

# Western PA Golf, Lawn, Landscape & Sports Turf Conference

**Tuesday, February 27 - Wednesday, February 28, 2024**

**Hollywood Casino at The Meadows**

**Washington, PA**

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## Schedule at a Glance & Education Sessions

**Tuesday, February 27**

### GOLF TRACK

11:30 am-1 pm  
Reception

1-2 pm  
**Facts and Fictions of Nutrient Management in Golf Grass Management**

Bryan G. Hopkins, Ph.D. - Brigham Young University / Sci-Scapes, Inc.

2-3 pm  
**Factors that Influence Performance of Spray Drones and Other Equipment for Weed Control in Managed Turf**

Shawn Askew, Ph.D. - Virginia Tech

*Approved PA Pest Credits: PC-2; 07-2; 10-2; 18-2; 23-2*

3-4 pm  
**Building and Optimizing a Season-Long Fungicide Program**

Paul Giordano, Ph.D. - Harrell's LLC

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### SPORTS TRACK

11:30 am-1 pm  
Reception

1-4 pm  
**Sports Field Session**

1-2:15 pm - Presentations

2:15-2:30 pm - Break

2:30-4 pm - Panel Discussion

Featuring:

George Peters - Penn State University

Thomas Goyne - Pittsburgh Steelers

Matt Brown - Pittsburgh Pirates

Matt Wimer - Hummer Turfgrass Systems, Inc.

### CONFERENCE INFORMATION

**Conference Address:** Hollywood Casino at The Meadows  
210 Racetrack Rd  
Washington, PA 15301

Tuesday reception and/or Wednesday lunch Included in Conference Registration price.

**Hotel Info:** Hyatt Place Hollywood Casino & Racetrack Pittsburgh South  
212 Racetrack Rd.  
Washington, PA 15301

\$99 / night plus taxes and fees

Call 1-888-257-9658, Group Code PA Turf Council. You can also [book online](#). Click Book Now, enter your stay dates, then type G-TURF in the corporate or group code box.

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Wednesday, February 28

## GOLF TRACK

8:30-9:30 am

### **USGA Year in Review**

Zach Nicoludis - United States Golf Association

*Approved PA Pest Credits: PC-1; 07-1; 18-1; 23-1*

9:30-10:30 am

### **Penn State Turf Entomology Updates: Weevils, Worms, White Grubs, and More**

Ben McGraw, Ph.D. - Penn State University

*Approved PA Pest Credits: PC-2; 07-2; 18-2; 23-2*

10:30-11:30 am

### **New Strategies for Annual Bluegrass, Crabgrass, & Goosegrass Control on Golf Greens and Collars**

Shawn Askew, Ph.D. - Virginia Tech

*Approved PA Pest Credits: PC-2; 07-2; 10-2; 18-2; 23-2*

11:30 am-1 pm

Lunch and Visit with Exhibitors

1-2 pm

### **Soil Health in Turfgrass**

Bryan G. Hopkins, Ph.D. - Brigham Young University / Sci-Sapes, Inc.

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2-3 pm

### **Golf Course Renovation Tips and Tricks**

Zach Nicoludis - United States Golf Association

*Approved PA Pest Credits: PC-1; 07-1; 18-1; 23-1*

3-3:30 pm

### **Misapplications and Why They Fail**

Danny Kline - Penn State Extension; Pest Ed

*Approved PA Pest Credits: 00-1*

## SPORTS / LAWN TRACK

8:30-9:30 am

### **Wood Decay in Trees**

Sandy Feather - Penn State Extension

*Approved PA Pest Credits: PC-2; 05-2; 06-2; 18-2; 23-2*

9:30-10:30 am

### **Soil Fertility and Plant Nutrition in Turfgrass Management**

Bryan G. Hopkins, Ph.D. - Brigham Young University / Sci-Sapes, Inc.

10:30-11 am

### **Pest Management 101**

Danny Kline - Penn State Extension; Pest Ed

*Approved PA Pest Credits: 00-1*

11 am-12 pm

### **Postemergence Control of Annual and Perennial Grasses**

Peter Landschoot, Ph.D. - Penn State

*Approved PA Pest Credits: PC-2; 07-2; 10-2; 18-2; 23-2*

12-1:30 pm

Lunch and Visit with Exhibitors

1:30-2:30 pm

### **Landscape Pest Update: A Review of Problems in the Landscape in 2023 and Emerging Pests to Watch For**

Ruth Benner - Penn State Extension

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2:30-3:30 pm

### **Ecological and Environmental Fate of Pesticides**

Glen Bupp - Penn State Extension

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