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SEE WHAT'S NEW WITH UCONN TURFGRASS RESEARCH: UCONN TURFGRASS FIELD DAY: TUESDAY JULY 15, 2014

Come see current research in turf management and pest control designed and conducted for Connecticut's environmental conditions. The UCONN Turfgrass Program invites you to participate in this year's field day at the Plant Science Research Farm in Storrs. UCONN's turf faculty provide expertise in a variety of disciplines providing attendees the opportunity to learn about diverse research studies; all of which provide information targeted to improve management of turf in the Northeast. Moreover, you are encouraged to walk the plots to see for yourself what works and what doesn't; a hallmark of field days that can't be duplicated online or in winter educational seminars. Local distributors will also be exhibiting with their equipment and products for you to learn more about.

This year's event will feature research on:

- Anthracnose management
- Summer patch management
- Dollar spot control

- Fungicide efficacy trials
- Biological white grub control
- Fairway renovation strategies
- Organic athletic field management
- Weed control with minimum risk pesticides
- Decision tools to guide nitrogen fertility
- Cultivar evaluations

The agenda for the day will begin with time to visit regional exhibitors and a light breakfast, followed by guided research talks with UCONN faculty. After a barbeque lunch, we will offer an afternoon program (1:30 to 3:00 pm; separate registration required) with the option of participating in one of three pest management workshops.

• New Technologies for Water and Nutrient Management – Guillard & Rackliffe
This workshop will discuss and demonstrate the use of commercially-available sensing and GPS technologies and how they can be used for irrigation and nutrient management.

• Turfgrass Disease Identification and Management Walking Tour – Inguagiato
Review signs and symptoms of common turfgrass diseases, and discuss current cultural and chemical controls with examples from UCONN fungicide efficacy trials

• Use of Beneficial Nematodes for Insect Pest Management – LeGrand

This hands-on workshop will review the biology, species selection, handling and application of nematodes employed for insect pest management.

In addition to keeping up with the latest research, attendees can also see and hear about new products from local vendors, and network with other turf managers. Pesticide and GCSAA certification credits will be available for

attendees. The timing of this event can present challenges for those during trying summers. However, this date has intentionally



FIELD DAY • July 15, 2014

been selected to coincide with stressful summer conditions when treatment differences are most apparent in the research trials. While leaving the property at this time may be difficult, it is also the most advantageous time to view the research. We hope you can make it this year, and we look forward to seeing you on Tuesday, July 15 at the Plant Science Research Farm in Storrs, CT. For registration information visit www.uconn.turf.edu.

- John Inguagiato, Ph.D., Assistant Professor, Turfgrass Pathology.



"Looking forward to seeing you at the UCONN Filed Day on July 15th." – Gordie

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Donald Beck

The President's Message

As we wind up our spring projects and settle into our normal routines, I encourage everyone to take a few minutes and thank your staff for all that they do. We are all only as good as the crew around us and as the season winds on it is often easy to overlook the people that do the little jobs such as raking bunkers, mowing banks, weed whacking, etc.. Every job our staff does, no matter how large or small, is a reflection of us and is important in the eyes of the golfer. A few words of encouragement or a simple thank you can go a long way to ease the burden of the boring, monotonous jobs and help lead to an enjoyable season.

I also encourage everyone to make time in their busy schedules to attend some of our upcoming monthly meetings. Taking time to attend meetings is perfect way to get away from your club for a day to network with your peers and maybe pickup an idea or two to bring back to your facility. The way I have been hitting the ball this year I will be looking for some great ideas out of the long rough!

Here's to a successful 2014 season,

Donnie

Well like it or not, we are off and running and another season is underway. Hopefully everyone is recovering nicely after a long hard winter and a cooler than normal spring. It is hard to believe but Memorial Day is already right around the corner and the dog days of summer will be soon to follow. Hopefully this summer will be less stressful than the last few, but either way at some point this summer we will all look back and wish the cool spring held on a little longer.

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KEVIN'S CORNER

Are you hiding from positive feedback? Seems like a silly question doesn't it? But positive feedback seems to be a foreign concept in the golf course superintendent profession. Sometimes these kind verbal phrases are referred to as compliments. Maybe you have heard of them?

Sarcasm aside now, let me explain my opening question. As I communicate more directly with GCSAA members, I am often amazed by the lack of accessibility of superintendents on facility websites. The GCSAA database contains some information regarding you as members, but has hardly any details about your facilities. I typically find the facility on the web for general background information, including items such as accessibility (public/private), directions, or small course details. Inevitably I will try and find the superintendent on the website. I have found that there are surprisingly few superintendents even mentioned. Managers, club staff, golf pros, as well as others, are often prominently displayed, but not the superintendent. So I did a small study.

I looked up five members randomly from three chapters (Rhode Island, Cape Cod, New England), and went to their facility's website. I looked for a mention of the superintendent and direct contact information. I found that the superintendent was mentioned by name on seven of 15 websites. I also found three of the 15 had direct contact information for the superintendent. Surprising? In addition, four websites had direct contact information for multiple staff members, but not the superintendent!

Back to the opening question: Are you hiding from positive feedback? I think we have answered the first part with the above (very unscientific) study. It was a small sample size, but clearly it is hard for the general public to reach the superintendent. What about the positive feedback part? Well, let's face it; if someone has a negative comment it will be directed to anyone and everyone. It will undoubtedly get back to you no matter how difficult you are to contact. But what if someone has a compliment about the course or for you? If your contact information is readily available, they can send it directly to you. I suppose they could use a general contact for the club. Do you think you would receive that message?

Think about the communication tools available at your club, especially the website. Consider how they are affecting the flow of information, including potential positive feedback from golfers, guests or others. Advocate for yourself and, if needed, increase your level of self-promotion on the facility website. Perhaps you might happen upon some of those compliment things I mentioned earlier!

GCSAA Resources and Deadlines Looking to advance your career and achieve the next personal goal? GCSAA offers a professional certification program that enables golf course superintendents to be recognized for their high level of achievement in golf course management. The professional designation, Certified Golf Course Superintendent (CGCS), is bestowed upon those who voluntarily meet the stringent

requirements. Check out the webcast series to see if Certification is right for you: *You Get Cool Stuff Already from your Association*

New! Certification 101 webcast series:

- Certification: Is It For You?
- Working Toward Certification Eligibility
- Completing a Self-Assessment
- Portfolio
- Examination
- Golf Course Attesting

GCSAA Grassroots Network - Building our Grassroots Army Advocacy is one of the most powerful ways to impact public policy and you as CAGCS members know that! Successful association advocacy and lobbying efforts depend upon establishing strong relationships with elected officials. Ad hoc advocacy makes it hard to build strong, long-term relationships with elected officials and have a positive impact on policy decisions.

SIGN UP FOR GREENS & GRASSROOTS The "Greens & Grassroots" monthly e-newsletter provides you the latest updates on public policy issues that have the potential to impact the day-to-day operations of golf facilities. Sign Up

The GCSAA Grassroots Network is a new, dedicated group of GCSAA members who want to engage in the association's government relations efforts.

Being part of the GCSAA Grassroots Network gives you the opportunity to:

- Learn about legislative and regulatory issues affecting the golf course management profession
- Learn about GCSAA's advocacy activities
- Actively participate in the association's government relations efforts
- Communicate with your legislators about issues critical to the golf industry
- Learn about upcoming GCSAA Grassroots Network events
- Become part of a movement standing up for the golf course management profession and golf industry

Individuals in the GCSAA Grassroots Network also have the opportunity to serve as a GCSAA Grassroots Ambassador. GCSAA will give its Grassroots Ambassadors personalized training on building relationships with Members of Congress.

Americans With Disabilities Accessible Golf Survey Class A, SM, C and Associate GCSAA members: Please complete the Accessible Golf Assessment developed by the National Alliance for Accessible Golf and facilitated by the PGA of America research department. Information gathered will help the golf industry better understand current ADA programming and accessibility at U.S. golf facilities, and identify resources to help with ADA accommodation. Linked here: Participate in ADA Accessible Golf Assessment survey by June 1

Leo Feser Award Are you doing something unique at your course that your colleagues would enjoy hearing about, or might benefit from? Why not write about it! The Leo Feser Award is presented annually to a GCSAA member superintendent in recognition of the best superintendent-written article in Golf Course Management magazine. This award is based on articles written for issues published in July of the previous year through June of the following year. All member superintendents who have an article printed in the magazine are automatically eligible for this award. The award is presented at the annual Golf Industry Show.

Upcoming FREE webcasts:

- May 28: PGR 101 - Back to the Basics (presented by Syngenta)

Again, if I can be of any assistance, please feel free to contact me.

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NERTF 2014-A TIME FOR PREPARATION

By Gary Sykes

The 17th New England Regional Turfgrass Conference and Show took place at the Rhode Island Convention Center in Providence March 3-6. More than 1700 attendees arrived over the 4-days to take advantage of education, trade show and networking opportunities. Sunday's threatening snow storm steered toward the south and left just a dusting. What was looking serious in the middle of the week, did it's dumping in the Midwest and mid-Atlantic areas. Thank you Snow Gods for sparing us! Speakers and attendees had little trouble traveling to Providence Sunday and Monday. More than 400 seats in a variety of seminar topics that offered attendees choices for good information to apply to their planned activities in the upcoming year. Crowds were thick in some seminars and those numbers added to Tuesday's busy buzz.

Weather continued to be on our side Tuesday and numbers were up as sessions had really good crowds. One negative note was the line to receive your badge holders was longer than is acceptable. We realize that was inconvenient and will fix that for 2015! Comments concerning the education program were very positive and we appreciate everyone who made suggestions for speakers and topics and especially those who made presentations. Thanks go out to local

sports turf manager David Mellor from Fenway Park for sharing a very personal presentation about his career and life's experiences. Adding to David's presence was the 2013 World Series Trophy that made a surprise visit Tuesday afternoon. I hope you got your picture with it! What an incredible year the Red Sox must follow-up, and try they will, and like grass a lot of things have to go right to have another successful year. Each year is different. Spring training and planning will help as they take a game at a time, with grass you must take a day at a time and sometimes less.

When we come in on Wednesday we find carts of donuts and coffee welcoming the early groups looking forward to a full day of education and trade show time. With 4 tracks in the morning loads of information is flowing. Matt Shaffer of Merion Golf Club fulfilled expectations of those wanting to hear more about the 2013 US Open. The day long trade show opened with good numbers keeping exhibitors busy. As speakers shared their knowledge that could fuel future management strategies this coming spring, exhibitors also showed attendees what options are available in their products. There is much to consider as we plan for a new year and the show gives us opportunities to look into these options, learn new ones and bounce ideas off others within the industry. If you take advantage of all that the show offers, it could help to make your efforts successful. As we wound down Wednesday with our 10th annual



live auction and reception in the OMNI, we wish to thank everyone who contributed and those that bid on a nice wide variety of donated items. We especially thank Danny and Manny for their efforts that have made very close to \$200,000 for turf research since 2005 with the auction.

As we approach the end of the show with education and an opportunity to visit the exhibit hall on Thursday we must express appreciation to all exhibitors, sponsors, presenters and support staff for the all-out effort that goes into an event such as this. You are part of an industry that continues to be challenged and that challenges your individual effort. Planning is an important component toward your success. The idea of trade shows when they first started was to share information, products and ideas to aid in future planning. I hope you took time to utilize your planning opportunity at this year's show. Remember these few words shared by a good friend to the industry to me that reminds me of the importance of our trade show and conference: Perfect Planning Prevents Poor Performance. I hope you will use the trade show to help perfect your planning. Good luck this spring, throughout the upcoming season and please plan on being in Providence January 26-29, 2015!

The NERTF would like to thank all participants of our conference and show, all the exhibitors including those that contributed to our 10th Annual Live Auction and especially our 2014 sponsors:

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ANOTHER BIG VICTORY FOR BUBBA AND TURFGRASS RESEARCH

How can you not love a guy who goes to the local "Wafflehouse" to celebrate winning the Masters! Go Bubba, Go! He played the final round like a kid living a dream. Just about every shot he hit seemed to bring him closer to his destiny. Our Tee-Up New England Auction began just hours after Bubba finished his waffles. Turfgrass research and Bubba are similar.... they are both good for the game! With the close of the auction on Monday, March 21, as marathoners quietly crossed the finish line in Boston, the final auction bidding intensified as the 3rd successful Tee-Up New England event that will help to benefit turfgrass research in New England concluded. More than 9000 views of the auction website were recorded and 100+ bidders registered in an attempt to purchase rounds of golf for the 2014 playing season during the auction week. More than \$20,400 was raised by the auction (a new high). Most lots were foursomes (w/ carts) and bids went as high as \$700 at Wannamoisett Country Club with the average bid of \$226/course. Traffic on the website increased most likely through exposure from advertising on the radio (WEEI) and in print in N.E. Golf Monthly. New England State Golf Associations also supported the initiative and helped to spread the word among golfers by getting the information to their members electronically. Tee-up New England is starting to become a recognized opportunity to purchase rare rounds of golf at premier private facilities along with some bargains for the more accessible facilities throughout New England.

We thank all 87 contributors to the auction. A new donation this year was a "Golden Passport to N.E. Golf" booklet from our friends in the New England Golf Course Owners Association that included free twosomes and foursomes from 34 different facilities. It went for more money than its retail price! Adult /Youth packages at MGA Links and range balls at Button Hole were donated and auctioned. All facilities are welcomed to participate. We wish to also thank all New England chapters and their members for contributing, supporting and spreading the word about Tee-Up New England. The plan is to expand the effort to more and more courses over the next couple of years, to increase research funding opportunities and to get new players out on your courses! I think we can agree that all courses can afford to donate a foursome to help build the industry through research! I hope you will plan to participate in 2015!

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Chris and Matt Guilmette on accepting the position of Golf Course Superintendent at Goodwin Park GC in Hartford, CT.

Ronnie Beck on accepting the position of Golf Course Superintendent at Cedar Ridge GC in East Lyme, CT.

Matt Hogan on accepting the position of Golf Course Superintendent at Willow Brook Golf Course.

Condolences

To Marc Muhlack, Old Lyme Country Club and family on the passing of his mother, Lorraine on March 27, 2014.

To Jim Santoro, NuFarm, and family on the passing of his sister Maryellen Meehan on April 18, 2014.

To Mark Mansur, Wintonbury Hills Golf Course and family on the passing of his father Gary Mansur on May 12, 2014.

UMASS - WORKSHOPS

BROADLEAF WEED IDENTIFICATION WORKSHOP

Event date/time: Tuesday, June 10, 2014 - 9:00am to 3:00pm

Place: UMass Amherst - French Hall
Correct weed identification is an important first step in the development of an effective weed management program. Using a classroom presentation, potted weed herbarium and weed walk, UMass Extension Specialist Randy Probstak will help participants enhance their broadleaf weed identification skills. Feel free to bring a weed or two to identify. Workshop held rain or shine (lunch not provided). Grassy Weed Identification will be offered next in 2015.

Registration Cost \$95/ person (pre-registration required, space is limited).

Credits

- 5 pesticide contact hours for categories 36, 37 and Applicators License available; valid for equivalent categories in all New England states
- MCLP, MCH and AOLCP credits have been requested

For more information and to register visit - <http://extension.umass.edu/turf/events/broadleaf-weed-identification-workshop>

IDENTIFICATION OF TURF DAMAGING DISEASES WORKSHOP

Event Date: Tuesday, July 29, 2014

Time: 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Location: UMass Amherst Campus Center & UMass Joseph Troll Turf Research Center, South Deerfield, MA

Accurate identification of turf damaging pests is the first step toward effective, integrated management. Knowing the target pest is key to understanding the biology and life cycle, determining threshold levels for damage, and

making informed and responsible control decisions. UMass Turf Pathologist Geunhwa Jung will lead this session focusing on the identification of turf disease pathogens common in the Northeast. Diseases covered will include patch diseases, root diseases, stress diseases, dollar spot, snow molds, anthracnose, red thread and rusts. Lecture material will be coupled with examination of turf in the field, and IPM considerations and resistance management will be highlighted.

Up to 4 pesticide re-certification contact hours have been requested for all New England states, as have education credits for various professional turf certifications. Pre-registration is required as space is limited. The registration deadline is July 25, 2014.

For more information and to register visit: <http://extension.umass.edu/turf/events/diseaseid>

2014 TRAVELERS CHAMPIONSHIP JUNE 16 - JUNE 22, 2014

CAGCS has tickets available through its Par Package to the Travelers Championship. For members who wish to attend the tournament you can pick up tickets at the "Will Call" office. In order to pick up your credentials, all guests will be required to show a photo ID. The tickets are in a package marked CAGCS.

There is a limited amount of tickets & parking passes. They are good for Wednesday-Sunday, June 18-22, 2014 and only for the day you attend.

**GCSAA Class A, SM, A Life members can use their GCSAA membership card to get into tournament. Go to check-in booth to get your ticket.

A Tremendous Success

At Old Oaks Country Club, site of the 10th annual Joseph Troll Classic, Dr. Patricia Vittum was honored for her enduring contributions for turf students, superintendents and research. Pat's impact on our industry and many of our successes as individuals and a whole, made easy the decision to be the tenth honoree joining Joseph Troll, Sherwood Moore, Ted Horton, Geoffrey Cornish, George Thompson, Leon St. Pierre, Don Hearn, Bill Spence and Mike Wallace. Great Company! Thank you to all our sponsors and participants, a full field, we were able to donate \$20,000 that night to support turf research and education. Old Oaks thanks especially to Mark Millet and all the staff was a perfect venue for our tenth and the course was superb.



Steve Goodwin presents Pat Vittum a Norman Rockwell print, symbolic of the honoree's award each year. Photo by Shawn Barry



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HOLD ON TO THOSE ROOTS

By Jim Skorulski, senior agronomist, Northeast Region, May 24, 2012

The season is progressing nicely to date and I believe most managers are happy with the state of their turf as the beginning of summer approaches. The rooting I have observed in putting greens has generally been good in well-managed soil- and sand-based greens. But then again that is what we expect to see in late May with optimal soil temperatures and no extraneous events. It is critical to create optimal conditions for root development in spring, and equally important to do whatever possible to maintain that root mass as long into summer as possible. This can be very challenging, and at times impossible, with annual bluegrass greens.

The decline of root systems in greens usually begins at some point in June, after annual bluegrass has completed seeding, soil temperatures begin to climb, and maintenance intensity increases. A gradual transition to the summer heat allows the annual bluegrass some opportunity to reestablish its energy reserves and continue to produce new roots or at least retain the roots it has. A fast blast of heat in late May and early June often spells trouble for annual bluegrass and a long summer for managers. There are other factors that will impact rooting at this critical time of the season. Here are few to consider:

- Keep the height of cut as high as possible for as long as possible. Maintain regular light topdressing, use a rolling program, and utilize growth regulators to provide pace and smoothness while maximizing leaf tissue for sun absorption. Golfers and managers need to realize there are limits to when and how hard the turf can "pushed." Know and respect your limits.
- Research has shown that shaded turf will not be able to produce the same level of energy and as a result its root mass will be 50-60 percent less than turf growing in full sun.
- Water management is critical. Strongly consider adding a moisture meter to your tool chest if you do not already have one. There is no better means to monitor soil moisture and gain understanding as to how your greens dry down and the turf reacts to different levels of soil moisture. The meters can help you determine when, where and how much water is required.
- Less invasive forms of cultivation can be beneficial for retaining roots longer into summer. The use of needle tines, small diameter star tines, and water injection can help to maintain gas exchange in the root zone and create more favorable growing conditions. However, all of these practices are disruptive to the roots to some degree so it is best to use them when weather conditions are favorable. Do not force the issue if your turf is already very weakly rooted.
- Be on the lookout for root pathogens that can slowly impact roots. Certain species of Pythium can infect roots and cause a significant amount of decline. Often the symptoms are not readily apparent until the summer heat arrives and at that point it is too late. Summer patch treatments are underway at many golf courses. Work with a pathologist to monitor for spring and early summer root pathogens, especially if annual bluegrass is the predominant species.
- Parasitic nematodes are becoming more frequent pests of annual bluegrass and creeping bentgrass on putting greens in New England. Parasitic nematodes by themselves will not kill putting green turf. But the high populations already being reported are causing damage and place an additional level of stress on root systems. Now is the time to sample your greens if you suspect a potential problem. Stunt, lance and root knot nematodes are the usual suspects. A composite sample taken from across the green is preferred but a cup cutter sample collected from a weakened area will also work. Unfortunately, there are few effective control options available to managers in New England. Those golf courses that are supporting high populations of nematodes need to take an even more conservative maintenance approach with an emphasis on producing more roots that can sustain the turf under the higher nematode feeding pressures.
- Creeping bentgrass is the grass of choice for golf courses in the northeastern part of the country. The plant's ability to produce deeper and more vigorous roots makes it the most desirable species. Any means to encourage the establishment and spread of bentgrass will make life in the summer and winter months much easier for golfers and turf managers in New England.

Enjoy the final few days of spring. I think most will fondly remember the spring of 2012 as being kind and producing good growing conditions. Now we can only hope for a smooth transition into summer. We hope to see many of you in our travels and wish you all deep and vigorous rooting in the summer ahead.

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APRIL MEETING RESULTS, NORWICH GOLF COURSE, APRIL 28, 2014

Two Man Shamble
Two Man Team Qualifying

- 1st Gross - 129** John Gallagher, Race Brook CC
Peter Bly, Brooklawn CC
- 2nd Gross - 133** Mike Dukette, Harrell's
Jon Charpinsky, GC of Avon
- 3rd Gross - 134** Kevin Collins, Tradition GC at Wallingford
John Parmelee, Indian Springs GC
- 1st Net - 154** Jud Smith, Orange Hills CC
Sean Flynn, Great River GC
- 2nd Net - 155** Steve LaMesa, MGC Developers, LLC
John Callahan, The Cardinals
- 3rd Net - 156** Bruce Morse, Norwich GC
Anthony Grosso, Mohegan Sun CC at Pautipaug

Longest Drive – Jud Smith, Orange Hills CC
Closets to the line #11 – Mike Cornicelli, A-OK Turf Equip.
Longest Putt #13– 29'10" Heather Garvin, Hart Seed Co.
Longest Putt-#15 – 27'7" Keith Angilly, Mill River CC
Closest to the Pin #9 – 8' Eric DeStefano, Twin Hills CC
Closest to the Pin #13 – 15" Heather Garvin, Hart Seed Co.
Closest to the Pin# 15 – 4'5" John Gallagher, Race Brook CC
Closest to the Pin #18 – 6'6" Eric DeStefano, Twin Hills CC



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MAY MEETING RESULTS PEQUABUCK GOLF CLUB MAY 22, 2014

2 Person Best Ball
Superintendent / Assistant Tournament
President's Cup & McLaughlin Trophy

FLIGHT A SUPERINTENDENT/ ASSISTANT

- 1st Gross - 73**
Kevin Collins, Traditions GC at Wallingford
Tyler Sears, Traditions GC at Wallingford
- 2nd Gross - 77**
Mike McDermott, Twin Hills CC
Eric DeStefano, Twin Hills CC
- 1st Net - 61**
Al Adaskaveg, Rockledge GC
Timothy Nadeau, Rockledge GC

2nd Net - 65
John Napier, Stanley Golf Club
Kevin DeVaux, Stanley Golf Club

FLIGHT B

- 1st Gross - 72 mc**
Ward Weischet, John Deere Golf
Eric Morrison, CGCS, Shennecossett GC
- 2nd Gross - 72 mc**
John Parmelee, Indian Springs GC
Michael Sullivan, E. Gaynor Brennan Municipal GC
- 1st Net - 62**
Melissa Gugliotti, Syngenta
Jonathan Charpinsky, CC of Avon
- 2nd Net - 64**
Marc Osborn, Steven Willand Inc.
Steven Loughran, Rock Ridge CC

SKILL PRIZES:

Longest Putt #1- 8'2" Tom DeVaux, Hunter GC
Longest Putt #14 – 18'6" Tom DeVaux, Hunter GC

Longest Drive #9: Daryl Aresco, Borough of Fenwick
Closest to the Line: Jason St. Louis, Colonial Seed Company

Closest to Pin #4 - 20'8" Tyler Sears, Traditions GC at Wallingford
Closest to Pin #6 - 7'10" Tom DeVaux, Hunter GC
Closest to Pin #10 – 8'4" Tom Keslow, guest
Closest to Pin #16 – 11'10" Gary DePaola, Hunter GC

Presidents Cup Winner – 76 - Steven Loughran, Rock Ridge GC
McLaughlin Trophy Winner – 68 - Ward Weischet, John Deere Golf

2014 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

June 10 Tuesday	COUNTRY CLUB OF WOODBRIDGE Low Gross/Net by Flight, 1st Round CAGCS Championship MET Team Championship Qualifier PRESENTING PARTNER:		Dennis Petruzzelli, CGCS Host Superintendent
July 15 Tuesday	UCONN FIELD DAY		
July 22 Tuesday	FAIRVIEW FARMS GOLF COURSE CAGCS Benevolent Fundraiser, Low Gross/Net Blind Partners 2nd Round CAGCS Championsh, New England Team Championship Qualifier, PRESENTING PARTNER:		Scott Neumann Host Superintendent
August 24 Sunday	LAKE COMPOUNCE CAGCS Family Day		
September 8 Monday	THE COURSE AT YALE CTEC Golf Tournament		Scott Ramsay, CGCS Host Superintendent
September 9 Tuesday	GREAT RIVER GOLF CLUB CAGCS MEMBER/GUEST		Sean Flynn Host Superintendent
September 29	THE PHILADELPHIA COUNTRY CLUB 35th Annual MET Team Championship		Mike McNulty Host Superintendent
October 6 Monday	FARMINGTON WOODS C.C. CAGCS Scholarship & Research Tournament PRESENTING PARTNER:		Gregory Bradley Host Superintendent
October 7 Tuesday	WAMPANOAG COUNTRY CLUB Class C Tournament		Greg Stent Host Superintendent
October 7 Tuesday	OMNI MT. WASHINGTON RESORT New England Superintendent Championship		Dave Ousterhout Host Superintendent
November 11 Tuesday	PINE ORCHARD YACHT & C.C. 9-Hole Scramble ABCD, CAGCS Annual Meeting PRESENTING PARTNER:		Peter Gorman Host Superintendent
December 4 Thursday	J. TIMOTHY'S TAVERNE CAGCS Christmas Party PRESENTING PARTNER:		
Jan 13, 2015	CAGCS WINTER SEMINAR		
Jan 26-29, 2015	NE REGIONAL TURFGRASS CONFERENCE		
Feb 23-26, 2015	GCSAA INDUSTRY SHOW San Antonio, TX		



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**CTEC END OF 2014
LEGISLATIVE SESSION
SUMMARY**

Throughout the 2014 legislative session CTEC tracked 27 proposed bills; of the 27 nine had to do with pesticides. The session ended on May 7 with all four bills that would have expanded the ban on pesticides not passing, ending the session with no new restrictions on pesticide use, a very successful session for CTEC and its allies.

Thank you to all of you who emailed or called legislators, responded to media requests and reached out to your customers. It takes all of us being engaged in the session to make our voices heard.

Four bills regarding pesticides were of particular interest:

HB5330 - An Act Concerning the Application of Pesticides at Parks, Playgrounds, Athletic Fields and Municipal Greens.

Expanded the ban of pesticides on school grounds from grades K-12, expanded ban to include municipal parks, athletic fields and municipal greens. During public hearings the bill was amended by a request by President Pro Tempore Senator Don Williams to include language that would ban the sale and growing of GMO grass seed. In a significant vote for CTEC, the Public Health Committee voted 12 yes -13 no, the bipartisan vote killing the bill in committee. CTEC lobbied hard to kill the bill, before the final vote the vote count was 9 yes, 8 no. Representative Ziobron (Colchester, East Haddam, East Hampton) was especially helpful.

Voting No with CTEC were:

Senators Welch and Kane, Representatives Srinivasan, Alexander, Betts, Cook, Davis, Klarides, Perillo,

Riley, Sayers, Ziobron and Zoni.

SB68 - An Act Authorizing the Use of Certain Microbial and Biochemical Pesticides and Grub Control Products on School Grounds.

Commonly referred to "the grub bill" allowed for certain EPA registered products to be used on school grounds and athletic fields. The bill was amended by Senator Meyers to include the GMO language supported by Senator Williams, the bill was passed out of the Environment Committee, moved to Planning and Development Committee where it was held and not voted on.

SB 443 - An Act Concerning Pesticides on School Grounds, Parks, Playgrounds, Athletic Fields and Municipal Greens and Banning The Sale and Use of the Genetically Engineered Lawn or Turf Seeds.

Speaker of the House Brendon Sharkey made it clear he did not want pesticide &/or GMO legislation heard on the house floor. When the bill reached the House, he immediately took up the bill and debated the house voted to reject the bill at a 37 to 103 vote.

SB46 - An Act Concerning Pesticides on School Grounds

Was the last bill standing at the end of session that expanded the ban on pesticide to public and private high schools. The Senators did not want a vote that listed them as voting no, equating them being "for pesticides" with the elections coming up in November. CTEC counted votes and believe that all 14 Republicans and four Democrats would have made up the 18 votes needed to kill the bill if it came to a vote.

Other bills of interest that passed and will become law: (for complete bill

language click on the bill number)

HB5408 - An Act Concerning Tree Trimming

HB5310 - An Act Concerning Connecticut's Seed Law

HB0524 - An Act Concerning the Responsibilities of the Water Planning Council

SB72 - An Act Concerning Liability for the Growing of Running Bamboo

HB5220 - An Act Concerning A Property Owner's Liability for the Expenses of Removing a Fallen Tree or Limb

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**PRESS RELEASE
NEW ENGLAND REGIONAL
TURFGRASS FOUNDATION,
INC., MAY 27, 2014**

The New England Regional Turfgrass Foundation recently held its 17th Annual Meeting on May 8, 2014 where a new Executive Board was elected. John Clark, GCS of Rochester Country Club in Gonic, New Hampshire has been elected as the 18th president of the foundation, succeeding Steve Mann, CGCS recently retired of the Captain's Course in Brewster, Massachusetts.

John represents the New Hampshire Golf Course Superintendent Association on the Foundation's Board and has been serving since 2009. Matthew Crowther, CGCS of the Mink Meadows Country Club on Martha's Vineyard will serve in the vice-president's seat for this upcoming year. Clifford J. Drezek of Arbor-Turf Services in Marlborough,

Massachusetts representing the Massachusetts Association of Lawn Care Professionals will continue to fill the role of Treasurer. Randy S. Weeks of the Lochmere Golf and Country Club in Tilton, New Hampshire, also representing the New Hampshire Golf Course Superintendent Association, will take the pen as the foundation's secretary. The foundation consists of 2 delegates from each of the 7 GCSAA Chapters located in New England, 1 delegate from the Sports Turf Managers Association of New England (NESTMA) and 1 delegate from the Massachusetts Association of Lawn Care Professionals (MALCP). There are two advisory seats filled by the University of Massachusetts and the University of Rhode Island respectfully.

The 17th Annual Conference and Show was held in Providence, RI on March 3-6, 2014 and attended by 1800 turfgrass professionals. With 64 hours of education and 13 hours of trade show

time attendees were kept very busy over the 4 days. Sessions included Golf, Sports Turf, Lawn Care & Landscape, and Equipment Technicians. Speakers were a mix of local professors and turfgrass managers with many from outside the New England Region. The featured speaker this year was the Director of Grounds of Fenway Park in Boston, David Mellor. David spoke on his experiences and all that occurred in Boston over the last year including the effects of the Marathon Bombing and the Red Sox surprising ride to their 3rd World Series triumph in 10 years! More than 160 exhibitors supported the trade show, and preparations are well on their way for a very early 18th conference and show. The 2015 show dates are: January 26-29, 2015 in Providence, RI. For more information on the show and New England Turfgrass Research please visit our website: www.nertf.org.



2014-2015 NERTF Executive Board
Front Row (l to r): Clifford Drezek (Treas.), John Clark (2014-15 Pres.), Matthew Crowther, CGCS (VP) & Back Row: Steve Mann, CGCS (2013-14 Past-Pres.) & Randy Weeks, CGCS (Sect.)

**ROUNDS 4 RESEARCH
BIDDING OPENS JUNE 9**

Rounds 4 Research kicks off its 2014 offerings with more than 725 rounds of golf at courses in 35 states plus Canada and Mexico with an online auction June 9-22 on biddingforgood.com.

Rounds 4 Research is a venture of the Environmental Institute for Golf (EIFG), the philanthropic arm of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA). It is presented in partnership with The Toro Co. Funds generated from the auction will go to support the research-based activities of GCSAA, its affiliated chapters and regional turfgrass organizations. Since launching in 2012, Rounds 4 Research has raised nearly \$175,000 for turfgrass research.

"The response to Rounds 4 Research exceeded our expectations last year, and we are excited to keep the momentum going in 2014," said GCSAA President Keith A. Ihms, CGCS, golf course maintenance manager at Bella Vista (Ark.) Village. "Rounds 4 Research benefits research and the bidder alike. Golfers can gain entrance to some of the nation's top facilities, but they can also find great deals on other high-quality facilities that might not have national name recognition but still offer an enjoyable experience."

Some of the high-profile facilities that have donated rounds for the June auction include

2014 U.S. Open and U.S. Women's Open host Pinehurst No. 2 in Pinehurst, N.C.; East Lake Golf Club in Atlanta, host of the PGA Tour Championships; Harbour Town Golf Links in Hilton Head, S.C.; and Sage Valley Golf Club in Graniteville, S.C.

Ihms also noted that golfers are not only getting great deals on their favorite pastime, but they are helping to secure the game's future as their purchases are directly benefitting them and the game they love. Funds will be used by GCSAA and regional superintendents/turfgrass organizations to fund activities that lead to better course conditions.

"Survey after survey shows that golfers base their satisfaction with a facility on course conditioning," Ihms said. "The work funded by R4R helps develop new grasses, and that can enhance conditions, while at the same time improving sustainable management practices to ensure the long-term health of the environment and the game."

Rounds 4 Research will return later this summer with an auction set for Aug. 1-10, corresponding with the 2014 PGA Championship at Valhalla Golf Club in Louisville, Ky. That auction also will take place on biddingforgood.com.

About the EIFG

The EIFG is the philanthropic organization of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America, 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. With respect for the game and the environment, the EIFG inspires environmental, social and economic progress through golf for the benefit of communities. Collaboration between the golf industry, environmental interests and communities will lead to programs and services beneficial to all who come into contact with the game of golf. Visit the EIFG at www.eifg.org.

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