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The 2011 Scholarship and Research Tournament was held May 16th at New Haven Country Club in Hamden, CT. The hospitality and generosity of the host club were the first step in the tremendous success of the event. Jason Booth CGCS, his assistants Benjamin Nash and Eric Whitmore, and their staff had the course in excellent condition in spite of some challenging weather conditions. In addition to the excitement of playing New Haven C.C., the success of their re-grassing project served as a powerful draw that helped ensure a full field for the event. The quality of the playing conditions was matched by the level of hospitality and service provided by PGA Professional Bill Wallis, Clubhouse Manager Andrew Cunningham, and the rest of the NHCC staff.

Thanks to the generosity and support of the host club, our thirty one commercial sponsors and the participants we raised over \$20,000 for the CAGCS Scholarship and Research fund. The merchandise raffle offered equipment donated by many PGA Professionals and rounds of golf offered by CAGCS member clubs in recognition of the contribution CAGCS members provide to golf in Connecticut. The 50/50 raffle is always a major source of income for the day, and we awarded \$3500 in prizes back to the players.

The money raised will help provide scholarships for families of CAGCS members, as well as to help fund research projects that will improve golf at courses throughout the region. The Scholarship and Research committee is currently reviewing the scholarship applications. The applicants are

pursuing a wide array of academic degrees, and it is clear they have put a lot of time and energy into their education. Many have received academic honors and scholarships based on their performance and community service, and we are proud to recognize their efforts in and beyond the classroom.

I would like to thank Les Kennedy, CGCS and Michael Wallace, CGCS for reviewing the scholarship applications, and their continued support of the Scholarship and Research fund. The success of this event and our ability to reward our members for their contribution to golf in Connecticut has been made possible by the hard work of past S&R Chairpersons, and especially executive secretary Mary Jo Kennedy. Thanks again to the participants and our sponsors that make this one of the premier events on the CAGCS calendar year after year.

- Peter Gorman

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John Garcia

By the time this issue of The Clippings is in your hands, 4th of July weekend will be in our rear-view mirror. Hopefully you all got to enjoy a bit of time with your families, and endured the warmer weather well at work. Only six or eight more weeks of potentially nasty weather and we'll be on our way to fall. This summer certainly has flown by.

To keep you all up to date on the DEP happenings, the process continues to be delayed due to the change in administration in Hartford, as well as the lack of a union "giveback", which has resulted in mass layoffs in our Capitol. It now looks like the Regulatory Review Committee will not vote

The President's Message

on the Stream Flow Standard again until early fall. Scott Ramsay and Michael Dugan have been in constant contact with the DEP throughout the process, and we are working on the final touches of an "exemption deal" for golf. We will of course, keep you posted as the situation unfolds.

For those of you that are not aware, we have recently strengthened our relationship with The First Tee of Connecticut, and have been offered a position on their Board of Directors. I have attended the first few meetings, and plan on staying on for two years as our association's Immediate Past President. I have learned a lot about The First Tee in a very short period of time, and I am impressed with what the organization does, and how efficiently they run their operation. Golf Course Superintendents benefit greatly from the working of The First Tee, as they are introducing this great game, and valuable life lessons to our future members and daily fee customers. Please visit the First Tee website to learn more about the programs and services that they offer: www.thefirstteeconnecticut.org In kicking off this relationship, I'd love for our association to be able to support some of their efforts moving forward. At

this time, they are looking for donations in the form of foursomes of golf at clubs throughout the state. These foursomes will be raffled at their remaining golf events this season, with all proceeds benefitting the children's programs. Additionally, they can raffle new golf clubs, balls, bags, and golf memorabilia. If you can make a donation, please bring them to our event at Farmington CC on July 11th, or send them to Mary Jo in our office. I will hand deliver everything that we collect to The First Tee's office in late July. Additionally, they are looking for Superintendents to volunteer at their clinic and camp sites around the state. This would be spending just 20-30 minutes with groups of kids helping to teach proper course care and etiquette, everything from ballmark and divot repair to raking of bunkers, etc. We would love for anyone to help out; you can do it just once, or be a regular each time an event is in your area. Please contact me directly if you are interested. We have an opportunity to properly train the next generation of golfers on how to leave our courses better than they found them.....let's take advantage of this opportunity!

Let's hope the rest of the summer treats us well. And I look forward to seeing you all at our upcoming events!

John

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Monday, July 11	COUNTRY CLUB OF FARMINGTON	CAGCS Benevolent Fundraiser
Thursday, July 21	UMASS FIELD DAY	UMass-Troll Turf Research Center, South Deerfield, MA
Sunday, August 28	LAKE COMPOUNCE	CAGCS Family Day
Monday, September 12	THE COURSE AT YALE	CTEC – Education & Golf
Monday, October 3	THE PATTERSON CLUB	CAGCS MEMBER GUEST (formerly Invitational)
Tuesday, October 11	THE COUNTRY CLUB	8th Annual Joe Troll Turf Classic
Thursday, October 13	PEQUABUCK GOLF CLUB	Superintendent/Assistant Tournament
Thursday, October 25	GALLOWAY NATIONAL	MET Team Championship
October TBA		Class C Tournament
November 7	TORRINGTON COUNTRY CLUB	CAGCS Annual Meeting
Wed., November 30	THE PATTERSON CLUB	CAGCS/MET Joint Education Meeting
Thursday, December 8	J. TIMOTHY'S TAVERNE	CAGCS Christmas Party
Tuesday, January 17	MYSTIC MARRIOTT	CAGCS WINTER SEMINAR



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TRADITION AT WALLINGFORD
APRIL 12, 2011**

1st Gross – 157

Todd Olovson, Sleeping Giant GC
Raymond Hetherington, Sleeping Giant GC

2nd Gross – 157

Aaron Maher, Valley Green, Inc.
George Harris, Lake of Isles -Troon Golf

1st Net – 126

Al Adaskaveg, Rockledge GC
Mike Dukette, Harrell's

2nd Net – 136

Kevin Collins, Tradition at Wallingford
Kevin Jaracy, Pequabuck GC

Closest to the Pin

#3 – Kevin Jaracy, Pequabuck GC
#8 – Marc Weston, Indian Hill CC
#12 – Raymond Hetherington, Sleeping Giant GC
#15 – Ward Weischet, John Deere Golf

Long Putt

#5 – Keith Angilly, Mill River CC
#11 – Kevin D'Amico, Westwoods GC

Closest to the Line

#2 – Mike Astram, Northern Designs, LLC

Long Drive

#6 – Jason Dowgiewicz, Plant Food Co.

**CAGCS MAY GOLF RESULTS
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1st Gross – 59

Kenneth Modzelesky, Oakridge GC
Wes Scott, guest
Eric Nelson, guest
Mike O'Malley, guest

2nd Gross – 61

Marc Weston, Indian Hill CC
Scott Yusinos, guest
Jeff Griffin, guest
Matt Quinn, Indian Hill CC

3rd Gross – 61

Kevin Jaracy, Pequabuck GC
Wally Ward, guest
Carmen Matteo, guest
Kevin Mahaffy, guest

1st Net – 57

Brian Pope, Turf Products Corp.
Gary DeVaux, Topstone GC
Michael Decker, Clinton CC
Michel Dukette, Harrell's

2nd Net – 54**

Jud Smith, Orange Hills CC
Peter Bly, Brooklawn CC
John Gallagher, Race Brook CC
Sean Flynn, Great River GC

3rd Net – 54**

Kevin Collins, Tradition GC at Wallingford; Ward Weischet, John Deere Golf; John Parmelee, Indian Springs GC; Eric Morrison CGCS, Shennecossett GC

Long Drive, Hole #7

Tim Nadeau, Wethersfield CC

Long Drive, Hole #18

Mike Coty, guest

Closest to the Hole #9

Matt Quinn, Indian Hill CC

Closest to the Hole – Hole #17

John Parmelee, Indian Springs GC

**JUNE MEETING RESULTS
BLACK HALL CLUB
JUNE 13, 2011**

"A" Flight

1st Place Gross – 76 - Matt Quinn
2nd Place Gross – 76 - Rob Neaton
1st Place Net – 72 - Ward Weischet
2nd Place Net – 73 - Todd Olovson

"B" Flight

1st Place Gross – 83- John Bresnahan
2nd Place Gross – 85 - Pete Gorman
1st Place Net – 71 - Jud Smith
2nd Place Net – 72 - Fran Limone

"C" Flight

1st Place Gross – 85 - Brian Pope
2nd Place Gross – 89 - Tim Nadeau
1st Place Net – 71 - Jonathan Burke
2nd Place Net – 72 - Raymond Hetherington

"D" Flight

1st Place Gross – 91- Steve George
2nd Place Gross – 94 - Phil Neaton
1st Place Net – 70 - John Napier
2nd Place Net – 75 - Phil Scarpellini

Skins

#5 Joe DeLauter
#12 Matt Quinn
#14 Jason Dowgiewicz
#17 Mike Turner
#18 Matt Quinn

Skill Prizes

#2 Longest Drive
Eric Morrison

#4 Longest Putt
John Garcia 16'1"

#7 Closest to the Pin
Marc Weston 2'10"
Les Kennedy 3'4"

#9 Closest to the Pin
Matt Guilmette 4'1"
John Bresnahan 5'8"

#11 Longest Putt
Scott Niven 19'6"

#13 Closest to the Pin
David Wallace 1'7"

#17 Closest to the Pin
Fran Limone 8'7"



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Jim Medeiros on the passing of his mother, Lucille Medeiros, on Wednesday, May 4, 2011.

Jim Skorulski, Senior Agronomist for the Northeast Green Section of the USGA on the passing of his father Eugene on May 7, 2011.

Ward Weischet, CGCS on the passing of his father Horace "Duke" on May 18, 2011.

Frank Lamphier, Past President of CAGCS, on the passing of his wife Diane on June 1, 2011.

Ken Modzelesky and family, on the passing of his mother, Rose, on June 4, 2011.

Greg Wojick on the passing of his mother Amelia on June 15, 2011

Stephen Smith, CGCS on the passing of his brother, Dr. David M. Smith on June 16, 2011

Congratulations

To Tim Gerzabek formally of Blackledge Country Club, on accepting the position of Golf Course Superintendent at Sterling National Golf Club in Sterling, MA.

News

The 62nd GCSAA 2012 National Championship & Golf Classic set for Palm Springs presented in partnership with The Toro Co., will be conducted February 24-26 2012. GCSAA Conference dates February 27 – March 2 and Golf Industry Show February 29 – March 1, 2012.

Westport Superintendent Renews Professional Certification

Dan E. Rackliffe, GCSAA certified golf course superintendent at Longshore Club Park, Westport, CT, has completed the renewal process for maintaining his status as a Certified Golf Course Superintendent (CGCS) with the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA).

Rackliffe has been at Longshore Club Park since 1986. A 32-year GCSAA member, he initially achieved his certification in 1986. Approximately 1,700 golf course superintendents worldwide currently hold "CGCS" status.

According to GCSAA President Robert M. Randquist, CGCS, "Twenty-five percent of

GCSAA's Class A members have elected to earn the highest level of recognition through the professional designation "CGCS" by completion of the GCSAA Certification Program. This program requires their demonstration of a higher set of competencies in golf course management through testing and practical application. Employers can feel confident they employ a career professional who will increase their chances of having consistently superior course conditions."

GCSAA was among the first associations to institute a professional certification program, establishing its program in 1971 to recognize outstanding and progressive superintendents. In 2005, GCSAA completed a restructuring of its certification program in order to raise the level of documented professionalism through comprehensive continuing education. The restructured program was recognized by the National Certification Commission as "one of the most extensive and comprehensive certification programs for any profession."

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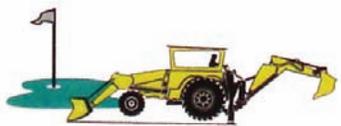
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John and can attest to his professionalism and superior judgment. These abilities are essential when nature itself plays such a significant role in your work product. We all know how difficult weather can be, especially in recent years, when your goal is to maintain turf to such exacting conditions. We have been extremely fortunate to have John Gallagher as the steward of our most vital club asset over the last 25 years.

John was a superior athlete as a young man and a very good student. He is highly regarded in his profession on a state and regional level and has mentored many young superintendents. John is well known for his community service and, most of all, he is a proud and devoted husband and father.

John graduated from Amherst High School in Amherst, Massachusetts. While in high school, he earned All-Western Massachusetts Baseball in 1976; All-Western Massachusetts and All-State Baseball in 1977; All-Western Massachusetts Hockey in 1976 and 1977; and in soccer, he earned All-Western Massachusetts in 1976 and 1977, and All-State and All-American honors in 1977.

John went on to the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, where he earned his B.S. in Plant and Soil Sciences in 1983. Not content to give up athletics, he was a member of the varsity baseball team in 1978 and 1979, and was captain of the men's golf team his senior year.

In 1985, John married his lovely wife Jane and over the last 25 years has raised two fine young men, Patrick and Sean.

While attending national

conferences of the GCSAA for professional development, he also carried the flag for Race Brook; being the 1st division Gross runner-up at 1991 GCSAA national golf tournament in Scottsdale, Arizona and in 2001 was the 1st division Gross winner at the GCSAA national golf tournament in San Antonio, Texas.

John was very active coaching in Orange Little League and CYO basketball when his sons were young boys. Many of you are aware of John's passion for the outdoors; he enjoys fly fishing, biking and travel. Most of you have met John's ever-present sidekick Eddy, who has been joined by Lizzy this past year – the young German Shepherd. John has volunteered as a Fidelco Guide Raiser for the Blind over the last year and sadly will be giving up Lizzy for this wonderful cause in the near future.

To properly commemorate John's service to Race Brook, the 2011 Men's and Women's Opening Day Tournaments will be named "John Gallagher Appreciation Day". We have ordered signature Titleist golf balls for the occasion and have made several other special arrangements. If you're playing in the tournaments, John will be on hand to say hello to everyone before teeing off and later in the day when prizes are awarded. I will be making a special presentation to John at the conclusion of Men's Opening Day on April 9th and Women's Opening Day on April 10th.

Please join me in congratulating John for his 25 years of outstanding service to our wonderful club.

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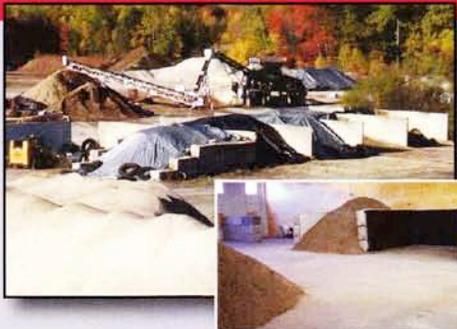
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UConn Investigating Cultural Methods of Managing a Pathogen That Kills from Beneath

John Inguaggiato, Ph.D., Jason Henderson, Ph.D., and Evan Embrey

A wet spring can pose serious challenges to turfgrass managers striving to maintain quality playing surfaces across the golf course including; fairways as long as roughs, algae on greens, and dollar spot outbreaks that outpace typical spray intervals. These unfavorable conditions initially appear to deteriorate turfgrass quality on the surface only, however for many, a wet spring can also be a precursor for root diseases such as summer patch and subsequent turf loss in July and August.

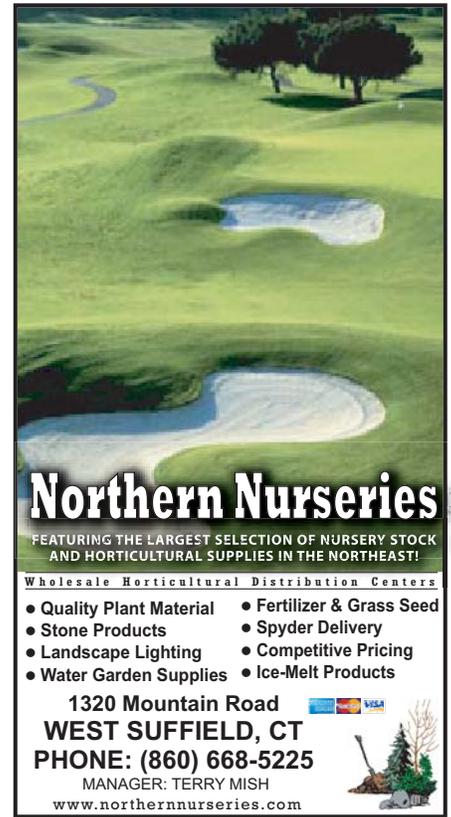
Summer patch, caused by *Magnaporthe poae*, is a common disease of annual bluegrass putting greens, tees and fairways, as well as Kentucky bluegrass or fine fescue roughs. Environmental factors predisposing turfgrasses to summer patch, and select cultural practices that can help minimize the disease are fairly well understood. However, summer patch continues to be a problematic disease each year throughout New England.

Abundant soil water and soil temperatures ranging from 68 to 86oF predispose turfgrasses to summer patch. Sites with compacted soils, poor surface drainage, or excessive thatch accumulation

are often most at risk for developing the disease since these conditions prevent adequate drainage. These conditions can result in water retention favorable for fungal growth and infection of turfgrass roots during spring and summer months. While infection may occur during the spring, symptoms typically develop during mid-summer when environmental conditions are less favorable for growth of cool-season turfgrass roots (i.e., > 72oF and moderate drought stress). The root system of cool-season turfgrasses compromised by the pathogen fail to provide water and nutrients required for healthy growth. In these cases, initial disease symptoms appear as wilted spots (3-6 inches diameter), that may turn yellow before turning straw brown. The disease often reoccurs in the same location, with patches growing larger in diameter each year.

At sites where the disease is a perennial challenge, a combination of cultural and chemical approaches are often required to maintain acceptable control. Maintaining a soil pH < 6.5 and use of ammonium based nitrogen fertilizers can suppress summer patch severity by reducing turfgrass rhizosphere (i.e., zone immediately surrounding a root) pH. Additionally, correcting poor drainage areas will help prevent conditions favorable for summer patch development. Increasing mowing height will also reduce the severity of disease outbreaks by encouraging deeper and denser root growth.

Where fungicides are used, 3 to 5 preventive applications at high label rates every 28 to 14-d are typically recommended when 2-inch soil temperatures reach 65oF at 2 pm for five consecutive days. However, fungicides may fail to control summer patch when appropriate cultural practices are not implemented and when



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to cultivation pan development. Such a layer would impede water movement and potentially enhance summer patch incidence and severity. In contrast, removal of soil with hollow-tines may prevent the development of a cultivation pan and potentially decrease the incidence and severity of this disease. A study comparing these cultivation practices should provide additional insight into the effect of

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environmental conditions favoring disease are optimal. Therefore, additional research regarding the influence of cultural practices on summer patch control is needed to improve our current recommendations for this problematic disease.

Research to enhance current summer patch control recommendations has recently been established at UCONN to determine the influence of cultivation type, and manganese fertilization on the incidence and severity of summer patch on compacted and non-compacted sites.

Hollow and solid-tine cultivation are commonly practiced to improve soil physical properties. Both techniques can be effective in managing soil compaction. However, hollow-tine cultivation provides improved saturated water conductivity and air porosity of soil compared to solid-tine cultivation. It may also be possible that repeated solid tine aerification could contribute

cultural practices which minimize favorable conditions for this disease and improve fungicide efficacy. Additionally this study will provide information on the role of manganese in summer patch development. Manganese fertilization has been shown to suppress the incidence and severity of take-all patch in bentgrass and wheat caused by fungi related to *M. poae*. Anecdotal reports suggest that manganese fertilization may also suppress summer patch. Based on these reports it may be possible to utilize manganese fertilization as an additional cultural practice for summer patch management. This current research will shed light on the potential use of manganese fertilization in summer patch disease management.



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