

What's happening at the Nebraska Turfgrass Conference 2022! December 16, 2021

We have a great line up of speakers, the always interesting trade show and, for the few that signed up early, a craft beer tour! Registration information [here](#). Like many events in 21/22, this year's conference will be predominantly live with a few virtual meetings due to company and other Covid restrictions. Pesticide recertification will be a hybrid event with in-person and on-line attendance. Participants will view the informative, prerecorded presentations targeting the Nebraska Department of Agriculture's requirements for recertification. For those that can't or don't want to travel to the conference, you can still recertify!

Featured speakers for this year's conference include Dennis Lyons, CGCS, retired superintendent and former GCSAA president who will talk about his 40 years' experience in golf, Dan Bergstrom, formally of Haymarket Park and now with the Houston Dynamo, Ben Hamza-FMC, Jared Hoyle-Corteva and a returning favorite, Doug Soldat, from the University of Wisconsin. Our general session will feature Steve Maly from Maly Marketing offering an engaging and entertaining presentation on **"Stop Lighting Your Money on Fire"** and an interesting and enjoyable presentation by Brian Youell **"41 Years: The Sh*t That Went Wrong and What I Did About It"**. Brian is a Superintendent at Upland Golf Club in British Columbia and will focus on three areas; course conditioning and working with PGA Tour, working with people, and working on himself.

New this year is a sports turf specific session on Tuesday. Dan Bergstrom, formally of Haymarket Park and now with the Houston Dynamo will start the session followed by a panel of Nebraska sports turf managers and Dan. The session will end with "Rebuilding the Nebraska Sports Turf Association" discussion led by Jason Allen, City of Lavista.

Golf will have sessions on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday with a plethora of outstanding and timely topics including Labor: The biggest challenge facing the turf industry; Strategies for Poa Control; Native Area Management and Weed Control; Soil Organic Matter Management; UNL Turf Students: Past, Present and Future; Planning for Retirement is Preparing for your Future; Precision Turfgrass Management; and Pearls of Wisdom from 40 Years in the Trade. The final session on Thursday will feature Nebraska Superintendents covering course projects including Landscapes Unlimited - Lost Rail Project; Kyle Hegland, Sandhills GC-Internship Innovation; Keith Kline, Quail Run GC-Quail Run Redo Update; Scott Wilke, Firethorn GC-Advanced Planning for Greens Renovation and Greg Jones, Champions GC- Hosting a First Green Event.

Lawn Care & Commercial Turf will also have sessions on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. Presentations include Management of Nebraska Problematic Weeds; Fine Tuning Turf Recommendations; Expect the Unexpected, Army Worms 2021; The Soup to Nuts on Pesticides: Discovery, Development, and Use in the Turfgrass Industry; Are Robotic Mowers in Your Future?; The Best of the Best, Turfgrass Cultivar Selection; Reducing Cost while Maintaining Quality; Lawn Care & The Environment and How to get the most out of your products and programs: Dollars and Sense.

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To offer educational opportunities outside of turf we will again have a Landscape & Ornamentals session on Tuesday. Topics include Live or Let Die; Lowering the Cost of Managing Trees, Shrubs & Flowers and All American Selections for Nebraska.

The always popular Trade Show will be as vibrant and informative as years past. Be sure and spend time to peruse what's new and improved! Finally, don't forget the raffle with great prizes. Look for NTA Board members and UNL staff on the trade floor to purchase tickets. Looking forward to seeing most of you in person. Have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! See you all in January!

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