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## CAGCS Past President Runs for National Board

A recent accomplishment I am incredibly proud of is completing my Presidency of the Connecticut Association of Golf Course Superintendents (CAGCS) in November 2019. I have served our association of 378 members for a total of 11 years, with the last two as President. My two major goals in this role were to represent our members (including sharing our story at industry-related events) and to bring people together. I committed to attending all CAGCS events, as well as CT State Golf Association and First Tee of CT Board meetings and social gatherings, representing our members during this time. Along with my fellow Board members, we also made changes to our events and increased attendance, adding value for both the membership and commercial sponsors. Throughout my career, I have consistently demonstrated that I am willing to be involved and learn. I have set, and continue to set, professional goals to maintain a high level of engagement and motivation to contribute to my club and our industry.

For example, I successfully completed the demanding GCSAA Certification process in 2012. I was then privileged to serve on this GCSAA Certification Committee from 2017 to 2019. One of my successes while on the Committee was to help one of our CAGCS members reinstate his Certification through the appeals process. Another personal goal I achieved was being selected for publication in GCSAA's Golf Course Management Magazine. In my article, "Walking the Talk as a Golf Course Superintendent," I highlight the many positive benefits I have experienced by volunteering in the golf industry without hitting a single golf ball.

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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

**WRITTEN BY  
PAUL BONINI, CGSC  
PRESIDENT, CAGCS**

We always welcome autumn with open arms but probably none more than this year. I don't need to recap the season for you, we all lived through it. I would like to reflect on a couple things over the past season. Let's think back 6 months ago and our initial reactions on March 11 when a shutdown was possible. We had our helpful friends in Hartford, Mike Dugan and Mike Moraghan, pulling for our industry to be in that essential business discussion and they succeeded. Some of us now are seeing our busiest years on the golf course, with many golf courses seeing profits never anticipated and having the ability to improve their properties. Once we became an essential business we all adapted so well to the ongoing CDC requirements. I have spoken to many colleagues through this season and if nothing else this pandemic has made us better managers and pushed us to be more creative and adaptive to new challenges. So now is a time to enjoy all your efforts and breathe. Try to get out and participate in a CAGCS event, get together with family, and get back to a favorite hobby. We are trying to keep everything scheduled still viable to all members and we are scheduling the 2021 season. We were very proud to announce a long time CAGCS board member and current past President of CAGCS has been nominated to run for Director on the GCSAA Board. We wish Marc Weston, CGCS nothing but the best during his campaign and join us when you see him offering him your support. It was great to see over the season so many members offering their time to volunteer. We saw many members volunteering in state at The Travelers Championship helping Jeff, Noel, Jason and the TPC Agronomy team providing a great week of conditions and golf.



The highlight of the year was the much deserved anticipation of years of work at Winged Foot and The U.S. Open. There were several CAGCS members who chose to double dip that week, performing their own duties at their golf course and volunteering their time to Stephen Rabideau and the team at Winged Foot.

So why all this cheering and fanfare after a season that some of us are swearing at and hope we never see again? While growing up I was told onetime "to have a friend you must be a friend".

This, more than any other year, I was thinking to have this association so strong you must be the association. We are a strong group because we support one another and come to each other's aid when needed. I hope this never changes and it makes me very proud to be the CAGCS President.

Thank you and hope to see you soon.



## CAGCS Past President Runs for National Board

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I write about the value of serving as a Chapter Delegate, my experience speaking at the Golf Industry Show in San Antonio on "networking differently," my walk around Augusta National with three other CAGCS Board members, and the importance of attending National Golf Day. I shared my story to show how many ways there are to get involved within our industry, in associations both locally and nationally.

Through the positions I have held on the CAGCS Board, as well as my involvement with GCSAA, I have continued my growth as a well-rounded industry leader and have become much more valuable as a Superintendent and to CAGCS. As the next step in my personal and professional journey, my goal is to be elected to the GCSAA Board of Directors.

If I am elected in this national capacity, my core objectives would remain the same as they were locally – to represent our industry by sharing our story and to bring our members together. It is a true honor to be nominated by CAGCS President Paul Bonini, and I am grateful to all CAGCS Past Presidents and Board Members with whom I have served. I have learned so much from them. I am confident in my ability to serve and represent our industry on a national level, and I will sincerely endeavor to earn Delegates' trust and support.

Respectfully,  
Marc Weston, CGCS



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## KEVIN'S KORNER

As 2020 progresses, the 50 by 2020 Best Management Practices (BMP) goal is fast approaching. Most of the Northeast region closes in on the final stages of the document that you, your colleagues, our entire industry, and stakeholders of all types will benefit from. Please take the opportunity to thank your BMP committee for volunteering their time to develop such a great resource.

Many of the successful concepts and practices used to build your document came from ideas the committee in New York developed. Superintendents and scientists in NY began their BMP initiative in 2012. The committee was led by a dynamic individual, Ken Benoit, CGCS, and then superintendent at Glen Arbor CC, would be named the first Executive Director of the organization tasked with overseeing the state BMPs, The New York Golf Course Foundation (NYGCF). Not only was Benoit's leadership critical to the success of the New York Golf BMP, his passion for the concept has gone miles, literally, since then.

On August 14th, Benoit began a cross-country bicycle trek from Connecticut to Oregon to promote facility BMPs through his "Connect to Protect Tour." An avid and accomplished cyclist, Benoit will be stopping at golf courses along his route to highlight current BMP practices in place and posting blogs and videos on his company website, Eco Turf Consulting. Benoit is also posting updates via his twitter feed. It is a fascinating follow with environmental information you and your facility could benefit from too! Here is where you can find Benoit's Connect to Protect Tour information to follow along during, or learn from even after his journey:

**Website:**

[ecoturfconsulting.com/connect-to-protect-tour/](http://ecoturfconsulting.com/connect-to-protect-tour/)

**Twitter:**

@kenbenoit1

GCM wrote a more in depth article about Benoit's unique adventure which can be found here: [www.gcmonline.com/latest-stories/ken-benoit-golf-course-bmps](http://www.gcmonline.com/latest-stories/ken-benoit-golf-course-bmps).



*Ken Benoit, CGCS, will blend two of his interests – cycling and golf course environmental stewardship – on his cross-country Connect to Protect Tour beginning Aug. 14. Photos courtesy of Ken Benoit*



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Hopefully, you enjoy the blogs and videos of Benoit's trip as much as I do. I am equally optimistic that BMP resources Benoit uncovers and shares from facilities across the country will benefit you and your environmental efforts! Be sure to connect with the Connect to Protect Tour in any way you can!

GCSAA Resources and Deadlines  
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## KEVIN'S KORNER

## Las Vegas Update

## THE 2021 GOLF INDUSTRY SHOW IS GOING VIRTUAL.

AMID THE ONGOING CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC, GCSAA ANNOUNCED THAT THE ANNUAL EDUCATION CONFERENCE AND TRADE SHOW WILL BE PRESENTED IN A VIRTUAL FORMAT INSTEAD OF THE PREVIOUSLY PLANNED IN-PERSON EVENT IN LAS VEGAS.

IN ADDITION TO THE EDUCATION, TRADE SHOW AND SPECIAL EVENTS THAT WILL TAKE PLACE LIVE ON THE VIRTUAL PLATFORM THE FIRST WEEK OF FEBRUARY, ATTENDEES WILL ALSO HAVE THE OPTION TO VIEW OR REVIEW ALL CONTENT FROM THE SHOW FOR AN EXTENDED PERIOD AFTER THE EVENT CONCLUDES. THE THEME OF GIS 2021 — "YOUR SPACE. YOUR PACE. ALL IN ONE PLACE." — NOT ONLY REFLECTS THE ABILITY OF PARTICIPANTS TO ATTEND THE SHOW FROM THE SAFETY OF THEIR HOMES OR OFFICES AND CONSUME THE CONTENT WHEN THEY WANT TO, BUT ALSO SPEAKS TO THE CONVERGENCE OF INDUSTRY EXPERTS THAT IS A HALLMARK OF GIS AND WILL REMAIN SO IN THE VIRTUAL FORMAT.

## Upcoming Webinars

Oct. 15 @ 9 a.m.

**Air Movement: Triple Trouble Series Part Two**

Bud White, CPAg

Oct. 21 @ 10 a.m.

**Calibrating Your Sprayers and Selecting the Right Nozzles**

Aaron J. Patton, Ph.D.

Oct. 29 @ 9 a.m.

**Shade: Triple Trouble Series Part Three**

Mike Richardson, Ph.D.

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- COMMUNICATIONS AND OUTREACH AWARD
- INNOVATIVE CONSERVATION AWARD

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## JUNE MEETING RESULTS HAWKS LANDING COUNTRY CLUB JUNE 15, 2020

### A Flight

1st Place Gross: Wayne Lagasse, Fox Hopyard GC

2nd Place Gross: Jay Popko, Winfield United

1st Place Net: Eric Morrison, CGCS, Shennecossett GC

2nd Place Net: Ward Weishet, SiteOne Landscaping Supply

### B Flight

1st Place Gross: Marc Weston, CGCS, Indian Hill CC

2nd Place Gross: John Callahan, Cardinals

1st Place Net: Neil Lajuenesse, Dunning Custom Soils

2nd Place Net: Heather Garvin, Hart Seed Co.

### C Flight

1st Place Gross: Chris Konow, Black Hall Club


2nd Flight Gross: Brian Pope, TPC

1st Place Net: Daniel Sisson, Hawks Landing CC

2nd Flight Net: Anthony Grosso, Chippanee CC



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### **2nd Place Gross: 160**

Eric Destefano, Tallwood CC  
Peter Gorman, Atlantic Golf and Turf

### **3rd Place Gross: 168**

David Rafferty, GreatHorse  
Les Kennedy, Jr, Retired

### **1st Place Net: 141**

Anthony Grosso, Chippanee CC  
Kevin Doyle, GCSAA

### **2nd Place Net: 142**

Matt Lapinski, Noble Turf  
Tom Rodden, Glastonbury Hills CC

### **3rd Place Net: 145**

Richard Kremer, Hop Meadow CC  
Kevin Collins, Tradition Golf Club at Oak Lane

### **Skill Prizes:**

**Closest to the line #17:** Heather Garvin

**Long Drive #7:** Mike Dachowski

**Longest Putt #18:** Rich Kremer 17'6"

**Longest Putt #2:** Bruce Morse 15'6"

**Closest to Pin #3:** Chris Francis 3'8"

**Closest to Pin #9:** Tom DeVaux 5'3"

**Closest to Pin #12:** Matt Lapinski 7'5"

**Closest to Pin #16:** Mike Dukette





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### CONGRATULATIONS!

Samantha and Curtis D'Anna, Superintendent at Hartford CC, on the birth of their son, Timothy James on September 20, 2020; 6 lbs 14 oz and 21" long.

Duncan McGowan and Litchfield Country Club on achieving the designation as a "Certified Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary" through the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program for Golf Courses.



### HAPPY RETIREMENT

Wishing Mike Wallace and his wife Jo and happy and peaceful retirement. In 1973, Mike became the superintendent at Rockledge CC before moving to Hop Meadow CC in 1985. He worked at Fairview Farms GC in 2002 before accepting the position of Superintendent at Simsbury Farms. Mike was the President of CAGCS in 1982-83 and the President of GCSAA in 2002.

### WELL WISHES

John Motycka as he suffers from pneumonia. We wish a comfortable recovery for John and send our best wishes to his wife Suzy.

### CONDOLANCES

Donald Beck Jr, CGCS and family on the passing of his father, Donald E Beck on August 22, 2020.

<https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/name/donald-beck-obituary?pid=196751556>

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## Moving Forward Amid Challenges

Many of you know the significance that the battle of Gettysburg had on the outcome of the Civil War. Without that win for the Union Army, the war could have turned majorly in favor of the South. Some of you may know what Joshua Chamberlain's role in the battle was too. Historians have focused on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Maine Regiment in the battle and have determined that if the Maine Regiment had failed in its assignment to protect the left flank of the Union Line, then that battle could have gone to the Confederate Army. Fortunately, they held, even as they were outnumbered, even though they ran out of ammunition, even though they charged the confederates with empty guns with fixed bayonets while they were being fired upon. When things were down and out, the Maine 2<sup>nd</sup> Regiment commanded by 34-year old Colonel Joshua L. Chamberlain and many other heroes dug in to face their greatest fears, then ran out of ammunition, then stood up, fixed their bayonets, and charged against all odds at the firing confederates. This startled the enemy and they retreated. At first, they held and then advanced their flank which allowed the rest of the battle to go in favor of the Union Army. Without their

efforts, history could have been quite different.

The civil war was an ugly time for our country. Stories like this gives us insight that even when all odds may be against you, heroic actions, some may call miracles, are possible and can occur. No doubt there were heroes on both sides of the line that sacrificed all that they had for their families, comrades, and leaders. We must never forget them, especially that 2<sup>nd</sup> Maine Regiment!

Recently, we have found ourselves amidst tough times. Today the enemy is much different, but it has certainly disrupted the lives of citizens all across our country and world. Businesses, schools, sports, churches and beaches all are struggling in their own way. It looks like it is going to affect even our conference and show for 2021 to the point that we believe a physical trade show will not be possible. The foundation's board has been contemplating what we could do as we approached the time to make this major decision. Our analysis tells us that even though we cannot host the displays of products and machinery, that we could still partially service our industry by hosting a virtual conference.

What exactly is a virtual conference? In our minds it will take the form of hosted education program on a webinar on a meeting software platform like Zoom. Attendees could watch the presentations from their home or office. The schedule would be practically the same as we have had in Providence. Our plans are to do one day of seminars and only one day of education sessions. Education sessions would include: Golf, Sports Turf/Grounds, Lawn Care/Landscape and Equipment Technicians. We plan to hold it on the same dates we had scheduled for our show for 2021. Seminars will be held on Tuesday, March 2, and education sessions on Wednesday, March 3. We would offer pesticide credits for applicable seminars and sessions for those who attended. This means you would get a passcode to get into the session or seminar. The Foundation would be able to monitor your computer to know that you have logged in. To receive credit, you must stay logged on until the end of the full session or seminar. Only those registered will be permitted to enter the session or seminar. It will be different, but we believe it will work. It will allow attendees to learn, stay up to



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FYI, currently, the RI Convention Center is set up as a 600 Bed Corona Virus Hospital and is under contract to later this fall. The state of Rhode Island has two of these facilities ready to service the community if virus numbers become worse

and overload the regular hospitals. We all hope these hospitals will stay empty. It is most likely that one of these facilities will close by October 15<sup>th</sup> so long as the virus seems not to be furthering its advancement. We don't know which facility will return to normal activity. The remaining one will be contracted until May 2021. Once the convention center is returned to the convention authority, then it will take about 2 months to get it up and running again. A second challenge includes our governor's state restrictions. Currently, we can only host a maximum of 25 people/room at one time. This may change or it may not. If this doesn't change, our education program, not to mention our trade show would be a great challenge using multiple rooms and increased spacing. These restrictions also affect

the hotels and restaurants in the area, some are closed and others struggling to stay open. A big question would be if attendees would be enthusiastic about gathering at this point. There are many tough questions yet to be answered. So, as you can see, the board members were faced with hard decisions. They decided to act quickly and voted to cancel the trade show and avoid the issue of making people stay over in Providence. We hope you'll understand and move forward with us when we host the 24<sup>th</sup> annual, but our 1<sup>st</sup>, New England Regional Turfgrass Virtual Conference on March 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup>. More information will be soon to follow....stay tuned!

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### Key Changes for the 2021 Session

- An **entirely online, virtual program** which eliminates travel and lodging costs
- An extended program period (12 weeks) from January 4 through March 26, 2021
- A blend of synchronous (live) and asynchronous (on-demand) education for maximum flexibility
- A reduced tuition rate and no application fee

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**The enrollment period is open, and applications are being accepted now. Seating is limited for this program, so apply today!**

**For complete information, including application instructions, fees, deadlines, curriculum, and instructors, visit: <https://ag.umass.edu/turf/education/turf-winter-school>**

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For academic information about the program  
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August 20, 2020

Dear New England Superintendent,

We are recruiting New England golf course superintendents to participate in a Minimum Level of Sustainable Nutrition (MLSN) research project conducted by the Turfgrass Science Program at the University of Connecticut and funded by the National GCSAA and New England Regional Turfgrass Foundation.

**Background of Research:**

The MLSN is a new soil test interpretation and fertilizer recommendation approach proposed by Micah Woods (Asian Turfgrass Center) and Larry Stowell (PACE Turf, LLC). This procedure identifies the minimum concentration of a soil nutrient that supports “good” turf growth while maintaining desirable turf quality and performance conditions. We think it is important to provide MLSN guidelines in relation to New England soils.

**What We Request From You:**

- Select localized areas within different greens, tees, and fairways that present “good” quality turf. See the rating scale on the next page for guidance on identifying “good” quality turf. We want samples from playing surfaces that perform “good” under typical conditions of use and maintenance. Samples should not come from problem areas or areas that are obviously different from typical conditions of the golf course.
- Limit sampling to a maximum of 10 different areas per golf course. Target 3 putting greens, 3 tees, and 4 fairways. Our goal is to receive samples from many courses across all of the six New England states.
- Understand that results from these samples will not be readily available to guide your fertilization. Use a different set of samples and your current soil testing and fertilization practices for these purposes. After all data have been analyzed in this project, you will receive our projected MLSN critical levels and you can compare your specific results to the New England MLSN values.
- Follow soil-sampling instructions on next page and submit soil samples to UConn MLSN Project. Mailing instructions on the next page.

We appreciate your participation and look forward to working with you on providing more sustainable soil test information and recommendations.

Sincerely,

Karl Guillard  
Professor of Agronomy & University Teaching Fellow  
University of Connecticut  
Department of Plant Science and Landscape Architecture  
karl.guillard@uconn.edu



## Minimum Level of Sustainable Nutrition for New England Golf Courses Project

### Collecting Soil Samples:

- Collect samples before you fertilize. With granular formulations, wait at least 2 weeks before collecting samples after you fertilize.
- Target 3 putting greens, 3 tees, and 4 fairways. Select localized areas within different greens, tees, and fairways that present “good” quality turf. Visualize turf quality using the National Turfgrass Evaluation Program’s rating system scale of 1 to 9, with 9 = best turf quality and 6 representing the minimum level of acceptable quality (<http://www.ntep.org/reports/ratings.htm>).
- Select areas that would fall within your quality ratings of 6–8 for sampling. We want samples from playing surfaces that perform “good” under typical conditions of use and maintenance, and not samples from the “best” (rating = 9) or less than acceptable quality (< 6) areas. Also, samples should not come from problem areas or areas that are obviously different from typical conditions of the golf course.
- Identify an area of good turf approximately 5 to 10 feet in diameter. Record your quality rating for that area.
- Collect enough soil to fill a volume of 2 cups (1 pint). Sample to a depth of 5 inches. Remove and discard the top 1-inch of the soil core and obvious aboveground plant parts.
- Mix well in a clean bucket or pail not used for fertilizer to break apart large aggregates then place in a labeled bag.
  - Label the samples using the following format: Course name | Green, Tee, or Fairway | Number.  
For example: UConn Green #1
  - Maintain a copy of your coding and sample locations.
  - Please air-dry soil before mailing or delivering to UConn by placing the soil samples separately on clean paper bags or pieces of newspaper to minimize contamination. Avoid areas used for fertilizer.

### Complete the Submission Form:

- Either download the submission form (<https://turfgrass.cahnr.uconn.edu/MSLN>), contact us via email for the submission form (Excel file), or use the attached sheet. Complete the sample submission form and include a hardcopy with the soil samples in the shipping package. Also, email your Excel file to Karl Guillard ([karl.guillard@uconn.edu](mailto:karl.guillard@uconn.edu)).

### Mailing or Delivery Instructions:

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