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## WHY GET INVOLVED?

*By Michael Wallace, CGCS*

“I have a family,” “I’m too busy”, etc., etc. I think we have all thought or used these excuses from time to time. But, you may want to reconsider. Involvement brings with it certain rewards. One can actually make a difference.

See how things are done and learn to work within the system. I will not say it is easy. It does demand a bit of time and you have to be committed.

It can be frustrating; but, the friendships and the knowledge that is gained along the way cannot be measured. The exchange of ideas, looking at problems

from many different perspectives, the guiding of a profession ... these are the rewards.

Ladies and gentlemen, I submit that you have nothing to complain about if you are not willing to get involved. This is your livelihood, your profession! If you don’t get involved, who will?

If you want to become involved and feel a little timid, you do not need to begin your involvement with chairing a committee. Contact any committee chairperson and/or any member on the Board of Directors, and your assistance will be greatly appreciated, whether it be helping sign in participants at a monthly meeting, assist

with a seminar or social event, or help out with the S & R tournament or Invitational. There is always something to do.

### *Get involved!*

Start today... call a committee chairperson. This is your association, your profession. You can make a difference. Go for it!

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Marc Weston, CGCS

What a summer we all just went through! Mother Nature really threw everything she had at us. The summer of 2018 will go down in infamy. The months of prolonged heat, humidity, and rain were numbing. However, one positive outcome I hope we all realized from the summer is the value of each other and being a part of our association.

Last month, I sent an "ask" through an email blast. It was a request for us as members to reach out to one another and make a phone call to say hello. I encouraged you to reach out to some friends in the industry who were going through the same things

# The President's Message

and connect for a few minutes. We didn't need to say much, but supporting each other (and maybe having a stupid joke to tell!) always goes a long way.

I ended receiving a lot of very good jokes via email, text, or phone calls. Hands down, the funniest joke was in a text from Bret Chapin, though it cannot and should not be put in print. I was amazed that in the two days after I sent that email, I spoke or texted with over 30 of our members. That's about 10 percent of our total membership.

At the end of the day, we all deal with the uncertainty of the weather and sometimes the challenging expectations of golfers. The one constant that we have control over is the power to reach out and support each other. Our work has just begun to repair what Mother Nature has done to our golf courses. Just as important, our work needs to continue as an association to expand our network of professionals and support that we can count on through the years.

We just held a very successful August Networking event at a Hartford Yard Goats game, with a sell-out CAGCS crowd of 130 attendees. The weather and food were great, and Andy Fries almost caught a home run ball! (The Yard Goats even won the game, meaning, so far, we're 1-0 when having our event there!)

There are multiple ways we can all continue to grow our network through CAGCS. Please continue to reach out to each other on a regular basis and say hello through texts, emails, or phone calls. Plan to attend some of the remaining CAGCS events this year.

There are six events left on the 2018 CAGCS schedule: The CAGCS Member Guest, Superintendent / Assistant Championship, Class C Tournament, Annual Meeting

with 9-hole scramble, joint MET/CAGCS education day, and Holiday Party at J Timothy's - which had record attendance last year.

The CAGCS Board of Directors and Mary Jo work extremely hard to put on these events for members to have the opportunity to share ideas, learn, and have some fun. My next "Ask" is to look at our schedule at <http://cagcs.com/> and find a couple events to attend this fall. Let's use this time to reconnect and build our network as we move forward in our careers.

Best Wishes for a More Relaxing Fall,  
Marc

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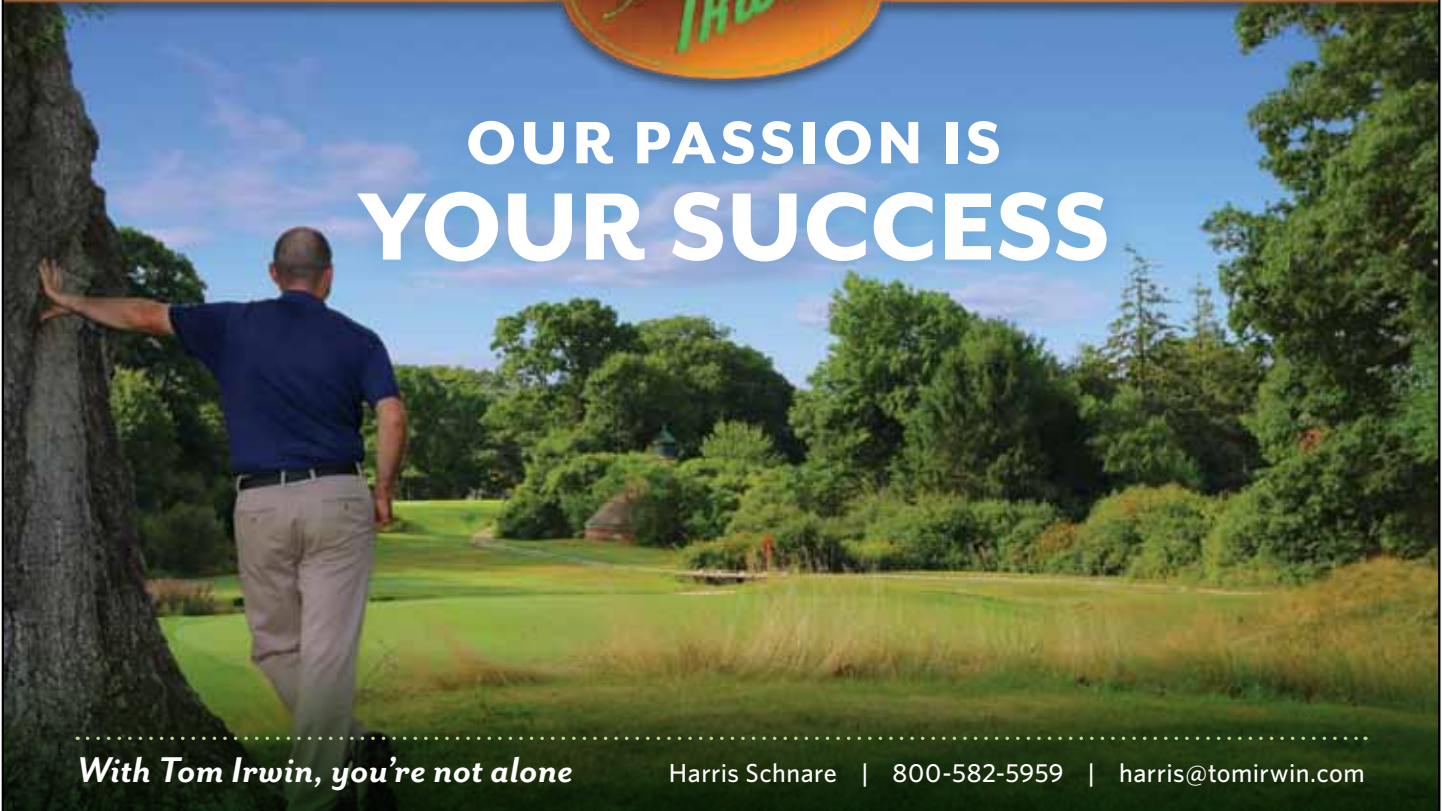
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- Spring Meeting, TBD, at GCSAA headquarters, Lawrence, Kan.
- Fall Meeting, TBD, at Nufarm, Chicago

**Eligibility**

To be considered, a GCSAA Class C member must complete the application and respond to two pre-selected essay questions. Up to 12 assistant superintendents will be selected for

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- A Class C member of GCSAA
- Able to participate for three full years
- Not be working for current members of the GCSAA Board of Directors or EIFG Board of Trustees, children of GCSAA or Nufarm staff, or current employees of those organizations.

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

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The following are recipients of the 2018 CAGCS scholarships.

**Dr. Richard Skogley Scholarship recipient: Jack Mansur, son of Mark Mansur, he will be attending Penn State University.**

CAGCS Scholarships were awarded to:

**Jesse S. Anderson, IV**, he is attending Lafayette College

**Christopher Bresnahan**, son of John Bresnahan, he is attending University of Vermont

**Lily Chalifour**, granddaughter of Bob Chalifour, CGCS she is attending Eastern CT State University

**Megan C. Decker**, daughter of Michael R. Decker, she is attending Southern New Hampshire University

**Evelyn DeVaux**, daughter of Kevin DeVaux, she is attending Elms College

**Payton Dorsch**, daughter of Robert Dorsch, III, CGCS, she will be attending University of Delaware

**Skylar L. Dorsch**, daughter of Robert Dorsch, III, CGCS, she is attending Arizona State University

**Margaret C. Drohen**, daughter of Andy Drohen, she will be attending University of Massachusetts Amherst

**Emma Favreau**, daughter of Jim Favreau, she is attending the University of Rhode Island  
**Matthew A. Girardi**, son of Anthony Girardi, CGCS, he is attending Roger Williams

University  
**Michael D. Grace**, son of Peter Grace, he is attending Merrimack College

**Sean C. Henderson**, grandson of Robert Silva, he will be attending University of Connecticut

**Grace A. Hull**, daughter of Peter Hull, she will be attending Suny New Paltz

**Jessica McLeod**, daughter of Scott McLeod, she is attending Haverford College

**Kaitlin McLeod**, daughter of Scott McLeod, she is attending Quinnipiac University

**Zachary Mauro**, son of Chris Mauro, he is attending The University of New Haven

**Ryan E. Napier**, son of John Napier, he will be attending Lyndon State College

**Erin D. Sullivan**, daughter of Michael Sullivan, she is attending University of New Haven

**Nicholas R. Weiland**, son of James Weiland, he will be attending Worcester Polytechnic Institute

**Zachary J. Weiland**, son of James Weiland, he is attending Worcester Polytechnic Institute

**Taylor C. Weischet**, daughter of Ward Weischet, she is attending James Madison University

**Chloe Wellins**, daughter of Jonah Wellins, she is attending Wingate University

**Abby Wollenberg**, daughter of Paul Wollenberg, she is attending Roger Williams University

No Memorial Scholarships given out this year due to no applications submitted.

The Board of Directors and members of the Connecticut Association of Golf Course Superintendents want to congratulate all recipients, and wish them the best in their scholastic endeavors.

The Scholarship + Research Tournament was held at Great River Country Club on May 21st. The monies made from this event go towards the scholarships and research projects.

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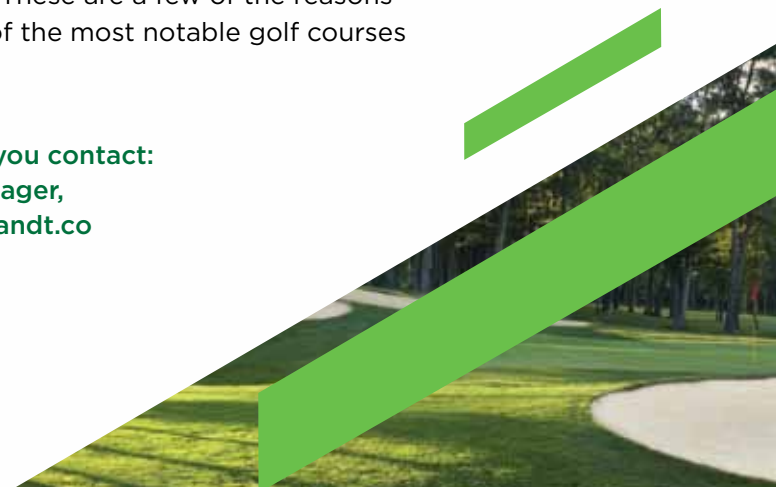
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## 2019 NERTF SHOW: MOVING FORWARD

Since 1998, the New England Regional Turfgrass Conference and Show events have opened on Monday's and have concluded on Thursday's. When things first began, we thought a 4-day program was just what the industry was excited for. 15 years later, communications suggested we could service the industry better by shortening our show schedule.

So, we did. In 2016, we decided to compress the schedule by starting at 1pm on Monday, and then end a little earlier on Thursday, which we hoped would make it easier for individuals to come on Monday afternoon and stay till Thursday. This was met favorably but it wasn't long before we heard some of the same concerns and that we should have gone further. Education has always been our highest priority and what we believe that separates us from other shows. To balance in-depth education, enough trade show hours and enjoyable social activities is a challenge.

As we listened to comments and concerns, just three years later, we are informing

everyone that it is time to go a little further and do a little more refining of our conference and show.

Below are the highlights of changes to our 2019 show schedule (March 5-7, 2019):

- First, there will be no show activities on Monday, March 4.
- In 2019, all 2 & 4 hr. seminars will be held on Tuesday, March 5 starting at 8am and ending at 5pm. There is no other planned education scheduled on Tuesday.
- Exhibitor Move-In will begin early Tuesday Morning.
- The 2019 trade show will open at 10am on Wednesday, March 6 and close at 5pm.
- Staggered Education Sessions will begin at 8am and 9am on Wednesday, and again at 1pm & 2pm in the afternoon.
- The show auction will begin at 3pm and end at 4pm on Wednesday.
- Thursday's Education Sessions will begin at 8am
- The Thursday Trade Show will open at 9am and will close at 2pm
- There will be a 2nd education session on Thursday at 2pm in the afternoon.
- Education hours, trade show hours, credits and social opportunities should still remain the same even with a shortened schedule.

Our goal continues to insure the same quality filled event for the future to attract any and all turfgrass professionals. Today's reality is that with the incorporation of computers, cell phones and texting we are never inaccessible. Fast-paced lives include many responsibilities that are important to your success. Having more than a three-day and two-night event doesn't fit the schedule for many as easily as it may have in the past. We are confident that through this compacted schedule attendees will receive all the value they have in the past. As has been stated, this show is your show. Your comments and feelings are important in deciding the show's future.

Bottom line: We are making these changes because we heard your concerns. We appreciate all your support over the last 22 years. Please stay tuned as we work at processing these changes and add in the variables to make the best "Show on Turf" even better!



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achieved. Approximately 25% of GCSAA Class A members are certified golf course superintendents.

## Condolences

James Bonini and family on the loss of J.P.'s wife Tracy. She passed away peacefully surrounded by the love of her family on July 5, Please visit her obituary at <https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/name/Tracy-Bonini-obituary?pid=189494861>

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The international student application deadline is September 14, 2018. Application review for US students will begin in early September, with a deadline of October 31, 2018 (late applications may be accepted pending availability of seats). Space is limited.

Pesticide recertification contact hours will be offered for all New England states, and Continuing Education Units (CEUs) are offered.

For more information, including application instructions, visit <https://ag.umass.edu/turf/education/turf-winter-school>. Questions on Winter School? Call (413) 545-5202, or email Karen White at [kwhite@oe.umass.edu](mailto:kwhite@oe.umass.edu).

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Classes run for 9 weeks meeting one day a week for 3 hours. Classes begin in mid October and are held in Wallingford at the CTPA office from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. New Classes will begin in January 2019, and run from 1:00-4:00 p.m. Tuesdays at the Exchange in Farmington, the UCONN Department of Extensions’s new offices. On the last day of classes, the DEEP administers the state certification exam. The State certification exam costs \$200, checks made out to CT DEEP.

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To be placed on the mailing list for class announcements, or for more information please call (860) 570-9010 and ask to be placed on the Ornamental and Turf Short Course mailing list, or email: Diane.Labonia@UConn.edu

If there is more than one inch of snow at the class location, classes are cancelled and made up later.

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**MY "OPEN" EXPERIENCE**

It's a catchy title and I think it tells a lot about volunteering at large-scale golf events. Since my very first volunteering experience at the U.S. Junior Amateur at the Golf Club of New England in 2012, I have come to learn that your experience is exactly what you make of it. I have also learned that every event offers different opportunities. The 118th United States Open at Shinnecock Hills Golf Club was my twelfth-time volunteering, fifth major. I'd like to tell you a little about my Open and how the people involved really shaped my experience.

Volunteer orientation was scheduled for 5pm on Sunday June 10th, almost exactly one week before the 118th US Open champion would be crowned. Our host, Mr. Jon Jennings, addressed the group and noted that out of 600 volunteer applicants, we nearly 200 were selected. He was extremely gracious in thanking everyone for taking the time away from family and out of their busy lives to assist in preparing the golf course for our nations championship. This was a standard Jennings set, and referenced every time he spoke to the volunteers. It was clear that he sincerely meant it.

He referred to the volunteer handbook several times, a spiral bound wealth of information including photos of senior staff, uniforms by day, food menu, and a list of volunteers including the clubs they represented.

Jennings praised at length the work of assistant superintendent Lindsay Brownson who, with office manager Anna Alvarez, coordinated the application process, travel, housing, uniforms, food, and probably a million other items for the 200 volunteers. Brownson's efforts were outstanding and, despite any issues that may have arisen, appeared seamless.

The work on the golf course operated like a well-oiled machine. Thanks to the patience of the regular Shinnecock Hills staff, 200 newcomers figured out our duties, the course layout, and gained the understanding of our roles. Just like the players, it takes a couple practice rounds. My tasks were mowing fairways 10-18 in the morning, and filling fairway divots in the afternoon. Both great opportunities to develop as a team and watch the process unfold around us (@HoosicGrounds all

mowing is like riding a bike, you never forget how to do it). Thanks to Diamond sponsor Toro, there was more than 15 trailer loads of red equipment working hard with the volunteers. Platinum sponsor BASF provided food and other amenities to get 200 folks through a grueling summer week too. Quite an impressive gift by them and our thanks will always go out to every sponsor for assisting!

But again, as with every other volunteer opportunity before this, it was indeed the people who made the event special. From every corner of the US, Canada,

Ireland, and elsewhere across the globe, turf professionals gathering to prepare one singular reason builds a bond that we will all share for a lifetime. Old friends and volunteers from previous events were on hand. An assistant-in-training from my days at the US Amateur, chatting with a bunker buddy volunteer from the 2013 Women's Open helped remember old times. I was even fortunate to fill divots with the superintendent and his daughter from Sebonack where that Women's Open was held. I made a new friend from Canada who went to school with Will Stearns of Southers Marsh, hung out and worked



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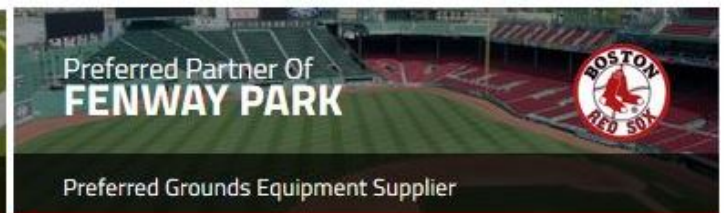
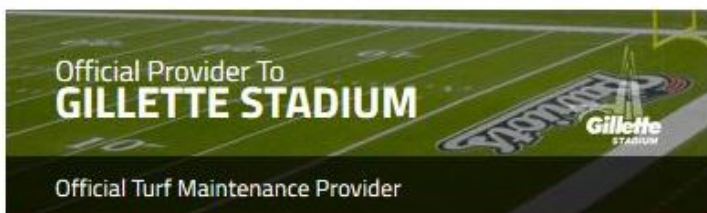
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<p><b>October 9</b> Tuesday</p>	<p><b>BLACK HALL CLUB</b> Host: Philip Neaton, GCS <i>New England Superintendents Championship</i></p>	
<p><b>October 11</b> Thursday</p>	<p><b>TUNXIS PLANTATION</b> Host: Charles Babcock, GCS 2 Person Best Ball <i>Superintendent/Assistant Tournament President's Cup &amp; McLaughlin Trophy</i></p>	
<p><b>October 16</b> Tuesday</p>	<p><b>WETHERSFIELD COUNTRY CLUB</b> Host: Ben Newfang, Assistant GCS CAGCS Class C Tournament</p>	
<p><b>November 6</b> Tuesday</p>	<p><b>FENWICK GOLF CLUB</b> Host: Daryl Aresco, GCS 9-Hole Scramble ABCD, CAGCS Annual Meeting</p>	
<p><b>November 8</b> Thursday</p>	<p><b>PATTERSON CLUB</b> Host: Jason Meersman, GCS METGCSA/CAGCS Fall Seminar</p>	
<p><b>December 6</b> Thursday</p>	<p><b>J. TIMOTHY'S TAVERNE</b> CAGCS Christmas Party</p>	

**2019 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

<p><b>January 8, 2019</b> Tuesday</p>	<p><b>MYSTIC MARRIOTT HOTEL &amp; SPA</b> CAGCS Winter Seminar</p>	
<p><b>February 2-7</b></p>	<p><b>SAN DEIGO GOLF INDUSTRY SHOW</b> GCSAA</p>	
<p><b>March 5-7</b></p>	<p><b>DUNKIN DONUTS CENTER</b> <i>NE Regional Turfgrass Conference &amp; Show</i></p>	



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GOLF CLUB AT OXFORD  
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**1st Flight**

1st Place Gross – 77: John Parmelee, Indian Springs GC  
2nd Place Gross – 81: Eric DeStefano, Tallwood CC  
1st Place Net – 69: Ward Weischet, SiteOne  
2nd Place Net – 71: Eric Morrison, Shennecossett GC

**2nd Flight**

1st Place Gross – 86: John Bresnahan, Syngenta  
2nd Place Gross – 87: Mike McDermott, Tallwood CC  
1st Place Net – 72: Chad Lemere  
2nd Place Net – 72: John Garcia, Atlantic Golf & Turf

**3rd Flight**

1st Place Gross – 91: Brian Pope, Turf Products  
2nd Place Gross – 94: Kevin Jaracy, Ewing Irrigation  
1st Place Net – 74: Bruce Morse, Norwich GC  
2nd Place Net – 74: Al Adaskaveg, Rockledge GC

**Skill Prizes:**

Closest to Pin #2 – 5'4": John Bresnahan, Syngenta  
Closest to Pin #9 – 4'0": Andrew Hannah, Shuttle Meadow CC  
Closest to Pin #13 – 9'11": Ed Grant, K&J Tree Removal  
Closest to Pin #16 – 11'2": Ward Weischet, SiteOne  
Longest Drive #8: Neil Lajeunesse, Dunning Custom Soils

Closest to the Line #4: Andrew Hannah, Shuttle Meadow CC  
Longest Putt #1 – 9'5": John Parmelee, Indian Springs GC  
Longest Putt #12 – 12'5": Brian Pope, Turf Products

**JULY GOLF RESULTS  
HUNTER GOLF CLUB  
JULY 24, 2018**

1st Place Gross: 72  
Al Adaskaveg; Rockledge GC / Jason Dowgiewicz;  
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2nd Place Gross: 75  
Peter Gorman; Pine Orchard Y&CC / Ted Tighe;  
Guilford Lakes GC  
3rd Place Gross: 76  
Heather Garvin; Hart Seed Co. / Wayne Urban  
1st Place Net: 58  
Gary DeVaux; Keney Park GC / Jay Popko;  
Winfield Untied  
2nd Place Net: 61  
John Bresnahan; Syngenta / Kevin Jaracy; Ewing Irrigation  
3rd Place Net: 61  
Anthony Grosso; Highfield CC / Andrew Hannah;  
Shuttle Meadow CC

Closest to Pin #2 – 18'6": Michael Decker, Clinton CC  
Closest to Pin #6 – 8': Wayne Urban

Closest to Pin #11 – 12'5": Heather Garvin, Hart Seed Co.  
Closest to Pin #17 – 5'5": Peter Gorman; Pine Orchard Y&CC  
Long Drive #18: Peter Gorman; Pine Orchard Y&CC  
Closest to Line #4: Drew Cummins; Crop Production Ser.  
Long Putt #7 – 11'1": Peter Gorman; Pine Orchard Y&CC  
Long Putt #15 – 18'7": Michael Chrzanowski, Madison CC

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**1st Flight 0-12 Handicap**

Gross: 157 - Eric DeStefano, Tallwood CC  
Net: 149 - Kevin Collins, Traditions GC at Oak Lane

**2nd Flight 13-19 Handicap**

Gross: 176 - Tim O'Neill, CGCS, CC of Darien  
Net: 150 - Les Kennedy, Jr., CGCS, Blind Brook Club

**3rd Flight 20+ Handicap**

Gross: 195 - Bruce Morse, Norwich GC  
Net: 138 - Al Adaskaveg, Rockledge CC

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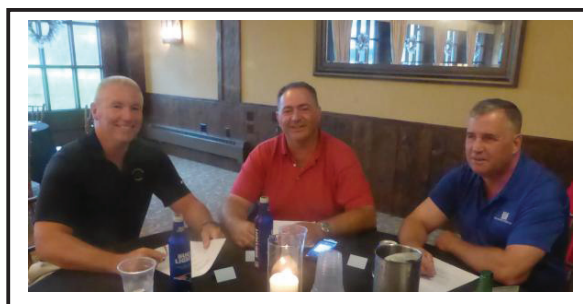




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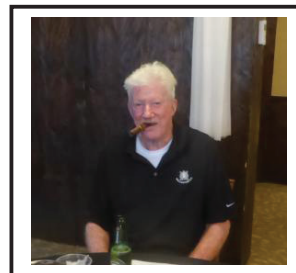
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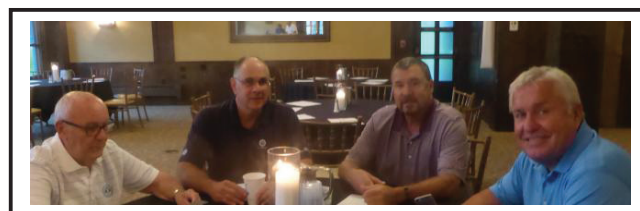
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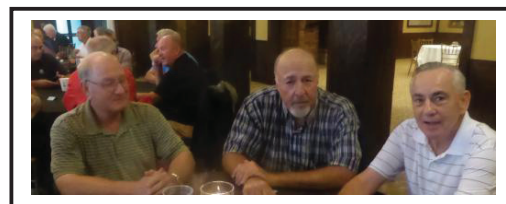
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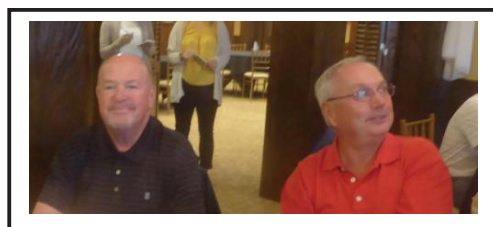
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