



Pre-Registration (prior to Feb. 23rd, 2024):

Please fill out a separate form for each person attending.

Register On-Line: [www.sdgcsa.org](http://www.sdgcsa.org)

	<u>Pre-Register</u>	<u>On-site</u>
Sunday - Wednesday	<input type="checkbox"/> \$350	\$425
Tuesday - Wednesday	<input type="checkbox"/> \$270	\$400
Monday only	<input type="checkbox"/> \$225	\$315
Tuesday only	<input type="checkbox"/> \$250	\$300
Wednesday only	<input type="checkbox"/> \$100	\$200

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Turf Student: Free conference registration no meals

Turf Student with Meals, \_\_\_ \$65 \_\_\_ \$90

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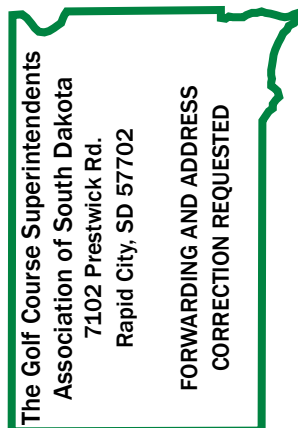
7102 Prestwick Rd., Rapid City, SD 57702

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40th Annual

# TURFGRASS SEMINAR & TRADE SHOW

Sponsored By:

The Golf Course Superintendents Association of South Dakota

March 3rd - 6th, 2024

Location: Best Western Plus  
Ramkota Hotel & Conference Center  
3200 West Maple Street, Sioux Falls



Grant support for program speakers provided by the South Dakota Golf Association (SDGA)

## SUNDAY, MARCH 3

6:00 pm Golf Addiction networking, social, and fun!

## MONDAY, MARCH 4

7:30am - 9:00am - Registration Open  
9:00am - 10am - Measuring & Managing Putting Green Firmness & Organic Matter, Dr. Doug Soldat  
10:00am - 11:00am - Understanding Wetting Agents, Dr. Doug Soldat  
11:00am - 12:00pm - Heart of the Golf Course, Greg Lush  
12:00pm - 1:00pm - Lunch  
1:00pm - 2:00pm - Heart of the Golf Course, Greg Lush  
2:00pm - 3:00pm - Whats happening at STC, Cory Borgen  
3:00pm - 4:00pm - Annual Meeting  
4:00pm - 7:00pm Trade Show Opens  
5:30pm - Hors d'oeuvres - SiteOne/Arborject/HunterGolf

## TUESDAY, MARCH 5

8:00am - Registration Open  
9:00am - 11:00am - Irrigation Water Quality in SD, Tony Kalina  
11:00am - 12:00pm - GCSAA Update, Randy Robinson  
12:00pm - 1:00pm - Lunch  
1:00pm - 3:00pm - "Yes, You're a Communicator" - Guy Cipriano  
3:00 pm -- 7:00pm - Trade Show  
5:30 pm - Hors d'oeuvres -  
7:30pm - Greg Lee/Zimco Supply - Pool Party

## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6

8:00 am --Registration Open  
8:00am - 9:00am - "Pesticides - Perception vs. Reality", Dr. Joe Vargas  
9:00am - 10:00am - "Annual Bluegrass - Creeping Bentgrass Competition", Dr. Joe Vargas  
10:00am - 12:00pm - "Cultral & Mechanical Control Updates", Dr. Thomas Nikoli

## Introducing our lineup of speakers



Doug Soldat is a professor & turfgrass extension specialist & chair of the Dept. of Soil Science at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Doug completed his B.S. & M.S. degrees in Soil Science from UW-Madison & earned a Ph.D. in Plant Science from Cornell University. His research & outreach programs are focused on improving turfgrass nutrient & water use efficiency. Doug teaches courses on turfgrass management & general soil science at the University of Wisconsin.



Greg Lush - Founder of Last Mile Worker Solutions, a transformation services consulting practice. Greg has spent his career working with organizations and helping them realize their modernization aspirations. His perspectives are derived from decades of experience as a Chief Information Officer within service companies. Often Greg is referred to as a Pragmatic Technocrat. Two books have been published by Greg focused on helping folks embrace change and its real-life impact: Work Life Stories, and Lush's Hierarchy of Digital Transformation. A third book is on the horizon titled "Heart of the Golf Course", focused on helping golf course operators maximize the use and life of equipment on site. Greg is a two-time recipient of the Microsoft Pinnacle awards, once for evangelism (changing the service industry) and the other for overall excellence (the highest level of award given to customers).



Tony Kalina holds a Bachelor of Science: College of Agriculture, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, 1990 Dual Majors: Agronomy (Soil Science); Horticulture (Turfgrass Management) GCSAA Member 40-years; 25-yrs as Class A Golf Course Superintendent; Presently, Class AA Retired. Launched, Kalina Turf in 2016, serving dozens of fine turf golf & sports turf clients in midwestern states.

Certified Member of the Brookside Labs' Agronomic Professional Resource Consultancy Midwest Assn. of GC Superintendents (MAGCS) Chapter Board Member and President, 2003-2011



Guy Cipriano is the editor-in-chief of Golf Course Industry magazine. He's responsible for producing and planning print, digital, social media, audio and video content. In 2018, he became the first person affiliated with an industry trade publication to be honored by the Golf Writers Association of America, receiving an award in the "Special Projects" category.

In 2020, he received second-place honors in the "Feature Stories." He was selected to the 2018 Folio: 100, a list honoring thought leaders, trendsetters, newsmakers, influencers and innovators from all segments of the magazine business. Guy joined the Golf Course Industry staff in 2014 after spending more than a decade covering professional, college and high school sports, including Penn State football and wrestling. An Indiana University graduate, he worked as a part-time golf course maintenance employee at the Penn State Golf Courses around a full-time sports writing job at the Centre Daily Times in State College, Pennsylvania.

## lineup of speakers continued



Dr. J. M. Vargas has been a professor of Plant Pathology at Michigan State University for the past 53 years where he has been involved in teaching, research, and extension. He received his B.S. degree from the University of Rhode Island in 1963, his M.S. from Oklahoma State University in 1965, and his Ph.D. from the University of Minnesota in 1968. He has published over 200 articles on turfgrass diseases and related subjects. He has given over 1000 presentations at various turfgrass conferences throughout the world including Australia, Argentina, China, France, Germany, Ireland, England, Mexico, New Zealand, Malaysia, Spain, Austria, Japan, Korea, Portugal, Slovenia and South Africa. He has also published the most widely used turfgrass disease book entitled "Management of Turfgrass Diseases" and co authored two other books "Poa annua: Physiology, Culture, and Control of Annual Bluegrass" and "The Turf Problem Solver".



Thomas A. Nikolai, Ph.D. has been performing turfgrass research and teaching at Michigan State University since 1992. Areas of research interest include cultural and mechanical practices and relevant classes he has taught include, Turfgrass and the Environment, Pesticide and Fertilizer Technology, Fundamentals of Soils, and Turfgrass Irrigation, and Turf and Landscape Analytical Practices. Thom has given presentation in 30 countries, 7 Canadian Provinces, and 36 States

Must be present to  
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