

# 2024 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

## MONDAY, OCTOBER 14

12 pm	DSTE Board Meeting	Mississippi Coast Convention Center
4 pm – 6 pm	Large Equipment Move-In	Mississippi Coast Convention Center
7 pm	DSTE Board Dinner	Beau Rivage

## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 15

8 am – 4 pm	Registration Open & Exhibitor Move-In	Mississippi Coast Convention Center
9 am – 3:30 pm	Alabama Ornamental & Turf Exam Review	Mississippi Coast Convention Center
11 am	DSTE Scramble Golf Tournament	The Preserve Golf Club
11 am – 2:00 pm	DSTE Softball Game	Gulfport Sports Complex
5 pm	Tailgate Celebration • <i>All attendees &amp; exhibitors welcome!</i>	The Preserve Golf Club

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 16

7 am – 4 pm	Registration Open	Mississippi Coast Convention Center
7 am	Continental Breakfast	Mississippi Coast Convention Center
8 am – 11 am	General Session: Keynote Speakers	Mississippi Coast Convention Center
<b>GENERAL SESSION</b>		
8 am	Tesla, Robots, and Truly Green Equipment • <i>Derek Kaye, Whispr Innovations</i>	
9 am	Title TBA • <i>Tony Mancuso, Escondido Golf and Lake Club</i>	
10 am	Golf and Sports Venues are Changing: Trends Impacting the Turf Industry • <i>Nathan Crace, ASGCA, PLA, The Watermark Golf Companies</i>	
11 am – 5 pm	Tradeshow Grand Opening	Mississippi Coast Convention Center
11:30 am	Lunch	Mississippi Coast Convention Center – Tradeshow Floor
12 pm – 3 pm	Annual Business Meetings	Mississippi Coast Convention Center
	12 pm Alabama Turfgrass Research Foundation	
	1 pm Alabama Turfgrass Association & Mississippi Turfgrass Association	
	2 pm Louisiana-Mississippi GCSA	
12 pm – 3 pm	Cornhole Tournament	Mississippi Coast Convention Center – Tradeshow Floor
3 pm – 5 pm	General Session	Mississippi Coast Convention Center
<b>GENERAL SESSION</b>		
3 pm	New Tools in the Poa Management Toolbox • <i>Dr. Becky Bowling, University of Tennessee</i>	
3:30 pm	Trends in Bunker Renovation, Re-Design, and Restoration • <i>Nathan Crace, ASGCA, PLA, The Watermark Golf Companies</i>	
4 pm	High Tech Meets Turfgrass Management: Trends to Watch For • <i>Amy Wilbur, Mississippi State University</i>	
4:30 pm	Hasta La Vista, Weeds: Terminating Weed Control Issues with AI-Based Targeted Applications: Achievements, Aspirations, Anticipations (and Roadblocks Ahead) • <i>Dr. Pawel Petelwicz, University of Florida</i>	
4 – 6 pm	Tradeshow Closing & Exhibitor Move Out <i>Dinner on your own</i>	

# ACTIVITIES & ACCOMMODATIONS

## TAILGATE CELEBRATION

Kick off the Expo with your peers at **Tailgate Celebration** at The Preserve Golf Course, opening night, Tuesday, October 15th. Sponsors will be cooking up some tailgate favorites for you to enjoy while mingling and networking with attendees all over the southeast. This event is free and open to all attendees, exhibitors, and guest. Pre-registration is required to help plan food. **Directions:** 8901 Highway 57, Vancleave, MS 39565. Just 17 miles from Biloxi, travel east on I-10 and take exit 57 / MS-57. Turn north and the golf club will be two miles on the left.

## SCRAMBLE GOLF TOURNAMENT

The **scramble golf tournament** will be held on Tuesday, October 15th at The Preserve Golf Club. The Preserve is an 18-hole course which has been integrated within an 1800-acre native preserve full of live oaks, cypress swamps, long leaf pines and native grass prairies and designed by Jerry Pate. Bring your clubs and prepare yourself for a wonderful afternoon of golf with your peers. Lunch, two drinks and two mulligans will be included in your registration (and the Tailgate Celebration will follow immediately after play). Pre-registration is required. **Directions:** 8901 Highway 57, Vancleave, MS 39565. Just 17 miles from Biloxi, travel east on I-10 and take exit 57 / MS-57. Turn north and the golf club will be two miles on the left.

## SOFTBALL GAME

**Interested in a friendly game of softball with your peers?** We are hosting a softball game where anyone who registers can play a fun game of softball at the Gulfport Sports Complex on Tuesday, October 15th. Teams will be randomly assigned and provided with team T-shirts. Must register in advance and bring your glove. **Directions:** 17200 16th Street, Gulfport, MS 39508. From the MCCC, travel west on Highway 90 for 3.2 miles and turn right on Cowan Road (MS 605). Travel 4.4 miles to I-10 and travel west for 3.5 miles. Take exit 34B onto US-49N for .6 miles. Turn left onto Landon Road for 1.3 miles and turn left into 16th Street. Travel .4 miles, the complex will be on the left.

## ACCOMMODATIONS

**Our host hotel is the Beau Rivage**, a Four-Diamond development by MGM Resorts International that sits directly on the Gulf of Mexico in Biloxi. The Deep South Turf Expo has secured a discounted room rate of \$109 for Expo attendees. Make your reservations directly by using our exclusive link found by clicking the red button at [www.DeepSouthTurfExpo.org](http://www.DeepSouthTurfExpo.org). It is important that you DO NOT use a third party provider/discounter to make your reservation; only use our link. Don't delay—our room rate is only available until September 23, 2023.

The Mississippi Coast Convention Center is our home for the educational sessions and tradeshow at the Deep South Turf Expo. It is a multi-purpose, state-of-the-art facility that sits directly across the Gulf of Mexico just 5 miles west of The Beau Rivage at 2350 Beach Blvd., Biloxi, MS 39531.



## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 17

7 am	Continental Breakfast				Mississippi Coast Convention Center
8 am – 12 pm	Breakout Sessions				Mississippi Coast Convention Center
	Golf Sessions	Sports Turf & Grounds Sessions	Lawn Care & Landscape Sessions	Sod Production Sessions	
8 am	<b>WATER You Doing about Water Quality</b> <i>Dr. Becky Bowling, University of Tennessee</i>	<b>Overseeding Sports Fields: Agronomic Considerations</b> <i>Dr. Barry Stewart, Mississippi State University</i>	<b>Cultivating Sustainable Landscapes with Integrated Pest Management</b> <i>Dr. Eric DeBoer, Louisiana State University</i>	<b>Mowing Technology for Sod Farmers</b> <i>Dr. Scott McElroy, Auburn University</i>	
9 am	<b>Managing Environmental Risk Factors on the Golf Course</b> <i>Dr. J. Bryan Unruh, University of Florida</i>	<b>What to Choose From and What to Wait For: Trends in Warm-Season Turfgrass Breeding</b> <i>Dr. Marta Pudzianowska, Mississippi State University</i>	<b>Robotic Lawn Mowing &amp; Battery Electric Landscaping – Pushing for Change</b> <i>Derek Kaye, Whispr Innovations</i>	<b>Optimal Nitrogen Rates and Compost Utilization for Sod Production</b> <i>Dr. AJ Lindsey, University of Florida</i>	
10 am	<b>Winter Management of Ultradwarf Bermudagrass Putting Greens</b> <i>Dr. Eric DeBoer, Louisiana State University</i>	<b>Traffic Tolerance of New Bermudagrass Cultivars</b> <i>Dr. Dave Han, Auburn University</i>	<b>Herbicide Headaches: Understanding Possible Reasons for Herbicide Failures</b> <i>Dr. Pawel Petelwicz, University of Florida</i>	<b>Soil Health Characteristics in Sod Production</b> <i>Jason Eberhard, Mississippi State University</i>	
11 am	<b>Recruiting, Training, and Retaining a Qualified Workforce</b> <i>Tony Mancuso, Escondido Golf and Lake Club</i>	<b>Overseeded and Non-Overseeded Sports Fields</b> <i>Dr. Scott McElroy, Auburn University Dr. Jay McCurdy, Mississippi State University and Dr. Pawel Petelwicz, University of Florida</i>	<b>Potential Strategies for Reducing Fertilizer and Irrigation Inputs</b> <i>Dr. AJ Lindsey, University of Florida</i>	<b>Landscapes are Changing: Are Sod Producers Prepared?</b> <i>Dr. J. Bryan Unruh, University of Florida</i>	
12 pm	CEU & Pesticide Sign-ins and Expo Adjournment				