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2004 CAGCS INVITATIONAL AT WATERBURY COUNTRY CLUB SPONSORED BY EZ-GO GOLF CARS

The Connecticut Association of Golf Course Superintendents held their annual Invitational Tournament at Waterbury Country Club on July 19th 2004.

Teams from twenty-eight clubs plus a team representing EZ-GO golf cars gathered for a cookout luncheon to kick off the event. Pat Cragin, Golf Course Superintendent and Tom Gleeton,

PGA Professional, were wonderful hosts for the day. CAGCS is most thankful to the Board of Directors of Waterbury Country Club for giving us a date in their busy golf schedule.

The golf course was in excellent condition thanks to Pat's staff. Tom Gleeton's staff did a great job hosting the golf event. Doug Hopper, Regional Manager for

EZ-GO Golf Cars, Frank Savakis, Senior Sales Representative and David Antones, Dealer Development Coordinator presented each participant a tee gift from EZ-GO. After golf all competitors were treated to a large selection of hors d'oeuvres. CAGCS is indebted to EZ-GO for their continued sponsorship of our Invitational. Crystal vases were awarded to the winning teams.

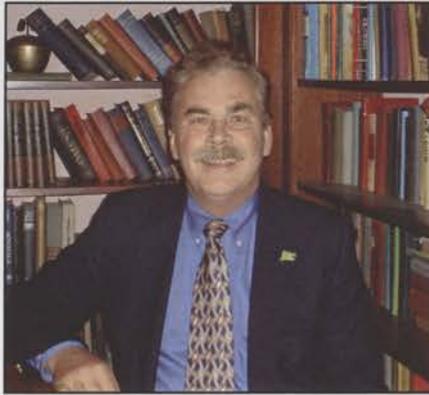


Pequabuck Country Club winners of the 2004 CAGCS Invitational

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Wayne Urban, President

The President's Message

Well, it's over! The 100-day war is over. It really wasn't that much of a war. Sure we had a few skirmishes (August - humidity) but all in all, it was a pretty good growing year. I hope everyone rebounded on the revenue end.

Like most of us, I always enjoy this time of year (Sept. 1 - Nov. 10). Pressure anxiety, stress and insanity moves toward a downward trend. Sure, those fall projects i.e. irrigation systems, new tees, etc can induce its natural fears but its nothing like the constant stress of keeping grass healthy throughout the peak months.

For me, melancholy usually sets in big time when the leaves start to fall. Another season has come full circle. It usually means a year older and a time of reflection. The key for me personally is to overcome the sadness and doldrums that is the precursor to winter. This seems to be happening a little bit earlier than usual. I guess what I really need to do is make an appointment with my therapist and dig out those industrial strength "Xanax" I've been hiding in my desk draw. It also might be that cool rainy day outside while I'm composing this message.

Lastly I hope everyone's

season went well and may those falling autumn leaves blow off into obscurity.

Wayno

Editors note, *Xanax XR is a panic disorder drug produced by Pfizer*

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**CAGCS Invitational Results
Country Club of Waterbury
July 19, 2004**



1st Gross - 61

Pequabuck Country Club

- Kevin Jaracy
- Mike Carlson
- Mike Butler
- Ron Yacawych

1st Net - 54

Highfield Country Club

- Christian Mauro
- Jim Jolly
- Dwight Danielson
- Bill Murray

2nd Gross - 64

Madison Country Club

- Mike Chrzanowski
- Tim Kearney
- Roberta Isleib
- Mickey Hawkes

2nd Net - 56

Silver Springs Country Club

- Peter Rappoccio
- Steve Rice
- Reed Whipple
- David Jones

3rd Gross - 66

Farmingbury Hills CC

- Wayne Urban
- Joe Paulo
- Bob Nido
- Les Kennedy, Jr., CGCS

3rd Net - 58

Norwich Golf Course

- Bruce Morse
- Barney Caulfield
- Dick Strouse
- Frank Segaline

Closest to the Pin:

- #3 - Ron Yacawych 2'5"
- #8 - Bob Nido 2'6"
- #12 - Roger Evans 3'10"
- #14 - Jeff Witherwax 15'5"

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- #18 - Bob Nido

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1st Net 46

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Scott Gennings, CGCS,

Wallingford Country Club

2nd Net 47

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Steven Hogan

Paul Wollenberg,

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**GCSAA - 2004 TOURNAMENT
FACT SHEET - PGA TOUR -
BUICK CHAMPIONSHIP**

Golf course superintendent: Thomas DeGrandi Education: A.S., Turfgrass Management, University of Massachusetts (Stockbridge School), Amherst, Mass., 1993; Years at this course: 12; Years as a GCSAA member: 14; GCSAA affiliated chapter: Connecticut Association of GCS; Previous positions: 1992-1994, Assistant golf course superintendent, TPC at River Highlands; Golf course intern, Wethersfield Country Club, Wethersfield, Conn.; Previous tournament preparation: 1992-2003 Canon Greater; Hartford Open, TPC at River Highlands; Primary Grasses Height of Cut Tees Bentgrass .375", Fairways Bentgrass .375", Greens Bentgrass .125", Rough Kentucky bluegrass, ryegrass & fescue mix 6+"; Average tee size: 2,200 sq. ft.; Average green size: 5,500 sq. ft.; Rounds per year: 26,000; Acres of fairway: 28; Acres of rough: 60; Sand bunkers: 119; Water hazards: 5 Tournament stimpmeter: 10.5 feet; Soil conditions: Sandy loam; Green construction soil mix: (USGA 80% sand; 20% peat); Source of water: Lakes; Drainage: Excellent; Interesting and historical course-related facts: Golf course superintendent, Thomas DeGrandi, was a merit award winner of the 2003 GCSAA/Golf Digest

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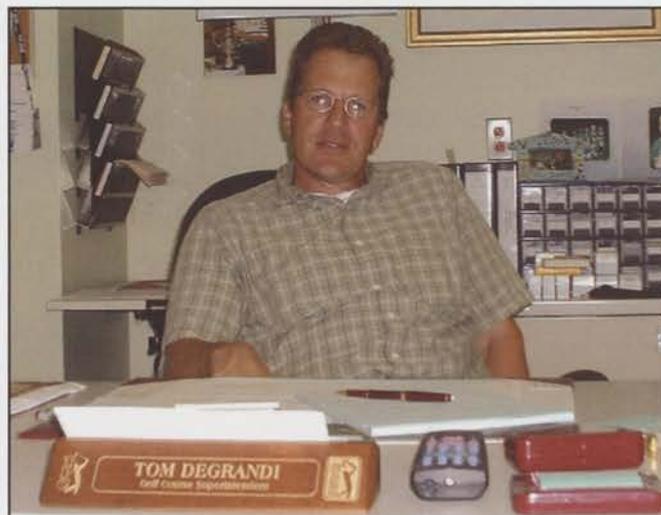
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Environmental Leaders in Golf Awards. The TPC at River Highlands was the 49th course to become fully-certified in the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program for Golf Courses (ACSP). The ACSP promotes ecologically sound land management and the conservation of our natural resources. Golf courses can enhance and protect wildlife habitat and water resources. This program provides an advisory information service about how to conduct proactive environmental projects for golf courses. The ACSP was created by Audubon International and is sponsored by the United States Golf Association (USGA). Together, the USGA and Audubon International are striving to: Enhance wildlife habitats on existing golf courses by working with the golf course manager and providing advice for ecologically sound course management; Encourage active participation in conservation programs by golfers, golf course superintendents, course officials, and the general public; Recognize golf courses as important open spaces and credit the people actively participating in environmentally responsible projects; and educate the public and golf community on the benefits of golf courses and the role they play relative to the environment and the wildlife. As the soothing bagpipes emanate through the cool morning air and across the dew-ridden landscape of the TPC at River Highlands, it signals the opening ceremonies of the Buick Championship. The setting for the championship is an all too fitting throwback

to the ancient game founded in Scotland and a reminder of the original course architect, R.J. Ross, cousin to legendary architect Donald Ross ... The River Highlands course was not always the gallery-friendly venue viewers experience today. The original piece of property was designed in 1928 and was known then as Edgewood Country Club. It laid untouched until 1982, when the championship was looking for a new home to replace the original venue, Wethersfield CC. The Greater Hartford Jaycees, who run the championship, hired Pete Dye to come to Connecticut and build a championship course to host the event. Instead of building a new course, Dye recognized the potential the property that housed Edgewood CC possessed and decided to redesign the existing course. The TPC of Connecticut, as it was called then, hosted its first PGA Tour event in 1984, with the first champion at the venue being Peter Jacobsen. Many of the new holes on the back nine, especially the finishing holes, were designed with spectators in mind, many containing natural amphitheatres for ideal viewing. However, with the great taste of change already on their plates, the course was redesigned again in 1989 and renamed the TPC at River Highlands. A most fitting name, considering the course sits high atop the Connecticut River. The redesign was undertaken by golf course architect Bobby Weed, with assistance from Howard Twitty and Roger Maltbie. The TPC at River Highlands is second only to the TPC of Scottsdale for most spectators at a tour event.

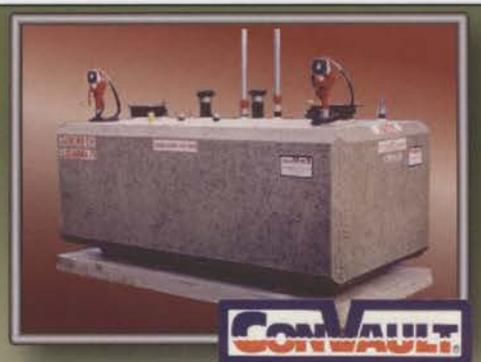


Tom DeGrandi, Golf Course Superintendent TPC at River Highlands

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Condolences

To the family of Houston Couch, Ph.D., longtime Turf Pathologist at Virginia Polytechnic and State University, passed away September 12, 2004

Reminder

CAGCS ROOM BLOCK
2005 GCSAA Golf Industry Show, Orlando, Fl - Room Block housing forms are

available. Please call the office to request one. Deadline for forms to be returned to office is October 29th.

Lund Family Highlighted

Lund Family role in golf was featured in the Waterbury Republican September 3, 2004 in an article by Joe Palladino. For more information contact GCSAA News Weekly on the web or your editor.

CAGCS Awards Annual Scholarships

The following are recipients of the 2004 CAGCS scholarships, which are awarded annually to immediate CAGCS family members and to employees of members who are majoring in turf management.

Dr. Richard Skogley Scholarship recipient: Amy Laverty, daughter of Adam Laverty.

CAGCS Scholarships were awarded to: Corina N. Adas-

kaveg, daughter of Alexander Adaskaveg; Brian J. Basconi, son of Dave Basconi; Ryan R. Beaudry, son of Ray Beaudry; Amy L. Chrzanowski, daughter of Michael Chrzanowski; David W. DeMur, son of William DeMur; Neal Donahue, son of Michael Donahue; Jayne M. Donovan, daughter of Shawn Donovan; Katherine R. Fuller, daughter of Mark Fuller,

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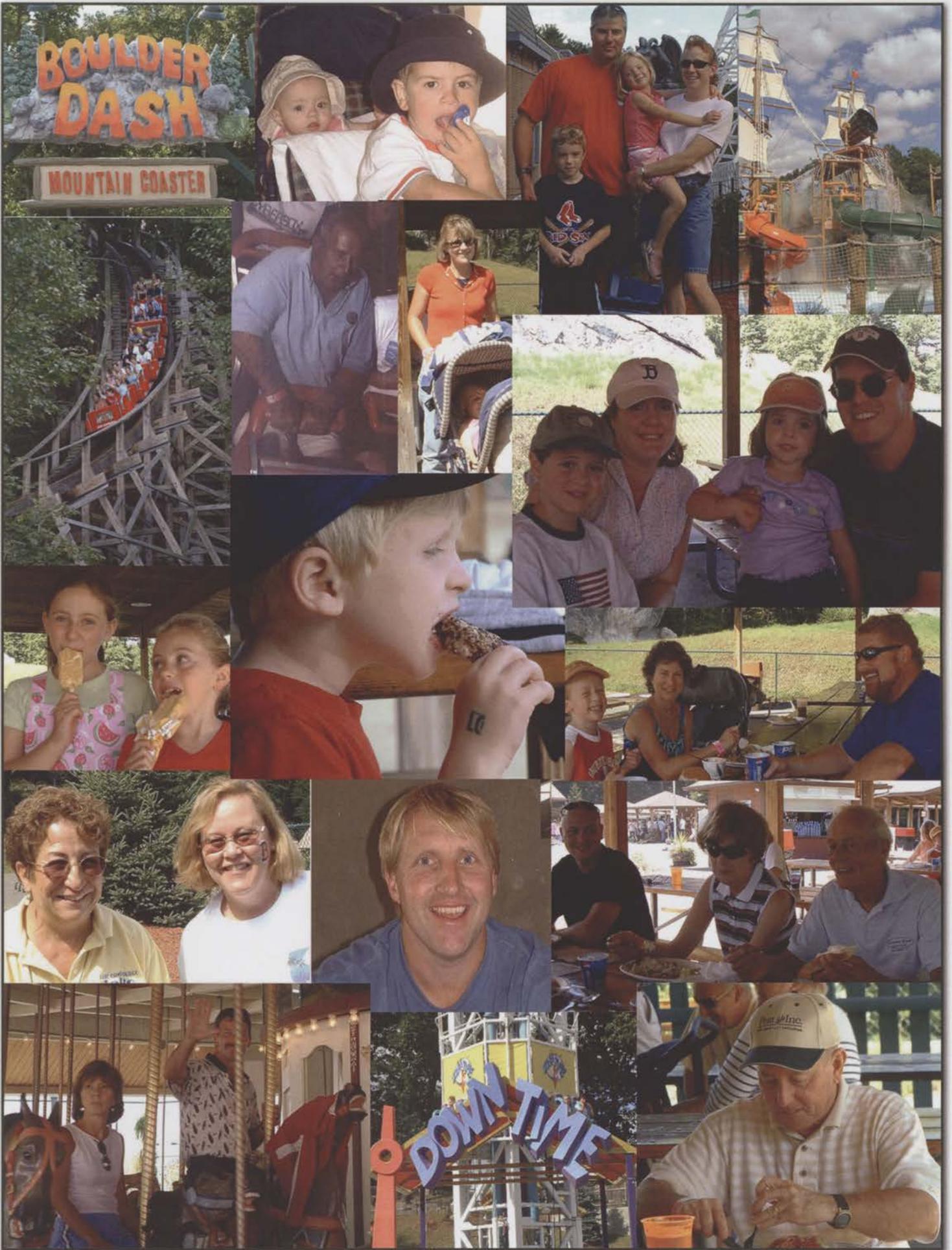
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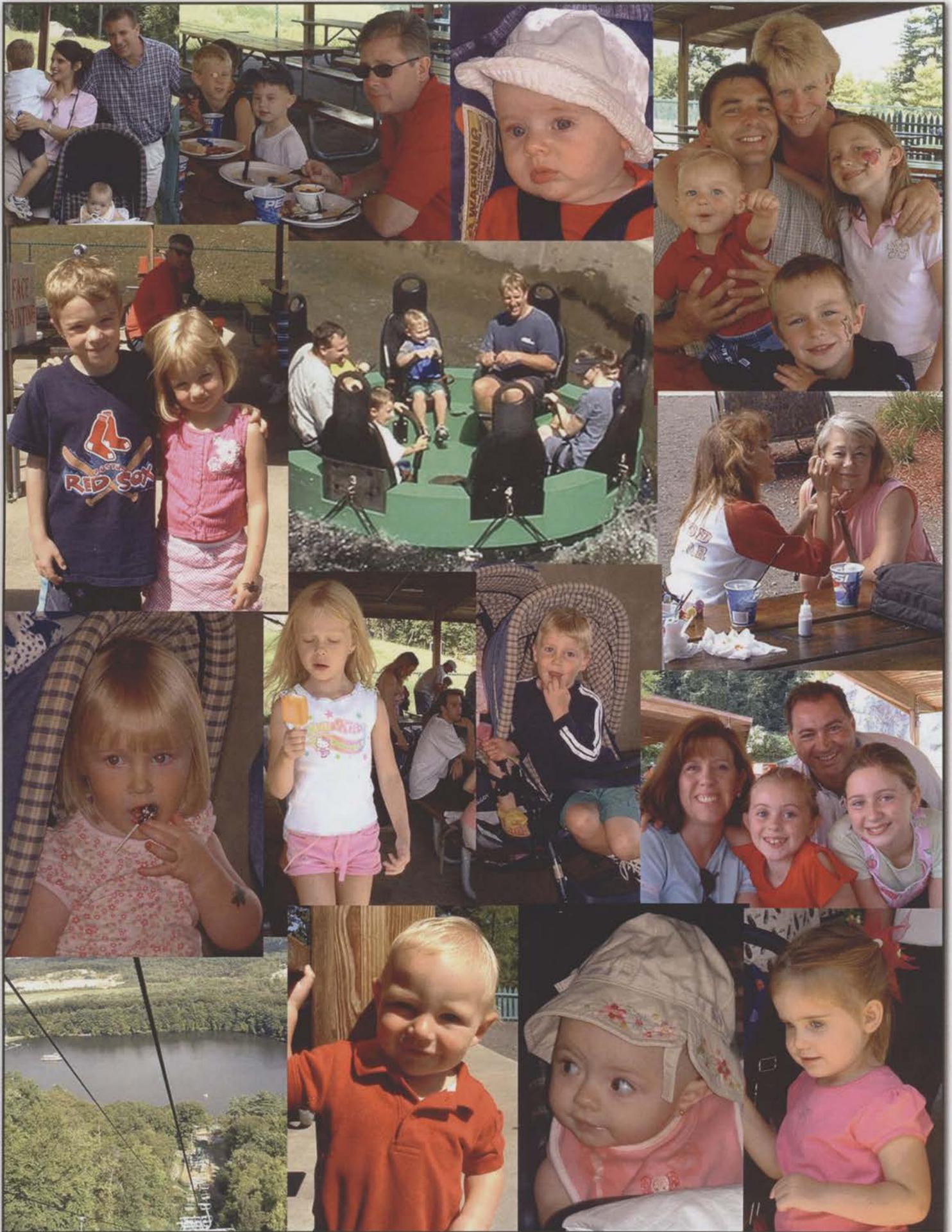
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erine B. Rackliffe, daughter of Steve Rackliffe, CGCS; Tyler R. Rackliffe, son of Dan Rackliffe, CGCS; and Alexis Reeb, daughter of Michael Reeb, CGCS.

Memorial Scholarships were awarded to: Mark G. Keneally who is employed at Aspetuck Valley Country Club, Mark Chant, Golf Course Superintendent, George J. Thomas, who is employed at Connecticut Golf Club, Mark Fuller, CGCS, and

Robert J. Wagner who is employed at Race Brook Country Club, John M. Gallagher, III, Golf Course Superintendent.

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.

**CICADA KILLERS, ANTS,
CHINCH BUGS**

by Dr. Pat Vittum

Cicada killers: Over the past two weeks, we have received many reports of "very large wasps" in various turf settings, from home lawns to cemeteries to golf course fairways. In most cases the wasps are probably cicada killers, predatory wasps that kill cicadas and carry them back to their nests to provide food for the young wasps.

According to Dr. Dave Shetlar, my counterpart at Ohio State University, cicada killers usually are not very aggressive against people, but that is scant comfort to a person who encounters several of these wasps during an innocent

stroll. Regardless of the textbook reports, the wasps can be rather "territorial" on occasion, and it is very unsettling to be dive-bombed by an inch long wasp. Cicada killers seem to prefer areas where turf is weakened or thin. For example, they often appear in or near bunkers on golf courses, where the underlying soil is more sandy and prone to desiccation. Anything that can be done to maintain a dense turf cover should discourage their activity in future years. Of course, that is more easily said than done!

Cicada killers are not direct pests of turf but because of their size and their occasional penchant to be aggressive around people, some turf managers are pressured by their clients to reduce wasp populations. The only approaches I have seen mentioned involve applications of

insecticides in or around the nest entrances. I have not seen efficacy data for insecticides used against cicada killers, but am passing on information gleaned from various publications, primarily out of Ohio State.

Shetlar claims that an application of Sevin™ dust near the nest entrances can be effective. He notes that the application should be made in the evening - so mark the locations of the nests during daylight and return as night is falling. Apply dust around the entrances. The foraging cicada killers will encounter the dust as they return to the nest, and carry some of the dust on into the nest to other inhabitants. (Note that some Sevin™ dust labels, available in home garden supply stores, include turf while others do not.)

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In addition Shetlar claims that aerosol sprays of "wasp killers" can be effective as well. In this case the turf manager would direct the spray down the entrance hole, again as late in the day as possible. Note, however, that some turf managers have reported that these applications have not been particularly effective, or have only reduced activity for a few days.

I have not seen any mention of phytotoxicity with any of these treatments, but certainly there is always a risk, especially in the hot weather typical of August. And the above observations should not be construed as a recommendation from the University of Massachusetts - just an effort to pass on information from other sources.

2. Turfgrass ants: We have also received several calls reporting heavy ant activity in many

locations. Until recently most ant problems seemed to center on golf courses, especially on sand-based greens. But more recently, we have had several calls from lawn care professionals describing ant activity in lawns.

Turfgrass ants (*Lasius neoniger*) normally prefer sandier soils, but have often been reported on native soils throughout New England. The mounds they form can dull mower blades and suffocate the underlying grass. Efforts to manage ant-mounding activity have centered on relatively slow acting baits and on pyrethroids that can be applied as a broadcast application and provide short-term relief. Most of the field studies conducted on turfgrass ants have been done at Ohio State (Dr. Shetlar again!) and the University of Kentucky (Dr. Dan Potter).

Normally an application of a pyrethroid just as the new mounds

become visible (usually in late April or early May in Massachusetts) will provide four to six weeks of relief. Later in the summer, however, these applications only reduce mounding activity for two or three weeks. Baits (available with several different active ingredients) work more slowly, as they must be picked up by foraging ants and carried into the nest, where they eventually reach the queen. They can be applied throughout the season, but it is important to be sure the bait stays dry for at least 24 hours after application.

At the end of the summer, new queens often emerge by the thousands from heavily mounded areas. Dan Potter is experimenting with treating these areas with a pyrethroid as soon as possible after the "nuptial flight" is observed. The flight itself is quite striking - the newly winged ants climb to the tips of blades of grass and eventually

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leap into the air and take flight. Potter suspects that these new queens are relatively vulnerable ... at the very least, they will need to lay eggs that develop into workers to help create the new burrows for the new colony. So he is hypothesizing that an application of an insecticide that stays in the thatch (because that is where the queens will be active for a few days) should compromise their survival. This is still an hypothesis, but it certainly does make sense intuitively. So again, this late summer application should not be considered a "recommendation" from UMass, but we will keep you posted as we learn more from Potter's studies.

3. Chinch bugs: Many parts of western New England has been "blessed" with lots of rain throughout the summer. Most lawns are growing very well

without any need for irrigation. We have had no reports of chinch bug activity. I suspect chinch bugs are in fact present in their usual places, but the consistent rainfall has masked their presence. I would caution you to keep your guard up. If the weather pattern changes (after Bonney and Charley pass through this weekend!), and the weather turns dry, chinch bug activity will quickly translate into the tell-tale symptoms - patches of yellowing turf that spread quickly in the hot dry conditions. (The inestimable Dr. Shetlar points out that chinch bug populations in parts of Ohio have been lower than normal this year because the moist conditions have enabled some of the natural agents, such as Beauveria bassiana, to thrive.)

CAGCS 2004 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

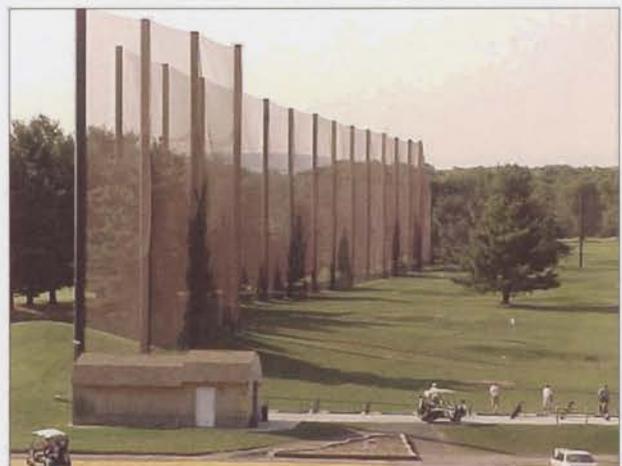
October 5	UMASS Turf Building Tournament	Bob Ruzsala Supt. Hickory Ridge GC, Amherst, MA
October 12	Oak Lane Country Club S & R Tournament	Larry Dodge Superintendent
November 8	Old Lyme Country Club Annual Meeting	Brian Skelly Superintendent
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WHAT ARE FUNGICIDES?

by Dr. Gail Schumann

What are fungicides? This is the name of a new publication in the APSnet Education Center that includes everything you might want to know about fungicides. There are animations to show how the different kinds of fungicides move (or don't move) after application. There is a table of all the current fungicides with their modes-of-action and other useful information. The site is free, and I hope it will be useful to you: <http://www.apsnet.org/education/IntroPlantPath/Topics/fungicides/default.htm>. If you have trouble with this link, just go to the Education Center at <http://www.apsnet.org/education> and look in the drop-down menu of the Introductory section under Topics. This will probably be my last disease message for the UMass Turf Program. My lab closes next Tuesday (8/31), and I am retiring from my turf work. It has been a pleasure to work with you.

Editors note: Gail, The Board of Directors and members of CAGCS, want to thank you for all the help you have given to us and wish you the best in your retirement.

CAPE COD SUPERS
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Golf course superintendents are a common subject of conversation among golfers, but it's not often a publication like Golf

on Cape Cod devotes a whole feature article to the people who manage the courses golfers play on.

But this summer, Charles Creekmore did just that, calling superintendents, "The Unsung Hero Whose Job Is to Coax All the Inner Function and Beauty from Your Links." Among those Creekmore talked to are Bruce McIntyre, CGCS at Olde Barnstable Fairgrounds Golf Course, Scott Gabrielson, golf course superintendent at Waverly Oaks Golf Club, and Tom Colombo, CGCS at The Ridge Club.

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