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TEE-UP NEW ENGLAND 2013: FUNDING TURFGRASS RESEARCH

In less than 18 hours after Adam Scott dunned the Green Jacket in his first major tournament victory, Tee-Up New England opened its 2nd annual online auction on April 15th at 12 noon. The "Masters" ignites the golfer's passion to get out and play especially after a long winter. When deciding on the best week to hold a round of golf auction, it seemed by far that the Monday after the Masters would be the logical if not perfect week for it. But, if you were like many others, especially those here in New England, you were probably glued to a news screen somewhere watching the tragedy unfolding at the Boston Marathon on that Monday. To make matters worse the bombing became a full weeklong saga as police closed in on the suspected bombers. The "perfect week" for a golf auction ended up with the most incredibly prolonged distraction for

the area possibly since the Battle of Bunker Hill. This put things in perspective as our hearts go out to all the injured. An attack like this changes so many lives, and we are all just very grateful that the bombing didn't involve more victims.

In 2012, our first year, we were able to sign up 56 courses to participate donating 57 rounds of golf. A year later, 95 courses had donated 99 rounds of golf and they went on the week-long auction block as noted on April 15th. As expected, bidding went slow for the first 5 days, but as the weekend approached activity started to pick up. The events in Boston seem to understandably dominate people's attention and created obstacles. Sports Radio WEEI in Boston was going to facilitate ads over the weekend for Tee-Up New England. Unfortunately the studios were on lockdown due to the bombings and the ads could not be produced. Despite the distraction, golfers from all over New England were involved in the bidding. By 6pm on the 22nd, all rounds had been bid on and some of the higher priced donations went for more than \$600 a foursome. For golfers, Tee-Up New England it is a great way to get a shot at playing some of the supreme golf courses in New England and usually for a substantial discount. With these proceeds all going toward turfgrass research, we are proud to say that the end user (the golfer) is paying directly for some of today's much needed turfgrass research. The online auction netted more than \$16,000 for turf research. This potentially would allow the foundation to possibly add another research project each year. In 2013, the foundation is funding 12 projects

in total at UMass, UConn and URI, with research expenses reaching \$153,000.

A thank you goes out to all 95 participating facilities and for supporting organizations helping with the 2013 Tee-Up New England event. It is a great start to a program that involves the entire golf community. The idea is that all golf facilities should be able to donate a round of golf as an investment in the future of the game, and in return we hope the research will benefit that course down the road. State golf associations have been a huge help in getting the word out to the golfers over the winter and leading up to the online auction. The golfer is the customer, the end user, the buyer and the beneficiary of good turf conditions. This is a new approach with funding coming directly from the golfer. We hope your course can participate in Tee-Up New England 2014!

Gary Sykes, Executive Director, New England Regional Turfgrass Foundation, Inc.



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Donald Beck

It doesn't seem all that long ago that I was just starting my career as an Assistant Superintendent at the Fishers Island Club and yet just this past week I received a 20-year service award from the club.

It also doesn't seem all that long ago when Jud Smith encouraged me to become involved on the CAGCS board and now here I am writing my first President's Message for the Clippings.

Altohas changed, personally and professionally, since I started in this business. Almost five years ago I married Marjorie, and a little over two years ago we added a daughter, Brianna, to our family.

The President's Message

On the work side of my life I have had the honor and privilege to serve the CAGCS under the leadership of Wayne Urban, Keith Angilly, Chris Mauro, John Garcia, and Mark Mansur. I cannot even begin to express the gratitude and respect I have for each of those who held the president's position before me and for what each of them has done for this association.

As incoming president, I could not ask for the association to be on better ground, and I will do everything I can to continue the tradition of excellence.

As the golf season comes to a close, I encourage you to bring your assistants to one of our social and educational meetings this winter. I cannot stress enough the importance, for them and the association, of allowing assistants to become involved in the CAGCS.

The list of our upcoming events:
The CAGCS/MET GCSA Education Seminar is scheduled for Wednesday, December 4, 2013 at the Patterson Club in Fairfield, Conn.

Our Annual CAGCS Christmas Party is

scheduled for Thursday, December 5, 2013 at J. Timothy's restaurant in Plainville, Conn.

The CAGCS Winter seminar is scheduled for Tuesday, January 14, 2014 at the Mystic Marriott in Groton, Conn.

The Nor'easter Ski Day is scheduled for Thursday, January 16, 2014 at Killington Ski Resort in Killington, Vt.

If you are attending the 2014 GIS in Orlando, Fla., please join us at BB King's Blues Club Orlando on Wednesday February 5, 2014 from 6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. for the debut of the new Nor'easter Social Event.

I know many people in this association but there are still a number of members that I've never met. So the next time you are at a meeting and you see a guy in funny pants, or a crazy jacket, that is probably me. I hope you stop for a minute and say hello.

I hope to see you all very soon.
Happy Holidays,
Donnie

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2013 CAGCS ANNUAL MEETING SUMMATION



On Monday, November 4, 2103, the CAGCS hosted its annual meeting at the Old Lyme Country Club. It was a chilly day for sure, but we still had twenty eight of the fifty six or so who attended the meeting play in the scramble after lunch. Kudos to the entire staff at Old Lyme Country Club for a well-run event and big thanks to Brian Skelly and his staff for having the course in wonderful shape for fall golf. During the course of the meeting, it was noted that there will be a ten dollar dues increase for 2014; this is the first dues increase since 2008. The success of the member guest was highlighted and all of the events sponsors were thanked. Scott Ramsay, CGCS, congratulated everyone in our association for a job well done and making it possible for CAGCS to be recognized by the GCSAA with the 2013 Excellence in Government Relations Award. The successful 2013 Winter Seminar was discussed, and all the previous year's events were highlighted as well. All of the 2013 Scholarship recipients were noted, and the committee was given thanks for helping review the applications. The S + R tournament was reviewed and new research initiatives were discussed. Social and Welfare issues from the year were mentioned, and Melissa Gugliotti and Syngenta were thanked for their continued support of Family

Day. Membership activity was reported and pin recipients in attendance received their awards. All of the previous year's golf events were highlighted and the 2013 champion's prizes were awarded. It was noted in the Commercial Representatives report that the first year of the Partner Sponsorship Program was a success, netting an increase of \$13,965 from 2012.

Under new business, the following officer elections occurred:

- Donald Beck – President
- Eric S. Morrison, CGCS – Vice President
- Paul Bonini, CGCS – Treasurer
- Marc Weston, CGCS – Secretary

Elected to serve two year terms as Directors:

- Jason Booth, CGCS
- Kevin Collins
- Stephen Curry

Melissa Gulgiotti was elected to serve as the Commercial Representative to the Board for 2014.

In conclusion, the Board would like to thank all of the sponsors of our various events in 2013, and individuals who assisted with registration, etc. throughout the year. It is duly noted that all of the board members thank Mary Jo Kennedy for all of her hard work, passion, and dedication to the association. She keeps all of us in line and we all sincerely appreciate what she does for us and CAGCS.

Eric Morrison, CGCS, Vice President



pictured l-r - Paul Bonini, CGCS, Bryan Barrington, Scott Ramsay, CGCS, Peter Gorman, Kevin Collins, Donald Beck, Eric Morrison, CGCS, Jason Booth, CGCS, Melissa Gugliotti, Heather Garvin, Mark Mansur. Pictured above Steve Curry & Marc Weston, CGCS



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3rd	MET GCSA	299
4th	Philadelphia AGCA	300
5th	Pocono Turfgrass Association	301
6th	GCSA of New Jersey	308
6th	Hudson Valley GCSA	308
8th	Northeastern GCSA	315
8th	Central Penn GCSA	315
10th	Mid Atlantic AGCS	316
11th	Rhode Island GCSA	320
12th	Long Island GCSA	325
13th	Eastern Shore AGCS	331



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FISHERS ISLAND GOLF CLUB
OCTOBER 1, 2013**



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Thomas DeGrandi, TPC River Highlands
Bill Whaley, Guest

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Andy Drohen, Agrium Advanced Technologies
Carl Hoynoski, Guest
3rd Gross
Chris Mauro, Highfield Country Club
Jack Worgan, Guest
1st Net
Duncan McGowan, Litchfield Country Club
Mike McGowan, Guest
2nd Net
Marc Weston, Indian Hill Country Club
Scott Yusinas, Guest
3rd Net
Bruce Morse, Norwich Golf Club
Mike Svab, Guest

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TOURNAMENT
HARTFORD GOLF CLUB
OCTOBER 21, 2013**



1st Gross – 60 (mc)
Eric Morrison, Shennecossett GC
Kevin Collins, The Tradition GC at Wallingford
Ward Weischet, John Deere Golf
Bill Demur, Guest
2nd Gross – 60 (mc)
Peter Tyrell, The Care of Trees
Mario Calcagni, Guest
Anthony Nardella, Nardella's Turf Care, Inc.
Tony Nardella, Guest
3rd Gross – 61
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Thomas Archer, Borough of Fenwick
Peter Grace, H. Smith Richardson GC
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Les Sheiber, Hartford GC
Harold Brown, Guest
Paul Delton, Guest
Chuck George, Guest

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OLD LYME COUNTRY CLUB
NOVEMBER 4, 2013**



1st Gross
Jason Booth, New Haven CC
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2nd Gross
John Gallagher, Race Brook CC
Brian Pope, Turf Products Corp.
Peter Gorman, Pine Orchard Yacht & CC
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1st Net
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Tim & Stacy Nadeau on the birth of their son Zackary on October, 16, 2013, weighing in at 6 lbs. 15 oz.

Jason & Kristin Dowgiewicz on the birth of their daughter Charlotte Grace on October 26, 2013, weighing in at 6 lbs. 13.6 oz., and 19.5" long.

Condolences

John Ruzsbatzky and family on the passing of his father Edward on September 22, 2013.

Peter & Birdie Rappoccio and family on the passing of Birdie's Mother Mary Zoppi on Nov 5, 2013.

To the family of John Mulhearn who passed away on December 9, 2013 at the age of 79. He was a member of CAGCS since 1970.

Please Note!!

The date has been change to Thursday, January 16th. Anyone wishing to attend is asked to please pre-register by January 9th, 2014, so we can plan accordingly. Refunds unfortunately will not be available after that date and there will also be a \$20 surcharge if you register after that date. Please follow the link to the Vermont GCSA Website where links are posted on the left hand side of the page. There is a link with "more information" and a link to "register." On the registration page you can register for the day and buy more ski passes if you would like to ski on any extra days after the Nor'easter Cup, so please explore the site! Get together with the rest of your association members and see if you can field that championship team in 2014!

GCSAA Nor' Easter Hospitality Suite

BB King's Blues Club Orlando on Wednesday February 5th, 2014 from 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM

GCSAA Scholarships Awarded

The Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA) has awarded its 2013 Joseph S. Garske Collegiate Grants to Kristen Sauer, Catherine Felicetti, Christopher McAvoy, Samantha Bradley and Kaci Whitehead. The Garske Grant was established in honor of Par Aide company founder Joseph S. Garske. It is funded by Par Aide, a golf course accessory company, and administered by the Environmental Institute for Golf, the philanthropic organization of GCSAA. The program assists children and stepchildren of GCSAA members to fund their education at an accredited college or trade school with one-time, one-year grants awarded to five winners without renewals. Grants are based on community service, leadership, academic performance and a written essay. "We appreciate the longtime support of Par Aide and congratulate these young members of the extended GCSAA family," said GCSAA President Patrick R. Finlen, CGCS. "The Garske grants are a



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testament to the camaraderie within the golf course management industry."Sauer, from Boylston, Mass., is a student at Providence College and earned a \$2,500 scholarship. Her father, Todd A. Sauer, is the GCSAA Class A superintendent at Mount Pleasant Country Club in Boylston, Mass. Felicetti, an Ithaca College student from Forestdale, Mass., earned a \$2,000 scholarship. Her father, Joseph F. Felicetti, is the GCSAA certified golf course superintendent at The Pinehills Golf Club in Plymouth, Mass. McAvoy, a Fordham University student from West Hempstead, N.Y., earned a \$1,500 scholarship. His father, Thomas O. McAvoy, is the GCSAA certified golf course superintendent at Old Westbury Golf & Country Club in Old Westbury, N.Y. Bradley, a University of St. Joseph student from Plainville, Conn., earned a \$1,000 scholarship. Her father, Gregory Bradley, is the GCSAA Class A superintendent at Farmington Woods Country Club in Unionville, Conn. Whitehead, an Indiana University/Purdue University of Fort Wayne student from Syracuse, Ind., receives a \$500 scholarship. Her father, James B. Whitehead, is the GCSAA member superintendent at Maxwellton Golf Course in Syracuse, Ind. "We believe it's important to recognize golf course superintendents for their tireless dedication to the game of golf," said Steve Garske, Par Aide president. "It's great to be able to give something back to superintendents and their children."

Source: GCSAA Press Release



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2013-2014 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Jan. 14 <i>Tuesday</i>	CAGCS WINTER SEMINAR <i>Mystic Marriott, Mystic, CT, PRESENTING PARTNER</i>	
Jan. 16 <i>Thursday</i>	NOR'EASTER SKI DAY <i>Killington, VT</i>	
Jan. 22 <i>Wed.</i>	CT GROUNDS KEEPERS ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE <i>Crown Plaza Hotel, Cromwell, CT</i>	
Feb. 1-6	GCSAA – GIS <i>Orlando, Florida</i>	
Feb. 5 <i>Wednesday</i>	NOR'EASTER HOSPITALITY SUITE <i>BB King's Blues Club from 6:30 PM - 9 PM, Orlando, FL</i>	
March 3-6	NEW ENGLAND REGIONAL TURFGRASS CONFERENCE <i>RI Convention Center, Providence, RI</i>	
April 28 <i>Monday</i>	NORWICH GOLF COURSE <i>2 Ball Shamble</i>	Bruce Morse <i>Host Superintendent</i>
May 22 <i>Thursday</i>	PEQUABUCK GOLF CLUB <i>2 Person Best Ball, Superintendent/Assistant Tournament President's Cup & McLaughlin Trophy</i> PRESENTING PARTNER	 Kevin Jaracy <i>Host Superintendent</i>
June 9 <i>Monday</i>	COUNTRY CLUB OF WOODBRIDGE <i>Low Gross/Net by Flight, 1st Round CAGCS Championship</i> <i>MET Team Championship Qualifier</i>	Dennis Petruzzelli, CGCS <i>Host Superintendent</i>
July 22 <i>Tuesday</i>	FAIRVIEW FARMS GOLF COURSE <i>CAGCS Benevolent Fundraiser, Low Gross/Net Blind Partners</i> <i>2nd Round CAGCS Championship, New England Team Championship Qualifier, PRESENTING PARTNER</i>	 Scott Neumann <i>Host Superintendent</i>
September 9 <i>Tuesday</i>	GREAT RIVER GOLF CLUB <i>CAGCS MEMBER/GUEST</i>	Sean Flynn <i>Host Superintendent</i>
October 6 <i>Monday</i>	FARMINGTON WOODS C.C. <i>CAGCS Scholarship & Research Tournament, PRESENTING PARTNER</i>	 Gregory Bradley <i>Host Superintendent</i>
October tba <i>Tuesday</i>	WAMPANOAG COUNTRY CLUB <i>Class C Tournament</i>	Greg Stent <i>Host Superintendent</i>
November 11 <i>Tuesday</i>	PINE ORCHARD YACHT & C.C. <i>9-Hole Scramble ABCD, CAGCS Annual Meeting</i>	Peter Gorman <i>Host Superintendent</i>



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NEW ENGLAND REGIONAL TURFGRASS CONFERENCE & SHOW-MARCH 3-6, 2014

It is that time of year again as all the outdoor work is winding down and winter cold once again introduces itself to the northeast to think about the New England Regional Turfgrass Conference and Show among other activities. 2014 will be the 17th annual show to be held in Providence. The schedule is filled with quality speakers and topics that consistently affect the Turfgrass Industry in New England. We have arranged 9 seminars on Monday (7-4 hr. and 2-2 hr. seminars) addressing topics from Dollar Spot, Professional Development, to the Rules of Golf. A new and interesting seminar will be taught by GCS Jason Van Bus Kirk of Stow Acres Country Club on using Google Applications to help you manage. You can go to www.nertf.org and see the complete descriptions of the seminars and online registration is already up and running.

Tuesday is chock full with a full day of USGA related topics and sports turf also going on. On Tuesday at 3:45 we decided to do something different than a typical keynote speaker. We have planned a presentation on a spotlighted sporting event like a super bowl or a world series that all turfgrass managers would be interested in. Our speaker is the best in the Baseball Business, Mr. David Mellor, Director of Grounds for the Boston Red Sox. What a year for Boston both good and bad. We are excited to hear it from David's perspective. This will be a speaker you won't want to miss as he highlights the year and shows you the challenges of managing Fenway especially in the spotlight of the World Series.

Wednesday and Thursday, another 2 great days of informative speakers and topics addressing our industry needs here in New England. Professors John Kaminski (Penn State) and Jim Murphy (Rutgers), among others, as well as most of our local researchers will be participating again this year. We have also, Matt Shaffer, GCS of Merion and this year's US Open lead man will be on the program talking about his experiences on Wednesday morning, March 5. The equipment technicians have a full day on Wednesday with important education with equipment representatives and equipment observations on the trade show floor. The trade show will again be open for 13 hours over the 3 days and we hope you will be able to accomplish whatever business you need to attend to on the floor over that time. Booth sales have been strong again as exhibitors look at these three days as important opportunities to reach out to potential customers as everyone prepares for the coming season.

As you start your planning we know you will see the values associated with this year's show and the benefits you and your team will gather from the opportunities of learning and the information available that will make your job go smoother in the year to come. There will be a lot of turf activity in Providence the week of March 3th-6th with much to take advantage of. Come be an important part of the 17th Annual New England Regional Turfgrass Conference and Show!

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KEVIN'S CORNER

“Oh, you work on a golf course. What do you do in the winter?” Does that question sound familiar? How many times have you answered that, or some variation of it? To the uninformed, golf is a seasonal leisure sport that is over when they stop playing, or is ready for the season when they bring the sticks out again. We know better. This is the time of year when many large projects and changes occur at our clubs that can make a real impact on the health, aesthetics, and playability of the golf course. Many of these projects require a different skill and level of expertise. While often outsourced, many of you will undertake projects that will expose you and your staff to potential hazards not seen during the day to day grind of the golf season. I ask that you be careful, stress safety, and also know that there are resources available for you and your staff.

Is it time to break out the chainsaws and get a little light on those tees and greens? If the answer is yes, there is more healthy turf in your future. There is also some inherent danger with the process as well. Not surprisingly, chainsaws are listed among the most dangerous tools. Current statistics are not easily found, but this blast from the past courtesy of the Consumer Product Safety Commission can easily be adjusted for 2013:

- 40,000+ injuries by chain saws in U.S. annually
- Average chainsaw injury requires 110 stitches
- Average medical cost was \$5,600 in 1989; \$12,000 in 2000

- Total medical costs = \$350 million in 2000
- Workman's comp. costs = \$125 million per year
- Based on four weeks recovery time
- Largest cost (not included) = Loss of production & quality of life for the injured

Start with the simple safety steps first. Reread the operator's manual. Just a quick glance at safety tips can reinforce even the most experienced operator. Be sure to wear the proper protective gear. My research shows that a staff member can be outfitted with the proper safety gear for under \$500. Be sure your tools and saws are safe for use. Consider outside resources and education that are available as well. UConn extension (linked here) and Connecticut Tree Protective Association (linked here) are two valuable tools that can reinforce and educate on proper procedures. Both Stihl and Husqvarna offer free safety videos online as well.

Potentially dangerous equipment doesn't end there. Chippers for tree and brush disposal add another layer of hazard to tree removal. Those doing irrigation upgrades or drainage projects are not free of hazardous equipment use either. Trenching machines, open trenches, and buried surprises create opportunities for injuries from minor to severe.



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I don't mean to point out flaws or play OSHA, only to reiterate the need for safety. My position has exposed me to stories of superintendents and staff that have fallen off ladders (with and without chainsaws), chainsaw accidents, wood chipper accidents, and so on. Hopefully you get the point. Staff exposure and training on mowing equipment is often extensive, with many follow-up hours of operation to reinforce proper use. The off season brings different hazards with sporadic use intervals that can only add to the potential for injury.

This is the season for all in the golf industry to enjoy more time with family and friends. Please be safe, so they get to enjoy you in one piece too.

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The latest addition to the GCSAA communications vehicles are the GCSAA Regional Pages. The regional pages feature several dynamic elements including a field staff blog, member transitions, regional forums and resources relevant to members right here in the Northeast Region.

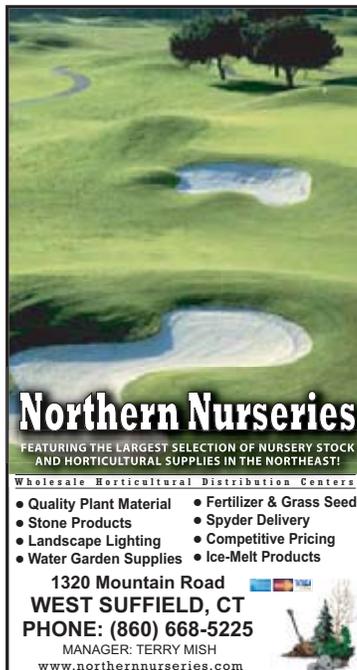
Chapter Educational Funding Program:

Arysta LifeScience has developed a pilot program, which they are rolling out to all of the Northeast local chapters of the GCSAA. Arysta LifeScience will be donating up to 2% of all gross sales back to the local associations for educational expenses. Look for details of the program soon, and be sure to help your chapter help you!

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- Nov. 7: My Best Feature is Fairways
 - Nov. 14: Planning for Replacement-How Long Does This Stuff Last?
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 - Dec. 12: Use Microsoft OneNote to Stay Organized
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