10:00 am

Lighting the Future: Sustainable Safety and Security without the Grid

Paul L. Carter, CGCS, Golf Course

*Superintendent, The Bear Trace at Harrison
Bay*

Solar-powered lights are a cost-effective, sustainable, and easily accessible solution for enhancing safety and security without reliance on traditional electric grid infrastructure or professional electrical services.

On golf courses, inadequate lighting around buildings, parking lots, and clubhouses is a common concern, leading to safety risks for golfers, guests, and staff members. Traditional lighting solutions often require expensive trenching, wiring, licensed electricians, and ongoing electricity bills.

Solar-powered lighting systems allow freedom from the grid providing reliable renewable lighting 365 nights a year through a simple plug and play design platform. No trenching, no wiring, no monthly electricity costs, and no vulnerability to power outages. Simply dig a hole, plant a pole, and let it glow.

10:00 am Adjourn and Last Chance Raffle donated by Beard Equipment Company, 2-\$1,000 cash prizes!

Must be present to win

2025 GEORGIA GCSA
ANNUAL MEETING & GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP
REGISTRATION

December 8-10, 2025

Registration Deadline: November 24, 2025

Name: _____

Club/Company: _____

Phone: _____

Spouse's name (if attending): _____

fee x # attending = \$ Total

Meeting & Golf **\$475** x _____ = \$ _____

(Includes Golf Championship, Dinner Sunday Evening, Education, Breakfast, Prayer Breakfast, Breaks, Lunch Sunday & Monday & Annual Banquet)

Meeting Only **\$295** x _____ = \$ _____

(Includes Dinner Sunday Evening, Education, Breakfast, Prayer Breakfast, Breaks & Annual Banquet)

Pricing for additional Guests:

Sunday Evening Dinner **\$55** x _____ = \$ _____

Monday Banquet

Spouse/Kids (over 12) **\$65** x _____ = \$ _____

Kids (under 12) **\$30** x _____ = \$ _____

"Paint and Pour" **Complimentary**
luncheon Name of person attending _____

Total = \$ _____

Please charge my: Visa MasterCard AMEX *(There will be a 3.5% credit card processing fee)*

Name on card: _____

Billing Address: _____

Card #: _____

Exp. Date: _____ Verification Code: _____

Signature: _____

Send check or money order for the amount above made payable to Georgia GCSA and mail to:
PO Box 310, Hartwell, GA, 30643 • Phone: (706) 376-3585

Register online at www.ggcsa.com The Georgia GCSA must be notified of any cancellations at least 7 days prior to the event in order to receive a refund.

SPEAKERS

PAUL L. CARTER, CGCS



Paul Carter is the certified golf course superintendent at The Bear Trace at Harrison Bay, an 18-hole Jack Nicklaus Signature golf course located just outside of Chattanooga,

Tennessee. He also serves as the Director of Agronomy for the Tennessee Golf Trail, a collection of nine golf courses owned and operated by the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation. Always interested in new and innovative technology, that will benefit the environment, he has incorporated lithium powered greensmowers, autonomous mowers, solar powered pond aerators, and solar powered lighting into his course infrastructure. His passion for and promotion of the environmental benefits of golf courses has garnered his golf course multiple environmental awards including the 2015 GCSAA President's Award for Environmental Stewardship, the 2013 GCSAA Environmental Leaders in Golf Overall and National Public Award, and the 2013 Golf Digest Green Star Award for Outstanding Environmental Practices.

Mr. Carter currently serves as the Vice President of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America and is involved in numerous committees and task groups for GCSAA. He is a past president of the Tennessee Turfgrass Association serving TTA from 2008-2017. A longtime member of the Tennessee Golf Course Superintendents Association, he serves on the TGCSA BMP committee and the Rounds 4 Research committee.

CHAVA MCKEEL



Chava McKeel directs and manages programs and activities of the government affairs department to advance the overall image of superintendents and the industry. She provides

regulatory compliance information to GCSAA members to establish themselves as experts on managing risk at the facility. McKeel earned a bachelor's degree in political science and geography from the University of Kansas and worked in the Kansas State Senate.

BRIAN SCHWARTZ, Ph.D.



Dr. Schwartz is an Associate Professor of Turfgrass Breeding in the Department of Crop & Soil Sciences at the University of Georgia in Tifton. He earned his B.S. (Plant and Environmental

Soil Sciences) and M.S. (Plant Breeding) degrees at Texas A&M University, and afterwards studied Turfgrass Breeding at the University of Florida where he received his Ph.D. in Agronomy. Dr. Schwartz has experience with the breeding and evaluation of bermudagrass, zoysiagrass, centipedegrass, tall fescue, cotton and corn. Additionally, he has been the lead or co-developer of 9 cultivars and 12 associate cultivars resulting in the award of 12 patents to date, which includes the release of the drought tolerant bermudagrass 'TifTuf' that has been licensed to 53 domestic sod producers as well as 43 international growers and is grown on over 6,000 acres across the globe. He has been the lead or junior author on 56 refereed journal articles, 2 book chapters, and 15 popular press publications. Dr. Schwartz teaches a Plant Breeding Practicum course at the University of Georgia and is a member of the International Turfgrass Society, the Golf Course

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Superintendents Association of America, the United States Golf Association, the Turfgrass Breeder's Association, the American Society of Agronomy, and the Crop Science Society of America.

FRANK T. SIPLE, CGCS



I grew up in Augusta Georgia and had the exciting privilege of attending 'early' Masters tournaments in the 1960's. Arnold Palmer quickly became my hero and I began playing golf at age 12.

In 1970 two of my golf buddies and I moved to Atlanta seeking 'our fortunes' in the golf business. We rented a 3 bedroom apartment on Glenwood Avenue and searched for jobs related to golf. I was Blessed to secure a 2nd Assistant Pro position at Northwoods Country Club, where I met my FUTURE boss and mentor Charlie Underwood.

The future turned out to be around a year later. After a brief attempt at playing professionally for a living, and winning \$60 at the Kennesaw Open, I called Charlie and asked him for a job on the crew. Thankfully he said yes! Now, as Paul Harvey used to say, you know the rest of the story.

Having just passed the 3 year mark with Charlie at Northwoods and being the young sponge, soaking up conversations with the likes of Bobby McGee, Randy Nichols, Ron Sinnock and Bill Womac at golf outings I accepted the GCS position at Idle Hour Club in the Spring of 1974.

My career as a Superintendent never took me out of Georgia and covered 4 different Clubs around the state. Fifty Six years later, I still have the privilege of consulting with a former employer and calling on sod farms in the Southeast.

My prayer for this opportunity to share God's love at our Prayer Breakfast, is that if you are a follower of Jesus Christ, our time together will honor Him. If you do not have a relationship with Jesus or have chosen a different world view, I humbly ask that you attend the breakfast and hear what I believe to be the Truth from God's Word. (Proverbs 8:34)

JOSHUA "JOSH" TAPP



Tapp is the director of environmental programs for the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA). In this role, he is driving the modernization and

upgrade of the association's initiatives in Best Management Practices (BMPs), the Golf Course Environmental Profile, land management research, and sustainability awards to help members outpace regulatory pressures. A key part of his work involves partnering with Chava McKeel, director of government affairs, in advocating to policymakers, regulators, and local communities about the positive environmental contributions of golf courses in the United States and in building a reputation of golf courses as "good neighbors."

Tapp earned his Master's Degree in Environmental Health Science from the University of Kansas School of Engineering. Before joining GCSAA, he dedicated over 30 years to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), where he oversaw public health protection programs and the scientific and engineering teams responsible for delivering them. He was awarded the U.S. EPA Lifetime Achievement Award for his accomplishments during his tenure.



GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP SCHEDULE OF EVENTS & REGISTRATION

Presented by:

BEARD
EQUIPMENT CO.

*Georgia GCSA Golf Champion receives exemption
in the 2026 GSGA Mid-Amateur. Class A, B and C
members are eligible to win the Golf Championship
Limited to 100 Golfers*

MONDAY, DECEMBER 8

12:00 pm Shotgun - Ocean Forest Golf Club

Box lunches and Beverage Cart in partnership with **Beard Equipment Company**

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9

12:00 pm Shotgun - Frederica Golf Club

Box lunches and Beverage Cart in partnership with **Beard Equipment Company**

Registration Deadline: Friday, November 24, 2025

Name: _____

Club/Company: _____

Handicap Index # (GHIN #): _____

THANK YOU TO OUR HOSTS

Asa High, CGCS, Golf Course Superintendent, Frederica Golf Club
Lucas Waters, Golf Course Superintendent, Ocean Forest Golf Club



WIVES EVENT

"PAINT & POUR" LUNCHEON

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9

11:30 am "Paint and Pour" luncheon • Complimentary

Please register by email to allison@ggcsa.com

Join us for a Christmas Paint and Pour!

Learn the art of decoupage bottles! THESE HANDMADE BOTTLES MAKE THE PERFECT HOLIDAY GIFT! Each participant will be able to choose their own adventure from a variety of HOLIDAY decoupage images. You will leave with a finished bottle of Lamarca Prosecco, the watercolor brush and a list of supplies. (To continue decoupageing at home!)

Lunch and an open wine bar will be offered.



April Hendricks



HOTEL RESERVATIONS KING AND PRINCE BEACH & GOLF RESORT

Call **Toll Free Reservations 800-342-0212**

Please mention **GA Golf Course Superintendents Association** when making your reservations.

Room rates start at **\$239 per night**

Deadline to reserve a room to get the special rate is **November 6, 2025.**



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