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THE DART: WOMEN CALL THE SHOTS AT STERLING FARMS

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STAMFORD -- A female head pro or groundskeeper is almost as rare as a hole-in-one. That's what makes Sterling Farms Golf Course a real diamond in the rough.

For 17 years Director of Golf Angela Aulenti and golf course superintendent Tracey Holliday have called the shots at the public course.

The two are the first women in Connecticut to fill their respective positions and the driving forces behind Sterling Farm's well-respected upkeep

and teaching facilities. "I just kind of went ahead and did what I wanted," said Aulenti, who came on board as head pro in 1994. Holliday, who has groomed Sterling's fairways and greens since 1988, took a similar approach. She never listened to her teacher at Stockbridge School of Agriculture who told her she would end up waiting tables like the handful of other female students who graduated with the school's Turfgrass Management degree.

"My dad never even let me mow the lawn," she said. Holliday wears a deep tan from laboring on the greens and fairways, and her arms are corded with sinew -- the result of hoisting bag after bag of fertilizer over the years. At special

request, the fertilizer arrives in 50-pound bags instead of the industry 80 -- making them more manageable for the slight but committed groundskeeper.

"No one is more passionate about what she does than this woman," said assistant superintendent Keith Carper, sitting at the wheel of a golf cart last week as Holliday used a special instrument to scoop out new holes on the course's "nursery green." "When Tracey got in, it was unheard of," he said.

Carper said, at first, he was unsure of what female ownership of a job typically held by men could mean for him as a deputy. But "it's been a godsend," *continued on page 3...*



*Tracey Holliday, Golf Course Superintendent.
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John Garcia

The President's Message

style, with resourcefulness, professionalism, passion, and hard work. Thank you to all past and current Board Members and especially to Mary Jo Kennedy for the continued commitment to CAGCS and its membership.

As most of you know by now, my 9 year tenure at The Patterson Club came to an end in August. Although I do not want to utilize this message to discuss my personal employment situation, I do think that one very important point needs to be shared. The number of phone calls, emails, and well-wishes that I have received was absolutely over-whelming, and I will be forever grateful to those that have offered an ear, a shoulder to cry on, and some very sound advice. While most of corporate America is afflicted with backstabbers and poor ethics, our profession continues to epitomize the fraternal bond that so many of us rely on for continued success. I can only hope that this behavior continues with the next generation of Golf Course Superintendents.

Finally, we have completed the negotiations with the government agency formerly known as DEP (now the DEEP). There have been several extensions granted to the DEEP by the Regulatory Review Committee, but it looks as if it will finally be heard, and passed in the October

Session. As reported earlier, the final outcome is that golf courses will be exempted from the Stream Flow Standard provided that they sign off in agreement that they will adopt, to the best of their ability, the "Best Management Practices for Golf Course Water Use". This document can be found in PDF form at: http://www.ct.gov/dep/lib/dep/water_inland/diversions/golfcoursewaterusebmp.pdf. We have also included language to ensure that our organization has a seat at the table if and when that document is to be updated or altered. We owe a great debt of gratitude to Michael Dugan (lobbyist for CAGCS/CSGA), Scott Ramsay, CGCS (Government Relations Chairman), and Ron Drapeau (Executive Director of CSGA) for their leadership, foresight, and dedication in organizing and carrying out this effort. If you haven't already, drop a note or an email to these gentleman and thank them for their time and effort on this critical issue. We must remain diligent on the legislative front as there are several new bills to be proposed soon that could affect groundwater, as well as fertilizers and pesticides.

Enjoy the fall.....I look forward to seeing you all at our upcoming events including the Superintendent/Assistant, the Member Guest, the Annual Meeting, and of course, the Christmas party!

Time flies when you're having fun! This is my last official President's Message as my term will end in November. It seems like just yesterday Peter Pierson cornered me at a Winter Seminar and convinced me to get involved with the association. Thank you Peter! It has certainly been a fun ride, and although board service has its ups and downs, I must say that I would not trade the experience for anything. I have been very fortunate to represent this association and am grateful for the people I have served with, and the relationships that we have all developed. We have certainly faced our share of challenges since my time began with the board, but I can proudly say that we have handled those challenges in typical golf course superintendent

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he said, calling Holliday unusually collaborative for a groundskeeper.

"I get a little more room to spread my wings here," he said. Hosting about 60,000 rounds a year, Sterling sees more than twice as much traffic as your average private course, according to Holliday and her assistant, but lacks the resources swankier establishments have to devote to maintenance. That's one of the reasons Holliday is at work from dawn until dusk every day of the golf season, tinkering with mower and golf cart engines with her head mechanic Tom Bakis or replenishing bunkers and trimming greens with Carper. Contrary to what many people think, she said, work doesn't stop when summer ends: she must conduct tree work, staircase maintenance and snow removal among other little-known off-season tasks.

"I just eat, live and breath it," she said by the wall of the maintenance shop known as the "condo" because of the birds who

nest in its holes pierced by stray drives and approach shots. "We get so much play (that) the challenge, to me, is to make it look like it's private." A veteran who has overhauled the irrigation system, coped with streakers and vandals, managed redesigns and gotten hit by seven golf balls, Holliday said: "Everything is the way we want it to be." Aulenti said she feels a similar sense of accomplishment. As president of the LPGA Northeast section, Aulenti has built a program which attracts an unusually high number of female participants. "Female golfers tend to feel more comfortable coming to us," she said, adding that her junior players are 40 percent female, up from 10 percent when she arrived. "They're more comfortable here. They can relate to you."

But Aulenti, rated as one of the top 50 female teachers in 2002, hasn't just helped foster interest in the sport among women, she's proved herself a savvy businesswoman as well.

"I took a chance and merchandised it properly," she said. She converted the "dark and dingy" pro shop she inherited into the gleaming establishment it is today, brimming with clubs and golf paraphernalia. She recently had a studio built to house a machine which uses Doppler radar and computer imaging to diagnose swings and prescribe club customizations.

Her entrepreneurial instincts won her LPGA Merchandiser of the Year in 2004 and 2006. Aulenti said she tries to "stay one step ahead" of the market and hopes her swing-analysis machine -- only one of 50 in the country, according to her -- will put her ahead of the game.

That would be nothing new for Aulenti -- or Holliday: one of the only female groundskeeper-pro duos in the country. They got the swing of things a long time ago.



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It is amazing what can be found with just a little searching. I frequently search for You Tube videos to either show me how to perform a repair or to understand how something works. Recently I had to replace the rear differential in my truck and, not really understanding how a differential works, I found a great video on You Tube (http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KnSiXhe_p_Y). I also found many videos that actually walked me through some of the work. It is important to evaluate these videos as anyone can post to them.

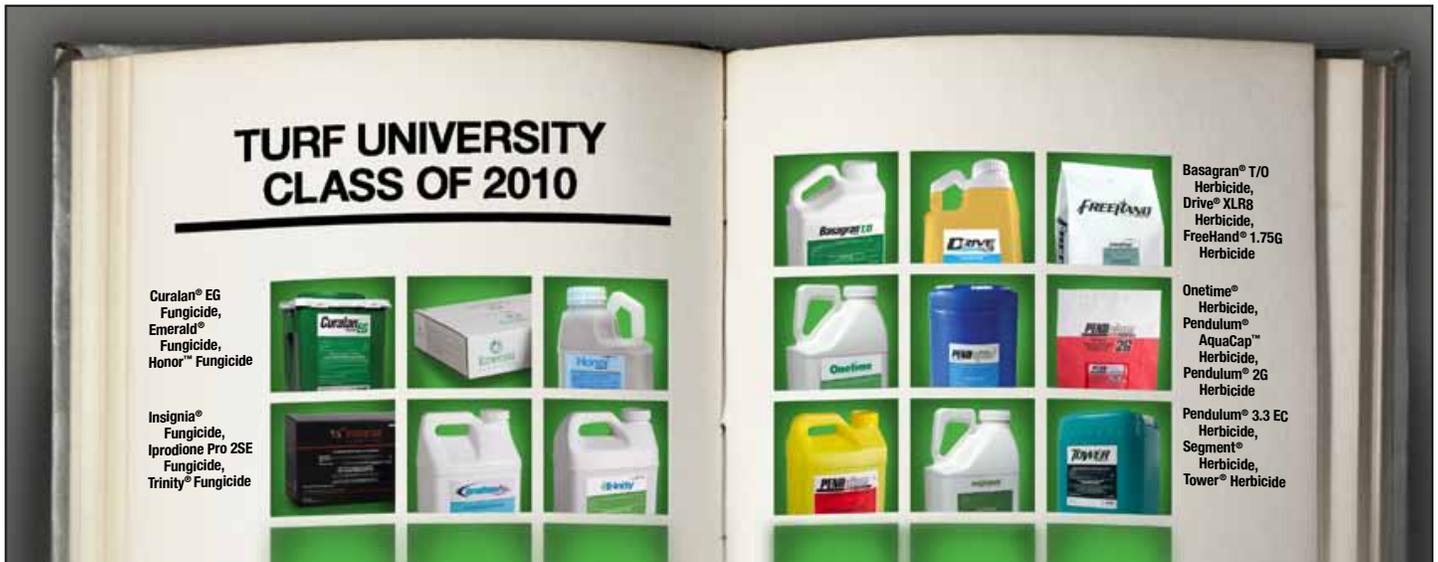
My cell phone has become an important tool far beyond making phone calls. The camera function is as useful to me as any of the applications that I currently have. I frequently take pictures either for my use or to communicate accomplishments or concerns on the golf course. Photographic records can be extremely valuable. When you look at something every day, using your cell phones camera allows you to keep a photographic time capsule of your golf course.

There are many applications that are available for the smart phone. The Weather Channel application provides information while on the property. It is very accurate for tracking incoming storms as well as to provide the current temperature, humidity and wind strength. Translation applications, such as Jibbiggo, can be useful to help cross language barriers. Recently I learned of an application called Sun Seeker. This application allows the user to estimate when an area will receive sunlight. It

uses the phones camera to display the current and future position of the sun from the user's vantage point

Many golf course superintendents are now creating blogs. This seems to be a wonderful tool to bridge the communication gap that is common between golf course superintendents and golfers. I would welcome the input of any member currently maintaining a blog who would like to share their experiences in a future Connecticut Clippings. For that matter please send along any information on useful websites, smart phone applications, solutions to problems or any other resource that may be helpful to CAGCS members.

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CAGCS SCHOLARSHIPS WERE AWARDED TO:

- Austin Adaskaveg**, son of Alexander Adaskaveg, he is attending Western New England College
- John Bresnahan**, he is the son of John J. Bresnahan he is attending Plymouth State University
- Tyler DeVaux**, son of Gary DeVaux, he is attending Lyndon State College
- Edward Dukette**, son of Michael Dukette, he is attending University of Hartford
- Patrick Gallagher**, son of John Gallagher, III, he is attending Central CT State University
- Matthew Grace**, son of Peter Grace, he is attending Johnson State College
- Jennifer Kilburn**, daughter of James Kilburn, she is attending University of Connecticut
- Elizabeth Malay**, daughter of Joseph Malay, she is attending Liberty University
- Emily Malay**, daughter of Joseph Malay, she is attending Trinity International University
- Alexandra Mish**, daughter of Terrance Mish, she is attending Springfield College
- Heather Niven**, daughter of Scott Niven, CGCS, she is attending University of Delaware
- Kristen O'Neill**, daughter of Timothy O'Neill, CGCS, she is attending Connecticut College
- Hannah Pelkey**, daughter of Mark Pelkey, she is attending University of New England
- Jonathan Pope**, son of Brian Pope, he is attending University of Tampa
- Randi Schock**, she is the daughter of Richard Schock, Jr., she is attending Southern CT State University
- Kathryn Wallace**, daughter of Dave & Vicki Wallace, she is attending University of Connecticut
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Thursday, October 6	SAMOWSET RESORT ROCKPORT, MAINE	New England Superintendents Championship
Tuesday, October 11	THE COUNTRY CLUB	8th Annual Joe Troll Turf Classic
Thursday, October 25	GALLOWAY NATIONAL	MET Team Championship
Thursday, October 20	GREAT RIVER GOLF CLUB	Class C Tournament
Monday, 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
Tuesday, April 30	NORWICH GOLF COURSE	2 Ball Schamble
Tuesday, May 1	RHODE ISLAND COUNTRY CLUB	RI Turfgrass Foundation Golf Tournament
Monday, May 21	CLINTON COUNTRY CLUB	CAGCS S & R Tournament
Tuesday, July 17	UNIVERSITY OF CONNECTICUT	3rd Biannual Turfgrass Field Day



All good things must come to an end. This is Peter and Tara Gorman's 4 year old son Tristan upset over the fact he couldn't make the turn because it was almost bedtime and he hadn't had dinner. That is why Superintendents put so many hours in.....for those that love the game and its future.

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Robert G. Dorsch III, CGCS, at Richter Park Golf Course, Danbury, Conn, on becoming a Certified Golf Course Superintendent through GCSAA.

To Brian & Mary Skelly on the birth of their grandson Carson Michael Skelly weighing in at 8lbs 1oz, 20 inches. Carson was born on August 24, 2011.

Congratulations to Kim Heyl and husband, Gene Baker, on their marriage September 17, 2011. Pictured with them are Cindy Johnson, Heather Garvin and Peter Pierson.



News

The threat of Hurricane Irene forced the closure of Lake Compounce and the cancellation of the CAGCS 2011 Family Day. The 2012 Family Day is scheduled for Sunday, August 26th. Let's hope for better weather!

GCSAA - ROOM BLOCK

GCSAA Education Conference & Golf Industry Show will be held from February 27, 2012 to March 2, 2012. This year CAGCS will not be providing a "Room Block" through GCSAA Golf Industry Travel. You are required to register for your room directly by calling 866-940-0938, and select option 1 or by using the following link to Golf Industry Show Housing & Travel: <http://www.golfindustryshow.com/showinfo/housingtravel.asp>

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Condolences

Thomas Watroba on the passing of his father, Walter, on July 22, 2011.

Congratulations

Heather & Matthew Guilmette, Superintendent at Cedar Ridge GC, on the birth of their daughter, Elena Lillian Alice, on June 30, 2011.



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The Foundation enjoyed a successful 14th Turfgrass Education Conference and Trade Show on March 7-10, 2011 at the Rhode Island Convention Center in Providence, RI. More than 3000 individuals attended 4 days of education conference and trade show activities. The 15th Annual New England Regional Turfgrass Conference and Trade Show scheduled dates for 2012 are February 6-9th. These are unusual dates as the foundation will normally target the 1st Monday in March. The NERTF continues to

fund turfgrass research in the New England Region and, since 1996, the foundation will soon reach 1.3 million dollars of research funding to New England Universities. For more information concerning the foundation, the conference and show, or funded turfgrass research go to www.nertf.org.

Submitted by: Gary J. Sykes, Executive Director (401-841-5490)



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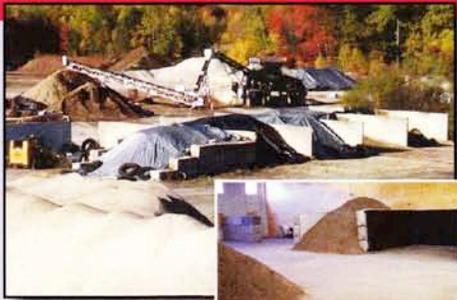
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In the Northeast, the two most commonly encountered plant parasitic nematodes on turf are stunt nematodes (*Tylenchorhynchus*) and lance (*Hoplolaimus*) nematodes. Stunt nematodes are found everywhere. Every golf course has them. Usually, they remain at low levels and produce negligible amounts of root damage. When their populations get high (above 4,000 nematodes/100cc from a cup-cutter) they stunt roots. When they hit 10,000 nematodes/100 cc soil, most roots, especially *Poa annua* roots, will atrophy and die from extensive feeding damage. Lance nematodes are much less common than stunt but do occur with some regularity. Lance nematodes, however, are far more aggressive. Whereas stunt nematodes sit outside roots and poke little holes in them, lance nematodes punch a large hole in the root and then swim into that hole, essentially destroying the root cortex as they move. Not only are lance nematodes aggressive, they are big. A lance nematode is about 1/3 the width of a bentgrass root. Three of these nematodes lying next to each other will cover the entire width of the root. Lance nematodes can cause root decline with as few as 1,000 nematodes/100 cc soil from a cup-cutter, but at about 5,000 nematodes/100 cc soil, bentgrass will wilt constantly and roots will disappear. Plant death is also possible. While it is not always the case, stunt nematode populations are often higher on *Poa* and lance nematode populations are often higher on bentgrass- although bentgrass does usually have better tolerance to nematode damage than *Poa*.

We usually talk about damage thresholds as the level at which nematodes cause damage. But thresholds are not fixed numbers. Any threshold we use is only an estimate. Bentgrass will have better tolerance than *Poa* so it will typically have a higher threshold. And rooting depth has a major impact on where a disease threshold lies. If your *Poa* roots are only 2" deep in May, you will not be able to withstand as high a population of nematodes as someone with *Poa* roots that are 4" deep in May. Obviously, if you only have 1/2" of rooting depth in July, as little as 2,000 stunt nematodes/100 cc soil could be causing severe damage. Thresholds are often moving targets, they change based on a myriad of factors.

An added complication arises when we count lance nematodes. As mentioned earlier, stunt nematodes spend their entire lives in the soil so they are relatively easy to extract and count. Lance nematodes spend much of their lives in roots, although they do migrate through the soil. Our typical soil extraction is unable to dislodge nematodes from the roots so even though a lance count may be low, there may still be many lance nematodes in the roots and the soil extraction is actually underestimating the damage potential of these nematodes. For this reason, we often try to visually gauge the extent of nematode activity in the roots to determine how much physical damage they may be causing.

Nematode populations do not remain steady. They typically start out low in the spring and rise into the middle of the summer. Depending upon many different factors, nematode populations peak between July and August. As the fall arrives, populations will decline with a decline in temperatures and some mortality will often occur throughout the winter- although nematodes

do have the ability to withstand freezing soil temperatures. When we talk about insect populations, specifically annual bluegrass weevil, we talk about the number of generations of insects per year. This is not the case with nematodes. Most turfgrass nematodes have continuous, overlapping generations. Their lifecycle may range from a week to a number of months but they are constantly producing new juveniles that hatch, mature and produce even more juveniles. And if the soil is not frozen, all stages of the nematode lifecycle feed on plant roots.

Both stunt and lance nematodes were relatively well controlled by Nematicur. Without Nematicur, it has been much more difficult for superintendents to manage nematode populations. The most effective nematicides are organophosphates and carbamates and the EPA's general opposition towards these products (which is probably justifiable considering the high mammalian toxicity associated with these materials) suggests that it may be a long time before we find alternative nematicides as effective as Nematicur. Some alternatives have shown promise, specifically Avid and Nortica, but these do not always appear to be effective for everyone or in every situation.

For the past few years, I've seen an increasing number of golf courses with high nematode populations. It appears as though the problems with nematodes are becoming more prevalent but it is still unclear whether this is actually true or just a perception. It is possible that nematode populations have always been high but the use of Nematicur masked this fact. When Nematicur was widely available, a superintendent that suspected a nematode issue might simply make a Nematicur application and control the problem. Today, few superintendents have much Nematicur on hand



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Lance nematode exiting bentgrass root

and therefore, diagnostic labs are likely to see more samples with high nematode populations. Additionally, those superintendents that do have a supply of Nemacur are careful to use it sparingly and will often request a nematode assay before they use up the little Nemacur they have left. If a superintendent had been on an annual Nemacur application schedule, any counts that were made later in the season would have been relatively low. This also would have contributed to a perception that nematode populations were "normally" low.

In addition to the impact Nemacur had on our perception of nematode populations, other chemicals may have also affected nematode

lifecycles. The EPA recently added restrictions on the use of thiophanate-methyl and many superintendents have moved away from the product in the light of these restrictions, often substituting strobilurin fungicides in its place. Thiophanate-methyl (and benomyl- which was marketed as Tersan 1991 before its registration was withdrawn) breaks down into a series of carbamates that have been shown to be effective against some nematodes in experimental trials. Many superintendents have also greatly reduced their use of chlorpyrifos. This insecticide is an organophosphate and

seems to have some effect against stunt nematodes when applied at higher rates. Although these products were never used against nematodes or labeled for nematode control, it is possible that they have cumulative side-effects that led to artificially reduced nematode populations.

Mercury was commonly applied on golf courses years ago. It was demonstrated in the 1950's that when mercury was applied to the soil, plant-parasitic nematode populations dropped dramatically. Research from the 1960's demonstrated that mercury does not leach much when applied in pesticide form. Consequently, it is probable that mercury has slowed nematode population growth in those locations where it has been previously applied. However, the application of 20 years of topdressing

has likely buried most residual mercury 3-4 inches below the surface of the soil where it will have little effect on nematodes today.

There are other potential reasons for an increase in nematode populations, aside from just the heightened awareness of their presence. It is possible that higher average temperatures and global warming have led to a rise in nematode populations. Although this is difficult to track, it does appear plausible. And without a doubt, things have changed dramatically on golf courses in the past few decades: height-of-cut has steadily declined, traffic has increased, topdressing is far more frequent and the type of chemicals we currently apply are very different from those used in the past. All may contribute to either higher nematode numbers or an increase in observed nematode damage symptoms.

Despite the lack of chemical approaches to controlling nematodes, I have seen a number of golf courses that have been able to minimize plant damage by focusing on plant health. Specifically, these courses have made significant efforts to grow roots and minimize stress. In addition to fertilizer management and cultural practices, these courses have also worked hard to control root diseases like Pythium and summer patch. These techniques will not reduce the number of nematodes present on a putting green but they will allow grass to more successfully tolerate nematode damage and recover from this damage more quickly. Unfortunately, the trade-off for healthy grass may sometimes be slower speeds and this is a compromise many courses are unwilling to make.



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GCSAA Certification program reaches 40 year milestone (August 1971, VOL. 4, NO. 3)

CERTIFICATION OF GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENTS

The Golf Course Superintendents Association of America Certification Program will be ready for all eligible applicants by the end of August.

Application forms will be mailed to the membership in August. All GCSAA members will be sent the application forms as a matter of information regardless of eligibility.

All eligible applicants will then be sent study materials including tables and formulas, which they should study in preparations for the examination. Dates

and locations of examinations will be announced well in enough in advance to allow ample study time.

Only GCSAA members are eligible. Basic requirements for certification are that the member: (1) be currently employed as a golf course superintendent; (2) have held a Class A membership for at least three years.

EXCERPT FROM "THE GRASS CATCHER" (August 1971, VOL. 4, NO. 3)

There are clubs actively seeking golf course superintendents for Fall employment. One Conn. Club is in need of a golf course superintendent immediately. Salaries are continuing to rise with the economy and in many areas at a faster pace. As an example, one club in the East is openly soliciting for a superintendent in the \$20,000 to \$25,000 range.

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EXCERPT FROM "MEET YOUR HOSTS" (August/September 1981, VOL. 14, NO.4)

"Above all, golfers come here to play our fast greens" says John Nowobilski's head professional at the Pautipaug Country Club. And they certainly are fast. Superintendent Fran Rodgers and I recently measured the Pautipaug greens at 111 inches with the stimpmeter.

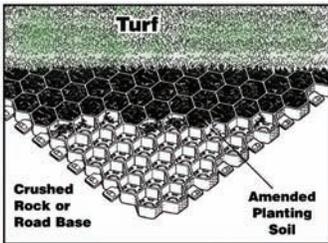
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EXCERPT FROM "GCSAA ELECTS Stephen G. Cadenelli, CGCS, President" (April 1991, VOL. 25, NO.1)

GCSAA will celebrate the association's 65th anniversary with the official dedication of its new building in Lawrence, Kansas, on September 6-7, 1991. All GCSAA members are invited.

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NOTIFICATION OF 1ST ANNUAL GREG'S RUN 5K

The 1st Annual Greg's Run 5K will be held on Saturday, October 8 at 10:00 am at Apponequet Regional High School (ARHS). This run/walk event will benefit the Gregory G. Misodoulakis Memorial Scholarship, established by his family to honor the memory of 2010 Apponequet Regional High School graduate Gregory Misodoulakis. Greg died unexpectedly a few days prior to beginning his freshmen year at UMass Amherst. The financial and in-kind support of local businesses and community members is vital to ensure the success of this inaugural event.

At the 2011 ARHS graduation ceremony, three seniors were awarded the first Gregory G. Misodoulakis Memorial Scholarship. It is our hope to award Greg's scholarship to deserving ARHS graduating seniors for years to come. Proceeds from this annual 5K fundraising road race will be put towards his scholarship which is managed by the Community Foundation of Southeastern Massachusetts, a 501(c)(3) tax exempt public charity. Please join us in making the inaugural Greg's Run 5K a memorable event that benefits current and future students of the

Freetown and Lakeville communities. Any donations — monetary, post-race refreshments or raffle prizes — would be greatly appreciated.

All sponsors will be listed according to their sponsorship level on the race webpage and will be recognized during race day activities. Sponsors may set up a display table the day of the event and distribute promotional materials (if desired). Sponsors may also display a banner or logo at the event. The deadline to guarantee sponsorship recognition on the race website and printed materials is September 1, 2011. For more information, please visit: www.gregsrn.org or E-Mail: gregsrn10@gmail.com



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