

# Iowa GCSA Annual Meeting

February, 17, 2021

Online Zoom Meeting

10:00am

- I. Call to Order
  - a. Adopt Agenda
  - b. Appoint Parliamentarian & Sergeant of Arms
  - c. Pledge of Allegiance
  - d. Necrology Report
  - e. Retiree Report
- II. Introduction of Current Officers
  - a. President – Nate Tegtmeier – Des Moines Golf & Country Club
  - b. Vice President – Kory Brown – Ballard Golf & Country Club
  - c. Immediate Past President – Jon Hungerford
  - d. Secretary/Treasurer – Chad Graaf – Lakeside Municipal Golf Course
  - e. West Director – Chris Hickman – Grand Falls Casino and Resort
  - f. East Director – Josh Petersen – Beaver Hills Country Club
  - g. At-Large Director – Chris Shroyer – Cedar Ridge Golf Course
  - h. At-Large Director – Nick Kray – Elmcrest Country Club
  - i. Central Director – Caleb Swanson – Briarwood Country Club
  - j. Industry Representative – Alex Tucker – Van Diest Supply
  - k. Industry Representative – Neal Thompson – Zimco Supply Company
  - l. Assistant Representative – Drew Blocker – Crow Valley Country Club
  - m. Chapter Executive – Randle J. Robinson – Iowa Turfgrass Office
  - n. “Reporter” Editor(s) – Katelynn Hogenson and Randle J. Robinson
  - o. ITI Representative – Brian Abels – Toad Valley Golf Course
  - p. ITI Representative – Nick Cummins – Westwood Golf Course
  - q. GCSAA delegate – Brian Abels – Toad Valley Golf Course
  - r. Education Representative – Dr. Adam Thoms – Iowa State University
- III. Administrative Report
  - a. Minutes – 1/8/2020
  - b. Financial Report - 12/31/2020
  - c. Membership Report – 12/31/2020
- IV. Presidents Report – Tegtmeier
- V. Introduction of Nominating Committee – Hickman & Petersen
  - a. Slate of 2020 Officers/Directors – Election
- VI. Committee Reports
  - a. Finance Committee – Tegtmeier
  - b. Vice Presidents Report
  - c. Awards Committee – Petersen
    1. Past Presidents Award
    2. 25 year pins
    3. 50 year pins

4. 2020 Assistant Superintendent of the Year
  5. 2020 9-hole Superintendent of the Year
  6. 2020 18-hole Superintendent of the Year
  7. 2020 Distinguished Service Award
  8. 2020 Charles Calhoun Award
  9. 2020 Environmental Stewardship Award
  10. Host Plaque Presentation
  11. Scholarship Report
    1. Robert M. Voorhees Memorial Scholarship
    2. Iowa GCSA Scholarships
    3. Iowa GCSA Legacy Scholarship
    4. Kevin Reiter Memorial Scholarship
  - d. Membership Committee Report – Hickman
  - e. Public & Government Affairs Committee Report – Abels
  - f. Student Outreach Committee Report – Brown
  - g. ITI Report – Cummins
  - h. Chapter Delegates Report – Abels
- VII. Old Business
- VIII. New Business
- a. Honorary Members List
  - b. Introduction of New Officers/Directors
  - c. New/Past Presidents Procession
  - d. Passing of the Gavel
- IX. Adjournment – New President

**Iowa GCSA Annual Meeting Minutes**  
**January 8, 2020**  
**The Meadows Event Center – Altoona, IA**

**Call to Order:** President, Jon Hungerford, 4:04 pm

- Motion to adopt agenda by Gary Twedt, CGCS, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Joe Stelzer. Agenda approved.
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Parliamentarian: Brian Abels
- Sergeant at Arms: Doug Snook, CGCS
- Necrology Report: Ted Thorn, Merrill Thornton, Richard Wynn

**Introduction of Current Officers** (Hungerford)

- President – Jon Hungerford – Tournament Club of Iowa
- Vice President – John Temme – Wakonda Club
- Immediate Past President – Chris Coen – Glen Oaks Country Club
- Secretary/ Treasurer – Nate Tegtmeier – Des Moines Golf & Country Club
- West Director – Chad Graaf – Lakeside Municipal Golf Course
- East Director – Josh Petersen – Beaver Hills Country Club
- At - Large Director – Chris Shroyer – Cedar Ridge Golf Course
- At - Large Director – Chris Hickman – Grand Falls Casino and Resort
- Central Director – Kory Brown – Ballard Golf & Country Club
- Industry Representative – Alex Tucker – Van Diest Supply
- Industry Representative – Neal Thompson – Zimco Supply Company
- Assistant Representative – Drew Blocker – Crow Valley Country Club
- Chapter Executive Officer & ITI Communications Director – Randle J. Robinson
- “Reporter” Editor(s) – Katelynn Hogenson and Randle J. Robinson
- ITI Representative – Brian Abels – Toad Valley Golf Course
- ITI Representative – Nick Cummins – Westwood Golf Course
- GCSAA Chapter Delegate – Brian Abels – Toad Valley Golf Course
- Education Representative – Dr. Adam Thoms – Iowa State University
- Student Representative – Hattie Spies – Iowa State University

**Administrative Report**

- Motion to approve the **1/16/2019 Minutes** by Mike Gehl, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Nick Cummins. Minutes approved.
- Motion to approve the **12/31/2019 Financial Report** by John Ausen, CGCS, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jeff Schmidt, CGCS. Financial Report approved.
- Motion to approve the **12/31/2019 Membership Report** by Rick Tegtmeier, CGCS, MG, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ryan Luck. Membership Report approved.

**President’s Report** (Hungerford): It was an interesting year. Shawn Fopma left the office for a job with PBI-Gordon. Nicol Jones came back to help Randy Robinson in the office part-time this fall. Initiatives we worked on this year are a revision of the SOP’s, growth of the Benevolence Fund, completion of the BMPs for GCSAA (a huge accomplishment that took many volunteers), and a revamp of the membership events. Our Grassroots Ambassador positions are full, giving us a face in front of local government. We completed a salary survey, but need to focus on growing our membership. The Board also added Neal Thompson as a second industry rep.

**Introduction of Nominating Committee** (Hickman & Peterson): The ballot is in the packet.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Finance** (Hungerford): Finance reports are in the packet. We need to focus on growing membership in 2020. Please thank our VIP sponsors for their support.

**Awards** (Brown):

- **Past Presidents Award:** Chris Coen
- **25-year Pins:** John Beachy, Scott Haakenson, Jeff Howe, Tim Johansen, Tim Kenkel, Stephen Roseberry, John Temme, Greg White, Rod Wilkinson
- **50-year Pins:** Dan Smith
- **2019 Assistant Superintendent of the Year**, sponsored by MTI Distributing: David Eichhorn, formerly Elmcrest Country Club
- **2019 9-hole Superintendent of the Year**, sponsored by Van Wall: Nick Leach, Kalona Golf Club
- **2019 18-hole Superintendent of the Year**, sponsored by Miller & Son's Golf Cars: Brian Abels, Toad Valley Golf Course
- **2019 Distinguished Service Award:** Russ Appel, Jr.
- **2019 Calhoun Award Winner:** None.
- **2019 Environmental Stewardship Award:** Brian Mohr, Spencer Municipal Golf Course
- **Scholarship Report & Presentation** (Petersen)
  - **Voorhees Scholarship, sponsored by Standard Golf Company:** Hattie Spies, Iowa State University
  - **Iowa GCSA Scholarships:** Thomas Gould (\$300) Iowa State University, Nicholas Bishop (\$300) Iowa State University, Erik Sammons (\$500) Iowa State University
  - **Kevin Reiter Memorial Scholarship:** Benjamin Schlamp, Hawkeye Community College
  - **Legacy Scholarship:** Jaelyn Waddle, Iowa State University
- **2019 Superintendents Tournament Winners:** Brad Roose (Low Gross) and Ted Tillo (Low Net)

**Membership** (Hickman): Membership is not trending positively at the moment. We are asking for the membership to help us promote the association.

**Event & Education** (Temme): The following is the 2020 schedule of events.

- January 29, 2020: **GIS Iowa Reception** – Cuba Libre Rum Bar & Grill, Orlando, FL
- May 18, 2020: **ITI/Iowa GCSA Benefit Tournament** – Davenport Golf & Country Club
- July 30, 2020: **Field Day Classic** – Ankeny Golf & Country Club, Ankeny, IA
- August 18, 2020: **Iowa GCSA Open** – Copper Creek Golf Course, Pleasant Hill, IA
- September 9, 2020: **Field & Demo Day** – ISU Horticulture Research Station, Ames, IA
- September 22, 2020: **ITI Extension Fundraiser** – Lincoln Valley Golf Course, State Center, IA
- October 7, 2020: **Iowa GCSA Fall State Meeting** – Pheasant Ridge Golf Course, Cedar Falls, IA
- December 8, 2020: **Winter Seminar** – Tournament Club of Iowa, Polk City, IA

**Public & Government Relations** (Abels): No report.

**Communications** (Graaf): No report.

**Student Outreach** (Tegtmeier): No report.

**BMP Committee** (Shroyer): BMP has officially been completed and turned into GCSAA. There is also a copy for download on the Iowa GCSA website. GCSAA would eventually like to put together BMPs specifically on the facility level.

**ITI Report** (Cummins/Abels): Included in packet.

**Chapter Delegates Report** (Abels): Included in packet.

**OLD BUSINESS** (Hungerford): None.

**NEW BUSINESS** (Hungerford)

Honorary Members List: Remove Dr. James B. Beard, Robin Cook and Steve Mona. Add Katelynn Hogenson as Reporter Editor, and change Nicol Jones to Iowa Turfgrass Institute.

**Motion to put together an SOP to aid Superintendents having a major tournament in Iowa** by Rick Tegtmeier, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tom Feller, Jr. Motion approved.

**Introduction of New Officers/Directors:** President, John Temme; Vice President, Nate Tegtmeier; West Director, Chad Graaf; At-Large Director, Chris Shroyer; Past-President, Jon Hungerford

**New/Past President's Procession**

**Passing of the Gavel** (Temme)

**Motion to adjourn by Mike Gehl, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Caleb Swanson. Meeting adjourned 4:51 pm**

# Iowa Golf Course Superintendents Association

## Profit and Loss January - December 2020

	TOTAL	
	JAN - DEC 2020	JAN - DEC 2019 (PY)
<b>Income</b>		
Checking Interest	7.72	17.92
Extension Donation	100.00	
Iowa GCSA VIP	35,940.00	47,586.00
ITI/IGCSA Tournament	3,526.35	4,158.85
Job Referral Income		175.00
Master's Pool		1,025.00
Membership Dues	33,150.00	37,825.00
Miscellaneous Income	1,796.68	846.03
Other Income	75.00	250.00
Previous year income	635.00	50.00
Raffle Income	1,585.00	1,220.00
Research Income	1,744.80	1,561.60
Uncategorized Income	2,213.34	3,425.38
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$80,773.89</b>	<b>\$98,140.78</b>
<b>Cost of Goods Sold</b>		
Inventory Shrinkage		
<b>Total Cost of Goods Sold</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>GROSS PROFIT</b>	<b>\$80,773.89</b>	<b>\$98,140.78</b>
<b>Expenses</b>		
Awards	727.33	1,058.25
Board Expense	90.26	2,080.14
Charitable Contributions	2,500.00	2,500.00
Copies	302.32	191.89
Credit Card expense	236.32	636.08
D & O and Liability Insurance	1,376.00	1,234.76
Iowa Golf Council	44.26	350.00
Legal & Accounting	755.00	550.14
Master's Pool Expense		353.70
Miscellaneous Expense	1,282.19	1,921.37
Newsletter Expense	15,299.00	22,471.48
Payment Processing Fees	1,085.43	771.30
Postage	183.05	124.82
Previous year expense		1,616.00
Professional Memberships	475.00	910.00
Refunds	50.00	
Scholarship Expense	3,300.00	3,200.00
State Conference Expense	1,300.00	1,000.00
Supplies	873.49	793.61
Tax Expense	75.00	1,400.00
Travel Expenses	2,431.57	3,597.29
Turf Office Allocation	34,000.00	34,000.00
Uncategorized Expense	58.30	3,000.00
VIP Event Expense	9,641.62	19,396.30
Website Expense	2,165.95	864.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$78,252.09</b>	<b>\$104,021.13</b>
<b>NET OPERATING INCOME</b>	<b>\$2,521.80</b>	<b>\$ -5,880.35</b>
<b>NET INCOME</b>	<b>\$2,521.80</b>	<b>\$ -5,880.35</b>

# Iowa Golf Course Superintendents Association

## Balance Sheet

As of December 31, 2020

	TOTAL	
	AS OF DEC 31, 2020	AS OF DEC 31, 2019 (PY)
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Current Assets		
Bank Accounts		
Benevolence	4,373.33	3,082.44
Checking	6,276.19	10,082.03
Oppenheimer Strategic Income	69,716.36	66,530.26
Research Savings	647.73	647.03
Scholarship Savings	1,616.96	1,615.22
<b>Total Bank Accounts</b>	<b>\$82,630.57</b>	<b>\$81,956.98</b>
Accounts Receivable		
Accounts Receivable	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Accounts Receivable</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
Other Current Assets		
Inventory Asset	0.00	0.00
Uncategorized Asset	735.00	735.00
Undeposited Funds	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Other Current Assets</b>	<b>\$735.00</b>	<b>\$735.00</b>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>\$83,365.57</b>	<b>\$82,691.98</b>
Other Assets		
Office Equipment	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Other Assets</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$83,365.57</b>	<b>\$82,691.98</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>		
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable		
Accounts Payable	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Accounts Payable</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
Other Current Liabilities		
Prepaid Advertising	1,025.00	6,400.00
Prepaid Dues	0.00	125.00
Prepaid Expense	0.00	-2,357.36
Prepaid Income	3,550.00	5,450.00
Turfgrass Research Fund	0.00	0.00
Unearned Advertising	0.00	0.00
<b>Total Other Current Liabilities</b>	<b>\$4,575.00</b>	<b>\$9,617.64</b>
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Equity		
Opening Bal Equity	0.00	0.00
Retained Earnings	70,397.70	76,278.05
Temp Restrict - Benevolence Fun	500.00	500.00
Unrealized Gain/Loss	5,371.07	2,176.64
Net Income	2,521.80	-5,880.35
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>\$78,790.57</b>	<b>\$73,074.34</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>	<b>\$83,365.57</b>	<b>\$82,691.98</b>

## Membership Report

### Iowa GCSA Membership Report 12/31/2020

<b>CLASSIFICATION</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>
LIFE MEMBERS (CLASS AA)	38	44
CLASS A MEMBERS	114	102
CLASS B MEMBERS	20	23
CLASS C MEMBERS	54	52
CLASS D MEMBERS	12	8
ASSOCIATE MEMBERS (CLASS F)	92	87
RETIRED MEMBERS (CLASS G)	8	6
STUDENT MEMBERS (CLASS S)	29	40
FACILITY MEMBERS (CLASS I)	50	33
HONORARY MEMBERS (no dues)	30	30
TOTAL MEMBERSHIP	447	425



**IOWA GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENTS ASSOCIATION**

**2021 OFFICIAL BALLOT**

**February 17, 2021**

The Nominating Committee endorses the following candidates for election:

**President:** \_\_\_\_\_ Kory Brown

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**Vice President:** \_\_\_\_\_ Chad Graaf

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**Secretary/Treasurer** \_\_\_\_\_ Chris Shroyer

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**East Director** \_\_\_\_\_ Nick Kray

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**At-Large Director** \_\_\_\_\_ Anthony Mieske

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**Past President:** \_\_\_\_\_ Nate Tegtmeier

**\*\* ONLY CLASS AA, A, B, C AND G MEMBERS MAY VOTE**

## Iowa Turfgrass Institute 2020 Annual Report

Neric Smith served as the President of the Iowa Turfgrass Institutes Board of Trustees for 2020. Matt Kruse served as the Vice President in 2020, and is now the President for 2021. Brian Abels was voted in as the 2021 Vice President on ITI Board of Trustees. Nick Cummins is the other acting IGCSA representative on the ITI Board.

### **Office Update:**

Some significant changes have taken place in the ITI office operations. Nicol Jones moved on to another opportunity in the Turfgrass Industry. With the Covid 19 restrictions this past year, this position had reduced hours in 2020. Reilly Smidt was brought in to help out in the office part time.

On behalf of the three organizations that the Iowa Turfgrass Institute represents, the work has been done to secure a P.P.P. loan. The proceeds of this loan will be given to each organization appropriately, and used to help offset allocation expenditures paid to the Iowa Turfgrass Institute.

The ITI Board of Trustees was happy with the results of the virtual ITI Conference. Feedback from attendees as well as vendors was very positive. It is our hope that we can provide a more traditional conference and trade show this upcoming year.

### **Event Update:**

Thank you to all of you that supported an ITI event in 2020. The success of these events is critical in funding the Iowa Turfgrass Institutes' Mission. Our mission is *"To provide research, education, and support to the Iowa Turfgrass Industry."* The ITI board feels that it is important to give funds to the specific researchers whose research topics are most beneficial to the Iowa Turfgrass Institute and their allied associations.

#### **Turfgrass Research Grants:**

Dr. Adam Thoms, ISU	\$20,000
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#### **Iowa Turfgrass Field Day Classic:**

This event is held annually to raise funds for the Turfgrass Field Day. The 2020 Field Day Classic was held on July 29<sup>th</sup>, at the Ballard Golf and Country Club. Thank you to host superintendent, Kory Brown and his team for a great event! The 2021 Field Day Classic is scheduled for July 29<sup>th</sup>, at Ankeny Golf and Country Club. Thank you, Phil Van Roekel, for being willing to host this event again.

#### **ITI Benefit Golf Tournament:**

After adjusting the date of the 2020 ITI Benefit Golf Tournament a couple of times, the event turned out to be a success. Host, Dean Sparks and team, played host to this event on Oct. 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019, and it did not disappoint. Teams battled through the snow to compete at this great facility! Thank you, Dean. In 2021, we are bringing this event to Sunnyside Country Club, on Oct. 6<sup>th</sup>. We hope to see many of you there.

**Iowa Turfgrass Field/ Demo Day:**

The 2020 Field/ Demo Day that was scheduled for September 9<sup>th</sup> was cancelled. A series of videos were produced to showcase all of the research that had been done at the Iowa State Research Farm. Turf professionals have traditionally liked the September time frame, so we have selected September 9<sup>th</sup> as this year's date.

**Extension Fundraiser:**

With the generous \$4000 donation from the IGA, this event was able to raise around \$7000. This money goes directly towards travel expenses for ISU Extension to visit and assist our facilities. The 2020 Extension Fundraiser was held at Lincoln Valley Golf Course, on September 22nd. A big thank you goes out to host Superintendent, Dustin Eggers , and his team for a great event. Here in 2021, Elmwood Country Club will be playing host to the Extension Fundraiser on Sept. 21st.

**Iowa Turfgrass Institute Scholarships 2019:**

The Williams Byers CGCS, A.E. Cott and ITI scholarships are funded by the ITI. The family of William Byer's CGCS, added \$1200 towards the Byer's Scholarship. The scholarship committee evaluated the 11 applicants based on Academics, Essay Response, Application criteria, and future contributions to the turf industry. Congratulations to the following recipients:

\$1,200	William Byers Scholarship	Eric Sammons
\$500	A.E. Cott Scholarship	Nicholas Bishop
\$500	ITI Scholarship	Tanner Dickherber
\$500	ITI Scholarship	Austin Reynolds

Contact Nick Cummins or Brian Abels for any questions or concerns regarding the Iowa Turfgrass Institute.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Nick Cummins  
Brian Abels

## **2021 Chapter Delegates Report:**

For the first time ever the Chapter Delegates Meeting was held virtually. The meeting was on October 20-21 and the time frame was reduce to 3 hours per day. Normally it is a 15-hour meeting. 93 of the 98 Chapters were represented.

In October, GCSAA reported they remain financially strong. 2020 Revenue was \$17,620,000 and the Expense was \$17,120,000. As of the 2020 delegates meeting GCSAA has 18,602 members. Which is up from 18,125 from the previous year.

We briefly heard from several of GCSAA's Departments. Mark Johnson, Associate Director, Environmental Programs reported that 40 states have BMP's in place and 10 are nearly completion. Now they will work on facilities to adopt their own. Chava McKeel, Government Affairs Director, said 437 Grassroots Ambassadors are in place and 98 positions need filled. Iowa has filled every position.

Rounds for Research raised \$263,000. The 2021 auction dates are April 26 – May 2 and they hope to raise over \$350,000. Steve Randall reported on the job the Field Staff did with their districts with there assistants to golf facilities through the pandemic.

In 2006 the Member Dues and CPI tool was passed by the membership and approval rate ranges from 87% - 96%. A dues increase was proposed for this year. For Class A & B it would increase \$15 to raise it to \$415 and Class C would raise it \$10 to \$215. After chapter and delegate feedback the board decided not to go forward with the increase. However, the proposal is likely to be revisited next year.

Another discussion that took place was the Certified Golf Course Superintendent (CGCS) certification program. There has been a steady decline in new CGCS's over the years. The committee is looking to modernize the program as it celebrates its 50-year anniversary.

The 2021 Board of Directors election has already taken place and the results are in the packet. Jon Christenson, formerly of Whispering Creek Golf Course in Sioux City and Iowa GCSA Past President, had a great campaign. He came up a little short but informed me he will most likely run again.

This is my last year as Iowa GCSA Chapter Delegate. It is always a great honor to represent the members of the Iowa GCSA. Thank You for allowing me to do so. If you are interested in being the Iowa GCSA Chapter Delegate contact Randy at the Turf Office or an Iowa GCSA Board of Director.

Thank You,

Brian Abels  
Superintendent  
Toad Valley Golf Course

## Honorary Member List

Dr. Nick Christians	Iowa State University
Bill Dickens	Iowa Golf Association
Kevin J. Fehr	Iowa Lakes Community College
Shawn Fopma	Iowa Turfgrass Institute
Mike Gaul	Iowa State University
Dr. Mark Gleason	Iowa State University
Dr. Jeff Iles	Iowa State University
Nicol E. Jones	Iowa GCSA Reporter/Iowa Turfgrass Institute
John Kelly	Retired
Dr. Donald Lewis	Iowa State University
Brian Maloy	PGA Tour
Troy McQuillen	Kirkwood Community College
Douglas Miller	Hawkeye Community College
Dr. David Minner	Iowa State University
Mike Naig	Iowa Dept. of Agriculture & Land Stewardship
Dr. Patrick O'Malley	ISU Cooperative Extension
Barb Clawson	Iowa State University
Gretchen Paluch	IDALS - Pesticide Bureau
Gary Peterson	Retired
Chad Pitts	Iowa Golf Association
Steve Randall	GCSAA
William Reed	Hickory Golf Association
Randle J. Robinson	Iowa Turfgrass Institute
Neric Smith	Indian Hills Community College
Dr. Adam Thoms	Iowa State University
Robert Vavrek, Jr.	USGA
Jeff R. Wendel	Iowa Turfgrass Institute
Lori Westrum	Hamilton County Conservation
Greg Mason	Iowa Section PGA