

John Deer Tourney Results

On October 8, one of the John Deere Regional Team Championship Tournaments was held at Wakefield Valley GC in Westminster.

First Place was determined by a chip-off. All four team members chipped.

1st Place - Glade Valley Golf Club with 31'0"; Superintendent Chad Lamantia

2nd Place - Eisenhower Golf Club with 33'2"; Superintendent Lou Rudinski

3rd Place - Piney Branch Golf Club with 42'2"; Superintendent Gene Dyke.

Glade Valley qualifies for John Deere's National Championship in Palm Springs, Calif., Nov. 18-22.

John Deere will donate 10% of the entry fees to the MAAGCS and \$10 per team to the GCSAA Scholarship Research Fund.

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beetles. The resulting dead trees can be very expensive to remove.

A second impact of excessive nitrogen can be the imbalance of the tree's biological system. A tree is a highly organized and balanced system. It produces enough starch, or "food," each year to carry out four distinct and equal functions: growing leaves, flower production, adding new wood, and defense against insects and disease. If a tree is "pumped up" with excessive nitrogen the entire growth process is exaggerated. Leaves are larger, as are flowers, and more wood is added than normal. The irony is that in the end there is less energy available to fend off insects and disease. Therefore, in some cases, additional nitrogen can actually lead to a tree's demise. Again, dead trees are expensive to remove.

So you see, a golf course is not just turf. Most of the activities you undertake to manage the turf can impact your trees. But, don't be frustrated and clear cut the course.

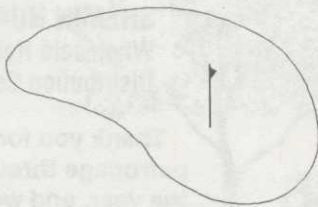
The fact is that trees are an extremely important component of your course. Ask your members for their opinions—I'm sure they would agree. My point is, form a working relationship with an arborist who understands the detailed interactions of your golf course "system." It will save you a lot of money in the long run.

We Remember

The MAAGCS notes the passing of Thomas Lafalce, one of our student members and Assistant Superintendent of Mount Vernon Country Club, on October 27. Tom was studying at the Institute of Applied Agriculture with the dream of becoming a superintendent. Tom was a fine gentleman who will be missed by all. A scholarship fund is being formed in Tom's name. If you wish to contribute, contact Jeff Michel, 703-780-9346.

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