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## COOPERATIVE SANCTUARY PROGRAMS AT AUDUBON INTERNATIONAL

As the Director of Cooperative Sanctuary Programs at Audubon International, I interact with thousands of courses and properties who are engaged in environmental practice. All are using IPM. All are reducing turf. All are creating wildlife habitat. All are using innovative technology to save and protect water. Few are telling anyone about their good work. In a world where news travels fast, if you don't tell your sustainability story, someone else is bound to tell it for you, for good or for bad.

### So what are some ways to tell your environmental story?

1. Website: Dedicate a page to your environmental management strategy. Include info about your IPM practices, wildlife habitat and any recognition you achieve.
2. Media & Publications: Share your story with media outlets. The news is always looking for good stories, and the local media is where you should start. Focus on the stories you would want to read yourself (wildlife is always popular).
3. Signs and Displays: Tell your golfers about your work by displaying articles, photos and signs in the clubhouse, locker rooms and on the property. Naturalized area signs, tree species, and "look for this animal" here signs are all good ways to engage golfers.
4. Behind the Scenes: Offer tours of your environmental work to golfers and the community. Show them your cool technology, and let your course be a classroom!
5. Staff: Train all your staff, including the clubhouse staff, about your work so that they can communicate your story as well. Make sure they understand how to improve sustainability, and why they are doing it.

Outreach, (in the form of education and communication) is just one of the focus areas of the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program (ACSP) for Golf's certification process, but a critical one. The ACSP Program just celebrated our 25th year, and although the golf industry has made tremendous strides towards sustainable practices during this time, there are still many courses and facilities that have ample opportunities to not only engage in sustainable practices and but to tell their story to the public. This starts with courses documenting the achievements and spreading the word.

Courses certified in Audubon International's Cooperative Sanctuary Programs have been able to create wildlife habitat, reduce managed turf, improve water quality test results and increase risk management. These are all things you know you need to be striving for. For many properties to get started it's just a matter of having a process and structure, like the ACSP. Audubon International is a non-profit, so the cost of membership is only \$300 per year for a course or property, which includes all support, certification processing and educational resources to help you document and achieve BMPs. The certification process itself is designed with six steps, so it can be done incrementally. First and foremost, is a Site Assessment and Environmental Plan. Once submitted, we review, write a report making recommendations, and provide properties with a Certificate of Achievement in Environmental Planning and a press release. As projects are completed, course personnel document their efforts using the Certification Request Forms for the remaining five categories. These can be submitted one at time, all at once, or in any combination. For each, we review the materials, write a report making recommendations, and, if the requirements

are met and properly documented, provide them with a Certificate of Achievement in the appropriate category.

Once a course is recognized in all six categories, it receives the designation of "Certified Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary". It is then that you can really start telling your story, with the backing of a well-known and respected certification organization.

There are currently 896 courses in the world that have achieved certification, 13 of which are right in Connecticut. I encourage you to check them out on our website, ask them about the process, connect with them about their sustainability efforts, and ask them how they told their story. I would love to hear from you as well to chat about ways to take your course to the next level with environmental management.

Regards,  
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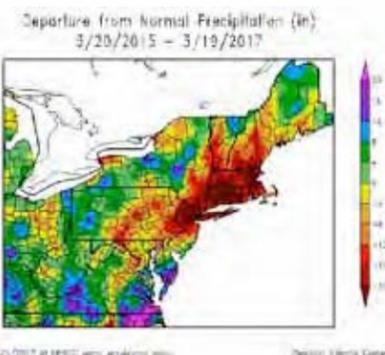
Eric Morrison, CGCS

# The President's Message

once the remainder of the snow melts. It will be interesting to see how the spring unfolds with the way the temperatures have fluctuated the past couple months. Hopefully, the weather calms down a bit and we can enjoy a nice warm spring season.

At GIS this year in Orlando, GCSAA introduced their Best Management Practices online template that individual states can use to develop their unique BMP document. Their goal is to have all fifty states create a BMP document by 2020. These documents should become very useful tools that associations and golf courses can utilize when dealing with their respective state and town legislatures. CAGCS applied for and received a ten thousand dollar grant last fall to initiate development of BMP's for golf courses in the State of Connecticut. More recently, a steering committee, spearheaded by Peter Gorman, our Secretary, has been formed and had its initial meeting. We will be partnering with UCONN to develop our state BMP document, and many other stakeholders in Connecticut will be brought in at some point along the way. We are striving to create a strong science based document that will serve our needs well, and be consistent with other states in New England.

Despite all the snow and precipitation we have received the last couple months, the drought of 2016 is continuing into 2017. I saw this online last week:



That does not paint a pretty picture heading into the season, but hopefully with snow melt and some timely spring rains, water levels can get back up to near full capacity before the summer arrives. Recently, the Town of Greenwich instituted a water ban for the start of the 2017 growing season (continuing the ban from last summer) which included no fairway watering utilizing sprinklers for golf courses in their town; representatives from the Board of CAGCS reached out to our members in Greenwich and we will see if the association can assist them with their situation. If there is anything that we as an association can do to help you, please contact someone on the Board...it's the networking, camaraderie, and willingness to help our peers that makes this association and our business in general, so special.

Speaking of networking and camaraderie, our first monthly meeting of the year is on April 24 at the Tradition Golf Course at Wallingford, known more fondly to us who used to work there when it was nine holes - The Harbor. I want to thank Kevin Collins, our Golf Chairperson, and his staff for welcoming us to their course to start off our 2017 season, and Peter Jacobson and BASF for being the Presenting Partner for the April meeting. This meeting will also determine the seeding for the Two Person Team Championship, so if you haven't signed up yet find a partner and join us there.

As always, if you are interested in hosting a meeting or helping out on the board in any capacity, contact a board member or give the office a call. I wish everyone a successful 2017 season and I hope to see you at the April meeting.

CAGCS is now on Twitter... give us a follow @CAGCS1929!

Eric Morrison, CGCS

Well the first week of spring is behind us already. Shennecossett reopened on Monday, March 20th, the first day of spring and it was very reasonable temperature wise. Tuesday was a beautiful day and the golf course was teeming with players all day. Then just like that winter roared back and it's been frigid the rest of the week. Pretty much sums up the roller coaster weather that this past Winter has brought upon the Northeast...at least it looks like the snow might be finally done (?) and courses can start preparing for the season

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It might just be. Think of your prior supervisors and think of the way they recognized you and others. There are a million different ways to operate, lead, and interact with those around us, but my guess is that we think first of the person who had a positive impact on you because of the positive culture they provided. I often pontificate about culture, and will not do so again this time, however I do want you to think of the number of times those impactful leaders utilized the words thank you. One supervisor who made a tremendous impression on me during my (many) college years made it a priority to use both "please" and "thank you". So much so that you had to notice. Working third shift cleaning university buildings was nearly as thankless as it got, except the supervisor made it a point to recognize the efforts of the staff at every turn.

Recognizing your staff with simple, respectful use of "please" and "thank you" may go a long way. We are always striving to improve our facilities, and our staff plays the most significant part in achieving those improvements. Asking staff to be mindful of trash, use caution while turning equipment due to environmental conditions, and requesting they stay longer to complete tasks that will make improvements are often inherent requests in our daily duties. They may even know the communication



is coming. If it comes following the word "please" and, upon completion of the task, is noted with a "thank you" in recognition, we get back to the previous notion of two benefiting from one simple verbal effort. Did you appreciate that they completed the task? Will they be glad that it was recognized? If the answer is yes, then your words made a significant difference.

While pizza, swag, and time off are often viewed as exceptional recognition of a job well done, don't overlook the power of well-intentioned words. Note the "well-intentioned" portion of the previous sentence.

While sticks and stones may break bones, words given in a tone less than genuine can change your recognition from positive to negative in a hurry. Those words may end up hurting you. Being polite builds respect, and recognition is a driver of employee motivation and success. Make it a priority and let me know how it works for you!

To those who allow me to write in this newsletter, and all of you who read my newsletter content, thank you. I truly appreciate the opportunity to contribute and hope you enjoy the content.

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CAGCS has been very busy working behind the scenes to protect the interests and promote the efforts of superintendents and the contributions they make to the golf industry in Connecticut. For the last two years, we have been participating in the development of the State Water Plan, and more recently the association has been recognized as an early adopter of GCSAA's national BMP initiative.

During the drought of 2005 water diversion at the University of Connecticut resulted in the Fenton River drying up, which inspired legislation requiring development of a comprehensive plan to protect and preserve quantity and quality for all water uses in the state. Because of relationships CAGCS established with state regulators and the CSGA, we were asked to represent the golf industry on the Science and Technical Workgroup of the State Water Plan. The process involves representatives from various regulatory agencies, industry organizations, and conservation coalitions with water related interests.

For the last two years, we have attended monthly meetings and numerous public workshops and hearings to learn about and participate in the development process. The Science & Technical Workgroup focused on identifying data that would be required to develop or implement a comprehensive water management plan. In 2016 the Water Planning Council hired environmental consultants CDM Smith, who have experience developing similar plans for several other states, to manage the project. The development process is near completion, with the final report due July 1, 2017. There will be a six-month public review and comment period before the plan is presented to the legislature for a vote in 2018.

The greatest potential impact for golf courses is related to registered water diversions. Registered diversions were identified early in the process as a barrier to the water planning process. The lack of a reporting requirement creates a data gap related to which diversions are currently active, and how much water is diverted throughout the year. While the plan is not intended to be an enforceable document, it is likely that legislation or regulations will be proposed to address the data gap by revoking or modifying registered diversions.

Our participation in the process has helped us learn about various water planning priorities and the different players that will have the greatest influence on the process. We have also learned that most groups recognize golf course superintendents as responsible

water managers, and are more concerned with residential and commercial irrigation. We took advantage of this situation, and made every effort to share examples of superintendents' efforts to conserve water in the interest of healthier turf and superior playing conditions.

Regular attendance at meetings and workshops not only shows our commitment to protecting the interests of the golf industry, it has helped us establish relationships and influence our perception among groups that might otherwise view golf courses as luxury consumers and polluters of valuable water resources. These relationships will

prove valuable as CAGCS takes the next step toward promoting the efforts of superintendents as environmental stewards. We have initiated the process of developing comprehensive BMP's based on the template developed by GCSAA. The national effort is funded by GCSAA, the USGA, and the PGA Tour, and the goal is to have completed BMP documents for all fifty states by the year 2020. The template is based on all existing BMP for Golf Courses documents, and will save states tens of thousands of dollars related to developing the guidelines.

CAGCS is one of the first associations to utilize the template, and received a \$10,000 grant to

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fund the early stages of the project. We have established a partnership with UCONN to lead the BMP project for Connecticut, and will look to build on the relationships developed in the water planning process to engage regulatory agencies, allied industry associations, and conservation coalitions to validate and promote our efforts to develop a more sustainable model for golf courses throughout the state.

A BMP Steering Committee has been assembled to lead the project, and input will be solicited from other superintendents throughout the development and implementation process. The Steering Committee consists of:

- Peter Gorman, Pine Orchard Yacht and Country Club (co-chair)
- John Inguagiato, University of Connecticut (co-chair)
- Kevin Doyle, Golf Course Superintendents Association of America
- John Garcia, Atlantic Golf and Turf
- Mike Moraghan, Connecticut State Golf Association
- Vincent Pavonetti CGCS, Fairview Country Club
- Jim Ritorto, Lake of Isles Golf Club/Troon Golf
- Jim Skorulski, United States Golf Association

Goals of the steering committee include; developing a practical list of science based guidelines that will lead to more sustainable management programs for golf courses, engage superintendents to utilize the BMP's and provide data showing measurable progress in the areas of water conservation, water quality preservation, reduction in the quantity of fertilizer and control products applications, energy conservation, and habitat protection, and developing a verification process that will promote the efforts of superintendents and their employers to reduce the environmental impact of their operations. Potential future benefits provided by the BMP project include providing resources for superintendents to justify investment in equipment and infrastructure on the course and at the maintenance facility, and influencing future regulations related to water, fertilizer, and chemical use.

Involvement in the state water plan and the BMP project are two examples of CAGCS's commitment to serving and protecting the interests of its members. They also represent evidence of why our association is regarded as leaders throughout the golf industry in Connecticut and beyond. The future of our success relies heavily on our members and their willingness to get involved.

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The CGCS designation is the most widely recognized in the golf industry and the highest level of recognition that can be achieved. Approximately 25% of GCSAA Class A members are certified golf course superintendents.

Oops!! Michael Marino, CGCS is from Stonington Country Club not Southington. Sorry!

Pat Vittum on receiving one of the 2017 Col. John Morley Distinguished Service Awards from the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA).

Kim Dietel on accepting the position of Golf Course Superintendent at Sleeping Giant Golf Course.

Michael Golden on accepting the position of Golf Course Superintendent at Sterling Farms Golf Course.

Chris Mauro on accepting the position of Golf Course Superintendent at Western Hills Golf Course

Michael Morawski on accepting the position of Golf Course Superintendent at Twin Hills Country Club, MA.

To Anthony Grosso on accepting the position of Golf Course Superintendent at Highfield Club.

## Condolences

To Anthony Grosso and family on the passing of his father Anthony D. Grosso, Jr. on January 27, 2017 at the age of 85. Please visit his obituary at [www.legacy.com/obituaries/ctpost/obituary.aspx?n=Anthony-Grosso&pid=183765673](http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/ctpost/obituary.aspx?n=Anthony-Grosso&pid=183765673)

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## Maynard elected GCSAA president

Bill H. Maynard, CGCS, became GCSAA's 81st president at the association's annual meeting Thursday at the Golf Industry Show.

Maynard is the director of golf course maintenance operations at St. Albans (Mo.) Country Club, where he has worked since 2013. He addressed the assembly on the importance of sparking involvement in the association among GCSAA members of all classifications, both at a local and national level. "This association needs us to need each other," Maynard said of fellow golf industry professionals, adding that the person one encourages to become an active participant in association matters may someday end up at the helm of the whole operation. That



was the case for Maynard himself, who was spurred into service by those who mentored him early in his career

Maynard is a native of Nashville, Tenn., and earned a bachelor's degree in psychology from the University of Tennessee in 1986. He has been at his current job since. He was previously the superintendent at Milburn Golf and Country Club in Overland Park, Kan.; Champion Hills Club in Hendersonville, N.C.; and The Virginian Golf Club in Bristol, Va. He has a bachelor's degree in psychology from the University of Tennessee in Knoxville.

The 30-year GCSAA member served as vice president of the association in 2016, and has been a member of the association's board of directors since 2010.

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Maynard is a member of the Mississippi Valley GCSA. He also previously served as president of the Heart of America GCSA and on the board of directors of the Carolinas GCSA.

Other officers elected during the meeting were Darren J. Davis, CGCS, superintendent at Olde Florida Golf Club in Naples, Fla., as vice president, and Rafael Barajas, CGCS, director of golf course operations at Boca Grove Plantation in Boca Raton, Fla., as secretary/treasurer.

Elected as directors were John R. Fulling Jr., CGCS, grounds and facilities manager at Kalamazoo (Mich.) Country Club; Mark F. Jordan, CGCS, natural resource leader at Westfield Group Country Club in Westfield Center, Ohio; and John Walker, director of golf course maintenance at Bentwater Yacht and Country Club in Montgomery, Texas. Kevin P. Sunderman, director of grounds at Isla Del Sol Yacht & Country Club in Saint Petersburg, Fla., was appointed by the board to a one-year term as director.

Continuing to serve the second year of his two-year term is Kevin P. Breen, CGCS, superintendent at La Rinconada Country Club in Los Gatos, Calif. GCSAA 2016 President Pete Grass, CGCS, director of golf course management at Preakness Hills Country Club in Wayne, N.J., will continue on the board as immediate past president.

Earlier in the meeting, members passed a proposed increase in dues — from \$375 per year to \$380 for Class A and B members, and from \$190 per year to \$195 for Class C members — as well as a change to the bylaws that removed the reference to “golf industry” from the definition of an equipment manager.



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April 10-17	<b>Tee-up New England</b> Online auction to benefit turf research, www.tee-upnewengland.com		
April 24 Monday	<b>THE TRADITION GC AT WALLINGFORD</b> 2 Ball Shamble PRESENTING PARTNER		Kevin Collins Host Superintendent
May 15	<b>GREATHORSE COUNTRY CLUB</b> Joseph Troll Research Classic		David Rafferty Host Superintendent
May 22 Monday	<b>WATERTOWN GOLF CLUB</b> CAGCS Scholarship & Research Tournament PRESENTING PARTNER		Paul Bonini, CGCS Host Superintendent
June 19 Monday	<b>H. B. BROWNSON COUNTRY CLUB</b> Low Gross/Net by Flight 1st Round CAGCS Championship MET Team Championship Qualifier PRESENTING PARTNER		Andrew Fries, CGCS Host Superintendent
July 10 Monday	<b>H. SMITH RICHARDSON GOLF COURSE</b> Low Gross/Net Blind Partners 2nd Round CAGCS Championship New England Team Championship Qualifier PRESENTING PARTNER		Peter Grace Host Superintendent
July 26 Wednesday	<b>UMASS Turf Research Field Day</b> Joseph Troll Turf Research Center in South Deerfield, MA		
August 20 Sunday	<b>LAKE COMPOUNCE</b> CAGCS Family Day		
September 25 Monday	<b>LAKE OF ISLES</b> CAGCS MEMBER/GUEST PRESENTING PARTNER		Jim Ritorto Host Superintendent
October 10 Tuesday	<b>KENEY PARK GOLF COURSE</b> 2 Person Best Ball Superintendent/Assistant Tournament President's Cup & McLaughlin Trophy PRESENTING PARTNER		Gary DeVaux Host Superintendent
October 17 Tuesday	<b>THE COURSE AT YALE</b> CAGCS Class C Tournament		Matthew Golino Host Assistant Superintendent
October 26 Thursday	<b>LITCHFIELD COUNTRY CLUB</b> 9-Hole Scramble ABCD CAGCS Annual Meeting PRESENTING PARTNER		Duncan McGowan Host Superintendent
December 7 Thursday	<b>J. TIMOTHY'S TAVERNE</b> CAGCS Christmas Party PRESENTING PARTNER		

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So, congratulations to all the New England Turfgrass Industry supporting 20 years of events of that has allowed this amazing landmark to be achieved. We all should be proud!

So, here we are planning already for our 21st conference and show. For the 20th, we had good solid attendance again for seminars Monday and Tuesday. We were very happy with our pre-registrations; the USGA session had a great feel to it and was well attended. Our appreciation and big thanks goes out to Jim Skorulski and the USGA for a great traditional kick-off to our education sessions. Once in a while we hit a homerun with our keynotes. Everyone I spoke to thought Major Dan Rooney was one of the best we have ever had. A patriot, a pilot, a good player and a parent, all of which he shared a great passion and appreciation for. What he and his organization, assisted by the game of golf, are doing for dependents of our wounded and KIA soldiers is phenomenal. It was great to see him interact especially with veterans in attendance as they shared their experiences. He'll be hard to top!

Wednesday, as it always is, was of high value for education, exhibitor time, and

networking. The morning had a great amount of energy, and the day was full of education opportunities for many areas of the industry. We take joy that many take advantage of the gathering especially on Wednesday. UMass has its Alumni Breakfast, NESTMA had a full annual meeting, NESPA had a good turnout of sod producers. Some of our vendors do sales/support training during the off hours of the show. The show has become a functional entity in many ways for a large part of the industry. We end the day with some fun at the auction and a large social event at the Omni. From there many head to their favorite spots for a high quality evening!

As we wind down to Thursday, attendance does drop off, but offers an opportunity for some to visit individuals without many of the distractions from the traffic of the previous two days. Some do appreciate this chance and take advantage of it. On Thursday, our education program is at its highest quality and this year had good solid attendance again.

We also tried two new approaches to introduce the industry to possible newcomers. Hoping to sprout some interest...with the help of Michelle DaCosta and UMass, veterans groups were contacted to invite those

interested individuals to come and learn about careers in the turf industry. Some did take advantage of it. We hope to continue to reach out to veterans in the future. We also invited many high schools in CT and MA that might have students who may be interested in an outdoor career. We shared information, opportunities, what the requirements are and the pleasures of being in an industry such as ours. These will be areas we will continue to support in the future to try to create more interest in our industry. We thank you all for your support and dedication to our great industry and to the 20th anniversary show! Now, on to the Future!

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 Rhode Island Association of Golf Course Superintendents - [rigcsa.org](http://rigcsa.org) & Vermont Golf Course Superintendents Association - [www.vtgcsa.com](http://www.vtgcsa.com)  
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Monday, April 10, 2017	Country Club of Halifax	Bear Cup Tournament - Joint w/GCSA of New England	GCSA of Cape Cod
Tuesday, April 10, 2017	Country Club of Halifax	The Bear Cup - joint w/GCSA of Cape Cod	GCSA of New England
Tuesday, April 18, 2017	Shorehaven Golf Club	Dave Mahoney Two-Ball Champ. Qualifer	Metropolitan GCSA
Monday, April 24, 2017	Tradition GC at Wallingford	2-Ball Shamble	CAGCS
Monday, April 24, 2017	Fall River Country Club	ABCD Scramble	Rhode Island GCSA
Monday, May 1, 2017	Patterson Club	Superintendent & Guest	Metropolitan GCSA
Monday, May 8, 2017	Fiddlers Elbow Country Club	<b>Rutgers Turfgrass Research Golf Classis</b>	Rutgers University
Monday, May 15, 2017	GreatHorse	<b>Annual Joseph Troll Turf Classic</b>	UMASS Alumni Turf Group
Tuesday, May 16, 2017	Sable Oaks Golf Club	Joint meeting with New Hampshire	Maine GCSA
Tuesday, May 16, 2017	Sable Oaks Golf Club	Joint meeting with Maine	New Hampshire GCSA
Monday, May 22, 2017	Watertown Golf Club	Scholarship & Research Tournament	CAGCS
Tuesday, May 23, 2017	Lake of Isles	Joint meeting w/RIGCSA	GCSA of New England
Tuesday, May 23, 2017	Lake of Isles	Joint Meeting w/GCSANE - Memorial Tournament	Rhode Island GCSA
Wednesday, May 31, 2017	Cummaquid Golf Club	Scholarship & Research Tournament	GCSA of Cape Cod
, May TBA	Neshobe Golf Course		Vermont GCSA
Monday, June 5, 2017	MGA Links at Mamantapett	Demo Day	GCSA of New England
Tuesday, June 6, 2017	Trump Golf Links at Ferry Point	Invitational Tournament	Metropolitan GCSA
Wednesday, June 7, 2017	Bald Peak Colony Club	25th Gold Ball Invitational Tournament	New Hampshire GCSA
Tuesday, June 13, 2017	Green Mountain Nat. Golf Course	Joint meeting w/NEGCSA	Vermont GCSA
Wednesday, June 14, 2017	Lake Kezar Country Club	Superintendent/Vendor Champ.	Maine GCSA
Monday, June 19, 2017	H. B. Brownson Country Club	1st Round CAGCS Champ/MET Team Qualifier	CAGCS
Monday, June 19, 2017	Ledges Golf Club		GCSA of New England
Tuesday, June 20, 2017	Green Valley Country Club	Member/Member Tournament	Rhode Island GCSA
Monday, June 26, 2017	Marshfield Country Club		GCSA of Cape Cod
Monday, July 10, 2017	H. Smith Richardson Golf Course	2nd Round CAGCS Champ/NE Team Qualifier	CAGCS
Monday, July 10, 2017	Oriente Beach Club	Family Picnic	Metropolitan GCSA
Monday, July 17, 2017	Allendale Country Club	RHO-COD Cup - joint meeting (RIGCSA)	GCSA of Cape Cod
Monday, July 17, 2017	Oak Hill Country Club	Scholarship and Benevolence Tournament	GCSA of New England
Monday, July 17, 2017	Allendale Country Club	RHO-COD Cup - joint meeting (GCSACC)	Rhode Island GCSA
Wednesday, July 19, 2017	Bedford park	Summer Picnic	Metropolitan GCSA
, July TBA	West Bolton Golf Course	Fun-B-Q	Vermont GCSA
<b>Tuesday, August 1, 2017</b>		<b>UCONN After Hours</b>	
Tuesday, August 15, 2017	Marlborough Country Club	Individual Championship	GCSA of New England
Wednesday, August 16, 2017	Beaver Meadows Golf Course	New England Team Championship Qualifier	New Hampshire GCSA
Sunday, August 20, 2017	Lake Compounce	CAGCS Family Day	CAGCS
, August TBA	Swansea Country Club	Stress Buster Day	Rhode Island GCSA
, August TBA	Cotuit Highground	FREE-B-QUE	GCSA of Cape Cod
, August TBA		Scholarship & Parent/Child Tournament	Metropolitan GCSA
, August TBA			Vermont GCSA
Thursday, September 7, 2017	Kirkbrae Country Club	Championship - NE Champs Qualifier	Rhode Island GCSA
Monday, September 11, 2017	Sugarloaf Golf Club	Scholarship & Research Tournament	Maine GCSA
Monday, September 25, 2017	Lake of Isles	Member/Guest	CAGCS
, September TBA	New Seabury	New England Championship qualifier & 50th Anniversary	GCSA of Cape Cod
, September TBA		Nine & Dine Event	Metropolitan GCSA
, September TBA		Member Guest	GCSA of New England
, September TBA		New England Team Championship Qualifier	New Hampshire GCSA
, September TBA		Trade Show/Field Day	Vermont GCSA
Monday, October 2, 2017	Hatherly Country Club	Pro/Super	GCSA of New England
Tuesday, October 3, 2017	Carnegie Abbey Club	Scholarship & Research Tournament	Rhode Island GCSA
Monday, October 3, 2017	Sunningdale Country Club	The Poa/Met Championship Team Qualifier	Metropolitan GCSA
Thursday, October 5, 2017	Spring Valley Country Club	Assistant Tournament	GCSA of New England
Tuesday, October 10, 2017	Keney Park Golf Course	Superintendent/ Assistant Tournament	CAGCS
Wednesday, October 11, 2017	Cape Cod National Golf Club	<b>New England Team Championship</b>	<b>GCSA of Cape Cod</b>
Monday, October 16, 2017	Westchester Country Club	<b>Met Area Team Championship</b>	Metropolitan GCSA
Tuesday, October 17, 2017	The Course at Yale	Class C Tournament	CAGCS
Tuesday, October 17, 2017	Wawenock Golf Club	Staff Day	Maine GCSA
Thursday, October 19, 2017	Walpole Country Club	Member/Member	GCSA of New England
Monday, October 23, 2017	Newport Country Club	Superintendent/Assistant Tournament	Rhode Island GCSA
Thursday, October 26, 2017	Litchfield Country Club	Annual Meeting	CAGCS
October TBA	Vineyar Golf Club	Championship Tournament	GCSA of Cape Cod
, October TBA		Member/Guest	Vermont GCSA
, October TBA		Scholarship & Research Tournament	New Hampshire GCSA
Monday, November 6, 2017	Lexington Golf Club	Nine-Hole Meeting	GCSA of New England
Tuesday, November 7, 2017	Pease Golf Course	Annual Meeting	New Hampshire GCSA
Thursday, November 9, 2017	The Patterson Club	<b>Met/CAGCS Fall Seminar</b>	Metropolitan GCSA
November TBA	Midville Golf Club		Rhode Island GCSA
, November TBA			GCSA of Cape Cod
Tuesday, December 5, 2017	Portland Country Club	Annual Meeting	Maine GCSA
Tuesday, December 12, 2017	Holiday Inn, Concord, NH	Annual Turf Education Conference	New Hampshire GCSA
December TBA			Rhode Island GCSA
January 9 - 11 2018	Double Tree Hotel-South Portland, ME	MGCSA Annual Turf Conference	Maine GCSA
Tuesday, January 9, 2018	Mystic Marriott, Groton, CT	CAGCS Winter Seminar	CAGCS
Wednesday, January 10, 2018	Westchester Country Club	MetGCSA Winter Seminar	Metropolitan GCSA

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**Greathorse Golf Club**

**May 15, 2017**

**To Honor Brian Silva**

**Premier Sponsorships \$5000**

As a Premier Sponsor you will receive 2 foursomes, recognition through press releases and the ATG website, prominent recognition on the sponsors' signs at the reception and sign-in, your company logo on tournament brochure, and the opportunity to address those in attendance. Tee Signage.

**Gold Sponsorships \$3500**

As a Gold Sponsor you will receive a foursome, a reception banner, placards at every table, recognition on the sponsor signs at the reception and sign-in, and company logo on tournament brochure. Tee Signage.

**Silver Sponsorships \$2500**

As a Silver Sponsor you will receive a twosome, a reception banner, placards at every table, recognition on the sponsor signs at the reception and sign-in. Tee signage.

**Beverage Cart Sponsorship \$1500 (2 available)**

As one of the Beverage Cart Sponsors you will have lone sponsorship of one of the carts during the day. Includes 2 tickets to the reception.

**Lunch Sponsorships \$1500**

As a Lunch Sponsor your company will be recognized for providing box lunches provided to each player on the golf course. Includes 2 tickets to the reception.

**Breakfast Sponsorships \$1500**

As a Breakfast Sponsor your company will be recognized for providing box lunches provided to each player on the golf course. Includes 2 tickets to the reception.

**Refreshment Sponsorships \$1500**

Your company will receive recognition for cocktail hour refreshments. Two tickets to the reception and tee sign recognition.

**Door Prize Sponsorship \$1500**

As a Door Prize Sponsor, your company will be recognized for providing a door prize to be determined. Tee sign recognition and 2 tickets to the reception.

**Hole Sponsorship \$500**

**Research Sponsorship \$250**

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