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CONNECTICUT ASSOCIATION OF GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENTS EARNS NATIONAL AWARD FOR ADVOCACY EFFORTS

The Connecticut Association of Golf Course Superintendents (CAGCS) was selected to receive the 2013 Excellence in Government Relations Award from the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA).

The award will be presented at the 2013 GCSAA Education Conference at the Opening Session, presented in partnership with Syngenta, Feb. 6. The conference (Feb. 4-8) was held in conjunction with the Golf Industry Show (Feb. 6-7) at the San Diego Convention Center.

"The Connecticut Association of Golf Course Superintendents is to be congratulated for its successful efforts in demonstrating the stewardship of its members," GCSAA President Sandy Queen, CGCS, said. "The chapter was able to lobby effectively because it was organized, created key messages and

developed the appropriate relationships. I also commend Connecticut government officials for their willingness to work with the chapter in creating a win-win for all parties involved."

Beginning in 2010, the CAGCS began working tirelessly to demonstrate that Connecticut's Department of Energy and Environmental Protection (DEEP) should exempt golf courses from newly proposed stream flow standards and regulations that would bring significant financial hardship to golf facilities in the state. The basis for such an exemption was the implementation of the "Best Management Practices for Golf Course Water Use" by all golf courses in the state.

CAGCS, a GCSAA-affiliated chapter, benefited from a relationship with DEEP formed previously when working together to create the "Best Management

Practices for Golf Course Water Use." The CAGCS utilized an economic impact study compiled by the Connecticut State Golf Association, which analyzed the state-wide influence of the golf industry, demonstrated the importance of the industry on the state and local level, and showed how the proposed regulations could negatively affect golf course operations in the form of course closings and jobs lost.

As part of a multi-year advocacy effort to craft practical public policy for golf courses in Connecticut, a total of 68 CAGCS members provided written testimony to state representatives urging them to reject the stream flow standards and regulations originally proposed. Eleven CAGCS members provided verbal testimony at a series of DEEP public hearings on the issue.

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GCSAA Industry Show - San Diego, CA - EGR Award - Pictured: l to r - Peter Gorman, Marc Weston, CGCS, Donald Beck, Mark Mansur, John Garcia, Eric Morrison, CGCS, Scott Ramsay, CGCS

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Mark Mansur

When we become members in associations like the GCSAA and the CAGCS, it was considered that we join because it was the right thing to do. However, today, when we consider joining professional organizations, it's based more on value and what will be the return on our "investment".

The GCSAA has made their mark on promoting membership through advancement and advocating. They offer tools and resources that help effectively manage your facilities, keep you connected with an industry of colleagues, promote your career, and help educate and manage a better work life balance.

Just like the GCSAA, the Connecticut Association of Golf Course Superintendents emulates those membership qualities. As a member of the CAGCS, you have the ability to network with colleagues and share ideas pertinent to your needs. The CAGCS also provides a platform that can provide you the opportunity to become involved outside of your own facility. Whether it's a position on the board of directors, providing assistance on an association committee, testifying at the State Capitol on industry issues that are subject to legislation, or volunteering your time in some benevolent manner, the choice is yours.

As a member of the CAGCS, the value of your investment is made known through all of the effort and hard work put forth by many volunteers and those who have been involved at the board level over many years. Golf meetings, winter seminars, testimony at the State Capitol, and partnership with UCONN Turfgrass Science are some of the initiatives that the association concentrates its efforts. However, the real value is what you put into it as a member. In the March issue of Golf Course Industry magazine,

Bruce Williams writes an excellent piece on association involvement. He illustrates that there is a time commitment, but at the end of the day, a valuable investment takes time.

And speaking of time, we certainly welcome Springtime! As all of our schedules start to fill up with industry wide events, I would like to remind everyone that on Wednesday, May 1, there will be "Golf Industry Day" at the State Capitol in Hartford. We will be set up in the Capitol Building itself - a much more spacious and impressive location than the tunnel hallway that we used last year. As well, Legislature will be in session, and we've been told by our Representative friends that by doing this on the first Wednesday in May (in the Capitol itself) we should have greater visibility and more actual contact with legislators than we did last year. If you were an "exhibitor" in 2012, please plan on joining us again this year. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the CAGCS office.

Wishing everyone a prosperous start to the 2013 golf season!

All the best,
Mark

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In 2012, DEEP also proposed a ban on all fertilizers containing phosphorus to any established lawns, including golf courses. After presenting testimony to the state legislature on the importance of phosphorus for turfgrass systems, the CAGCS secured special provisions in the bill that allowed golf course superintendents to continue providing excellent playing conditions to their customers while also protecting the environment.

The CAGCS also worked with other allied state golf associations to host the first annual Connecticut Golf Day in 2012 at the state Capitol building. The event allowed the CAGCS to further demonstrate how its members are environmental stewards aware of issues dealing with a valuable nature resource, and the economic impact golf has on the state.
About GCSAA

GCSAA is a leading golf organization and has as its focus golf course management. Since

1926, GCSAA has been the top professional association for the men and women who manage golf courses in the United States and worldwide. From its headquarters in Lawrence, Kan., the association provides education, information and representation to nearly 18,000 members in more than 72 countries. GCSAA's mission is to serve its members, advance their profession and enhance the enjoyment, growth and vitality of the game of golf. Find GCSAA on Facebook, follow GCSAA on Twitter, and visit GCSAA at www.gcsaa.org. The Environmental Institute for Golf is the philanthropic organization of the GCSAA, and has as its mission to foster sustainability through research, awareness, education, programs and scholarships for the benefit of golf course management professionals, golf facilities and the game. Visit www.eifg.org.

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TURF BOWL 2013: THE MASSACHUSETTS MIRACLE



The 19th annual GCSAA Collegiate Turf Bowl Competition presented in partnership with John Deere took place Thursday morning at GCSAA's Education Conference in San Diego. Two-hundred forty-seven students divided into 68 teams representing 35 schools took part in the competition.

Despite some last-minute review at breakfast, perennial favorite Iowa State fell to fifth place, while University of Massachusetts--Amherst Team No.45 (Peter White, Evan Bradstreet, Kevin Shewmaker, Sean Raposa) ascended to the first-place position earning \$4,000 in prize money and a trip to TPC Sawgrass National Championship courtesy of John Deere. After stunning the field by taking third place in 2010 (UMass had not been in the top 10 in recent memory), teams from UMass went on to take second place in 2011 and third place in 2012 before garnering top honors for 2013.

There was plenty of joy in Amherst and

in San Diego as Professor Pat Vittum embraced the students and her friends, and the students embraced each other. Assistant Professor Michelle Da Costa, who has mentored the student teams over the last few years was unable to attend GIS this year, but she was notified immediately of the team's victory.

The relatively laid-back University of Arkansas team with faculty member Doug

Karcher placed second in the competition. The outright joy of the UMass students and faculty was matched by the two University of Maryland teams who placed third and fourth. The initial announcement of the fourth-place winners was greeted with whoops of joy, but when it was announced that Maryland had also taken third place, the students almost seemed too stunned to respond.



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1st: Team 40, University of Massachusetts--Amherst—Peter White, Evan Bradstreet, Kevin Shewmaker, Sean Raposa

2nd: Team 67, University of Arkansas—Grant Harrison, Nathan Tompkins, Ethan Charles, William Mears

3rd: Team 32, University of Maryland—Josh Malnik, Brian shepard, Roy J. Crow, Ryan Higgins

4th: Team 43, University of Maryland—Justin Patenaude, Scott Hosier, Brian Hogan, Brent Waite

5th: Team 10, Iowa State University—Casey Sheehy, Evan Alderman, Spencer Nelson, Andrew Doyle

6th: Team 20, Rutgers University—Kyle Genova, Nocholas Delmar, Gregory Benz, Kenneth MacNish

7th: Team 11, Cal Poly-Pomona: Robert Micklis, Daniel Schubert, Larry Heath, Raul Martinez

8th: Team 58, Colorado State University—Nick Bovino, Parker Ray, Aaron Paz, Dan Spague

9th: Team 54, Penn State University—Matthew Harvey, Stephen King Jr., Tyler Patton, Will McNeal

10th: Team 8, University of Tennessee—Jacob Reagan, Dalton Wayman, West Mackie, Cory Yurisc.



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To James Costanzo on accepting the position
of Golf Course Superintendent at Crestview
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Condolences

To the family of Charles Rustici, on his
passing on February 14, 2013.

To Keith Ihms, GCSAA Board member, on
the passing of his wife, Anita on February
23, 2013.

To Greg Stent, GCS, on the passing of his
mother, Barbara on March 10, 2013

CAGCS Scholarship Applications!

The deadline for submitting applications
is Friday, May 3, 2013.

Taking Over The Connecticut Capital

The 2nd Annual Golf Industry Day is set
to be conducted on Wednesday, May 1, at
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Joseph Troll Classic – TPC Boston

Mike Wallace past president of our CAGCS and the GCSAA will be honored on May 6th at the Joseph Troll Classic at TPC of Boston with Tom Brodeur hosting. Mike has achieved the highest level in our industry and yet is remarkably grounded and humble. As one of the fellow founding members of The Alumni Turf Group, I have had the opportunity to see first-hand Mike's contributions to our profession. I hope you will join us to recognize Mike's commitment and generosity.

Steve Curry
Alumni Turf Group, President

2013 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

April 29 Monday	STONINGTON COUNTRY CLUB 2 Ball Shamble, PRESENTING PARTNER		Michael Marino, CGCS Host Superintendent
May 1 Wednesday	CONNECTICUT GOLF DAY		
May 6 Monday	JOSEPH TROLL TURF CLASSIC TPC Boston		
May 9 Thursday	RI TURF FOUNDATION GOLF TOURNAMENT Pawtucket Country Club		
May 20 Monday	WATERTOWN GOLF CLUB 2 Person Best Ball, Superintendent/Assistant Tournament President's Cup & McLaughlin Trophy		Paul Bonini, CGCS Host Superintendent
June 17 Monday	FOX HOPYARD GOLF CLUB Low Gross/Net by Flight, 1st Round CAGCS Championship MET Team Championship Qualifier		Richard Marcks, CGCS Shawn Daigle Host Superintendents
July 16 Tuesday	THE GOLF CLUB AT OXFORD GREENS CAGCS Benevolent Fundraiser, Low Gross/Net Blind Partners 2nd Round CAGCS Championship New England Team Championship Qualifier		Bryan Barrington Host Superintendent
August 1 Thursday	UMASS TURF RESEARCH FIELD DAY		
August 25 Sunday	LAKE COMPOUNCE CAGCS Family Day, PRESENTING PARTNER		
October 1 Tuesday	FISHERS ISLAND CLUB CAGCS MEMBER/GUEST PRESENTING PARTNER		Donald Beck Host Superintendent
October 21 Monday	THE HARTFORD GOLF CLUB CAGCS Scholarship & Research Tourn. PRESENTING PARTNER		Jonathan Burke Host Superintendent
October 15 Tuesday	NE TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP Sterling Country Club		
October	Class C Tournament		
November 4 Monday	OLD LYME COUNTRY CLUB 9-Hole Scramble ABCD, CAGCS Annual Meeting		Brian Skelly Host Superintendent
December 4 Wednesday	PATTERSON CLUB MET/CAGCS FALL SEMINAR		



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The Vermont GCSA hosted the first annual "Nor'easter Ski Day" on February 28, 2013 at the Killington Ski Resort in Killington, VT. Golf course superintendents and industry representatives, along with their families came together for a day of camaraderie, powder skiing and competition on the slopes of Vermont. In 1993 members of the Vermont GCSA and the Northeastern GCSA began a friendly rivalry to be held on the slopes of Vermont's ski areas each year. This year, members of both associations decided to open up the event to all the GCS associations throughout the Northeastern US and Canada.

The turnout was fantastic for the inaugural event as over 100 members from the Northeast made the trek to Killington for the day's festivities. The weather gods blessed the event with 12-14 inches of new snow the night before so the skiing was superb! Ironically enough the giant slalom race had to be canceled due to the heavy snowfall the night before. Conditions were deemed unsafe on the course and all racing was halted for the day including the Killington Mountain School program.

That did not stop anyone from having a great day in the fresh powder. The 2013 trophies will be stored until next year's event, so start making plans to join us in 2014! After a great day on the slopes, attendees were treated to an outstanding Après Ski party at the Wobbly Barn on the Killington access road. Killington was very gracious in hosting the group by providing affordable pricing on lodging and highly discounted lift tickets for those who stayed and skied through the weekend!

The Planning Committee, after seeing what a great success the day was, is already working on plans for the 2014 Nor'easter Ski Day. Watch your emails this fall for registration information! The combined ski day is a great way for the golf industry to get together in the off-season, enjoy the outdoors and to build on the unique camaraderie that the industry presents. The ski race will be a team event in which each association fields at least a 6-man team with prizes for individual accomplishments as well as the coveted team "Nor'easter Cup" which was custom built by local superintendents.

This year's Nor'easter Ski Day also served as a fundraising event for fellow superintendent Matt Dutremble of Ardsley C.C. Matt was seriously injured after Hurricane Sandy while cleaning up storm damaged trees on his golf course. Matt is recovering and the funds raised by the attendees will help him and his family get through these difficult times.

The Nor'easter Ski Day was made great, because of the overwhelming support of its sponsors! We would like to thank the following companies for their help in making this event a huge success; Harrell's, Agrium Advanced Technologies, Syngenta, Atlantic Golf & Turf, N.E. Specialty Soils, Valent, Jacobsen, Toro, Sportscapes, Yamaha, Bayer, MTE, Sipcam, Arysta Life Science, Reliable Racing, Grassland Equipment, Fertl Soil, BASF as well as the support of the VTGCSA and NEGCSA.

Hope to see you next winter on the slopes!!!



*Top row: CAGCS Team
Second row: Chris Strong Northeast GCSA, Kevin Komer of VT, Paul Jamrog and Mike Cornicelli from RIGCSA
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The returns are in - at least those via social media outlets - as cyberspace was filled with positive tweets and Facebook posts in regard to the recently completed Golf Course Superintendents Association of America Education Conference, Feb. 4-8, in San Diego.

"While we will certainly get a complete measure from our post-conference surveys, social media feeds have given us a good indication that the education and networking at this year's show was a hit," GCSAA CEO Rhett Evans said. "It is obvious the new programing - plus some excellent headline speakers - along with our traditional offerings met and/or exceeded attendee expectations. We are happy with the response."

A total of 4,560 seminar seats were sold, while thousands more attended complimentary forums, sessions and panel discussions during the week. Subject matter included agronomics, business, environmental management, communications, leadership, technology, and personnel management. The GCSAA Education Conference, held in conjunction with the Golf Industry Show, is the largest educational conference in the turfgrass management industry. Covering all ranges of golf course management,

including agronomics, environmental management, communication and business management information, the conference included more than 100 seminars, as well as numerous education sessions.

"The show was fantastic," said Jim Flett, GCSAA Class A member at Muskoka Lakes Golf & Country Club in Midland, Ontario, Canada. "I enjoyed the education on the trade show floor. It enabled me to get some good information while I was visiting the booths. I've been going to the show for about 10 years and always learn new ideas and meet new people. Certainly a highlight for me this year was the opportunity to play Torrey Pines in the golf championship. I am looking forward to next year in Orlando."

"Exceptional, everything is done first class," said GCSAA Superintendent Member Skip Connolly at TPC Eagle Trace in Pompano Beach, Fla. "The show is very valuable for me as I can get everything I need during the week from education, to networking, to visiting with vendors. The return I get on my investment makes the trip well worth it."

Key issues were voted upon at the association's annual meeting, Feb. 7, including the election of officers and directors, and a dues increase. Patrick R. Finlen, CGCS, director of golf maintenance operations at the Olympic Club in San Francisco since 2002, was chosen president. His election continues a busy schedule for him

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as this past summer he hosted the U.S. Open at the Olympic Club's Lake Course and completed a renovation of its Ocean Course. A graduate of Rockhurst University in Kansas City, Mo., Finlen cut his teeth in the business in Kansas City at Lake Quivira Golf and Country Club, and had stops in Virginia and at the Bayonet and Black Horse Courses in Seaside, Calif.

Keith A. Ihms, CGCS at Country Club of Little Rock (Ark.) was elected vice president, and John J. O'Keefe, CGCS, director of golf course management at Preakness Hills Country Club in Wayne, N.J., was elected secretary/treasurer. Peter J. Grass, CGCS at Hilands Golf Club in Billings, Mont., was re-elected to a two-year term, and Darren J. Davis, GCSAA Class A member at Olde Florida Golf Club in Naples, Fla., was elected to a two-year term after serving a one-year appointment in 2012. Newly elected to the board was John R. Fulling Jr., CGCS at Kalamazoo (Mich.) Country Club.



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A dues increase of \$25 for Class A and Superintendent (SM) members, and \$15 for Class C members passed by a 7,022 to 844 count, or an 88 percent margin. At the request of GCSAA chapter delegates, association dues are reviewed every two years.

Charles Costello, the Class A member at Phoenix (Ariz.) Country Club, took home the GCSAA National Golf Championship, presented in partnership with the Toro Co., with a 36-hole total of 147 (3 over par) at Torrey Pines Golf Course in San Diego. The chapter low net champion was the Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents No. 4 team, and low gross honors went to a team from the Cactus and Pine GCSA. The National Championship was a full field, and the 450 competitors were 100 more than competed last year.

The GCSAA Collegiate Turf Bowl, presented in partnership with John Deere Golf, saw a first-time winner in the University of Massachusetts, comprised of students Peter White, Evan Bradstreet, Kevin Shewmaker and Sean Raposa. The Turf Bowl challenged students from universities/institutions to identify turfgrass species, diseases, weeds, and insects, as well as answer questions on mathematics, growth, and development. The exam also allowed teams to collaborate for the case study portion and submit an essay that addressed business management facets of the golf course superintendent profession, while emphasizing the importance of communication skills, and on irrigation components.

Top awards were given to architect Michael Hurdzan, Ph.D. (2013 Old Tom Morris Award - GCSAA's highest honor); while Ken Mangum, CGCS at Atlanta Athletic Club; Dennis Lyon, CCGS-Retired; and Roch Gaussoin, Ph.D., University of Nebraska, were honored with Col. John Morley Distinguished Service awards. Retired GCSAA member Frank Lamphier was also recognized with a DSA, but was unable to attend the event.

Additional awards were given in the areas of environmental stewardship, advocacy and communications.

- GCSAA / Golf Digest Environmental Leaders in Golf Awards, presented in partnership with Rain Bird and Syngenta, awarded to:
 - o Overall / International: Steven Tierney, MG, Golfpark Nuolen, Wangen, Switzerland
 - o National Private: Matt Shaffer,

- GCSAA Class A, Merion Golf Club, Ardmore, Pa., Philadelphia Association of GCS
- o National Public: John Anderes III, CGCS, Queenstown Harbor Golf Course, Annapolis, Md., Eastern Shore Association of GCS
- o National Resort: Joshua Kelley, GCSAA Class C, The Ritz-Carlton Golf Club at Grande Lakes, Orlando, Fla., Central Florida GCSA
- GCSAA President's Award for Environmental Stewardship, presented to Matt Ceplo, CGCS, Rockland Country Club, Sparkill, N.Y.
- GCSAA Excellence in Government Relations Award, presented to the Connecticut GCSA
- GCSAA Leo Feser Award, presented to Steven Best, GCSAA Class A member, Sky Creek Ranch Golf Club, Keller, Texas (awarded posthumously).



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PLEASE NOTE! Check your local chapters web site for any updates!

Monday, April 8, 2013	Amherst Country Club	Snow Mold Trials	New Hampshire GCSA
Tuesday, April 9, 2013	Maine Golf House, Val Halla	Meeting w/Speaker	Maine GCSA
Tuesday, April 23, 2013	Crestwood Country Club	ABCD Scramble	Rhode Island GCSA
Monday, April 29, 2013	Stonington Country Club	2-Ball Shamble	CAGCS
Monday, April 29, 2013	South Shore Country Club	joint meeting w/GCSANE	GCSA of Cape Cod
Monday, April 29, 2013	South Shore Country Club	joint meeting w/GCSACC	GCSA of New England
Monday, April 29, 2013	Rye Golf Club	Dave Mahoney Two-Ball Champ. Qualifer	Metropolitan GCSA
Monday, May 6, 2013	TPC Boston	10th Annual Joseph Troll Turf Classic	UMASS Alumni Turf Group
Thursday, May 9, 2013	Pawtucket Country Club	RI Turfgrass Tournament	Rhode Island GCSA
Monday, May 13, 2013	Country Club of Pittsfield	monthly meeting	GCSA of New England
Monday, May 13, 2013	Vermont Nationald Golf Course		Vermont GCSA
Wednesday, May 15, 2013	Rochester Country Club	Joint meeting with New Hampshire	Maine GCSA
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Monday, May 20, 2013	Watertown Golf Club	Superintendent/ Assistant Tournament	CAGCS
Monday, May 20, 2013	Warwick Country Club	Memorial Tournament	Rhode Island GCSA
Tuesday, May 21, 2013	Pine Hills Golf Club	Scholarship & Research	GCSA of Cape Cod
Tuesday, June 4, 2013	Green Valley Country Club	Member/Member Tournament	Rhode Island GCSA
Monday, June 10, 2013	Nashawtuc Country Club	Member Guest	GCSA of New England
Tuesday, June 11, 2013	Stonebridge Country Club	Superintendents Invitational-Gold Ball Tourn.	New Hampshire GCSA
Monday, June 17, 2013	Fox Hopyard Golf Club	1st Round CAGCS Champ/MET Team Qualifier	CAGCS
Monday, June 17, 2013	Wee Burn Country Club	Invitational Tournament	Metropolitan GCSA
Tuesday, June 18, 2013	Val Halla Golf Course	Superintendent/Vendor Champ.	Maine GCSA
Monday, June 24, 2013	Country Club at New Seabury		GCSA of Cape Cod
Tuesday, June 25, 2013	Saratoga Nationa Golf Course	joint with NortheastGCSA	Vermont GCSA
Monday, July 1, 2013	Kirkbrae Country Club	RHO-COD Cup - joint meeting	GCSA of Cape Cod
Monday, July 1, 2013	Walpole Country Club	monthly meeting	GCSA of New England
Monday, July 1, 2013	Kirkbrae Country Club	RHO-COD Cup - joint meeting	Rhode Island GCSA
Tuesday, July 16, 2013	The Golf Club at Oxford Greens	Benevolent Fundraiser/2nd Round CAGCS Champ/NE Team Qualifier	CAGCS
Tuesday, July 16, 2013	Pelham Country Club	Nine and Dine Superintendent/Guest	Metropolitan GCSA
Wednesday, July 17, 2013	Fisher Cats Game	Family Fun Night	New Hampshire GCSA
Monday, July 29, 2013	Queeche Club		Vermont GCSA
Monday, August 12, 2013	Marlborough Country Club	Superintendent Championship	GCSA of New England
Tuesday, August 13, 2013	Tin Cup & Driving Range	Stress Buster	Rhode Island GCSA
Thursday, August 15, 2013	Cotuit Highground	FREE-B-QUE	GCSA of Cape Cod
August TBA, 2013	Exeter Country Club	NE Championship Qualifier	New Hampshire GCSA
Tuesday, September 3, 2013	Carnegie Abbey Club	Championship - NE Champs Qualifier	Rhode Island GCSA
Tuesday, September 10, 2013	Pine Grove Springs		New Hampshire GCSA
Wednesday, September 11, 2013	Toddy Brook Golf Course	Scholarship & Research Tournament	Maine GCSA
Tuesday, September 17, 2013	Spook Hill Golf Club	Met Poa Annual/with HVGCSA	Metropolitan GCSA
Wednesday, September 18, 2013	Highland Links/Chequessett Yacht & CC		GCSA of Cape Cod
Monday, September 23, 2013	Essex Country Club	Scholarship & Benevolence Tournament	GCSA of New England
Wednesday, September 25, 2013	Wedgewood Pines Country Club	Assistans Meeting	GCSA of New England
Monday, September 30, 2013	Mountain Ridge Country Club	Met Area Team Championship	Metropolitan GCSA
September TBA, 2013	Okemo Valley Golf Course	Trade Show	Vermont GCSA
Tuesday, October 1, 2013	Fishers Island Club	Member/Guest	CAGCS
Tuesday, October 1, 2013	Black Rock Country Club	Pro-Superintendent event	
Monday, October 7, 2013	The Ledges Golf Club		GCSA of New England
Monday, October 7, 2013	Potowomut Golf Club	Scholarship & Research Tournament	Rhode Island GCSA
Tuesday, October 8, 2013	Wentworth by the Sea	Scholarship & Research Tournament	New Hampshire GCSA
Tuesday, October 15, 2013	Sterling National Country Club	New England Superintendent Championship	
Tuesday, October 15, 2013	Purpoodock Club	Fall Education & Golf Meeting	Maine GCSA
Thursday, October 17, 2013	Rhode Island Country Club	Championship Tournament	GCSA of Cape Cod
Monday, October 21, 2013	The Hartford Club	Scholarship & Research Tournament	CAGCS
Monday, October 28, 2013	Newport Country Club	Superintendent/Assistant Tournament	Rhode Island GCSA
October, 2013		Class C Tournament	CAGCS
October TBA, 2013	Green Mountain National Golf Course	Annual Meeting	Vermont GCSA
Monday, November 4, 2013	Old Lyme Country Club	Annual Meeting	CAGCS
Monday, November 4, 2013	Milton-Hoosic Club	Milton-Hoosic Club	GCSA of New England
Tuesday, November 5, 2013	Pease Golf Course	Annual Meeting	New Hampshire GCSA
Wednesday, November 6, 2013	Crosswinds Golf Club		GCSA of Cape Cod
Tuesday, December 3, 2013	Portland Country Club	Annual Meeting	Maine GCSA
Tuesday, December 10, 2013	Holiday Inn, Concord, NH	Annual Meeting/Education Day	New Hampshire GCSA
Thursday, December 12, 2013	White Cliffs Country Club	Annual Meeting	GCSA of Cape Cod