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The western Mass. 'Lido' meetings: A supportive 'swap-shop' of news & ideas

By **Gerry Finn**
Contributing Editor

For lack of an official or formal summons, they're called "the Lido monthly meetings." Lido? It's the with-pasta, job-related problems, an occasional professional issue, news, announcements, and assorted chitchat of the day.

MONTHLY FEATURE

"It's kind of a swap shop," explains Bob Ruzala. "We swap our problems, their solutions, ideas, how the weather's been bothering us . . . whatever happens to be on anyone's mind."

Ruzala, head superintendent at the Hickory Ridge Country Club, is a former president of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of New England. On that note, he emphasizes that the Lido meetings have nothing to do with any presumption they compete with other superintendents' organizations.

Springfield Country Club superintendent Doug Stachura, CGCS, seconds the notion. "We're not even organized," he tells. "We have no roll calls, no dues, no officers, no members. We get together because we're wound together by the same thread, maintaining the golf course. We deal with local agronomic issues for the most part. Actually, we meet at six, eat and then shoot the breeze for about an hour or so. In a word, we help each other out."

The winter of 2003-2004 dominated those breeze shootings in the group's

spring sessions. "When we first met this year, we found that everyone was way behind bringing the golf course back from the cold . . . icy cold conditions," Ruzala said. "I think it was a universal problem for those of us in the Northeast. Anyway, irrigation breaks plagued just about every superintendent in our area. We had thin greens, an abundance of winterkill . . . you name it. So, we shared all we knew about solving that problem in the true spirit of what our meetings are all about - camaraderie."

The Lido meetings had their start about 25 years ago, in the late 1970s when some of their present-day participants were young sprouts and others not even around. As it happened, and according to Cranwell Resort and Golf Club superintendent Jack Pluta, a local issue became a group issue when a fellow superintendent was terminated.

"The Orchards (Golf Club) didn't renew Dave Vibber's contract and hired a landscape company to maintain the golf course," Pluta recalled. "Naturally, a lot of us were concerned. First, because Dave was one of us and he did a good job. Second, we were worried about the future and thought our jobs were being threatened."

"I was working at the Westover Golf Club at the time. So, three or four of us got together and decided to have a pow-wow with the landscaper. The bottom line was that he had no plans to take over the golf course maintenance business in our area. Funny. That situation resolved

itself when The Orchards eventually went back to a superintendent form of maintenance. In another eventuality, they switched to the Arnold Palmer Golf Management Company to take over complete operation of the club and course. But that's another story."

Pluta was joined in the initial show of area job preservation by Bob Heeley (Quaboag C.C.), Roy Mackintosh (Twin Hills C.C.), and Dino Frigo (Veterans

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Municipal G.C.). For further clarification of the Lido group's intent, all four of those superintendents were and are GCSANE members.

"This was a close-to-home situation," Pluta disclosed. "That's why we sort of kept it to ourselves. But when we realized we had done something constructive as a group, we decided to arrange an informal meeting and invite all the area superintendents to take part. We've been meeting ever since."

Incidentally, Dave Vibber – the cause celebre in the making of the Lido meetings – never returned to The Orchards. Rather, he landed the top position at the Ellington Ridge Country Club, one of Connecticut's finest championship courses.

Since much of the GCSANE's agenda takes place in eastern Massachusetts, many of its western Massachusetts members find it difficult to leave their courses a for a full day to attend meetings and other functions.

"We're really isolated out here," Stachura remarked. We also have people who work on small courses and can't get away for long periods of time. The meetings are just a timely outlet for the guys. We try to keep it easy for everyone to attend and contribute. We have a small-scale social calendar, like a Christmas party and occasional golf tournament. But, usually, it's a hit and run thing. We also are a welcoming committee. We reach out to meet new superintendents coming into the area and make them feel at home."

Pluta thinks the group is perfect as-is. "I remember in the beginning in the days of small budgets," he said. "We'd swap parts, equipment, and simply try to improve working and maintenance conditions in a community-like kind of way. We were and are very tight."

The Lido meetings seem to happen by themselves. Years ago, Heeley used to send out the announcement postcards. That passed on to Stachura for another 10 years, and now Veterans G.C. assistant Andy Gay cues in the guys on what's down the road for the group.

One final note: At their most recent meeting, the Lido group invited the new man in town, Orchards superintendent Matt Manzi, to join them. "Anything we can do to help him" Pluta quipped. Small world. 🏌️

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CALENDAR . . .

- August 24 **GCSANE Monthly Meeting**
Individual Championship
Marlborough C.C. (permanent site)
Marlborough, Mass.
Supt. - Kenneth Crimmings
- Sept. 20 **GCSANE Monthly Meeting**
Supt./Club Official Tournament
Tedesco Country Club
Marblehead, Mass.
Supt. - Peter Hasak
- October 5 **GCSANE Monthly Meeting**
Stockbridge Fund Raiser
Tournament
Hickory Ridge Country Club
Amherst, Mass.
Supt. - Robert Ruzala
- Nov. 1 **GCSANE Monthly Meeting**
Scramble
Bear Hill Golf Club
Stoneham, Mass.
Supt. - Richard French

President Hermanson rounds up timely topics; also looks forward to Individual Championship

I would like to offer a special thanks to the Meadows at Peabody and Superintendent Dick Duggan, CGCS, for a great July meeting. Unfortunately, we played the last six holes in the rain but it was still a great day. One of the conditions to construct the golf course was to have no alcohol, but even Lenny Blodgett stayed to play. A special thanks to Simplot Partners for providing the beverage vehicle and to Ren Wilkes and R.F. Morse for donating two New England Patriots pre-season tickets to our raffle.



Next month's meeting is the Individual Championship hosted by Ken Crimmings at Marlborough Country Club, and we look forward to that. This is also the meeting that all retirees are invited to free of charge whether they wish to play golf or enjoy a cookout and friendship after golf. This will also be the last meeting we

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will solicit Ouimet Marathon donations for 2004. Bob Ruzala is still looking for rounds of golf to be donated to raise funds for the Joseph Troll Turf Research Building. We began doing meeting registrations by computer or telephone at the July meeting. There were a few problems, but it will get better as time goes on. We were remiss in having the 60-and-over seniors not play the forward tees in

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July. We will however, beginning in Marlborough, have a set of senior tees at each meeting.

Congratulations to Ron Dobosz in qualifying for the Mass Amateur played at Taconic in Williamstown. I know Ron would like to have played a little better and qualify for Match Play, but we were all still very proud of him. A few years ago, Doug Preston, who is one of our members, won the Mass Amateur.

We will continue to provide you with the PDI Registration Number at each meeting, but you will have to register yourself until we begin doing so at the winter meetings.

This year we are once again doing a room block in Orlando at the GCSAA Conference in February. If you are interested in blocking one of these rooms, you must contact me no later than August 15. I will then provide this list to the GCSAA and they will contact you regarding your final arrangements sometime this fall.

Best wishes, and see you in Marlborough.

Michael J. Hermanson
President, GCSANE

A letter, and more, from honorary member Eliot Roberts

The following letter was received by our Executive Secretary Sharon Brownell at the GCSANE office.

Dear Sharon:

This is in response to your letter of May 7, 2004 with which was sent an engraved bag tag. Many thanks for this remembrance. Also, it served to remind me that I hadn't contributed financially to the establishment of the Troll Turfgrass Research Center at The University of Massachusetts. The enclosed check for \$1,000.00 to you all is intended for this purpose.

I had the privilege of being under study to Professor Dickinson at UMass from 1954 until he retired from the Department of Agronomy. At that time, Joe Troll was my selection to serve as Dick-

inson's replacement and take charge of the Turf Program when I left for Iowa State University in 1959. He has done a fantastic job and I've received much satisfaction in following his achievements there over these past forty-five years. I know he couldn't have served as he has

without the faithful support of GCSA of New England.

Finally, I appreciated your including me as an Honorary Member year after year. It's great to keep in touch.

Sincerely,
Eliot C. Roberts, Sr.

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Golf tournament to benefit turf research center scheduled for Oct. 5, 2004 at Hickory Ridge C.C.

There will be a golf tournament to help fund a new research building for the University of Massachusetts/Stockbridge School of Agriculture Tuesday, Oct. 5, 2004, at Hickory Ridge Country Club in Amherst, Mass.

All proceeds from the tournament will benefit the Turf Building Fund at the Joseph Troll Turf Research Center in South Deerfield, Mass.

The scramble-format tournament, scheduled to coincide with the groundbreaking of the new research building, is open to the general public and limited to the first 144 individuals to register. Prizes will be awarded for team gross and net scores as well as a long-drive and closest to the pin contest.

Registration fees are \$600 per foursome and \$150 per single. Each entry fee includes green fees, cart, lunch, dinner, and a raffle ticket for a prize drawing following the tournament. If a

player does not have a foursome, the tournament committee can form one.

Registration begins at 10:30 a.m. followed by a shotgun start at 11:30 a.m. The deadline to register is Sept. 17.

Improvements to the research center began with an expansion of the research area from eight to 17 acres, and will continue with the construction of a much-needed research building that is expected to be fully operational by 2005. The campaign has raised nearly \$600,000 to-date. The 3,000 square foot research building, which will include a laboratory, meeting room, office space, and maintenance area for equipment and storage, was named in honor of Dr. Joseph Troll for his longtime service and dedication to the UMass turf program. The 83-year-old Dr. Troll retired from UMass in 1985 after 28 years as the head of the plant and soil science department.

According to Steve Goodwin, associate dean of the College of Natural Resources and the Environment, the building marks a significant investment in the turf program.

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"Because of the leadership and financial support from our graduates and the industry, the new building represents a real success story," Goodwin said. "Our turf faculty and staff will have the infrastructure they need to enhance their teaching and research efforts, and it will also be a central place to promote our interactions with the industry."

The Stockbridge School of Agriculture opened in 1927, making it one of the oldest in the country. It has produced over 1500 turf management graduates from its two-year and four-year programs.

"Graduates have stepped up to support the campaign because we see it as a chance to give something back to a program that has given us so much," said Bob Ruszala, superintendent at Hickory Ridge C.C. and chair of the planning committee. "The tournament is a chance for alumni and friends to get together, have some fun, recognize Dr. Troll for all he's done, and help finish off the campaign."

Anyone interested in tournament sponsorship should contact the UMass Amherst Development Office at (413) 577-4295. Sponsorship levels are: Platinum \$1,000; Gold \$500; Silver \$250; and Bronze \$100. The sponsorship deadline is September 3, 2004.

For tournament entries, contact Ann Thompson, UMass Amherst Alumni Association, at (800) 456-8627, or aet@admin.umass.edu. ■

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UMass Turf Field Day features the latest research, and honors Dr. Joseph Troll in dedication ceremony

By Christine Rutkoski,
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The University of Massachusetts Turfgrass Management Program hosted its annual Field Day on Wednesday, June

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23 at the Turf Research Center in South Deerfield. The event helped green

industry professionals learn about the latest results in turf research and included a ceremony dedicating the research center to Joseph Troll. Troll, a retired UMass faculty member, is widely credited with expanding the UMass Turf Program and having a major impact on the students he taught.

"He has been committed to excellence in every aspect, in teaching, research, and in guiding his students," said Dave Sylvester, a sales rep from Bayer Environmental Science and a class of '75 graduate of the Turf Program. "If it weren't for Dr. Troll, I wouldn't have enjoyed the career that I have. We need quality research, and to get quality research, we need a quality program. That's why we work with the UMass Turf program."

In honor of their mentor, UMass alumni have rallied together with industry leaders to raise funds for a new building at the center. TurfLinks, who recently announced a donation to the facility, followed through with their commitment by presenting a \$100,000 check at the event. "We want the turfgrass research

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Bayer Environmental
Science**

program at UMass to remain viable, grow, and in turn support the educational requirements of its students and industry professionals within the region," said Scott Mackintosh of TurfLinks. "Although information from other research institutions has value, a local facility, easily accessible to the New England market, is worthy of our investment."

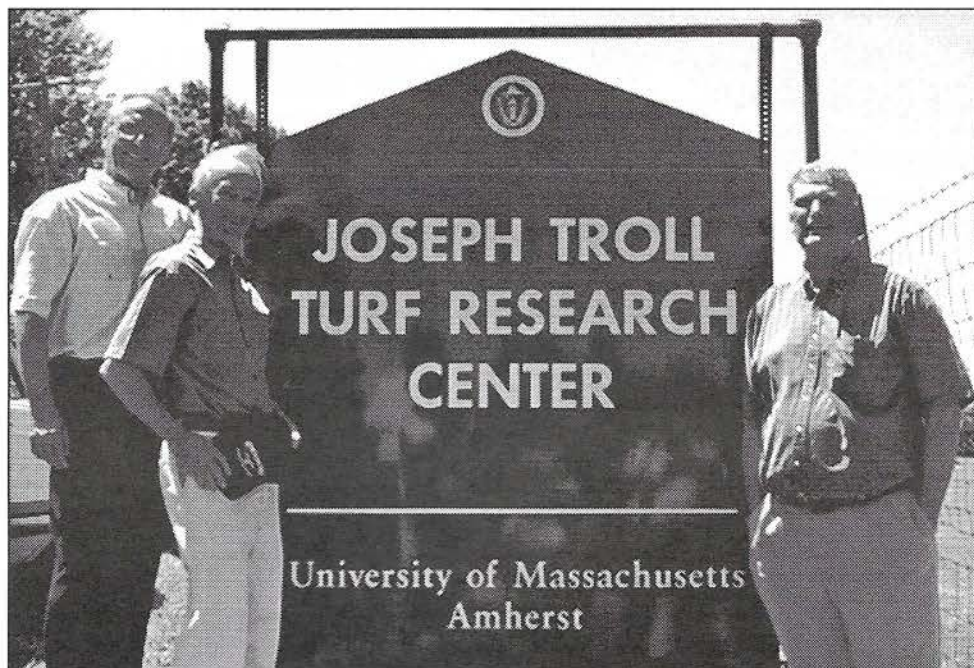
The new facility will advance an already thriving and well-respected turf program. "We need quality research, and to get quality research, we need a quality program," said Larry Norton of Bayer Environmental Science. "That's why we work with the UMass Turf program." The program's newest research was put on display for this year's Field Day participants. The event hosted over 250 people who came to learn about the research results and how they can apply it to their businesses. Craig Sullivan of Westlawn Cemetery in Littleton, Mass. attributed his success in grass-growing to what he had learned from Field Day over the years. "Attending Field Day has taught me a lot about growing," said Sullivan. "I started out learning the basics and now I have excellent grass."

Scott Senecal, of Seedway Inc. in Manchester County, Vt., came to the event to brush up on his knowledge of turfgrass. "It's an educational refresher," said Senecal, who has attended Field Day for six years and is a graduate of the UMass Green School. "What I learn here helps me steer customers in the right direction."

Kyle Miller of BASF also uses the information he learns from the event to help him in his business. "This event happens at a good time for us to see what the plots look like and what issues are coming up," he said. "It's also a good opportunity for our sales reps to talk with customers, get feedback, and answer any questions."

Other participants came to Field Day catch up with colleagues and fellow graduates. "I enjoy seeing other Stockbridge alums," said James Mulcahy, a 1960 graduate of the Stockbridge arboriculture program.

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At the UMass Turf Research Field Day, above, Dr. Joseph Troll, joined by Cleve Willis, left, Dean of the UMass College of Natural Resources and the Environment, and Associate Dean Steve Goodwin, right, admire the new sign at the Joseph Troll Turf Research Center at UMass/Amherst. (UMass photo)

OSHA offers tips for working safely in hot weather

The sun and warm weather of summer can also bring special hazards for those working outdoors. To help employers and workers stay safe throughout the summer months, OSHA offers tips that can help prevent many heat-related deaths, illnesses, and injuries.

"The hot weather can present additional hazards to those who work outdoors or in very hot environments," said OSHA Administrator John Henshaw. "It's important that employers and workers know how to reduce heat related illnesses and fatalities. Simple precautions can often save lives."

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The combination of heat, humidity, and physical labor can lead to fatalities. The two most serious forms of heat related illnesses are heat exhaustion (primarily from dehydration) and heat stroke, which could be fatal. Signs of heat exhaustion or heat stroke need immediate attention. Recognizing those warning signs and taking quick action can make a difference in preventing a fatality.

Protecting Yourself in the Sun is a revised pocket card that explains how to

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perform self-examinations to detect early stages of skin cancer. The card also describes common physical features of skin cancer that can be caused by exposure to the sun.

Working Outdoors is a OSHA fact sheet that offers advice on ways to protect against exposure to ultraviolet radiation (UV), precautions to take if working in extreme heat, and how to protect against Lyme Disease and West Nile Virus. The fact sheet also offers links for teenagers working at summer jobs.

OSHA's *Heat Stress Card* lists tips and precautions to prevent many heat-related deaths and injuries. Available in English and Spanish, this laminated fold-up card is free to employers to distribute to workers. It offers a quick reference about heat-related injuries, including warning signs, symptoms, and early treatment.

These OSHA publications can be downloaded from the agency's website at www.osha.gov or obtained from the OSHA publications office, Room N3101, 200 Constitution Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20210.

More information about heat and sun hazards can be found on OSHA's website, www.osha.gov and at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) www.cdc.gov and the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) www.cdc.gov/niosh.

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Andrea Szylyan of the Environmental Protection Agency in New England came to the event to mingle among members of the industry and to learn from the new turf information. "I came to see the grass varieties and the new research," she said. "It's a great learning opportunity."

Though participants enjoyed the event for many reasons, there was a shared sense of appreciation and admiration for the UMass Turf Program and Dr. Troll. "I am so proud of the history of the turf program, what it has done and the trajectory that it is on," said Cleve Willis, Dean of the College of Natural Resources and the Environment. "In addition to being valued by the University, events like today's make it clear that the UMass Turf Program has also made its mark with the turf industry."

More photos of this event can be viewed at: <http://www.umass.edu/nre/alumni/turfgrass/turffieldday2004/index.html>.

A Massachusetts pesticide applicator refresher from the GCSAA license information database

The following information is taken from the GCSAA database on state pesticide applicator licensing regulations.

Licensing

Summary: In Massachusetts, a golf course superintendent who only uses general use pesticides must obtain a commercial applicator license. However, those holding a commercial applicator license (core) can use restricted use pesticides *but* only under the direct supervision of a commercial certified applicator. A golf course superintendent who uses both general and restricted use pesticides must obtain commercial certification. This applies at both public and private golf course facilities. A golf course superintendent would obtain certification in Mass. certification subcategory 37-Turf. Individuals must be 18 years or older to obtain a license or become certified. (See section 10.04 to review pesticide applicator licensing and certification requirements in Massachusetts.)

Recordkeeping

Summary: All certified commercial applicators and licensed applicators are required to keep records of each pesticide application including: a) place of appli-

cation; b) application date; c) brand or registered name of pesticide; d) EPA registration number of pesticide; e) amount of pesticide applied; f) purpose for which the pesticide was applied; g) method of application; h) persons certified or licensed by the dept. who participated in the planning and execution of the application; i) accidents or incidents resulting from use of pesticide which caused pollution; j) amount of liability insurance carried and the name of the insurer; and k) illnesses or injuries caused by or suspected to have been caused by pesticides and reported to the applicator. Records must be kept for a period of three years from date of application. The Dept. of Agricultural Resources requires annual submittal of all records. (See section 10.14 to review pesticide applicator recordkeeping requirements in Massachusetts.)

Posting

Summary: The person making the pesticide application (the applicator) is responsible for providing notification. Notification should consist of a written notice posted in a conspicuous area such as the clubhouse or any area that most players would see the notification. This notification should consist of the following information: 1) name and license/certification number of the applicator; 2) name of the pesticide(s) that were applied to the property and for what purpose they were applied; 3) any precautions indicated on the labeling relative to any post-application requirements; 4) date and time of application; 5) holes that were treated; and 6) sign should remain posted for a period of 72 hours unless otherwise recommended by the Dept. of Agricultural Resources. If such notification as mentioned above is not used, the state approved lawn care signs must be posted at each tee that was treated.

Notification

Summary: Not Required. Reciprocity: Not Offered.

Additional Information

To obtain a commercial applicator license (core license), you must successfully pass a closed-book written

pesticide exam with a 70% score or better (equates to raw score 87 correct or greater out of 125 multiple choice questions). To obtain a commercial applicator certification, you must pass a closed-book written pesticide exam (general standards + category specific standards) with a 75% score or better (equates to raw score of 94 correct or greater out of 125 multiple choice questions). Before taking the exam(s), you must send in an application on department-approved forms and pay an exam fee. The exam fee to obtain a commercial applicator license (core license) is \$50; the exam fee to obtain a commercial certification for any category is \$100. Upon passing the exam(s), you must file an application for certification or licensing within one year from date of notification. A \$50 fee shall accompany the application for commercial applicator license (core license); a \$100 fee shall accompany the application for commercial certification. Applicants for commercial certification or commercial applicator licensing (core) must also

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A golf course superintendent who uses both general and restricted use pesticides must obtain commercial certification. This applies at both public and private golf course facilities. A golf course superintendent would obtain certification in Mass. certification subcategory 37-Turf.

In order to maintain a Commercial Certification and Commercial Applicator License, one must renew annually by January 1. Certified commercial applicators must pay a \$100 fee and those holding a commercial applicator license (core) must pay a \$50 fee at the time of each annual renewal.

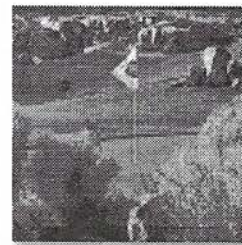
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Scenes from joint meeting with GCMA of Cape Cod



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Above, **Bob York** of BASF, right, presents the trophy to People vs. the Pros winner **Stuart Eyman**, CGCS. At right, BASF donates \$2000 to each association for their scholarship funds. Pictured are (l. to r.) GCMACC president **Bob Matthews**, CGCS; BASF sales rep **Bob York**; host supt. **Tom Flaherty**, CGCS; and GCSANE president **Mike Hermanson**.

GCSAA accepting Distinguished Service Award nominations

GCSAA is now accepting nominations from GCSAA members, affiliated chapters, and qualified golf associations for the 2005 GCSAA Distinguished Service Award (DSA).

All nominations and letters of support must be submitted by Sept. 1, 2004, on the official form available at <http://www.gcsaa.org/resources/awards/dsa/dsaapp.pdf> (PDF form). Feel free to

make additional copies of the form, or contact GCSAA Member Solutions at (800) 472-7878, for additional forms.

Nomination forms should be sent to Judith Ferguson, GCSAA, 1421 Research Park Dr., Lawrence, KS 66049.

The award is presented to an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to the advancement of the golf course superintendent's profession. The contribution must be significant in

both substance and duration. The contribution may be, or may have been, regional in nature. The nominee must not have been a recipient of this award in the preceding 10 years.

The GCSAA Board of Directors will select the recipient(s) of the 2005 Distinguished Service Award during the Fall Board Meeting. The award will be presented at the Golf Industry Show in Orlando February 2005. 🏏

Pesticide licensing

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provide proof of insurance to the department. In order to maintain a Commercial Certification and Commercial Applicator License, one must renew annually by January 1. Certified commercial applicators must pay a \$100 fee and those holding a commercial applicator license (core) must pay a \$50 fee at the time of each annual renewal. In addition, those holding a Mass. pesticide commercial license (core) or certification must within a three year period obtain continuing education contact hours or re-take the appropriate state licensing or certification exam. A standard number of contact hours must be obtained during the 3-year licensure period: 12 hrs. (per category) for commercial certification; and 6 hrs. for the commercial applicator license (core). One contact hour equals 50 minutes of consecutive training. For more information, contact the Mass. Dept. of Agricultural Resources, Pesticide Bureau, Certification Program, at (617) 626-1776. 🏏

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DIVOT DRIFT . . . announcements . . . educational seminars . . . job opportunities . . . tournament results . . . and miscellaneous items of interest to the membership.

INFORMATION

UMass Weed Identification Workshop, Aug. 5, 2004 at UMass/Amherst. Correct weed identification is an important first step in the development of an effective weed management program. Using a classroom presentation, potted weed herbarium, and weed walk, UMass Extension Educator Randy Probst will help participants enhance their weed identification skills. Feel free to bring a weed or two to identify. Workshop held rain or shine (lunch not provided), 9 am - 3 pm. Cost is \$90/person (make checks payable to UMass, pre-registration required as space is limited). Directions sent upon confirmation. Four pesticide contact hours available; MCLP and MCH credits will be offered. For additional info and registration form, visit: http://www.umassturf.org/upcoming_events.html. Note that the previously advertised July 15 workshop is filled. There is a possibility of another Weed ID workshop on July 27 in Amherst if there is enough interest. Contact Ellen Weeks at 413-545-2685 or eweeks@umext.umass.edu.

New UMass Lab Information. UMass Amherst is once again accepting turf samples for disease diagnosis. Turf managers are now welcome to send disease samples Dr. Rob Wick at UMass /mherst. Dr. Gail Schumann will also continue to accept samples at Marquette University until August 31 of this year, after which all samples and questions should be directed to Dr. Wick at UMass. Samples for nematode analysis should be directed to Dr. Wick at UMass as always. For complete details, including instructions on how to send a sample, visit: http://www.umassturf.org/services/turf_diagnostics/diseases.html. Please note that the Marquette lab will be closed July 29 - August 3 while Dr. Schumann attends plant pathology meetings.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations to Michael and Lisa Luccini on the birth of their new baby boy, Michael Derek Luccini, Jr., born July 13, 2004, and weighing 7 lbs, 5 oz..

Congratulations to Steve Curry on the birth of his daughter, Sheridan.

Congratulations to Jason Adams on the birth of his daughter, Taylor Paige Adams, born July 2, 2004, 7 lbs., 13 oz.

Congratulations to GCSANE members Ron Dobosz, superintendent at Cedar Hill, and Darin Eddy, of Country Club Enterprises, who both qualified and played in the Mass Amateur.

Correction: Stuart Eyman, CGCS, is in his second certification period. He was mentioned twice as winner of the *Beat the Pro* and not listed as "CGCS."

GOVT. RELATIONS

The following Vermont legislation died upon legislative adjournment: S.B. 58 - to empower municipalities to regulate pesticide applications by establishing requirements including advance posting of outdoor pesticide applications, other pesticide application notifications, and the establishment of buffer zones around waters of the state. S.B. 91 - to prohibit the use of granular fertilizer except if soils tests are performed; for newly established turf and lawn areas during the first growing season; or unless the turf involved was on a golf course and the phosphorus applied under the direction of a person licensed, certified or approved by an organization with an ongoing training program approved by the secretary of agriculture, food and markets.

GOLF RESULTS

2004 Gary Luccini Memorial 4-Ball Championship

Match #1 - Dave Comee/Mike Hermanson vs. Paul Miller/Scott Mackintosh

Match #2 - Ron Milenski/Kevin White vs. Winner Match #1

Match #3 - Ken Crimmings/Bob Cullen vs. Larry Anshewitz/Jim Fitzroy

Match #4 - Pat Hogan/Scott McLeod vs. Mike Turner/Joe Felicetti

Match #5 - Robin Hayes/Bob Healey vs. Lizard Lazaro/Squirrel Gagne

Match #6 - Winner Match #2 vs. Winner Match #3

Match #7 - Winner Match #4 vs. Winner Match #5

Match #8 - Loser Match #6 vs. Loser Match #7 (Third place)

Match #9 - Winner Match #6 vs. Winner Match #7 (Final Match)

The action so far:

Match #1 played at Woods Hole. Miller/Mackintosh defeated Comee/Hermanson, 3 and 1

Match #2 at The Oaks, 7/6/04 Miller/Mackintosh defeated Milenski/White (Semi-final Match # 6 set: Miller/Mackintosh vs. Crimmings/Cullen.)

Match #3 at The Oaks, 6/28/04.

Crimmings/Cullen defeated Anshewitz/Fitzroy, 2 up Crimmings/Cullen move on to the semi-finals and will play the winner of Match #2.

Match #4 at Pinehills, 7/1/04.

Pat Hogan/Scott McLeod defeated Mike Turner/Joe Felicetti, 1 up (Hogan/McLeod advance into the semi-finals (Match #7) and play the winners of Match #5.)

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