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UConn AFTER HOURS 2019

UConn After Hours 2019
Tuesday, July 23rd
4:30-7:30 p.m.

Golf turf research. Convenient evening event. Bear's BBQ. After hours is an educational outreach opportunity for golf course superintendents and their assistants. Come to the UConn Research Farm to see and hear about current golf turf research results that you can use. Learn about latest results on:

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- Fungicide efficacy for common golf turf diseases

After Hours is an evening program designed to accommodate superintendents' demanding summer season while providing an exceptional opportunity to view real world research results. The event consists of a short tour of the research plots followed by dinner featuring Bear's BBQ, and conversations with other Connecticut golf turf professionals. Hope to see you in Storrs on Tuesday evening, July 23.

Registration:

- \$30 for first attendee; \$20 for each additional attendee from the same facility. Bring your assistants.

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*pictured l-r Scott Ramsay, CGCS,
Gill Perez, Marc Weston, CGCS,
John Garcia, Rosa DeLauro, Rob
Dorsch, CGCS*

Last month Rob Dorsch, Gil Perez, John Garcia, Scott Ramsay, and Kevin Doyle joined me for National Golf Day in Washington, D.C. First and foremost, I would like to thank them for taking time out of their schedules to travel to D.C. to represent CAGCS and the golf industry. National Golf Day is a tremendous opportunity to learn about our industry's economic and charitable aspects, network with colleagues from around the country, and meet with our elected officials and their staff.

This year's event kicked off with 200 GCSAA members participating in the Community Service Project. There were 17 different teams led by Michael Stachowicz, the Turfgrass Management Specialist for the National Mall, in the morning. Tasks included aerification, pruning, seeding, sodding, edging, and mowing -- which spanned over 1.5 miles from the Lincoln Memorial to the Carousel on the National Mall.

The next day, meetings were arranged for us on Capitol Hill with all of Connecticut's elected Representatives and Senators. We were able to meet with their staff members to promote the environmental benefits of maintained open space. We shared that golf has a \$84.1 billion economic impact nationally and \$1.1 billion for our State. The most impressive number is that golf raises \$3.9 billion annually for charities across the country and \$30 million for Connecticut charities. The fact that golf raises more money for charity annually than the four other

major sports combined is powerful.

National Golf Day is just another example of how Golf Course Superintendents have expanded our role in the industry. All of the allied associations are invited to participate in this event, and GCSAA is, by far, the most represented association.

On a local level, CAGCS members are leading the way at the State Capitol through our partnership with lobbyist Michael Dugan and CSGA Executive Director Mike Moraghan. Recently, Phil Neaton and Dave Golembeski testified at the State Capitol about the negative effects that would occur if Connecticut repealed its preemption laws. The repeal would have given each individual town the ability to make its own pesticide laws based on local opinion, politics, or emotion -- not necessarily on science and the CT DEEP guidelines.

Mike Moraghan also recently sent a call to action to the 40,000-plus golfers in Connecticut regarding a proposed new 10% tax on public greens fees, lessons, and basically all things golf. He also sent it to our CAGCS members, knowing that any additional taxes on our industry would only hurt the way we can operate our businesses. Many CAGCS members reached out to their elected officials to communicate that golf already contributes over \$20 million into the state coffers through "dues tax," cart rentals, pro shop sales, and food and beverage sales at golf courses. They shared that golf offers a way to raise millions of dollars for state charities, and any new taxes would limit the funds that would be raised for these causes. At this point, it is my understanding that no new golf taxes will be added to this year's state budget.

These are just some examples of our broader involvement in the community. Today there may still be many golfers out there who don't fully understand all that we do. Collectively, we have come so far over the years with our expanded responsibilities as Golf Course Superintendents and leaders within the industry. We should all be incredibly proud of everything we balance each day. When you consider our role as

Superintendents, it includes accounting and budgeting, human resources, writing and communication, hiring, purchasing, inventory, safety, employee review, political advocacy, networking, meteorology, managing hazardous materials, conflict management, research, and so much more. If we're really lucky, every now and then, we may even get to cut some grass.

Have a great summer,
Marc Weston, CGCS
President, CAGCS

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KEVIN'S KORNER

Fresh off National Golf Day, the mantra that numbers matter could not be any clearer. Speaking to legislators regarding the size of the golf industry, economic impact, and membership numbers helped give our industry perspective to those who are not as knowledgeable as we are. At the 2018 delegates meeting and Annual Meeting, initiatives were undertaken to address these areas.

During the GCSAA Annual meeting, there were a few items on the ballot which required a membership vote. There were two new association membership classes up for vote: Facility Membership and Friend of the Golf Course Superintendent, as well as a bylaw change needed to make those happen.

Both membership classifications were voted through by the chapter delegates and are now official classifications of GCSAA. If you are not familiar with the new classifications, they are as follows:

Facility Membership

To be eligible, a facility must not have had a GCSAA member in the last three years, and the facility's green fee must be below the 50 percent median in their region (regions will be based on GCSAA field staff regions). Dues will be \$200 a year for the facility and its employees, who will have access to GCSAA resources, but will not receive individual membership benefits such as term life insurance, Class A eligibility, board eligibility, voting rights and tournament entry benefit.

Facility Membership is geared towards golf courses across the U.S. which do not currently employ a GCSAA member. The Facility Membership will target lower budget facilities to offer the facility employee(s) limited benefits and privileges. The Facility membership will be in the name of the facility, and not in the name of the individual member.

Friend of the Golf Course Superintendent

The Friend of the Golf Course Superintendent Membership is for individuals who want to support superintendents and the game of golf

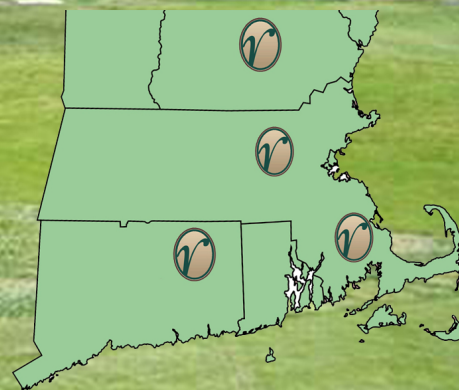
but do not qualify for any other membership category. Friends will not receive traditional membership benefits such as access to restricted areas of the GCSAA website, voting rights, insurance benefits or tournament entry.

The Friend of the Golf Course Superintendent classification will target golfers, potential advocates, teachers involved in First Green field trips and supporters of the game and industry to name a few. This classification will help create GCSAA brand awareness and allow us to promote the profession to a new audience.

If you have a colleague that might benefit from the Facility Membership or know potential advocates for our profession and game who would enjoy a Friend membership, please visit GCSAA.org and sign them up or contact me for assistance in doing so!

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GCM's Most Valuable Technician**Award**

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Submissions for the 2020 Dog Days of Golf Calendar will be accepted through

Aug. 1, 2019. From the submissions, 14 dogs will be selected. Owners of the selected dogs will be notified in September, and the calendar will be distributed with the November issue of GCM magazine. LebanonTurf has been supporting golf course superintendents and their chapters through the Dog Days of Golf Calendar for more than a decade.

UPCOMING WEBINARS**June 12 @ 10 a.m.**

Economy vs. Agronomy: The Business of Turfgrass Management
John R. Bladon, PAg, ISSP, and Matthew Gourlay, CGCS

July 16 @ 10 a.m.

Retaining Your Recruits
Bill H. Maynard, CGCS

Aug. 22 @ 10 a.m.

Topdressing 101: Organic Matter Management
Roch Gaussoin, Ph.D.

Read more: <https://www.gcsaa.org/education/my-learning-hub#ixzz5oZD1Fgjh>



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

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John Parmelee, Indian Springs GC

2nd Place Gross 143 mc:

Jason Dowgiewicz, Plant Food Company
Mike Dachowski, Shelter Harbor CC

3rd Place Gross 143 mc:

Eric DeStefano, Tallwood CC
Mike McDermott, Tallwood CC

1st Place Net 116:

Heather Garvin, Chas. Hart Seed Co.
Melissa Gugliotti, Syngenta

2nd Place Net 126:

Peter Tyrell, Horticultural Consultants, LLC
Anthony Nardella, Nardella's Turf Care., Inc.

3rd Place Net 129:

Peter Gorman, Atlantic Golf & Turf
Randy Rider, guest

Skill Prizes:

Long Drive #15:

Heather Garvin, Chas. Hart Seed Co.

Longest Putt #14 - 17'9":

Jason Dowgiewicz, Plant Food Company

Longest Putt #3 - 14'6":

Melissa Gugliotti, Syngenta

Closest to Line #8:

Tim O'Neill, CC of Darien

Closest to Pin #2 - 9'2":

Peter Gorman, Atlantic Golf & Turf

Closest to Pin #9 - 1'8":

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JUNE GOLF RESULTS RICHTER PARK GOLF COURSE JUNE 10, 2019

A Flight

1st Place Gross – 76

Jason Dowgiewicz, Plant Food Company

2nd Place Gross – 80

Dale Ashlock, guest

1st Place Net – 71

John Parmelee, Indian Springs GC

2nd Place Net – 72

Jay Van Coughnett, Torrington CC

B Flight

1st Place Gross – 83

Marc Weston, Indian Hill CC

2nd Place Gross – 85

Tim Nadeau, Rockledge GC

1st Place Net – 73

Eric Morrison, Shennecossett GC

2nd Place Net – 74

Les Kennedy

C Flight

1st Place Gross – 86

John Bresnahan, Syngenta

2nd Place Gross – 88

Heather Garvin, Chas. Hart Seed

1st Place Net – 71

Duncan McGowan, Litchfield CC

2nd Place Net – 72

Neil Lajeunesse, Dunning Custom Soils

Skill Prizes:

Long Drive #2:

Sean Flynn, Mill River CC

Closest to Line #9

Scott Tretera, guest

Closest to the Pin #3 – 4'2":

Les Kennedy

Closest the Pin # 5:

Jay Van Coughnett, Torrington CC

Closest to the Pin #10 – 14'4":

Andy Fries, Brownson CC

Closest to the Pin #13 – 4'10":

Scott Lund, Valley Green

Closest to the Pin #17 – 2'4":

Les Kennedy

Longest Putt #18 – 28'6":

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Jim Skorulski will retire from the USGA on June 30th after serving as a Northeast Agronomist since 1989. You may see him on your golf courses as a golfer or in a nearby stream or lake with his fly rod. Jim, we wish you a long, healthy and enjoyable retirement.



Condolences

To the family of Mike Chrzanowski on the passing of his brother, Joe, on Saturday, June 8, 2019.

To Robert Dorsch, III, CGCS and family on the passing of his father Robert G. Dorsch, Jr. 76 passed away on May 1, 2019. Services will be private and decided by the family. Memorial contribution can be made to American Cancer Society. For more information please visit - <https://www.danburymemorial.com/notices/Robert-Dorsch>



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CLINTON COUNTRY CLUB
MONDAY, MAY 29TH**

1st Gross – 59 mc

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Timothy O'Neill, CC of Darien
Peter Lund, Valley Green, Inc.
Michael Cornicelli, A-OK Turf

2nd Net – 56 mc

Neil Lajeunesse, Dunning Custom Soils
Gilberto Perez, Dunning Custom Soils
Daryl Aresco, Borough of Fenwick
Ed Grant, K&J Tree Service

2ND Gross – 63 mc

Mike Decker, Clinton CC
Brian Pope, TPC
Gary DeVaux, Keney Park GC
Mike Dukette, Harrell's

3rd Net – 56 mc

Peter Grace, Smith Richardson GC
John Callahan, Cardinals, Inc.
Thomas Lopez, MTE
Fred Lopez, guest

3rd Gross – 64 mc

Al Adaskaveg, Rockledge GC
Timothy Nadeau, Rockledge GC
Peter Bacon, Wyantenuck CC
James Staszowski, TPC

Closest to the Pin:

#6 – 3'4" - Matt Grosso, guest
#17 – 6' - Gary DeVaux, Keney Park GC

Longest Drive:

#2 – Matt Grosso, guest
#11 – Blake Glissmeyer, Windham Club

1st Net – 55

Kevin Collins, Tradition at Oak Lane
Eric Morrison, Shennecossett CC
John Parmelee, Indian Spring CC
Ward Weischet, SiteOne Landscaping

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Questions? E-mail mailto:fieldday@umassturf.org, call Jason Lanier at 413-545-2965 or Mary Owen at 508-892-0382.

DR. OLGA KOSTROMYTSKA JOINS THE UMASS TURF PROGRAM

In September 2018, Dr. Olga Kostromytska joined the UMass faculty as an Extension Assistant Professor, assuming a role occupied for decades by the esteemed Dr. Pat Vittum. She has already been very active in 2019 with teaching, research, and outreach.

Olga received her M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in Entomology from the University of Florida, specializing in turf entomology. Since 2010, she worked as a post-doctoral researcher at Rutgers University, focusing on biology and management of the annual bluegrass weevil, a destructive pest on golf courses. Other projects she worked on included host plant resistance, insecticide resistance, biocontrol options, chemical ecology and reproductive diapause of the annual

bluegrass weevil.

Other research interests include biology and management of white grubs, mole crickets, billbugs, chinch bugs and cutworms. Her current research program is centered on gaining better understanding of the biology and ecology of turfgrass insect pests, developing sustainable management strategies with reduced insecticide applications, as well as investigating insecticide resistance mechanisms and developing resistance mitigation programs. The main goal of her extension program is to identify and solve insect pest problems and to provide solid and rigorous research foundation that will yield practical solutions to pressing problems.



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July 16
Tuesday

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*Low Gross/Net Blind Partners, 2nd Round CAGCS Championship
New England Team Championship Qualifier*



July 17
Wednesday

UMASS Turf Research Field Day
Joseph Troll Turf Research Center, Deerfield, MA

July 23
Tuesday

UCONN AFTER HOURS
Plant Science Research & Ed. Facility, Storrs

August 15
Thursday

THE HARTFORD YARD GOATS
CAGCS Social/Network Evening

September 3
Tuesday

TPC BOSTON
15th Annual Joseph Troll Turf Classic

September 9
Monday

THE COURSE AT YALE
CTEC Golf Tournament

September 24
Tuesday

MADISON COUNTRY CLUB
Host: Michael Chrzanowski, CGS
CAGCS MEMBER/GUEST



October 8
Tuesday

INDIAN HILL COUNTRY CLUB
Host: Marc Weston, CGCS
*2 Person Best Ball, Superintendent/Assistant Tournament
President's Cup & McLaughlin Trophy*



October 10
Thursday

BOOTHBAY HARBOR COUNTRY CLUB
New England Superintendents Championship

October 23
Wednesday

FISHERS ISLAND CLUB
Host: David McIntyre, Asst. GCS
CAGCS Class C Tournament

November 5
Tuesday

SHARON COUNTRY CLUB
Host: William Goewey, GCS
9-Hole Scramble ABCD, CAGCS Annual Meeting



December 5
Thursday

J. TIMOTHY'S TAVERNE
CAGCS Christmas Party



NEW ENGLAND REGIONAL TURFGRASS FOUNDATION, INC.

The New England Regional Turfgrass Foundation recently held its 22nd Annual Meeting on May 9, 2019 where a new Executive Board was elected. Peter J. Rappoccio, CGCS, Golf Course Superintendent of the Concord Country Club in Concord, MA has been elected as the 23rd President of the Foundation, succeeding Jeffrey M. Urquhart of GreenSight Agronomics, Inc.

Peter has represented the Golf Course Superintendent Association of New England on the NERTF Board since 2014. Mark Mansur, of Wintonbury Hills Golf Course representing the Connecticut Association of Golf Course Superintendents (CAGCS), will serve as the vice-president/treasurer for this upcoming year. Robert B. Searle of the Abenakee Club of the MGCSA has been elected to serve as secretary for a second year. Jeff will continue to serve on the board as the Immediate-Past President. 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). Advisory board members are invited from state universities in Connecticut, Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

The 22nd Annual Conference and Show was held in Providence, RI on March 5th through March 7th, 2019. The winter weather cooperated nicely with better weather the first week of March than what we are seeing in May! Tuesday seminar attendance was at its second highest number in 22 years. Many new changes and improvements were added to the show in 2019 including a trade show lunch on Thursday. 76 total hours of Education for all

attendees were available during the 3 days and the trade show was open a total of 13 hours. The 2020 show dates for the 23rd Annual Show are March 3-5, 2020 in Providence, RI. For more information on the show and New England Turfgrass Research please visit our website: www.nertf.org or call 401-841-5490.

In other NERTF news, the 8th annual Tee-Up New England rounds of golf auction took place April 15-22, 2019. 108 lots of golf across New England and one day of tennis at the Longwood Cricket Club were auctioned off along with a couple of sets of Red Sox tickets. Rounds were collected for the auction by the NERTF and ATG (Alumni Turf Group). All rounds were sold, and over \$31,000 was raised towards turfgrass research in New England. We greatly thank all



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courses who participated in 2019 and wish to extend that to every auction participant for supporting turfgrass research. A complete list of courses that participated is located at www.tee-upnewengland.com.

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- Strategies to improve biological disease control
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Lightning Protection for Golf Courses

With the thunder storms of summer approaching, I thought that consideration should occur as to your course's "Surge Protection" of the irrigation system.

Acting as an antenna on which surges of electricity travel with little resistance, an irrigation system's wiring-not unlike office or home-equipment wiring-is susceptible to lightning-based surges. The costly repairs and loss of productivity associated with surge damage to an office's computer network also applies to golf courses when lightning strikes. Most losses with the irrigation systems are with electrical controllers, satellites, valves and sprinklers, but well-pumps - affecting turf quality by interrupting finely tuned watering schedules. Though it is unusual for lightning to knock out an entire system, even small repairs are a setback for courses competing to attract a finite number of players. This may mean that superintendents are unable to irrigate part or, sometimes, all of their courses during critically dry periods. For this reason, several lightning countermeasures are available to protect your irrigation systems and your course's competitive edge.

The better the system is grounded, the better chance equipment will last longer. Superintendents should have ground rods checked every year, cleaning and tightening the clamps and to perform a Megger test on the ground rods. This ground insulation, or Meg test, calculates the resistance of the insulation, a measure of its condition.

It is important that both the controller and the surge arrestors are grounded to ground rods or plates with less than 10 ohms resistance however, a range of 11 to 30 ohms still means there is good grounding protection. When the resistance of the soil is above 30 ohms, this indicates poor grounding. You'll need to take improvement steps. At minimum, the grounding circuit for controllers will include a copper clad steel ground rod, or copper ground plate.

Copper ground rods should be driven into the ground at a location 8 to 10 feet from the equipment or wires connected to it, at right angles to the two-wire path.. Install all grounding circuit components in straight lines. When it is necessary to make bends, do not make sharp turns.

Copper grounding plate assemblies intended for grounding applications should be attached to (using an approved welding process) to a 25-foot continuous length (no splices allowed unless using exothermic welding process) of 6 AWG solid bare copper wire.

If ledge rock or rocky conditions prevent driving rods, lay the rods or No. 8 wire in a straight trench. A copper plate to be buried in an irrigated area near the controller location. Install the copper plate in a trench three to four feet deep. Backfill with good top soil and two 50 lb. bags of Ground Enhancement Material (GEM) on top and bottom.

Have the resistance checked annually. The most effective time to test resistance is during a dry spell prior to the lightning season. The lightning season is when we need the best possible surge protection and grounding system.

This was submitted by Matthew Faherty