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DISTINGUISHED MEMBER OF THE YEAR AWARDED TO DR. BILL DEST

As many of you know there has been a significant change this year in what we used to call here at CAGCS, the Superintendent of the Year. Previously a ballot was circulated to all A members to vote for three current A members who had not won previously before and who were deemed to represent the profession in a positive and professional manner. One main criterion was the active involvement and participation in our organization serving as an officer or board member at CAGCS.

In 2009, then President Chris Mauro started an initiative to expand the award to all members including honorary, retired, life and affiliate categories. The board unanimously approved this change.

The award name has also been changed to reflect this and is now known as the CAGCS Distinguished Member of the Year.

Current Vote System

Also a new procedure to determine the recipient was implemented. Past recipients of the Superintendent of the Year will nominate members for consideration. A ballot with these nominees was then circulated to all members for a vote.

These 2009 nominated members on the ballot were Tom DeGrandi, Dave Vibber, Ed Zeniski, Ron Holcomb and Dr. Bill Dest.

It's ironic that due to this recent change this year's recipient now qualifies for our association's most prestigious award.

He has been a member of our organization since 1957, (That's the year I was born!) or 52 years and still going very strong.

He was born in 1929 in West Haven, CT. He attended West Haven High School and was

active in sports and academics. While in his high school years he also started working at the Orrin Smith designed Woodbridge Country Club on the crew under golf course superintendent Al Zikorus. It's at that time he decided to pursue his career in the golf business. He continued working at Woodbridge after High School until 1957. In 1955 in an effort to expand his skills he attended UMass and took a Turfgrass course. This Turfgrass course peaked his interest in agronomy and inspired him to search and gain more knowledge in this subject.

In 1957 an opportunity to become a superintendent was offered to our recipient at the 9 hole Donald Ross track, Cohasse Country Club in Southbridge, Ma. This 1916 built course was a great opportunity for a young superintendent and he provided great conditions for his tenure of 2 years.

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Sue Albin

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John Garcia

The President's Message

Superintendents we need to continue to prove our worth on a daily basis, as the wounds of this recession will not be forgotten for quite some time.

Spring can also serve as a fresh start, and to that point, I think it serves as an opportunity to review our personal and professional goals for the coming year. For me, like many of you, balancing time between family, work, hobbies, and honey-do lists becomes increasingly challenging every year. Personally I do hope to work on a few things this coming year. For instance, I hope to complete my GCSAA Certification requirements this year, work towards Audubon Certification for the club, spend more time with my family, and re-commit to improving my golf game (anyone who's played with me in the last 7 years knows that will be the most difficult goal to accomplish). I've always felt that it is important to have goals to strive towards on a daily basis.

Finally, I'd like to take an opportunity to encourage everyone to participate in what is once again a great lineup of venues for our 2010 Meeting Schedule. The networking and sharing of ideas and laughs one of are some of the unique benefits of our industry and we can all use the occasional day away from our club to take advantage of these opportunities. Thank you to all of this year's host Superintendents, we look forward to enjoying your facilities later in the season. Our first event is just a few weeks away, April 28th at Norwich; Bruce Morse assured me that he will break the streak and provide a rain-free day. I am also excited to report that Dr. Dest plans on spending the day with us to receive his Distinguished Member Award and to say a few words of appreciation. Hopefully we will have a good turnout in honoring Dr. Dest. Best of luck to all for a great start to the 2010 season!

John Garcia

Here We Go Again.....

Ready or not, spring is here!! The recent warm weather seems to have served as a "wake up call" for all of us. It never seems that we have enough time to complete winter maintenance projects and equipment refurbishment. Nevertheless, it's go time. Now more than ever it's important for us to get our facilities open and playable to increase revenue and improve value to our members and patrons. The economy seems to be on the upswing, but as

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In 1959, the Robert Pyrde designed Wethersfield Country Club which was then the host of the Insurance City Open, a PGA tour stop became available and the young superintendent accepted the challenge. Some of the greatest players who ever played the game made their annual visit at Wethersfield and some of these greats included 1960 Winner Arnold Palmer, 1964 Winner Ken Venturi, 1963, 1965 & 1968 Winner Billy Casper. Other notables in those player fields include Nicklaus, Trevino, Snead, Player and Rodriguez. In 1967 the tournament changed its name from the Insurance City open to the Greater Hartford Open. In the first year of the Greater Hartford Open, 1967, the PGA's first Afro American won a tournament by Tour Pro Charlie Sifford. This was quite a historical moment in golf history.

Many changes occurred during his years at Wethersfield. With the support of member Bob Grant he rebuilt 8 greens, installed a double row, state of the art Buckner Brass, Cam Driven sprinkler system with transite pipe. He also started a little unknown practice called spoon feeding which involved spraying frequent low applications of fertilizer to push growth on these on young greens. Another unheard practice he implemented involved using growth retardants to suppress *Poa Annua* and promote more desirable bentgrass varieties. He was one of the first superintendents to implement Tricalcium Arsenate for the removal of *Poa Annua*.

Also at this time this young superintendent was working on earning his bachelor's degree part time. In 1969 he finally earned his bachelor's degree from UConn while holding down a full time superintendents's position and while having 8 children at home.

At the beginning of 1965, Bill Dest hired a young UMass turfschool grad named Fred Bachand from Southbridge, Ma. Fred was eager to learn some of the most progressive practices at the time and to this day appreciates the knowledge he gained while working for Bill. In late 1965 Fred was drafted for army service and was deployed to serve in South Viet Nam. Bill and his wife Anne went out of their way to keep an eye on and support Fred's young wife Susan during this nervous and challenging time. Happily

when Fred returned his old position was waiting for him back at Wethersfield.

At the end of 1969 after receiving his B.S., Bill resigned from Wethersfield and started a new pursuit as a special research assistant in the agronomy dept. at UConn.

This also allowed him to advance his education and during this time he earned a M.S at UConn in 1974 and a Ph.d from Rutgers's University in 1980. His assistant at Wethersfield, Fred Bachand took the helm over from him where his stayed until 2008. Dr. Bill as should we now call him now held various positions at UConn including Research Asst's., Research Associate and Associate Extension Professor. While at UConn he started some of the initial classes on Turfgrass emphasizing importance on plant pathology, soils and basic practices. Bill also conducted research in areas such as fertilization and its effects on Turfgrass communities and the role of allelopathy in turfgrass cultural systems. Other research included soil testing and plant analysis and grasses for minimal maintenance situations.

Dr. Dest has also had the privilege to take a sabbatical overseas twice at the England Sports Turf Institute in 1988 and 1995 as a visiting student. Bill retired in 1996 and maintains the academic status of Associate Professor Emeritus at UConn.

Dr. Dest is a member of many professional societies including the American Society of Agronomy, Soil Science Society and the National Association of Colleges & Teachers of Agriculture.

His honors and distinctions include the Honorary Member of Connecticut Golf Course Superintendents Association and United States Golf Association Green Section Advisory Committee.

Bill although retired from UConn continues to be very busy. He continues research at UMass conducting trials and evaluations in areas such as Bentgrass wear tolerance and nitrate leaching on USGA greens. In addition he consults with Towns and municipalities offering his expertise in areas as athletic field specifications, soil evaluations, drainage solutions and remedies for poorly performing turf fields. In addition he has worked with various golf course clients performing similar functions.



Left to right Dr. Bill Dest, Fred Bachand former Wethersfield CC Superintendents with present Golf Course Superintendent Allen Woodward

In his personal life Dr. Bill has been happily married to his wife of 57 years Anne. He met Anne at a Dairy Bar where she waitressed in New Haven. They got married in 1952 when Bill was serving in the Air Force. Early in his relationship Ann would tag along with him to Woodbridge CC and assist him in night watering. Back then you dragged sprinklers on roller bases with hoses attached to quick coupling keys and snapped them to the quick coupling valves. No high tech clock or timers, just a good old Timex on your wrist. The young couple went onto have 8 children; Billy, Paul, Bob, Tom, Ray, Alicia, Alexandra and Sue. Sue currently works on Bill Steven's crew at Glastonbury Hills. In addition they have 10 grand children. In his spare time Bill especially enjoys hiking. Steve Rackliffe and Fred Bachand have informed me that whenever they've travelled with Bill his hiking boots always came along. Bill is also a big UConn basketball fan following both the men and women's teams. However I've been informed by his daughter Sue, that what Bill really cherishes, is the time he spends with his large family.

With that, it's my privilege to present the first CAGCS Distinguished Member of Year for 2009, Dr. Bill Dest.

Unfortunately Bill is in Fl attending a conference and had a conflict in attending today. Accepting his award in his absence is his daughter Sue Albin.

RIGCSA MEMBER AIDS IN CATCHING THIEF AT SWANSEA COUNTRY CLUB

An alert, Tim Berge of Turf Products recently helped to catch a crook. A suspicious man entered the maintenance area of the Swansea Country Club and found it unoccupied. He returned minutes later with his car and stole a backpack blower stored just inside an open garage door. Tim, who had stopped by to drop off an order form, spotted the driver leaving the area in a hurry.

Realizing something didn't seem right he got the license plate and passed that information along to Superintendent Bill Coulter and to the Swansea P.D. This was the second time in six months time that a theft of equipment had occurred at Swansea. Thanks to Tim's quick thinking the man was later apprehended and charged with the crime. The blower was later returned from a Pawtucket pawn shop where it had been sold just an hour after being stolen. Good job Tim!

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To Pat Vittum on the passing of her father Morrill "Morrie" Vittum on March 15, 2010

To Tom Gresh on the passing of his mother Evelyn Taucher Gresh on March 21, 2010.

Well Wishes!

Frank & Diane Lamphier and a quick recovery! If you wish to send them well wishes, please contact the CAGCS office for their information.

Mr. Walter Lowell a quick recovery from his knee surgery.

presented newly elected GCSAA President Jim Fitzroy CGCS with a nice gift. Jim spoke for a while and thanked everyone for their support of him in his election process. We also had in attendance current GCSAA president Mark Kuhns CGCS and current GCSAA Director John O'Keefe CGCS. The hotel staff did a nice job with the room. The food and hors' d'oeuvres were very tasty and lasted most of the night. Special thanks also goes to John Bresnahan of BASF who let us borrow his computer and video screen for

Congratulations

To the University of Massachusetts on coming in 2nd place in the GCSAA 16th Annual Collegiate Turf Bowl Competition.

To Kevin P. D'Amico, CGCS on his recertification with GCSAA in January 2010.

Condolences

To Matthew Gomez & family on the passing of his wife Joanne on March 1, 2010.

To Jim Santoro & family on the passing of his brother Author D. Santoro, Jr.

Please Note!

If a member wishes to have a notice about their family (a get well or condolence) sent out to the membership please email (cagcs@sbcglobal.net) or phone (203/387-0810) your information to the CAGCS business office.

THANK YOU!

Nor'easter Hospitality Room, I would like to thank everyone who supported the Nor'easter Hospitality Room held at the Hilton Bay Front Hotel on February 10th, 2010. We had a nice turn out. Mike Hermanson, past president of GCSANE

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We look forward to next year's Nor'easter hospitality room in Orlando, February 2011. Any ideas or ways we can improve this night, let me know.

Sincerely,
 Bob Ruszala
 Chairman

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Members representing 5 different GCSAA Chapters celebrate over dinner at the Cliff House in Palm Springs, CA following the 1st round of the 2010 GCSAA National Championship. Chapter Represented are Connecticut AGCS, Long Island GCSA, Metropolitan GCSA, GCSA New England & Rhode Island GCSA (back row) Kirk Whiting, CGCS, Sakonnet GC; John Callahan, The Cardinals, Inc.; John LeClair, CGCS, Warwick CC; Paul Jamrog, Metacommet CC. (front row) Les Kennedy, CGCS, Blind Brook Club; Mary Jo Kennedy, Exec. Sec. CAGCS; John Carlone, CGCS, Meadow Brook Club & Leslie Carlone.



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2010 NORTHEAST NEWS UPDATE



By Jim Skorulski, Senior Agronomist, Northeast Region Green Section
 March 1, 2010

Several superintendents in the Boston area have detected anaerobic or anoxic conditions under covers in the past week. This was a surprise, considering the limited snow and short duration of ice cover this winter. The presence of the all-too-familiar sweet and sickly smell is an indication that oxygen levels in the soil and turf canopy are dangerously low, and, in a worst case scenario, turf damage already has occurred.

Work in Quebec and at the Prairie Turfgrass Research Centre in Alberta has shown that annual bluegrass growing in anoxic conditions for 45 days begins to lose its tolerance to cold temperature. It is thought that plants undergoing anaerobic respiration deplete carbohydrate reserves more quickly, and thus cannot prevent freeze injury when exposed to colder temperatures. Did this actually occur on New England golf courses this winter? It is too early to say; however, an indication of anaerobic conditions probably means that

the turf has lost some hardiness or, worse, has already been damaged, which may be the case at some golf courses.

The following actions should be considered as we enter the final stretch of the winter season.

- Begin checking under covers and ice layers for the presence of anaerobic conditions, and pull turf plugs if there are concerns about potential damage.
- Make plans to lift or vent under impermeable covers if a smell is detected. With no smell, there's no problem at this point.
- Begin to monitor temperatures under impermeable cover systems, as snow cover is lost and the sun's strength increases. Start the process of removing the impermeable covers once temperatures beneath the covers reach the 41°F-43°F range consistently. Plant hardiness declines rapidly at those temperatures. Use a permeable cover to protect the exposed turf while it re-acclimates to the new environment.
- Initiate the process to remove ice sheets if an anaerobic condition is detected at the surface of annual bluegrass greens. The recent rains and warmer temperatures in

the forecast may offer a window to do so for some, while the wet, heavy snows will make that more difficult further north and west. There is always a risk associated with that action, but, in my opinion, there are few options if the anaerobic condition is detected. Use a permeable cover or blow snow back over the recently cleared surfaces to protect the exposed turf, if necessary.

Winter injury is a very complex event, controlled by many variables that are a long way from being understood. The techniques that are used to protect the turf are improving, but are not, and probably never will be, perfect. The best we can do is to try to identify the specific causes of injury and then address as many of those factors as possible with the available management options. This reconfirms why it is a good idea to periodically pull grass plugs throughout the winter, especially following weather events when the turf may have been hydrated and then subjected to very cold temperatures.

Ah, winter in the Northeast. It's never predictable and always interesting...

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SOMETIMES IT'S GOOD TO VENT

It's a perfect, sunny morning and you've just reached the first green in regulation. You feel great and you know you're within birdie range. Then, you see them, those little holes in the green. Arrggh! They've just aerified the course, and it's going to ruin your round, right?

Well, maybe not. Consider the fact that PGA TOUR legend Tom Watson shot a sizzling record 58 at his then-home course, Kansas City Country Club, just days after the greens had been aerified. Consider also that aerification is merely a short-term disruption that has long-term benefits for the course. When you see them, remember that without those little holes, the greens would eventually die.

Preventative maintenance is an integral part of successful golf course management. Golfers view aerification as an inconvenience that takes the greens out of play for a day, pulling cores from the greens and leaving holes that can affect putting for many days before healing. To add insult to injury, aerification is best done in many part of the country during mid-summer, at the height of the playing season and when most greens are in prime condition. But a golfer needs to understand how important aerification is to producing healthy turf.

Aerification achieves three important objectives. It relieves soil compaction, it provides a method to improve the soil mixture around the highest part of a green's roots and it reduces or prevents the accumulation of excess thatch.

Like so many things, the quality of a good putting green is more than skin deep. In fact, the condition of a green has a lot to do with what goes on below the surface. In order for grass to grow at 3/16-inch, it must have deep, healthy roots. Good roots demand oxygen. In good soil, they get the oxygen from tiny pockets of air trapped between soil and sand particles.

Over time, the traffic from golfers' feet (as well as mowing equipment) tends to compact the soil under the putting green and particularly when the soil contains a lot of clay. When soil becomes compacted, the air pockets on which the roots depend are crushed, and the roots are essentially left gasping for air. Without oxygen, the grass plants become weaker and will eventually wither and die. Aerification is a mechanical process that creates more air space in the soil and promotes deeper rooting, thus helping the grass plants stay healthy. In most cases, it's done by removing 2-inch cores (those plugs you sometimes see near a green or in fairways) from the compacted soil, allowing for an infusion of air and water that brings a resurgence of growth. The spaces are then filled with sand "topdressing" that helps the soil retain air space and makes it easier for roots to grow downward.

Older greens often are constructed of soils with significant amounts of silt, clay and fine organic particles that are prone to compaction. Filling aerification holes with sand improves drainage and resists compaction. The periodic introduction of sand to a green's top layer can over time, avoid or postpone expensive rebuilding or renovation of greens.

Finally, growing of turf adds to a layer of organic matter on the surface. This layer, called thatch, is an accumulation of dead stems, leaves and roots. A little organic matter makes for a resilient green, but too much invites diseases and insects. Topdressing with sand can prevent thatch buildup, and aerification is one of the best ways to reduce an existing layer and prevent an excess of thatch from becoming established.

Other aerification techniques use machines with "tines" or knives that simply poke holes through the soil profile. A new technique even uses ultra high-pressure water that's injected through the soil profile to create small holes that relieve some compaction but heal quickly.

There are many types of aerifying machines with different attachments that address different problems in the various stages of the life of a green. So the next time you're ready to scream when the aerifiers are brought on the course, remember that a little preventative maintenance produces the best greens over the long haul.

The bottom line is that aerification is a necessary practice. But before you curse the superintendent for ruining your day, just think of Tom Watson.

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2010 Meeting Dates For The Following Chapters

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Tuesday, April 20, 2010	Candia Woods		New Hampshire GCSA
Thursday, April 22, 2010	The Club at Yarmouthport		GCSA of Cape Cod
Monday, April 26, 2010	Lexington Golf Course		GCSA of New England
Monday, April 26, 2010	North Jersey Country Club	Dave Mahoney 2-ball	Metropolitan GCSA
Monday, April 26, 2010	Reservations Golf Club		Rhode Island GCSA
Tuesday, April 27, 2010	Agawam Hunt		RI Turfgrass Foundation
Wednesday, April 28, 2010	Norwich Golf Course		CAGCS
Monday, May 17, 2010	Watertown Golf Club	Scholarship & Research	CAGCS
Tuesday, May 18, 2010	Maine Golf House (Val Halla)	Joint meeting with New Hampshire	Maine GCSA
Tuesday, May 18, 2010	The Ledges	Joint meeting with Maine	New Hampshire GCSA
Tuesday, May 18, 2010	Rutland Country Club	Joint meeting with Northeast GCSA	Vermont GCSA
Wednesday, May 19, 2010	Poquoy Brook Golf Club	Joint meeting with Cape	GCSA of New England
Wednesday, May 19, 2010	Connecticut Golf Club	Supt./ Manager or Guest Tour.	Metropolitan GCSA
Wednesday, May 19, 2010 tentative date	Hopedale Country Club		Rhode Island GCSA
Wednesday, May 19, 2010	Poquoy Brook Golf Club	Joint Meeting with GCSANE	GCSA of Cape Cod
Thursday, June 3, 2010	Woods Hole Golf Club	Scholarship & Research Tournament	GCSA of Cape Cod
Tuesday, June 15, 2010	Bald Peak Colony Club	Gold Ball Tournament	New Hampshire GCSA
Thursday, June 24, 2010	Mill River Country Club	1st Round CAGCS Champ/MET Team Qualifier	CAGCS
Wednesday, June 23, 2010	Country Club of Vermont		Vermont GCSA
Monday, June 28, 2010	Belmont Country Club	S & B	GCSA of New England
Tuesday, June 29, 2010	Augusta Country Club	Superintendent/Vendor Champ.	Maine GCSA
TBA June		Summer Seminar	Metropolitan GCSA
TBA June	Green Valley Country Club		Rhode Island GCSA
Wednesday, July 7, 2010	Indian Hill Country Club	2nd Round CAGCS Champ/NE Team Qu	CAGCS
Wednesday, July 7, 2010	Pinehills Golf Club	RHO-COD Cup	GCSA of Cape Cod
Wednesday, July 7, 2010	Pinehills Golf Club	RHO-COD Cup	Rhode Island GCSA
Monday, July 12, 2010	Newton-Commwealth	BBQ	GCSA of New England
TBA, 2010	Wykagly Country Club	MetGCSA Invitational	Metropolitan GCSA
Tuesday, July 13, 2010	Tater Hill Golf Course - tentative		Vermont GCSA
Tuesday, July 20, 2010	UCONN FIELD DAY		UCONN Turfgrass
Tuesday, August 10, 2010	The Back Nine Club	Stress Buster Day	Rhode Island GCSA
Tuesday, August 10, 2010	Bellows Falls Country Club		Vermont GCSA
Tuesday, August 17, 2010	Marlboro	Individual Championship	GCSA of New England
Tuesday, August 17, 2010	Bretton Woods	NE Championship Qualifier	New Hampshire GCSA
Wednesday, August 18, 2010	Scituate Country Club	Free-B-Que	GCSA of Cape Cod
Monday, September 13, 2010	Fall River Country Club		Rhode Island GCSA
Tuesday, September 14, 2010	Okemo Valley Golf Course	Trade Show/Annual Meeting	Vermont GCSA
Wednesday, September 15, 2010	Highland Links/Chequessett Yacht & CC		GCSA of Cape Cod
Monday, September 20, 2010	Pine Brook Country Club	Scholarship & Research	Rhode Island GCSA
Tuesday, September 21, 2010	Samoset Resort	Scholarship & Research	Maine GCSA
Monday, September 27, 2010	Fenway Golf Club, NY	7th Annual Joseph Troll Turf Classic	UMASS Alumni Turf Group
Tuesday, September 28, 2010	Baker Hill Golf Club	Scholarship Tournament	New Hampshire GCSA
Thursday, September 30, 2010	Wheatley Hills Golf Club	Met Champ, Team Area Champ Quail. & Poa Annual	Metropolitan GCSA
TBA September, 2010	Granite Links	Team of Two	GCSA of New England
Monday, October 4, 2010	Smith Richardson Golf Course	Superintendent/Assistant	CAGCS
Monday, October 4, 2010	Burlington Country Club	Mike O'Connor Benefit Tournament	Vermont GCSA
Wednesday, October 6, 2010	Lake of Isles	NE Team Championship Tour.	CAGCS
Thursday, October 7, 2010	The Bridge	Met Area Team Championship	Metropolitan GCSA
Thursday, October 14, 2010	Wianno Club	Championship	GCSA of Cape Cod
Monday, October 18, 2010	TPC River Highlands	CAGCS Invitational	CAGCS
Monday, October 18, 2010	Wee Burn Country Club	Super/Green Chairperson Mtg.	Metropolitan GCSA
Tuesday, October 19, 2010	Charles River	Member/Guest	GCSA of New England
Tuesday, October 19, 2010	Martindale Country Club		Maine GCSA
Tuesday, October 19, 2010	Pelham Country Club	Annual MetGCSA Assistant Tournament	Metropolitan GCSA
Tuesday, October 19, 2010	Bretwood		New Hampshire GCSA
Wednesday, October 27, 2010	Indian Hill Country Club	Class C Tournament	CAGCS
TBA October, 2010		Assistants Tournament	GCSA of New England
Monday, November 1, 2010	Long Meadow Golf Course		GCSA of New England
Wednesday, November 3, 2010	Rock Ridge Country Club	Annual Meeting	CAGCS
Thursday, November 4, 2010	Captains Golf Course		GCSA of Cape Cod
Tuesday, November 9, 2010	Hidden Creek		New Hampshire GCSA
November TBA, 2010		Annual Meeting	Metropolitan GCSA
TBA November	Newport Country Club	Superintendent/Assistant	Rhode Island GCSA
Wednesday, December 1, 2010	Holiday Inn	Annual Meeting/Education Day	New Hampshire GCSA
Tuesday, December 7, 2010	Portland Country Club	Annual Meeting	Maine GCSA
TBA December, 2010	White Cliffs Country Club	Annual Meeting	GCSA of Cape Cod
TBA December, 2010			GCSA of New England
TBA December, 2010			Rhode Island GCSA

New England Regional Turfgrass Show - March 1-4, 2010





RIT TURFGRASS FOUNDATION

P.O. Box 418

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March 1, 2010

Dear Friends of the RITF and turf alumni of URI,

The Rhode Island Turf Foundation is hosting its third annual RITF golf tournament at Agawam Hunt Club on Tuesday, April 27, 2010. The event is hosted, once again, by Drew Cummins, a '92 graduate of the URI turfgrass program and member of the RITF.

The purpose of the Foundation is to promote all aspects of the turfgrass industry by supporting current and pertinent turfgrass research. The golf tournament is our primary fundraising event. A successful tournament will help us raise money to promote turfgrass research and support turf student travel to national conferences such as STMA and GCSAA.

We welcome any company or individuals that wish to support the event as a tee sponsor. Tee sponsorship will be in the amount of \$100.00. Please forward this form *to the above address and include a sponsorship tournament check*. Please note we will need sponsor payment no later than April 12, 2010. Please contact John LeClair at JLwcc1@aol.com or Julie Heston @ jheston@verizon.net with any questions.

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11:30 am: Registration and Buffet Lunch

1:00 pm: Shotgun Start – Scramble Format

Dinner, Prizes & cash bar after the tournament

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