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A Slow Start to Spring

A cool, often times cloudy, April has created challenges for golf courses throughout much of the Northeast. The lack of warm and sunny weather has limited turf recovery and delayed the opening of putting greens that were damaged during the winter. Even those golf courses that were fortunate enough to avoid winter injury have dealt with aeration holes that continue to persist.

Poa annua roots generally do not start to grow rapidly until soil temperatures are at least 50 degrees Fahrenheit. Creeping bentgrass is slightly slower out of the gate and doesn't really start to move until you reach sustained temperatures of 55 degrees Fahrenheit or warmer. It has been only recently that many golf courses have reached such temperatures levels.

If you find yourself struggling with recovery, whether from winter injury caused by crown hydration or normal aeration practices, I suggest you stop focusing your attention on the ground and instead look upward to see what can be done to improve the growing environment. Shade from nearby trees can keep the soil cooler and delay turf growth. Similarly, establishing turf from seed can be challenging enough this time of year, you don't want to further complicate the process with lack of sunlight. Now's the time to get serious with your tree management. A combination of pruning and select tree removal will translate into faster turf recovery and could help to reduce the likelihood of future winter damage.

"There's no substituting for sunlight and warm temperatures. Applying additional nutrients will not stimulate growth of dormant turf. In fact, applying too much fertilizer when the turf is not actively growing can waste money, have a negative environmental impact, and create an undesirable surge of growth once more favorable conditions arrive. Focus instead on tackling your shade problems.

Please reach out if you would like assistance in helping with developing a tree management plan or to discuss other agronomic concerns. I can be reached at jdaniels@usga.org

John Daniels USGA Agronomist



Reducing tree shade issues now can help to speed turf recovery and protect against future winter damage.

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

**WRITTEN BY
STEPHEN CURRY,
PRESIDENT, CAGCS**

Winter injury/Kill came to the region this year and hit some of our members hard. I understand from conversations that our association networking was very active as expected and many came to the aid of those fighting through the challenge. In a conversation with Steve McDonald, Turf Consultant, he said the damage was "hit or miss and all of the practices of those with damage were good. Be prepared is his important message, any one of us could be facing this next spring." Adversity like this makes clear the value of our association and professional relationships.

We have worked through some added stress of late in that 3 of us changed properties. Wayne Lagasse, membership chair, moved from Rock Ridge Country Club to Stonington Country Club, Andy Fries, CGCS Treasurer from H.B. Brownson Country Club to The Tashua Knolls Club and I left Blue Fox Run Golf Club to take over at Rock Ridge Country Club.

The association is in good standing; our membership is growing and advancing, the events have all been successful and our finances are sound. We have managed through arguably the most challenging time in our history. I'll quote our Chapter Executive, GraceMarie Chapin

"I am honored to have been a part of CAGCS during a difficult time. With the support of the Board and membership, CAGCS was able to host all but 1 scheduled event since March of 2020. Not many other associations, if any, were able to say that."



"I'm extremely proud to be able to continue to bring our membership together for networking and education in the 2022 season."

We are very fortunate to have such a dedicated and capable Chapter Executive. GraceMarie has been selected to represent Chapter executives Nationally on a task group for the GCSAA. I am very proud of her success and the light it shines on our association, and we should all feel honored.

Stephen Curry
CAGCS President



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UConn Turfgrass Field Day

Thursday, July 28, 2022

at the Plant Science Research and Education Facility in Storrs, Connecticut

For more information and to register, visit s.uconn.edu/TurfFieldDay2022

The 2022 Turfgrass Field Day at the University of Connecticut offers exciting educational opportunities for turfgrass professionals of all levels.

The date of the Field Day has been selected in order to provide the best opportunity

to view the research plots when they are under the greatest summer stress. Cutting edge research in the areas of lawn care, sports and golf turf management will be presented.

Attendees will have an opportunity to discuss ongoing research and management concerns with the UConn turf team. In addition to seeing the



latest research results, turfgrass professionals have the opportunity to interact with exhibitors and discuss the latest developments and challenges in the industry.

Agenda:

7:30 – 9:15 Registration opens with continental breakfast, Visit with Exhibitors

9:15 – 9:30 Welcoming remarks

9:30 – 12:00 Guided tour of research plots including:

- Robotic mower research
- Annual bluegrass management in athletic fields
- Dollar spot management in fairways
- Turfgrass variety trials for lawn, sports, and golf
- Fungicide efficacy for summer diseases

12:00 – 1:00 Lunch

Pesticide and certification credits will be available

Early registration deadline is June 28, 2022



2022 Meeting Dates For The Following Chapters

Connecticut Association of Golf Course Superintendents - www.cagcs.com, **Golf Course Superintendents of Cape Cod** - www.gcsacc.org, **Golf Course Superintendents of New England** - www.gcsane.org, **Maine Golf Course Superintendents Association** - www.maine-gcsa.org, **New Hampshire Golf Course Superintendents** - www.nhgcsa.com, **Metropolitan Golf Course Superintendents Association** - www.metgcsa.org, **Rhode Island Association of Golf Course Superintendents** - www.rigcsa.org, **Vermont Golf Course Superintendents Association** - www.vtgcsa.com, **Hudson Valley Golf Course Superintendents Association** - www.hvgcsa.org, **Golf Course Superintendents Association of New Jersey** - gcsanj.org, **Golf Course Superintendents Association of New York** - www.gcsaofny.org
PLEASE NOTE! Check your local chapters web site for updates!

Date	LOCATION	EVENT	ASSOCIATION
Tuesday, April 19, 2022	Tradition at Oak Lane	2-Ball Shamble	CAGCS
Monday, April 25, 2022	Knollwood Country Club	Dave Mahoney 2-Ball Qualifier	MetGCSA
Monday, April 28, 2022	Country Club of New Bedford		RI Turfgrass Foundation Event

May

Monday, May 9, 2022	Paramount Country Club	Hudson Valley Cup	HVGCSA
Tuesday, May 10, 2022	Franklin Country Club	Bear Cup Tournament	RIGCSA & GCSACC & GCSANE
Tuesday, May 10, 2022	York Golf and Tennis Club	Annual Joint Meeting	NHGCSA & MGCSA
Thursday, May 12, 2022	Links at Graystone	Walk and Talk w/ Frank Rossi	GCSAof NY
Monday, May 16, 2022	Mill River Country Club	Scholarship and Research Tournament	CAGCS
Tuesday, May 17, 2022	Willston Golf Club	Golf Meeting	VtGCSA
Monday, May 23, 2022	Hyannisport Club	Scholarship and Research Tournament	GCSACC
Monday, May 23, 2022	Woodway Country Club	Superintendent/Guest	MetGCSA
Monday, May 23, 2022	Trump National Bedminster	Foundation Shootout	GCSANJ
Thursday, May 26, 2022	Beaver Meadows Golf Club	Member/Guest	GCSAof NY

June

Tuesday, June 7, 2022	Richter Park Golf Course	1st Round CAGCS Champ/MET Team Qualifier	CAGCS
Wednesday, June 8, 2022	Brook Meadow Country Club	Golf Meeting	GCSANE
Wednesday, June 8, 2022	Bellevue Country Club	Walk and Talk with Frank Rossi	GCSAofNY
Monday, June 13, 2022	The Ridge Club	Member/Guest	GCSACC
Monday, June 13, 2022	Hackensack Golf Club	Golf Meeting	GCSANJ
Monday, June 13, 2022	Lochmor Golf	Met Team Qualifier	HVGCSA
Thursday, June 16, 2022	The Stanwich Club	Invitational Tournament	MetGCSA
Tuesday, June 21, 2022	Patriots Baseball Game	Family Night	GCSANJ
Tuesday, June 21, 2022	Kwiniaska Golf Club	Golf Meeting	VtGCSA
Monday, June 27, 2022	Alpine Country Club	Member/Member Tournament	RIGCSA

July

Monday, July 11, 2022	Golf Club at Windham	New England Team Championship Qualifier	CAGCS
Monday, July 11, 2022	Oriente Beach Club	Summer Social	MetGCSA
Tuesday, July 12, 2022	Corning Country Club	Social Golf	GCSAof NY
Monday, July 18, 2022	The Bay Club	Rho-Cod Cup	RIGCSA & GCSACC & GCSANE
Monday, July 18, 2022	Oak Hills Golf Club	Golf Meeting	GCSANJ
Friday, July 22, 2022	Dogwood Knolls Golf Course	Nine and Dine	HVGCSA
Monday, July 25, 2022	West Bolton Golf Club	Fun B-B-Que 9 & Dine	VtGCSA
Tuesday, July 26, 2022	The Hartford Yard Goats	CAGCS Social/Network Evening	CAGCS
Tuesday, July 26, 2022	Rutgers University	Rutgers Field Day	GCSANJ
Wednesday, July 27, 2022	Rutgers University	Rutgers Field Day	GCSANJ
Thursday, July 28, 2022	University of Connecticut	Uconn Field Day	

August

Monday, August 1, 2022	Whitinsville Golf Club	Stress Buster Day	RIGCSA
Monday, August 1, 2022	Riverton Country Club	Golf Meeting	GCSANJ
Monday, August 1, 2022	Southers Marsh Golf Club	Free - B-Que	GCSACC
Monday, August 15, 2022	Links at Union Vale	With NYSTA	HVGCSA
Thursday, August 18, 2022	Bedford Memorial Park	Summer Family Picnic	MetGCSA
Tuesday, September 20, 2022	Sky Meadow Country Club		GCSANE
Monday, August 29, 2022	Apawamin Club	POA/Met Championship/Met Team Qualifier	MetGCSA
Tuesday, August 30, 2022	Turning Stone Resort	POA Tournament and Fundraiser	GCSAofNY
August - TBD	Stowe		VtGCSA

September

Monday, September 12, 2022	North Kingstown Golf Course	Championship and N/E Championship Qualifier	RIGCSA
Tuesday, September 13, 2022	Hamilton Farm	Par 3	GCSANJ
Monday, September 19, 2022	Sacconnesset Golf Club	Championship and N/E Championship Qualifier	GCSACC
Tuesday, September 20, 2022	Fox Run Golf Club	Trade Show	VtGCSA
Tuesday, September 20, 2022	Keene Country Club	Scholarship and Research Tournament	NHGCSA
Tuesday, September 20, 2022	Villa Roma	Met Team Qualifier	HVGCSA
Monday, September 26, 2022	The Hartford Golf Club	Member/Guest	CAGCS
Tuesday, September 27, 2022	Pawtucket Country Club	Scholarship and Research Tournament	RIGCSA
September - TBD	Finger Lakes	Couples Wine Tour	GCSAofNY

October

Monday, October 3, 2022	Springdale Golf Club	Turf Fest	GCSANJ
Monday, October 3, 2022	Maopac Golf Club	Met Team Qualifier	HVGCSEA
Monday, October 3, 2022	Hatherly Country Club	S&B	GCSANE
Tuesday, October 4, 2022	Country Club of Barre	Member/Guest	VtGCSA
Tuesday, October 4, 2022	Transit Valley Country Club	Walk and Talk w/ Frank Rossi	GCSAofNY
Tuesday, October 11, 2022	Portsmouth Country Club	N.E. Superintendents Championship	
Monday, October 17, 2022	Fox Hopyard	Superintendent/ Assistant Tournament	CAGCS
Monday, October 17, 2022	Atkinson Resort and Country Club	Pro-Superintendent	GCSANE
Monday, October 24, 2022	Newport Country Club	Superintendent/ Assistant Tournament	RIGCSA
Thursday, October 27, 2022	Baltusrol Golf Club	Chapter Championship	GCSANJ
October - TBA	TBA		GCSACC
October - TBA	Irondequoit Country Club	Social Golf	GCSAofNY

November

Thursday, November 3, 2022	Borough of Fenwick	Annual Meeting	CAGCS
Monday, November 7, 2022	Meadow Brook Golf Club	9-Hole	GCSANE
Wednesday, November 9, 2022	Pease Golf Course	Annual Meeting	NHGCSEA
Thursday, November 10, 2022	Fenway Golf Club	Fall Education	MetGCSA
Saturday, November 19, 2022	West Point	Tail Gate - Army vs. Uconn Football Game	MetGCSA & HVGCSEA
November - TBD	Jamestown Golf Course		RIGCSA
November - TBD	Reservation Golf Club		GCSACC

December

Tuesday, December 6, 2022	Urban Lodge Brewing	Christmas Party	CAGCS
Wednesday, December 7, 2022		Annual Meeting - Kaminski & McGraw	GCSAofNY
Thursday, October 6, 2022	Borgata Atlantic City	Green Expo	GCSANJ
Wednesday, December 7, 2022	Borgata Atlantic City	Green Expo	GCSANJ
Thursday, December 8, 2022	Borgata Atlantic City	Green Expo	GCSANJ
Thursday, December 8, 2022	Emma's Ale House	Holiday Party	MetGCSA
December - TBD	Grappone Center Concord NH	Education Day	NHGCSEA
December - TBD	TBD	Holiday and Meeting Event	RIGCSA
December - TBD	TBD	Annual Meeting	GCSACC
December - TBD	Billy Joe's Ribworks	Year End Social Event	HVGCSEA
December - TBD	Country Club of Buffalo	Shooting Event	GCSAofNY



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A lot has happened in the golf industry during and since the beginning of the pandemic. While it would be easy to go off on a diatribe about the many altered aspects, one difference stands out among the rest: Increased rounds have pumped life into many facilities.

With full memberships — and even waiting lists — at some private clubs, to full tee-sheets, reduced outings, and increased revenue at daily fee facilities, golf is revitalized. Conversations with many GCSAA members have proven to me that this much needed increased engagement has come with a notably increased lack of etiquette. It doesn't matter what type of facility, there are more balls in the air. There are more swings being taken. More carts are finding their way on the property. Not all of these are beneficial. What can be done?

Increased rounds don't necessarily equate to more stories of staff under siege by flying golf balls. Simple math would prove that having more golfers and tighter tee-times does increase the number of opportunities for issues. Do the new and returning golfers deserve the blame for seeming additional instances of staff being hit or nearly hit by golf balls? There is no way to know, after all, it's a problem that existed when the game was struggling for players too.

Again, increased rounds mean more swings, more divots, and more ball marks. Some repaired by respectful golfers, many not. Tee markers, divot boxes, golf carts seem to have fallen target to more than their fair share of wayward golf club attacks. Unfortunately, the proper turf isn't always the target of these swings these days. Add to that list, the occurrence of divots taken out of greens and collars seem to be on the rise too. Learning of this unnecessary and unwanted damage through conversations has increased, and the prevalence of such despair on social media mirrors that up-tick too. None of this is new to our industry professionals, but the seeming growth of these occurrences have become alarming.

Golf cart traffic created an agronomic situation in recent years that has been difficult to address, most notably when they all were driven where they belonged. Wayward carts aren't anything new, yet more vehicles making their way on to the course seems to have increased the number of carts in undesirable situations. Harming turf, ropes, and carts does more than add work to superintendents, it damages the bottom line of the facility.

Is the lack of etiquette part of the new golf culture? I sure hope not. It seemed to me that during the lean golf years, facilities were so thrilled to have players that many overlooked indiscretions in favor of revenue. I have heard about facilities now getting more aggressive in tracking down perpetrators of damage and holding them accountable. One facility has begun communications at every interaction point of the golf course. All staff are given scripts to tell every member/customer the expectations and etiquette required during their round, no matter how many times they may have heard them.

Is a full-blown communication program going to fill every divot, fix every ball mark and keep every cart where it belongs? I highly doubt it, yet if it keeps your staff safer, it's a positive result. If the message delivered enlightens even just a few unaware golfers to embrace the etiquette that makes our game special, then it will have made a difference for the better.

COMING SOON..

Ask John Inguagiato, Ph.D.

Coming this summer, the CT Clippings will feature a new section, Ask John Inguagiato, Ph.D.

See something on your course that you would like to ask John Inguagiato, Ph.D. about? Email a picture with your question to cagcs@sbcglobal.net



The EXCEL Leadership Program offers leadership training for personal, career, and community/industry stewardship for assistant superintendents; the future leaders in the golf course management industry. Applications for the 2022 class are open through June 16.

The Program:

The EXCEL Leadership Program features two, two-day education and training sessions and a trip to the annual GCSAA Conference and Trade Show for assistant golf course superintendents. The education and travel for 2022-2023 includes:

- Fall Meeting, TBD
- GCSAA Conference and Trade Show, Feb. 6-9, 2023, Orlando
- Spring Meeting, TBD
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Applicants Must Be:

- Currently employed as an assistant golf course superintendent within the United States (including Alaska and Hawaii) or Canada.
- A Class C member of GCSAA
- Able to participate for three full years

For more information and to apply, visit: <https://www.gcsaa.org/foundation/education/excel-leadership-program>

KEVIN'S KORNER

GCSAA Resources and Deadlines

you **Get Cool Stuff** from your **Association Already**:

Get Started on Your Facility BMP

Once your state BMP manual is available through GCSAA's BMP Planning Guide and Template you can easily create a facility BMP manual for your facility. Access is easy with your GCSAA website member log-in using the link immediately below, then select the facility BMP icon and go. Webinars are available to assist you with this easy to use tool.

<https://www.gcsaa.org/environment/bmp-planning-guide>

UPCOMING FREE WEBCASTS:

Best Management Practices for Turfgrass Soil Testing and Application

Travis Shaddox, Ph.D.

June 16 @ noon

Irrigation Water Quality and Soil Problems

Glen Obear, Ph.D.

June 28 @ noon

Factors that Affect Pesticide Fate & Behavior on the Golf Course

Travis Gannon, Ph.D.

July 13 @ noon

Course Marking - Local Rules & Best MARKING Practices for Your Golf Course

Todd Stice

Aug. 23 @ 2 p.m.

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

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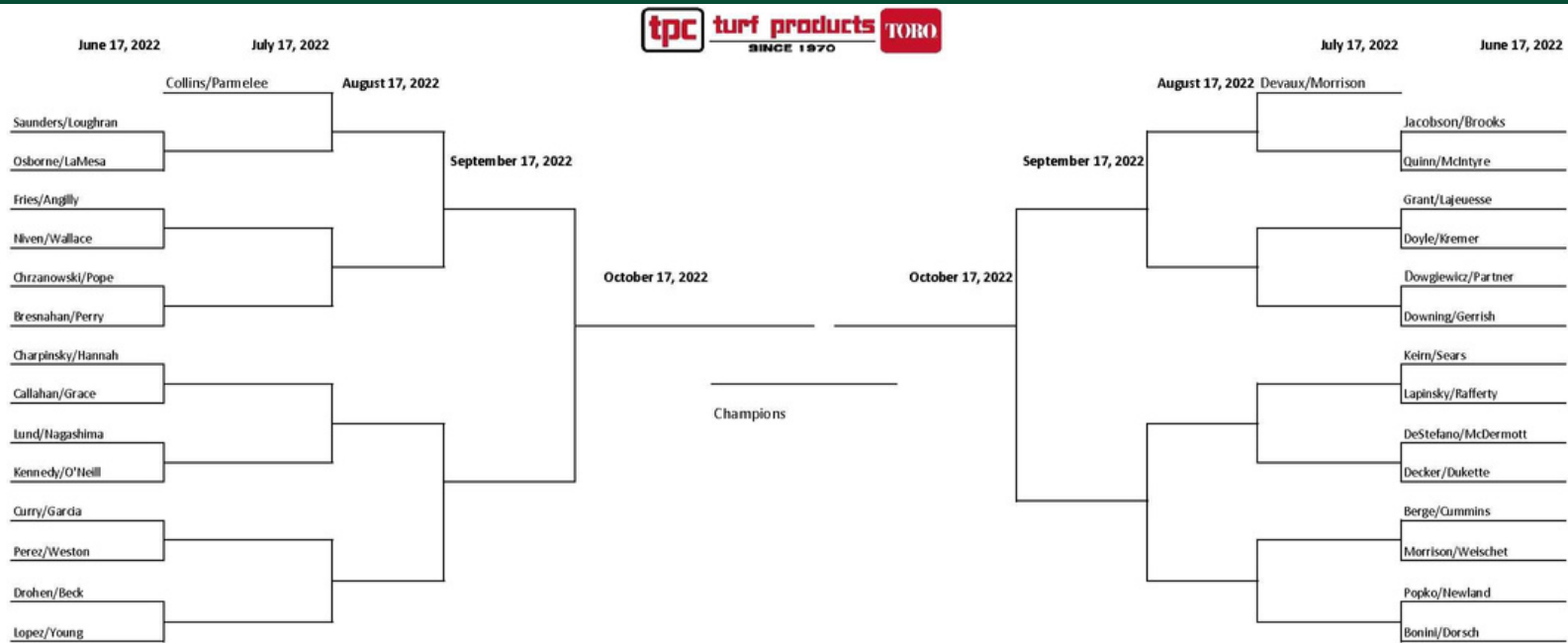
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<https://www.gcsaa.org/education/certifications-exams>

Jim Pavonetti, CGCS on being selected the first runner up for the GCSAA Innovation Conservation Award

CONDOLENCES

Tim Gerzabek and family on the passing of his father Frank Gerzabek.

<https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/nhregister/name/frank-gerzabek-obituary?id=34738882>

The family of Al Arison who passed away on January 15, 2022. He was a CAGCS member since 1967.

MEMBERS ON THE MOVE

Stephen Curry - Golf Course Superintendent - Rock Ridge Country Club

Michael D'Ascanio - Golf Course Superintendent - Whitney Farms Golf Club

Andrew Fries, CGCS - Golf Course Superintendent - Tashua Knolls

Stanley Husereau - Golf Course Superintendent - River Ridge Golf Course

Christopher Steffen - Golf Course Superintendent - Candlewood Lake Club



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Jeffrey Austin - Class A - Yale Golf Course

Victor Faconti - Class B - The Farms Country Club

Andrew Fenn - Class B - The Hotchkiss School

Scott Gallup - Commercial - Saratoga Sod Farm

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CAGCS 2022 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

January 11 Tuesday	Mystic Marriott CAGCS Winter Seminar	
April 19 Tuesday	Tradition at Oak Lane Host: Kevin Collins 2 Ball Shamble	
May 16 Monday	Mill River Country Club Host: Sean Flynn CAGCS Scholarship & Research Tournament	
June 7 Tuesday	Richter Park Host: Robert Dorsch, CGCS Low Gross/Net by Flight 1st Round CAGCS Championship & MET Team Championship Qualifier	
July 11 Monday	Golf Club at Windham Host: Kevin Miele Low Gross/Net Blind Partners 2nd Round CAGCS Championship & New England Team Championship Qualifier	
July 26 Tuesday	The Hartford Yard Goats CAGCS Social/Network Event	
September 26 Monday	The Hartford Golf Club Host: Curtis D'Anna CAGCS Member/Guest	
October 17 Monday	Fox Hopyard Host: Jeff Swanson 2 Person Best Ball Superintendent/Assistant Tournament & President's Cup & McLaughlin Trophy	
October	Old Lyme Country Club Host: Timothy Dunn CAGCS Class C Tournament	
November 3 Thursday	Borough of Fenwick Host: Daryl Aresco 9-Hole Scramble ABCD CAGCS Annual Meeting	
TBD	CAGCS Christmas Party	

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SAVE THE DATE FOR THE CAGCS WINTER SEMINAR JANUARY 10, 2023

GOLF RESULTS

The Tradition Golf Club at Oak Lane

Tuesday, April 19, 2022

Superintendent: Kevin Collins

Asst. Superintendent: Parker Keirn

PGA Professional: Nick Rykoski

The Tradition at Oak Lane will host the April two-person shamble and will serve as the qualifier for the two-person team championship. The Tradition at Oak Lane was formerly known as Oak Lane Country Club and operated as a private country before becoming a public course 11 years ago. In 2020, the course was awarded the Connecticut PGA's Walter Lowell Distinguished Public Golf Course award.

Kevin Collins grew up in Wallingford, CT and honed his butter cut and deft touch around the greens at Pilgrim's Harbor Golf Club. Kevin began working at the club while in high school and was persuaded by Ward Weischet to attend the Stockbridge School at UMass Amherst. Kevin earned an Associate's degree in Turfgrass Management in 1993 and began his career in the industry. He eventually landed back at Pilgrims' Harbor as the superintendent and the club was later renamed The Tradition Golf Club at Wallingford. Kevin moved down the road to the Tradition Golf Club at Oak Lane as superintendent five years ago. Kevin serves on CAGCS Board of Directors and has held a variety of positions in the association over the years. Kevin is always happy to help his neighbors in the CT region and is part of what makes the CAGCS a great group!

Kevin lives in Wallingford and while not on a golf course, enjoys spending time with family, especially his sister and nieces. Thank you to Kevin for hosting the April CAGCS Meeting.



1st Place Gross - Kevin Collins, John Parmalee

2nd Place Gross - Whitton DeVaux, Aaron Morrison

3rd Place Gross - Donald Beck, Andy Drohen

1st Place Net - Tyler Sears, Parker Keirn

2nd Place Net - Michael Chrzanowski, Brian Pope

3rd Place Net - Peter Gorman, Anthony Nardella

Closest to the Pin #4 - Anthony Nardella

Closest to the Pin #15 - Steve Loughran

Longest Drive #18 - Whitton DeVaux

Longest Put - Michael Dachowski



Mill River Country Club

Superintendent: Sean Flynn

Asst. Superintendent: Walter Wozniak

PGA Professional: John Klug

Mill River Country Club will host the 2022 CAGCS Scholarship and Research Tournament this year. Mill River Country Club began as a nine-hole course in 1923 and was expanded to eighteen holes in 1925 by Thomas Winton who mentored under Willie Park Jr. The Great Depression brought hard times on the course, but membership rebounded, and club hosted the PGA's Shoreline Open from 1937-1952. The club has also hosted two State of Connecticut Opens and the U.S. Ladies Amateur Championship.

Our host, Sean Flynn grew up in Westport, CT and golf was large a part of his childhood where he spent summers at the Patterson Club growing up. He began his career in the turfgrass industry at Aspetuck Valley Country Club and the Country Club of Fairfield before attending Michigan State University for Turfgrass Management. While at MSU he completed an internship at Cypress Point and volunteered for the 2000 US Open at Pebble Beach. After school, Sean returned to the Country Club of Fairfield and spent time at the Golf Club of Purchase before becoming golf course superintendent at Great River Golf Club. During this time Sean also served on the CAGCS board as social & welfare chairman, golf chairman and treasurer. Sean spent 13 years at Great River before moving across the river to Mill River Country Club. Sean has spent the last five years at Mill River Country Club and worked on tree removal to restore playing corridors and bunker renovations.

Sean stays busy away from the course with his 4 children Erica (13), Erin (11), Charlie (2 ½) and Lena (11 months) and wife Ashley. Sean and his family live in Branford, CT with their 2 dogs. Sean also enjoys staying busy with home improvement projects, which include renovating a three-car garage and living room. Thanks to Sean for hosting!

1st Place Gross - Kevin Collins, John Parmalee, Eric Morrison, Ward Weischet

2nd Place Gross - Whitton DeVaux, Aaron Morrison, Daniel DeVaux, Matthew Guilmette

3rd Place Gross - David Conrad, Jason Meersman, Jason Dowgiewicz, Michael Dachowski

1st Place Net - Brian Pope, Gary De Vaux, Michael Decker, Michael Dukette

2nd Place Net - John Bresnahan, Ryan Newland, James Popko, Jay VanCoughnett

3rd Place Net - Peter Grace, John Callahan, Timothy O'Neill, Les Kennedy

Closest to the Pin #4 - Timothy O'Neill

Closest to the Pin #12 - Whitton DeVaux

Longest Drive #6 - Keith Williams

Longest Drive #13 - Whitton DeVaux

25 Years of Turf Show & Conference Bliss

By Gary Sykes, Executive Director

1998 was the 1st hosting of the New England Regional Turfgrass Conference and Show and as you remember it was in Providence, RI. That year, we came up with a theme of Building Together for a Greener Tomorrow. The symbolism of being greener is hard to measure, but the effort that has gone into the idea of "Building Together" has without a doubt reaped benefits for the New England Turfgrass Industry. For 25 years, the conference and show has grown its presence as a premier event in the Turfgrass Industry. The show has a strong reputation not only as an across-the-board turfgrass trade show, but also for a high-quality multi-tract education program. Since the beginning, the board has insisted that education must be the number 1 focus each year to attract attendees and secure our success. This has without a doubt been a formula for success.

Our show has been rolling forward for 25 years now and has been the main generator of our turfgrass research funding program. We have plowed through snowstorms, walked a tight rope through economic setbacks, bobbed and weaved with the GIS, and more recently dealt with covid the best we could. It hasn't always been easy, but always worth it! In the end, in our 25 years the conference and show has been the vehicle to generate \$2.5 Million of research funding in New England since 1998. This is an amazing number considering our beginning was funded by 8-\$500 loans from each founding association. It was a Hail Mary start, but there are a couple of reasons why it has been a successful one.

As I said our education has always topped the chart. Great speakers and topics each year and always great comments from attendees. These speakers and their topics just don't magically appear in our programs. Sometimes, it would take all summer and more than half the fall to complete the full program, but it always comes together! So how does it happen? We have been indescribably fortunate to have working with our board these last 25 years, Mary Owen of UMass Extension, who has been with our show since day one. Ever since our beginning, Mary has chaired our education committee and guided our ship through the challenges of good speakers and topics. Mary in 2020, announced her retirement from UMass along with reducing her responsibilities with the show. The foundation would have a hard time explaining Mary's importance because she has done so much for our show's success for the last 25 years, but it is very real that we owe Mary so much of our gratitude and appreciation for her efforts, interest, and leadership skills that she shared with us. Education has been the number one reason that so many look forward to the conference and show.

Another reason why we have reaped success, is to recognize the 25 years of working as our show manager, David Rosenberg, has kept our trade show on track. When we started, the idea was to consolidate several shows into one and giving each company a greater presence, in front of a larger audience for lower costs. The location along with David's guidance has kept the mission intact. David has been with us all these years and treats our trade show and our exhibitors like family. We have been in the best hands over these years and David has set a high bar for show managers to equal. He has taught all of us that by treating exhibitors fair and equally will pay the show dividends. His eye for detail continues to produce the high quality of an event that we are all so proud of. Each exhibitor, each reception and each attendee will receive his full attention during planning, setup and until he packs up and goes home after our show. As an event manager, David brings his team and family of Nancy and Brittany to our show along with many others over the years, making sure they all have their "showtime" smiles on representing the foundation, and keeping everyone feeling welcomed and appreciated. He has done all that and more and I can't imagine it would be possible to get more out of a show manager and his team during a show week....And then just when I think I can catch a breather driving home from many shows, David will call me from his car wanting to chat about how things went and some ideas we might want to try next year! Thank you to Marketing and Events.....we look forward to 2023!

Lastly, I want to thank everyone who has ever served the foundation, who has attended over the last 25 years, who has supported the show by exhibiting, those that have pitched in, helpers, sponsors, speakers, guests and even anyone who might have said to someone simply, "you should come to the New England Regional Turfgrass Conference and Show. It is too good to miss." We, thank you for making our Conference and Show, not just so successful but also 25 years full of bliss for the turf Industry! See you in 2023, March 7-9!

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