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Golf Course Dogs by Timothy Johnston

Course Dogs are workers, course dogs are companions, course dogs are helpers and course dogs can be huge pain in the you know what! We took the time to compile a few pictures of course dogs and had their superintendents tell us a little bit about them, touching base on what they love and what mischief drives them crazy.



Ben Pacific, Superintendent at The Haven, Boylston MA has two pups. Kiah is a 11-year-old Australian Shepard/Border Collie mix. Bens says that at 11 years old Kiah's favorite activity is to just simply ride around in the golf cart, unfortunately Ben also states that Kiah's 2nd favorite activity is to roll around in dead smelly things! Bens other companion is Bauer, a 7-year-old Boxer/Saint Bernard mix. Bauer loves to run, run a bit more, take a breather and then run again. Bauer is a little over friendly

though and when Ben is trying to work, Bauer is busy saying hi to anyone and everything.

Another Superintendent with two loyal companions is Jedd Newsome at Springfield

Country Club. Springfield, MA.

Jedd's two pups are Maisey and Willow. Maisey is a 4-year-old German Shorthair Pointer, and Willow is a rescued mix.

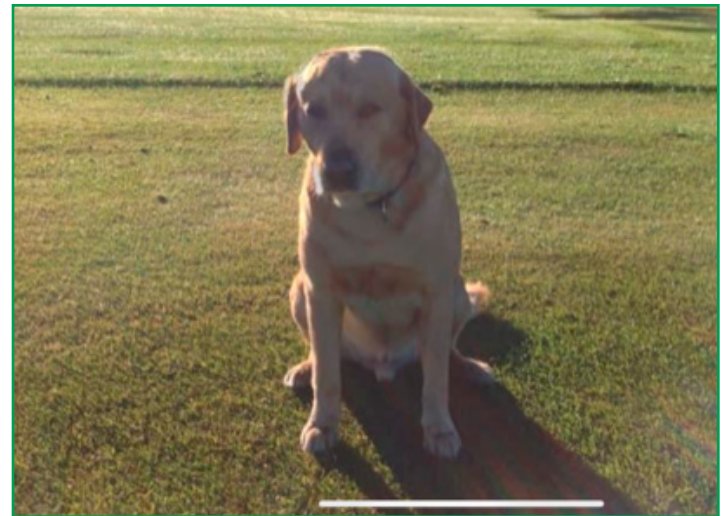
Jedd stated that Maisey covers a minimum of 20 miles a day, unfortunately during that morning jaunt Maisey is also known to catch a squirrel, chipmunk, or bird. Maisey does not leave Jedd's side, Willow on the other hand is a true rebel. At 9-years-old Willow has it all figured out.

As a pup Willow loved to run, but now you can find her eating treats in the Proshop all day, Willow even has the lunch chef under her paw and gets a lunch made every day for herself.





This course dog article is dedicated and in memory of a loving friend to Jason VanBuskirk of @greensightag and @TurfCloud. Jason unfortunately just let his pup Kingston at 14-years-old run up to doggie heaven. Kingston was his and everyone's buddy and got to enjoy running around Stow Acres Country Club, in Stow MA. Rest easy Pal!



Tim Johnston, Superintendent at Wedgewood Pines Country Club in Stow, has a trusty worker by his side by the name of Blazer. Blazer is a 1-year-old Catahoula Hound rescue. Blazer has an enormous amount of energy and runs alongside Tim's gator day in and day out. Blazer loves to get into trouble more than work though, he sniffs out every bit of wildlife on the course. He chases anything big or small, deer, coyote, heron, geese, and turtles are his favorite. Blazer is known to steal employee snacks from golf carts and eat goose poop on the go!



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CONGRATULATIONS

to **Patrick Van Vleck, CGCS** on his recent notification of fulfilling the requirements of the program to become a Certified Golf Course Superintendent.

This is the result of a combination of formal education, work experience, continuing education and a review of the applicants golf course and management programs by two Certified Golf Course Superintendents.

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Thoughts From Your Executive Director by Don Hearn

Many GCSA of New England members have a handicap with the Association and are able to post scores after a round of golf. There are 3 options for posting your scores. Be sure to post your score on the same day of play so that the new WHS (World Handicap System) calculations can be made and your index can be updated overnight. We suggest one of the following: My Mass Golf Home, the GHIN Mobile App or GHIN.com.

To read more about posting your score please click [3 WAYS TO POST YOUR SCORES](#).

At our most recent meeting I was speaking with a superintendent who told me he hadn't hosted an Association event in many years. He, like others I've talked with, seemed to express some regret about this and I assured him his offer to host a meeting would be welcomed and appreciated. I also mentioned that if every superintendent member hosted a meeting it would mean hosting a meeting once every 20 years! This doesn't seem like it would be a burden for anyone. Everyone I've mentioned this to has agreed. Fortunately, we've had members who have gone above and beyond to be our hosts. Some have generously offered the facility when we've had an unexpected change of venue. That happened this year. Our thanks to Mike Poch, Superintendent at Foxborough Country Club (18 holes) and Ken Mooradian, Life Member at Hopedale Country Club (9 holes). Both offered their club for our August 17 meeting. This meeting is usually the qualifier for the New England Superintendents Championship, which, due to the pandemic, was canceled last year. The event will be held this year October 18, at the Essex County Club, which is where last year's event was to be held. Because of this it was decided an 18-hole course would be better suited for a qualifier and Foxborough was chosen. Those who qualified last year will be representing the GCSA of New England this year at Essex. Players qualifying this year will be doing so for an "Alternate" position in the event a qualifier from last year has to cancel.



From left: Garrett Whitney, Carl Miner, David Stowe, Patrick Van Vleck



Jim Favreau

The April meeting took place April 26, on a brisk, sunny day at Presidents Golf Course, Quincy, MA where Carl Miner is superintendent. This event is when the GCSA of Cape Cod and the GCSA of New England join for a day of fun, friendship and a bit of competition for the Bear Cup. The Cape Association was the host this year and they retained possession of the Bear Cup Trophy with a 7½ to 4½ point win. The Bear Cup remains on the Cape for another year! Jim Favreau won the skills contest with a hole-in-one. Congratulations to Jim.

This tournament was organized to honor the memory of Gary Luccini "The Bear" who passed away in 2001. Gary was the long-time superintendent at Franklin Country Club and a friend to many.



Kurt Calderwood, left and Ed Gianni getting ready to bring the Bear Cup to the Cape.

Gary's son, Mike, a Past President of our Association, followed in his father's footsteps as the Superintendent of Franklin Country Club. Gary's other son, Brian, was previously a Superintendent and is now a Client Representative for Tom Irwin, Inc.

This event pairs two-person teams from each Association in a friendly competition and a day of fun in a Ryder Cup format. The winning Association claims possession of the Bear Cup trophy for a year.



In my travels around Presidents Golf Course I came across a noticeably positioned tribute to Jim Fitzroy who spent many years at Presidents as Superintendent. The inscription reads:

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In the last issue of The Newsletter there was a highlighted area on page 13 that called attention to a book written by Mel Lucas titled A History of Greenkeeping. I've known Mel for more than 50 years and can attest to his devotion to our profession and the organizations who support our efforts. I've read the book and was impressed by the documentation he has used to explain what he writes about. For many years I didn't pay much attention to our history explaining how our profession evolved, but this book has opened my eyes, expanded my curiosity and created a different perspective about our profession.

Mel is a well-known superintendent and Massachusetts resident who takes the reader on a journey through the greenkeeper/golf superintendent profession. The book is hard cover, 422 pages, with illustrations, is indexed and covers the first known person called a Greenkeeper in the 1760's in Scotland. It follows golf in Scotland, its spread across the United Kingdom and then to North America. A lot of the book covers the Northeast part of the country and notes Franklin Park hiring the first woman greenkeeper in 1901. There is also mention of two longtime past members of the GCSA of New England, Manuel Francis and Bert Frederick. Mel graduated from the UMass Winter Turf School in 1963. During his military obligation he was stationed at Ft. Devens where he and Bert Frederick designed and built a golf course on the property in 1964-65. After completing military service, he became golf superintendent of Garden City Golf Club, NY. In 1978 he took on the added responsibility of golf superintendent at the Piping Rock Club. He was then superintendent at both the Piping Rock Club and Garden City Golf Club. He left these Long Island clubs

in 1986 to design and build The Links at Round Hill, in South Dartmouth, MA, where he still resides. He has been President of the Long Island GCSA, Nassau County Cooperative Extension Agency, New York State Turfgrass Association, GCSAA in 1980 as well as the Golf Collectors Society. He is an Honorary Member of both the Slovenian and Austrian Greenkeepers Association. The cost of the book is \$50.00 and can be ordered through this link <https://links.counselor.ecwid.com>. The link also includes more about Mel, the book, and reviews of the contents.

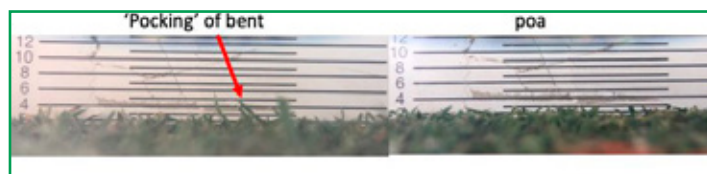
This is an interesting observation on "bumpy poa" that you might consider when hearing from golf announcers and players who blame bumpy poa for a missed putt. It was submitted prior to this year's US Open.



Bumpy Poa? **Carl Schimenti Extension Specialist**

As the US Open at famed Torrey Pines approaches, viewers should expect to hear announcers furthering the narrative surrounding "bumpy poa". Players will show their displeasure, pointing to the lone spike mark that seemingly deflected their ball away from the hole (despite their now legal ability to smooth said spike marks). But is this warranted? Is there evidence to support the notion that "poa" is particularly susceptible to bumpiness as the day progresses?

Research at the Cornell Turf research center has been conducted for several years evaluating the effect of golfer traffic on putting surface performance. Participants wear various golf shoes, walking in set pattern to simulate 140 rounds of traffic after which putting performance metrics are taken (one of which is the bobble test to measure surface smoothness). This research has been conducted on two surfaces, 100% bentgrass (A1/A4) and 60/40 poa/bentgrass, both maintained at championship level quality.



Invariably, the surface that experienced the least disruption after traffic was the 60/40 poa/bent surface. When compared to non-trafficked plots, the poa/bent surface in 2020 experienced a 14% drop in smoothness vs. a 25% drop on the bentgrass. The poa/bentgrass surface also exhibited less visual spike damage and retained greater ball roll distance. Further observation showed that surface disruption on the 60/40 poa/bent surface is generally confined to the bentgrass, where horizontal leaf blades are more prone to vertical pocking/lifting (see picture above).

While these data are specific to the surfaces produced at the Cornell Turf research center, they at least challenge the perception of bumpy poa as TV announcers and players have portrayed it.



From left: Jim Fitzroy, Tim Hood, Daryn Brown, Ron Kirkman

The May meeting took place at Braintree Municipal Golf Course, May 18. Superintendent Daryn Brown and Food and Beverage Manager Giustina Scalia welcomed all who came to have an enjoyable day with others in our profession on a beautiful spring day.

The team low gross was won by Ed Downing, Vin Iacono, Dan St. Laurent and Peter Lund.

Team low net was won by Mark Casey, Greg Misodoulakis, Brian Skinner and Mike Whitehead.

Closest to the Hole #2: Pat Daly 6' 9"

Closest to the Hole #16: Scott Gabrielson 4' 4"



Max and some of the goats

These are not "rent-a-goats." They are cared for by Max an employee at the course. He told me the goats are kept in a particular area needing removal of heavy growth until it is deemed finished. Then the temporary fencing is moved to another location and the process is repeated. The goats have plenty of work to do and are well cared for by Max.

WINNING ISN'T EVERYTHING

I've thought of writing something about "winning isn't everything" for some time. Why? I'm not sure. It's like an earworm or sticky

music. I think of it for days, then put it to rest for a while.

I have always been a "winning isn't everything" kind of person. I'm not sure if this is because I'm not especially good at winning. Or, if it's because I believe there's too much emphasis on "winning is what counts," or "winning is all that counts." I assume if I was an avid sports fan, then winning would be more important to me than it is. Or, if I had an inner need to win or if I had a competitive persona, I certainly wouldn't feel comfortable being the loser. Of course, I would like to be the winner, but not in the "winning is all that matters" sense. I don't have to win every argument or discussion concerning a difference of opinion or fact. Would I like to win every argument? Of course I would. But, I realize, when I lose, the other person feels good. Unless the person is a complete jerk or a bully, they usually try to make up for their win. I've noticed, in most situations, the person who wins tries to make me feel better because of my loss. Maybe this is human nature. Maybe it's because I've been fortunate to experience this in my life. Maybe it's just the way it is.

When I've been in a situation where there will be a winner and a loser and the heartbreak of losing is severe, I mentally go back to days many years ago when my Little League coach, Mr. Nelson, told the team to not forget – only one team can win. Sometimes it will be us. Sometimes it won't. Losing doesn't feel good. But we will all experience it in our lifetime.

Well, maybe writing this will get rid of my earworm!

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Golf course maintenance as an industry has its challenges. As an outdoor profession we fall to the whims of mother nature whether through rainfall, lack thereof, frost and extreme temperatures high or low. She dictates our day-to-day situation, and we often respond to counteract. 2020 will be remembered as the year Covid both shut the golf world down and broke it wide open. While

it's early in 2021, don't be surprised if it is remembered for being an all-time high in another outdoor factor, allergies!

Michael Volkner, CRNP of Maryland Primary Care Physicians wrote a piece that summarizes some of what we already may know. Allergies in 2021 are BAD! He writes:

“Like taxes, allergy season is one of those things you just can't avoid. In fact, due to climate change, it may be getting worse. Warmer temperatures lead to more pollen production, so 2021 may be the most intense allergy season yet. And due to COVID-19 quarantine, children may especially have a rough year.”

Volkner would explain how the reduced exposure to pollen in 2020 by many due to indoor quarantining, especially by younger children, would intensify the body's reaction to pollen in 2021. Adults have had many years of exposure to pollen, children not so much. Add on top of that, the quick warm up of this spring in the Northeast aided in pollen production leading to an elongated allergy season and the perfect eye irritation, itchy throat, and sneezing storm!

The article offers a few mitigation strategies to help get through the season.

- If you have pets, keep them in the house on high-pollen days. Pollen may stick to their fur and end up in your nose. *(a difficult ask for our @dogsofturf lovers)*
- Change your AC filters regularly and consider getting a HEPA air filter to strain allergens out of the air in your home.
- Use over-the-counter allergy medicines to relieve symptoms: antihistamines to relieve your itchy nose and sneezing, and decongestants to get rid of your stuffy nose. *(other sources note a proactive approach on expected high pollen count days is best)*
- On high pollen days, change your clothes when coming in from outside.
- Keep windows and doors closed to reduce pollen entering the house.

It is difficult to imagine window washer or bridge construction workers with a fear of heights, yet so many of our peers in golf course maintenance suffer from the outdoor affliction of pollen-related allergies. As if the stress of a normal golf season wasn't enough already! If you have noted the increase of symptoms in 2021 you are by all accounts correct. For those of you with upcoming ragweed sensitivity, hopefully some of the abatement tactics will help you get through when the peak allergen arrives soon.

To read Michael Volkner's article, click on the link [here](#).

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Federal Anti-Pesticide Legislation

Last year, we updated you on the potential of Federal anti-pesticide legislation planning on being introduced by Congressman Joe Neguse. While that bill did not succeed in 2020, the Congressman plans to reintroduce this legislation sometime in the summer of 2021. The bill which will ban organophosphates, neonicotinoids, and paraquats has received strong opposition from several trade and user groups. Additionally, the bill will allow local communities to pass pesticide bans by exempting them from state preemption laws. RISE is fully prepared to oppose this legislation; we must stress how it is important that all pesticide users advocate against this legislation to prevent it from becoming law.

Massachusetts Decision on Neonics

The Massachusetts Pesticide Subcommittee Board finalized a decision in 2021 to make neonicotinoids a restricted use pesticide in the state of Massachusetts. This ruling comes after a several yearlong process which involved industry advocates and environmental advocates presenting thorough scientific reviews of neonics. This decision will make it so only certified and licensed pesticide applicators can apply neonics within the state.

Maine Considers Anti Pesticide Legislation

Maine's legislature has been actively considering several bills which seek to ban or restrict pesticides that do not fall under "agricultural" use. RISE directly opposed this legislation in the Committee on Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry. After receiving major opposition in committee and not receiving any support from legislators beyond the original sponsor, the bill was not called for a full vote and has effectively died for the legislative session. RISE remains active in Maine while the legislature continues to consider other pesticide related bills.

Connecticut Preemption Legislation

State legislators will finish the session without advancing a bill which would allow local municipalities to regulate pesticides as they see fit. While we are happy this bill did not advance this session, we continue to face a strong anti-pesticide community in the North East and in New England specifically. RISE opposes all attempts to rollback State regulatory authority on pesticides.

Rhode Island Neonics

Bills to restrict neonics were introduced in both the Rhode Island House and Senate. RISE along with several members from the green industry provided opposition testimony to both bills. We are hopeful that this legislation will not pass before the June 30th adjournment date.

For more information about RISE or questions about pesticide legislation please contact Director of State Affairs, Jon Gaeta, JGaeta@pestfacts.org

2020 NERTF Press Release by Gary Sykes



May 26, 2021

The New England Regional Turfgrass Foundation recently held its 24th Annual Meeting on May 26, 2021 where a new Executive Board was elected. It was Zoom Meeting due to concerns and Covid restrictions. Robert B. Searle, Golf Course Superintendent of the Abenakee Club in Bidderford Pool, Maine has been elected as the 25th President of the Foundation. Bob is a past-president of the Maine Golf Course Superintendent Association and has been serving on the NERTF Board since 2016. Bob is replacing Peter J. Rappoccio, CGCS from Concord Country Club in Concord, MA. Peter served as the 23rd & 24th President of the Foundation. He served as the first two term president of the foundation due to Covid-19 concerns. Randy Weeks, of Laconia Country Club was serving as the Immediate Past-President, Peter will replace

Randy in that role. Mark B. 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. Benjamin J. Polimer of the Town of Weston, who represents the New England Sports Turf Managers Association (NESTMA), will become the current foundation secretary. Ben joined the board in 2020.

The foundation consists of 2 delegates from each of the 7 GCSAA Chapters located in New England, 2 delegates from the Sports Turf Managers Association of New England (NESTMA) and 1 delegate from the Massachusetts Association of Lawn Care Professionals (MALCP) for a total of 17 members. Advisory board members are invited from state universities in Connecticut, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island. The board usually meets every other month avoiding the hot days of the summer.

The 24th Annual Conference was held virtually on March 2nd & 3rd, 2021. 600 seminar seats and over 400 session seats were sold over the two days. Many great speakers and presentations were received by those attending. Pesticide recertification credits were available from nearly all the seminars and sessions. The conference

was highly successful considering the Covid restrictions and the need to offer a remote program. Many of the area's industry vendors contributed generously to the program through sponsorships helping to subsidize the attendees experience and program. The foundation will celebrate the 25th annual Conference and Show in Providence on March 8-10, 2022 at the Rhode Island Convention Center. Planning has already begun. 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 10th annual Tee-Up New England rounds of golf auction was held April 12-19, 2021. 83 rounds of golf, a Day of Grass Tennis at Longwood Cricket Club and a Golden Passport to New England Golf donated by the New England Golf Course Owners Association were auctioned off. Nearly \$28,000 were raised to fund turfgrass research here in New England. The foundation recently cleared a milestone, with Tee-Up New England's help, the foundation has funded more than \$2.5M of turfgrass research in New England since March 1998 when the first New England Regional Turfgrass Conference and Show was held and the first research proposals were submitted later that year.

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2021 Tee-Up New England Success *by Gary Sykes*



The New England Regional Turfgrass Research Trust (NERTRT) would like to thank all the golf courses (83) and contributors for funding turfgrass research by donating to the 2021 Tee-Up New England Online Auction. \$27,899.00 was raised by auctioning all donated lots from April 12th -19th. More than 1140 bids were placed by 114 bidders. One of the greatest

facts of the bidding is that the bidding comes from the end-users. The golfers! Some of the private courses went for a pretty penny, more than a \$1000 for a foursome, showing that there are individuals out there that will pay an extraordinary fee just to play either a favorite course or a facility that they have always wanted to play someday! We appreciate, even with the complications of Covid and the increase in daily play, that courses could see the value of donating to turfgrass research through the auction. Thank you to all donors and thank you to all bidders, we hope to continue this success. If you have not been able to contribute in the past, please consider it in 2022 all donations are appreciated!

The great feature of Tee-Up New England is that it is local donations (clubs in New England) being auctioned for local research

(New England Universities). The local research is the most applicable research for New England Turfgrass Facilities. Dollar Spot Resistance and ABW research among others being done in New England can help local courses greatly with their specific issues. Tee-Up New England funds as well as New England Regional Turfgrass Foundation funding will only go towards local research designed to help local turfgrass managers. These funds are dedicated and will always be for that reason.

In 2021, the Trust will be funding more than \$56,000 of committed research from previous years. In 2020, no new proposals were accepted due to so many financial uncertainties. With the hope of a conference and trade show in 2022, the plan is to invite New England Turfgrass Researchers to submit proposals this coming fall (Sept) for 2022 funding. Since 1998, the Foundation and Trust has combined to contribute more than \$2.5 million in turfgrass research in New England. This is a significant amount of research and it is this path that the foundation hopes to return to. As long as the show continues to be important to the industry, then the Foundation/Trust will have funds for turfgrass research to the capacities of the past. We look forward with anticipation to our 25th Anniversary Conference and Show in 2022.....We wish everyone continued success in 2021.

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Local GCSAA Chapters Begin Reinvesting in Golf Industry with FMC Give Back Checks

For Chapters Receiving Donated Funds, Education is an Overwhelming Priority

PHILADELPHIA (June 8, 2021) — One consistent and overwhelming theme rings true among local Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA) chapters on the receiving end of donations totaling \$25,000 – made possible through the FMC Professional Solutions Give Back to Local Chapters program. They strive to “give back” with their Give Back.

While a handful of chapters out of 30 are still determining how they will use their 2021 FMC Give Back donation checks, many of the chapters have big plans for the donated funds. The top 30 chapters earned awards from \$250 to \$5,000, distributed after participating in 2021 Golf Industry Show activities tied to FMC’s Kalida™ Fungicide launch earlier this year.

“We truly appreciate those companies that see value in the local chapters and try to help them out,” said Carolinas GCSA Executive Director Tim Kreger. The Carolinas GCSA plans to fund an additional scholarship this year with the \$1,000 Give Back check they received from FMC.

Like the Carolinas GCSA, local chapters impacted by the extra funds earned in the Give Back program overwhelmingly plan to apply the donations primarily towards education initiatives in the form of scholarships, training, seminar hosting and workshops for their members or turf students. A few are building full-scale educational events to take place later in 2021 or in 2022, now that Covid-19 restrictions are easing in many parts of the country.

“Thanks to FMC’s support of the Minnesota GCSA, we will use this unexpected money to support scholarships to attend the Great Lakes School of Turfgrass Science online educational courses. Each year, the MGCSA sponsors up to five individuals who complete the ten-week program. It is a win-win for

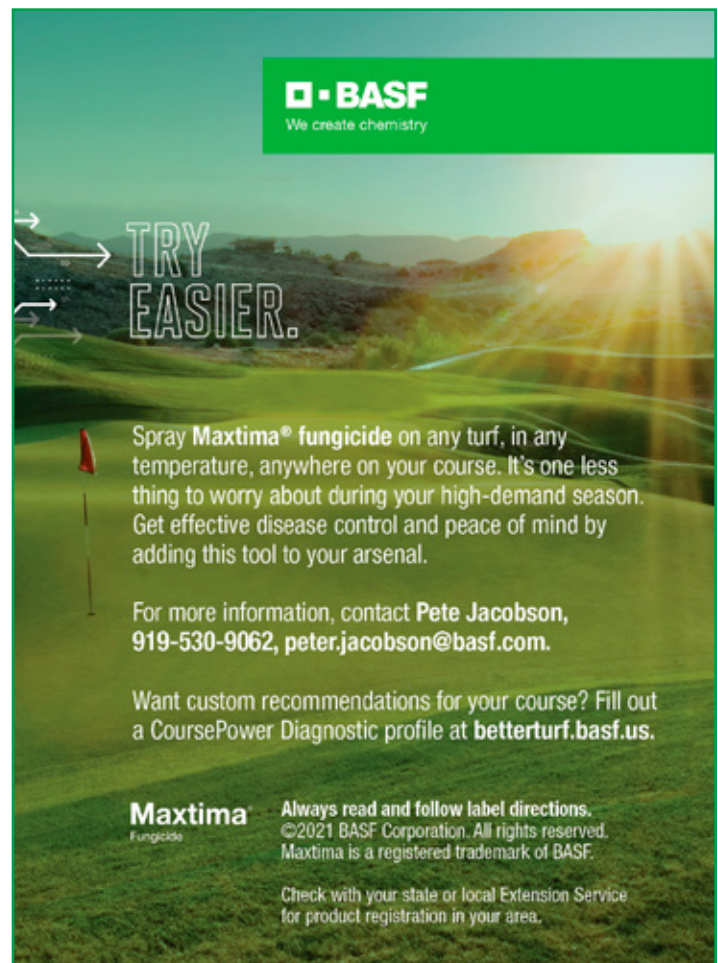
the industry and the student. The Give Back to Local Chapters program helps make this opportunity possible,” said Minnesota GCSA Executive Director Jack MacKenzie.

As superintendents need to have such a broad knowledge base and multidisciplinary approach to their work in an industry with continuous advancements in management practices, plant science, regulations and even equipment, it is easy to see why so many chapters look to foster education and choose to spend any extra

funds on it.

“We want our members to thrive, and education is an investment in their success. Our industry is constantly evolving, and continuing education is critical to keeping current with the latest research advancements, best management practices, regulations and product releases,” said GCSA of New Jersey Executive Director Maureen Sharples.

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“We strive to support local chapters who can benefit in various ways from the support,” said FMC golf and lawn care market manager Evan Parenti. “To see the FMC donations fostering educational initiatives is especially rewarding as that knowledge only makes the industry better and stronger.”

Don Hearn, executive director of the New England GCSA, said that his chapter is looking to highlight the work of superintendents and points out what all of these efforts are really about the game of golf. “We plan to use the funds to assist with the production costs of a video highlighting the work of superintendents who help make golf an enjoyable experience for those who play the game.”

The FMC Give Back to Local Chapters initiative was driven by **FMC True Champions**, a program launched in spring 2019. A key feature of the program is to support industry associations such as GCSAA chapters, We Are Golf and RISE. Superintendents can enroll for free, and FMC will track purchases of qualified products throughout the season and then submit their “give back” donation directly to their local GCSAA chapter. Qualified products include Fame™ SC, Rayora™ and Kalida™ fungicides. Through August 2021, a percentage of sales of those products will be donated to local GCSAA chapters.

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Jack R. Harrell, Jr. is a native of Lakeland, Florida and the third Harrell in three-quarters of a century to lead the company, which was established in 1941. Over the years Jack has served the company in many roles spanning across every department before becoming CEO in 1990. His wealth of knowledge in every area of the company has led to the growth and expansion of Harrell's across the United States and internationally. Taking care of people is always at the forefront of his endeavors and his employees, customers

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Having been delayed from May of 2020, this year's ceremony will not only commemorate the induction of the class of 2020, but also the class of 2021. The purpose of the induction is to "recognize exceptional individuals who've distinguished themselves through their contributions to the Tampa Bay community." -Florida Council on Economic Education (FCEE).The class of 2020 consists of Jack Harrell, Jr. (Harrell's LLC), Dwayne Hawkins (Crown Automotive), Pam Iorio (Big Brothers Big Sisters), and Tom Wallace (Florida Funders). The class of 2021 includes Colleen Chappell (Chappell Roberts), Sonji Coney (Coney Funeral Home), and Ron Wanek (Ashley Homestore). All proceeds from the ceremony are put toward economic, financial literacy and free enterprise education programs of the FCEE and the Gus A. Stavros Center for Free Enterprise & Economic education at the University of South Florida.

"This year's ceremony will celebrate all Tampa Bay Hall of Fame members who are seen as "Visionaries" in their fields," said Greg Celestan & Oscar Horton, Co-Chairman of the Event & Selection Committee. "We look forward to an exciting event that will celebrate the accomplishments, leadership and service of the Honorees, and support the critical

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