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## Drew Cummins has Red Tail G.C. in elite company as an Audubon International Signature Sanctuary

By Dave Nordman

In his two seasons at Red Tail Golf Club, superintendent Drew Cummins has put his signature on one of the best public courses in New England.

But he's not the only one.

Cummins did his homework before arriving at this former Army base in

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March of 2003. He knew the place had a top-notch design and spectacular

views; but he wasn't fully aware – and who could have been – of its unique commitment to the environment.

Red Tail, aptly named for the birds that make their home on and around the course which opened in 2002, has become the first Certified Audubon International Signature Sanctuary in New England and one of only 47 in the world. There are other courses that have conformed to meet the Audubon's tough standards, but Red Tail was designed and constructed that way.

Now it is up to Cummins and his staff to follow Audubon's guidelines on wildlife conservation and habitat enhancement, water quality monitoring and management, integrated pest management, water conservation, energy efficiency, and waste management.

"You have to make sure you dot your I's and cross your T's," said Cummins, a native of East Greenwich, R.I., and a graduate of the University of Rhode Island, who came to Red Tail from Avon, Conn.

Cummins actually took the job while Red Tail was covered in a blanket of snow.

"The first time I walked the course, the snow was starting to melt," Cummins said. "I stood on the sixth tee and I realized . . . this is a stellar design. This is a special place."

In addition to grooming one of the region's best layouts – Golf Digest continues to rave about the 7,000-yard, par-72 Brian Silva design – Cummins must also concern himself with the little things: how the water runs off the parking lots, how the fuel fill area and sprayer fill station have the proper procedures in place to avoid any run off into storm drains, how water from the

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Drew Cummins Red Tail G.C.

equipment wash-down pad is funneled into a biological filtration system where microbes break down water contaminants, and how the facility minimizes waste and handles recycling.

So much for just cutting grass.

"It's not easy and it takes a lot of commitment," said Cummins, who takes the time to educate his staff on the ins and outs of the strict Audubon regulations. "Audubon isn't lurking over your shoulder, but at the same time, they're not going to let you tie your name to theirs unless they're sure you're representing what they represent. It's a commitment to improve all the ways your operations impact the environment."

For 100 years, Fort Devens was home to thousands of soldiers. Many lived in the barracks that line the road that leads to the golf course's maintenance facility. While the barracks were torn down this spring, they stood as a reminder of what used to be.

"We had a guy deliver fertilizer last week," Cummins said. "When he got out of his truck, he shouted, 'I lived in that building right there when I was six."

Red Tail is dripping in nostalgia. An old guard tower sits adjacent to the 18th tee and large bunkers – the kind used for ammunition storage, not the ones filled with sand – line the 17th fairway Foxholes are also visible in many place. Part of the course was built on an olymortar range, but worries of unexploded ordinance went unfounded.

"You'll never get away from the history," said Cummins, who plans to continued on page 2

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add signage to help document and explain the course's military past.

While a clubhouse is under construction, things aren't always easy to get done at Devens, not a city or a town, but a municipality run by the state.

"We have our share of bureaucracy," Cummins said. "More than most, I'd say."

He can't do much about the red tape, but Cummins does what he can to help Red Tail mature. And that's not easy considering the place's young age and the wear and tear it receives.

While the L93 greens need more regular topdressing and grooming than other grasses, he feels it's a good tradeoff for the annual battle that others face to keep poa alive through the summer. His solid bent grass fairways accumulate thatch and he has to keep on top of the aerification program. Cummins doesn't have to worry about poa annua, not yet answay.

"We don't have much poa, but we're at a point where we are working with PGRs to keep it from encroaching," Cummins said. "It may show up on some fairways and tees, but we'll work hard to keep it out of the greens."

### CALENDAR ...

Aug. 23

GCSANE Monthly Meeting
Individual Championship
Marlborough Country Club
(permanent yearly site)
Marlborough, Mass.
Supt. - Kenneth Crimmings, CGCS

Sept. 19
GCSANE Monthly Meeting
Joint Meeting with
Golf Course Managers
Association of Cape CodJ
Eastward Ho! Country Club
Chatham, Mass.
Supt. Emeritus - Brian Cowan
Supt. - Frank Hancock

Oct. 6 GCSANE Monthly Meeting
Join Meeting with
the Northeastern GCSA
Berkshire Hills Country Club
Pittsfield, Mass.
Supt. - Stephen Curry

Oct. 20

Dr. Joseph Troll
Turf Education Fund Raiser
Cape Cod National Golf Club
Brewster, Mass.
Supt. - Stephen G. Cadanelli, CGCS
(Sponsored by UMass)

Nov. 1 GCSANE Monthly Meeting 9-Hole Meeting Wampatuck Country Club Canton, Mass. Supt. - Edward Eardley

## Dr. Joseph Troll Turf Education Fund Raiser

October 20, 2005 Cape Cod National Golf Club Brewster, Mass.

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## The year's Scholarship & Benevolence Tournament 'perfect in every way,' says President Hermanson

Just when I thought it couldn't get any better, it did. The annual Scholarship



and Benevolence Tournament held at The Country Club was perfect in every way. I sincerely apologize to those of you that we couldn't accommodate due to the event being oversold.

I would like to thank everyone at The Country Club for making us feel like members. To David Chag, general manager; Drew Ford, clubhouse manager; Katherine MacKanin, function manager; Brendan Walsh, head professional; and Joe Connerton, PGA member, I tip my hat to you all. Thank you to David Comee and his Scholarship & Benevolence Committee on a job well done, and to the grounds crew who arrived at 4 a.m. The golf course could not have been any better.

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### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

attendance that even though we don't see you

as much as we'd like, that you do more for this association than most people realize. When asked to serve on a committee, you have always done so. When we needed to bring a special event to your course, you have made it happen. Many of your former assistants are now superintendent members of our association. The conditions at the U.S. Open and the Ryder Cup made us all proud. Your work behind the scenes does not go unnoticed. What you do helps all of us by advancing the status of our profession.

The preliminary figures from the Scholarship & Benvolence Tournament show a profit of more than \$20,000! I would like to thank a few people who have helped make this possible. Thanks to everyone who donated rounds of golf for our raffle; to Don, Nick, and Matt Marrone from Wachusett for the golf clubs; and to Darrin and Bobby Orr for the autographed hockey pictures. These two items raised more than \$1500 in the silent auction. Special thanks go to the following companies for their cash donations: Tom Irwin, Hart Seed, Syngenta, Verdicon/UHS, D.L. Maher, Turf Products Corp., McNulty Construction, BISCO, Holliston Sand, The Cardinals, Harrell's Turf Specialty, TurfLinks, and Sawtelle Brothers. Thank you to everyone.

On another note, I had the pleasure of representing GCSANE at Hickory Ridge on July 4. The owners and members dedicated their new practice area and a bench in recognition of a job well done and a great person, superintendent and past GCSANE president, Robert Ruszala. It was quite an occasion and quite an honor. Congratulations Bob!

The last thing I want to discuss this month is the Ouimet Marathon being played at Stowe on August 10. Dick Duggan will be playing for the final time

representing GCSANE at this worthwhile event. That means that in 2006, we will need another player to represent us. If you are interested, please contact me. In order to support this event, we will have pledge sheets at our July and August meetings or you can contact me directly. Just make a tax deductible pledge and Ouimet will bill you.

If your student employees have not been applying for a Ouimet Scholarship then you are missing the boat. Up to \$1,000 in scholarships is awarded annually. Contact the Ouimet fund and they will be happy to send you information. Remember, the employee must have worked on a golf course for at least two years. Good Luck!

I'm writing this on July 8 watching the rain from Hurricane Cindy and wondering if and when I will run my first fairway water cycle this season? Can you possibly believe that?

Best wishes, Michael J. Hermanson President, GCSANE

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## Gratitude is spread all around for support of GCSANE Scholarship & Benevolence Tournament

To: GCSANE Membership From: Dave Comee, Chairman, Scholarship & Benevolence Fund

would like to express my appreciation to all involved with the 2005 Scholarship & Benevolence Golf Outing at The Country Club. If you were there, you are well aware of just how great a day it

GCSANE NEWS was. The final dollar figure is not yet complete, but we are approaching

\$22,000, well beyond any previous effort. The participation of our members and financial support from our many friends and the gracious hospitality of The Country Club certainly places the S&B Fund on firm footing.

# GCSANE Trustee Dave Comee explains his multiple roles with organization

In the fall of 1979 I first attended a meeting of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of New England. I observed a diverse group of individuals, mostly many years older than I, with a vast knowledge of, and a passion for the turf industry. Twenty-six years later it is still a very diverse group of people, more knowledgeable than ever, but now most are about the same age as my son. How things have changed.

For the past 11 years it has been my pleasure to serve as a Trustee on The Board of Directors. During this time I have worn many hats: Handicap Chairman for 11 years, Golf Chairman for two years, Chairman of the Welfare Committee for nine years, and most enjoyable, nine years as Chairman of the Scholarship & Benevolence Committee.

At first glance it may appear as though the S&B Committee might meet once or twice, slap a golf outing together, and off we go. In fact, more continued on page 9

On a long list of thank you's, I begin with Bill Spence, golf course superintendent and Dave Chag, club manager. They are the reason this day was so successful. Brendan Walsh, head golf professional, and his entire staff, the food service staff, the caddies, and everyone else involved made us all feel very welcome.

To the "Friends" of GCSANE who are always there, I thank you all.

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To the many clubs and superintendents who year after year donate rounds of golf for our raffle; to Mr. Bobby Orr for donating autographed photos; and to Mr. Don Marrone for donating the golf clubs to the raffle, I can't thank you enough. If I have failed to mention anyone, I offer my apology, but thank you anyway.

Hope to see you all next year.

**Dave Comee** 

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### The S&B at The C.C. and GPS on the G.C. are the subjects of discussion this month on the online GCSANE Forum

From time to time The Newsletter reprints selected postings from

GCSANE FORUM GCSANE's web site forum in order to reach a wider audience.

### Topic: The Country Club Anthony DeDominicis

(Posted 7/2/05)

Great day of golf at The Country Club. I'm sure it took a great deal of time to make that happen. Many thanks to all involved in getting that done.

#### Responses:

• Anthony, thanks, it did take a good deal of effort to secure that site. It was in the process for about four years. Because of the way things happen at TCC it just never worked out. Most of the initial communication with the club was done by Mike Hermanson. Without his effort, it never would have happened. Also many thanks to all involved, Bob Healey, Russ Heller, Sharon Brownell, Julie Heston, our many sponsors, clubs who donated gift certificates, etc. A full list of thanks and tournament results will appear in the upcoming newsletter. (Dave Comee)

### **Topic: GPS on golf courses Jason Adams** (Posted 6/22/05)

Has anyone had their course done with GPS and what companies were used? Thinking about doing a master plan here at Norfolk and I think that this should be step one. Thanks.

#### Responses:

· Jason, about three years ago we had Greg Albanese GPS Needham Golf Club. Got the square footage of all greens, tees, ponds, bunkers, rough, step cut, etc., everything. The following year he did the watering system, sprinklers, shut offs, etc. We got a laminated map for the golf course and one for the irrigation system plus a book of all square footage. I might add he GPS'd the clubhouse and the woods and service road also. I think Greg is listed on the Friends of the Association. (work 781-789-1166; home 781-383-8867) He's done other golf courses and does a great job and is

reasonable. Good luck! (Ron Kirkman, "Capt. Kirk")

- Jason, two votes for Greg Albanese. (Russ Heller)
- We had Irrigation Consulting come in and do ours. What I negotiated with them was to give a coverage analysis and even some recommendations for heads and nozzles. I would also make sure you can get the CAD file when done (some companies won't give it to you, preferring you pay for any additional maps). With Turbo CAD (\$90) I was able to create an irrigation book, update the scorecard yardages, and create an asbuilt (to the best of my knowledge) of the piping. In the future, I hope to add key trees, future tee locations, and build a drainage as-built. I hope this helps. (Michael Stachowicz)

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Ron Kirkman, "Capt. Kirk"

### Superintendent answers the editor's request with 'News from the Grounds' from Pat K.

Editor's Note: We all have to sit down every month to write these for our club and it gets harder and harder to get



inventive. We are interested in having people send us their best club newsletter

articles for printing in GCSANE's Newsletter. This would be helpful to other superintendents as they search for ideas for their own club newsletters.

Our second article is by GCSANE vice president Pat Kriksceonaitis, superintendent at Essex Country Club.

#### News from the Grounds June 16, 2005 by Pat Kriksceonaitis

It's the middle of June and my woodstove is burning. This wouldn't be so bad if we didn't just have seven days of temperatures hovering around 90 degrees. Before this was two weeks of 45 degrees and rain. Both plant and animal are confused on what season this is supposed to be.

The club calendar says it's the start of tournament season on both golf and tennis so we are doing our best to prepare the surfaces for play. Regardless of the confusion the show must go on.

The golf course has been playing well. More work than usual has been spent hand mowing wet areas that are normally firm. As on tennis, there is little bounce and roll because of the moisture levels

The greens have been Dry-jected, topdressed, rolled, verti-cut, groomed, and mowed to get them to play as well as they are. It would be nice to have them a bit more firm, but considering the weather we are having they are doing far better than several years ago before we started these programs.

In addition to the cultural practices we use to prepare the turf, tracking the life cycles of both insects and diseases is important for the health of the plant. Since May soil and air temperatures have fluctuated so much, it is hard to tell where the pests are in their life cycles. I'm changing the programs weekly according to the conditions. Let's hope for a little more consistency so that I can sleep better.

Sincerely,
Pat Kriksceonaitis

### Dr. Jason Henderson joins UConn Dept. of Plant Science; specialties include physical properties of turfgrass soils

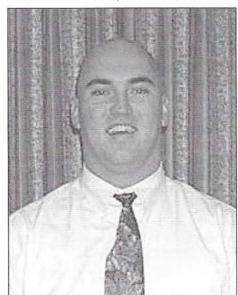
Jason Henderson recently joined the Department of Plant Science at the University of Connecticut. Dr.

UCONN NEWS Henderson earned his Ph.D. degree from Michigan State University, specializ-

ing in the physical properties of turfgrass soils.

Jason developed a passion for turfgrass science while completing his B.S. degree and playing football at Penn State University. The quality of playing surfaces across the Big Ten and other conferences varied greatly, which led to many questions. Jason sought answers at Michigan State University, where he earned a M.S. (2000) and Ph.D. (2003) in Crop and Soil Science.

His research contributed to the selection of the root zone for the recent playing surface conversion in Spartan Stadium, the main venue for football games on the campus of Michigan State University. His Ph.D. dissertation focused on evaluating athletic field root zone stabilization systems in an effort to



answer major questions in the industry concerning their effectiveness.

Jason also has significant experience in the turfgrass industry. He worked under Bob Hudzik, Head of Stadium Operations and Athletic Field Maintenance at Penn State University. During his tenure at Michigan State University, he managed the football practice fields from 1997-2000. He also worked as a Soil/Turfgrass Consultant with Hummel & Co. Inc., one of the nation's leading providers of soil physical testing services for golf courses, athletic fields, and commercial landscapes.

Dr. Henderson's research interests include root zone selection, root zone management, and alternative construction methods for tees, greens, and athletic fields. He will be teaching an Introduction to Soil Science course in fall 2005 and a course focusing on Urban and Sports Turf Soils in spring 2006.

### PACE Turfgrass Research Institute offers free three-week summer trial membership to golf course superintendents

For golf course superintendents, the summer months are the toughest time of the year for keeping turf quality high and meeting golfers' expectations. Just in time for the difficult months, the PACE Turfgrass Research Institute offers a free trial program that gives superintendents access to loads of information for successfully surviving the summer.

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For those choosing to extend membership beyond the three-week trial, the annual fee is \$325. PACE members receive the weekly PACE *Updates*, the online information and services, archives of all PACE publications, and much

more. Web forums allow members to discuss PACE's information, as well as their own experiences. Members receive materials that include in-depth technical reviews turf management topics, "Clubhouse Editions" written to educate golfers and managers on the rationale behind turf management practices, and reference publications on soil, water, monitoring equipment, weather models, and product evaluations.

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### Swarming Japanese beetles on fairways signal time for grub control, according to Dr. Pat Vittum at UMass

### By Dr. Pat Vittum, UMass

I was on a golf course in western Massachusetts yesterday (July 4) and noticed Japanese beetle adults were beginning to swarm on the fairways. This



is absolutely "on time." Normally we expect to see Japanese beetle

adults around the holiday, and this year is no exception. Meanwhile European chafers and oriental beetles have been flying for a week or two now in most southern New England locations. (These species are night fliers, so some may not

Summer is here — bringing with it disease & pests

By Jim Baird, USGA Agronomist

Despite unseasonably cool, dry weather lasting into early June, summer has definitely arrived, bringing with it hot, humid, dry conditions throughout most of the region. In general, turf health has been good; however, if the current weather pattern continues, then disease, insect pressure, and other stresses are likely to flourish.

On the disease front, pink snow mold and yellow patch quickly gave rise to the typical pathogens of summer, including brown patch, Pythium, and dollar spot. We have been hearing reports of bacterial wilt on weak annual bluegrass turf that, in most cases, recently established after turf loss due to winter injury, desiccation, flooding, etc. Unfortunately, there is no effective chemical control for this bacterium, so it is best to figure out how the turf died in the first place and correct growing environments and management practices in order to favor more stress tolerant species.

A recent outbreak of anthracnose on one golf course appeared to be related continued on Page 9 see them, but European chafers in particular are attracted to certain trees and congregate in huge numbers at dusk, with thousands of beetles in a tree.)

For turf managers in southern New England planning to use some of the slower-acting grub materials (e.g., Merit™ or Mach 2™ or the new product, Arena™), those applications should be made during the first three weeks of July if possible. It is very important to water in these applications with at least 0.1 inch of water; 0.25 inch is even better.

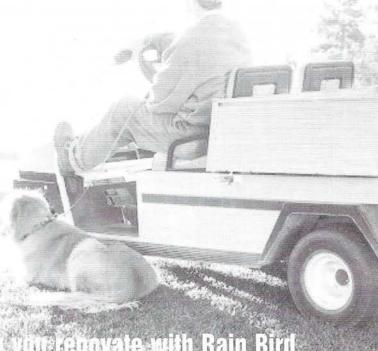
Many areas experienced heavy grub damage last fall or this spring. While it is difficult to predict what will happen this summer, certainly the grub populations were heavy in some locations this spring and the potential exists for significant egg-laying activity from one or more of our grub species.

Weather patterns from mid-July to the end of August will have a major impact on the development of grubs. If the summer turns out to be hot and very dry, grub activity may be a little lower than expected because some of the eggs that are laid will desiccate and not develop, at least in unirrigated turf. Or beetles may delay their egg-laying until soil moisture improves, which means grubs will be slower to develop in late summer. That just means the damage shows up later in the fall, when it is too late to respond! It might be tempting to withhold irrigation in some areas, hoping to have a negative impact on the grub eggs. However, it is probably more important to keep the turf properly watered to provide the best agronomic conditions for the grass to withstand summer stresses. Grubs are pretty resourceful, and they will find a way to survive!

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## Summer is here — bringing with it disease & pests . . .

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to PGR use. Research conducted at Rutgers University demonstrated that suppressing annual bluegrass seed heads with PGRs is an effective strategy for preventing outbreak; however, it is equally as important to continue using a PGR like trinexapac-ethyl throughout the remainder of season in order to prevent the "rebound effect" of rapid shoot growth and to help maintain stress tolerance. Remember, anthracnose is a stress-related disease and outbreak tends to occur in response to mechanical damage, low nitrogen fertility, and either too little or too much water.

This summer is shaping up to be a banner year for turf insects. The annual bluegrass weevil has been rampant, and recently all stages of insect have been observed. If sampling indicates mostly young adults, then use a pyrethroid insecticide. If mostly larvae are present, use a more soluble insecticide with the ability to penetrate thatch. If mostly

pupae are present, then wait to control the adult stage as chemicals are not effective against the pupal stage.

Adult bluegrass billbugs have been seen on several courses. Keep an eye on bluegrass turf and perform the "tug test" by grasping onto stems to see if it has gone dormant or has been damaged by billbugs. If they break off easily and the broken ends reveal hollow stems packed with fine sawdust-like frass or feces, then billbugs are causing the damage. Since

the larvae are most likely in the soil now, treatment is much the same as for white grubs. Be sure to water in the application to get the active ingredient to the target.

Now is the time to be cautious with practices aimed at increasing green speed. Raise the height of cut, switch to solid rollers on mowing equipment, and be careful with grooming, brushing, and topdressing. Use of water injection or small diameter solid tines can be helpful in venting greens. Stay cool!

### Dave Comee explains his many roles as Trustee ...

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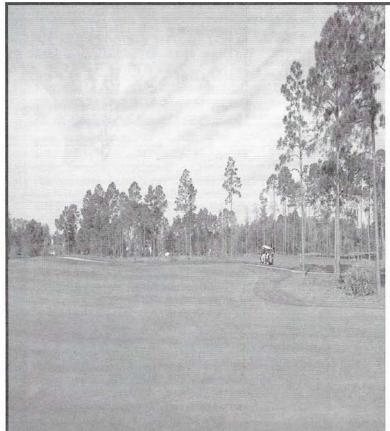
often than not, plans are in motion well over a year in advance. The effort to secure host sites is always in motion. Sometimes it seems we ask everyone who walks by. In most cases the first step is the golf superintendent offering the club as a site, followed by a meeting with the club manager to discuss details for the day. The food service manager and the head golf professional are next. Hopefully we have all of our ducks in a row, the weather cooperates, and we have a great day. Fortunately we have

been welcomed by many clubs in New England. This has made for a seamless transition from one year to the next.

To watch the endowment grow in excess of \$135,000, distribute over \$75,000 in scholarships, and to assist some of our members and their families through financial difficulty have been very rewarding. With your assistance and participation this process will continue to grow and can only improve.

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

#### **MEMBERSHIP**

**Welcome New Members:** Robert Decker, Jr. Superintendent, Greenock Country Club, Lee, Mass.; Rodney Hine, Superintendent, Boston Golf Club, Hingham, Mass.

**Proposed for Membership:** Edward Walsh, CGCS, Shelter Harbor Golf Club, Charlestown, R.I.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Congratulations to Michael Hermanson, who has been named one of the 25 most influential people in Massachusetts golf. The list, which also includes executives from Titleist, Reebok, and Spalding, as well as professional golfers and association executives, was compiled by Tom Gorman for the Boston Sports Review.

**Congratulations to Ron Dobosz,** who qualified for the Massachusetts State Amateur for the second year in a row.

Congratulations to Bob Ruszala, superintendent at Hickory Ridge C.C., who was recently honored by the owners and members of Hickory Ridge by having a practice area and bench dedicated to him.

Congratulations to James Small III, CGCS, superintendent at Olde Scotland Links in Bridgewater, Mass. He was recently honored by the Town of Bridgewater and Massachusetts House Speaker Salvatore DiMasi for his accomplishments in becoming a certified golf course superintendent.

GHIN Update: Attention! – Until further notice all golf scores for handicap purposes should be sent to: Dave Comee,65 Marquette Street, Gardner, MA 01440; or by e-mail to: Dcomee@ hotmail.com. Please include the adjusted score, slope, and rating.

#### **UMASS NEWS**

Applications are now available for the 75th annual UMass Winter School for Turf Managers. Preferred application deadline for the Jan. 2 - Feb. 17, 2006 session: September 16, 2005. UMass Winter School furnishes turf managers with concepts essential to maintenance of high quality turf, while instilling a sense of environmental stewardship and fiscal responsibility. The curriculum is designed for working turf professionals. Students are immersed in a full-time program Mon.-Fri. for seven weeks. UMass faculty and guests teach a combination of classroom, laboratory, group project, and discussion activities. Topics include:

basic & advanced turf management; disease, insect & weed management; calculations, budgeting, & personnel; soils; basic trees & shrubs; golf course design & construction; and irrigation. Enrollment is limited. A high school diploma is required for admission. Winter School for Turf Managers has been approved for: pesticide recertification and re-licensing contact hours; 23 CEUs; Education Points or CEUs according to program standard for the Certified Sports Field Manager Program; and GCSAA Class A certification or renewal of certification. Information and applications can be found at www.umassturf.org or by contacting the UMass Amherst Winter School for Turf Managers, Continuing Education, 100 Venture Way, Hadley, MA 01035; (413) 545-0530. For questions about courses, contact Mary Owen, UMass Extension, by phone at 518-892-0382 or by e-mail at mowen@umext.umass.edu.

**UMass Extension Weed Identification** Workshop adds two locations. Correct weed identification is an important first step of an effective weed management program. Using a classroom presentation, potted weed herbarium, and weed walk, UMass Extension Specialist Randy Prostak will help participants enhance weed identification. Feel free to bring a weed to identify. Workshop held rain or shine (lunch not provided), 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Four pesticide contact hours available; MCLP & MCH credits offered. Broadleaf & Grassy Weeds: July 27 - Elm Bank, Wellesley (full); August 11 - Cape Cod. Grassy Weeds in Depth: Sept. 1 - Amherst. Cost \$90/person (pre-registration required, space limited). Registration by mail, first-come, first-served. For a registration form, go to www.umass-greeninfo.org or call (413) 545-0895.

#### INFORMATION

Please add the following dates to the insert you received (June issue) for the 2005 Remaining Dates for N.E. Golf Course Superintendents Associations. Vermont GCSA: Aug. 16 - Tater Hill C.C.; Sept. 22 - Woodstock C.C.; Oct. 11 - Burlington C.C.

Nominations are being accepted for the 2005 GCSAA Excellence in Government Relations Awards. The EGR Awards recognize and honor outstanding individual and chapter efforts in the areas of advocacy and compliance. Nominees will be judged on how their efforts best serve the interests of the golf course superintendent profession and the golf course management industry. The awards reflect all government relations efforts, and are not limited to the previous

year's activities. If you know individuals or chapters whose contributions to the industry deserve to be rewarded, GCSAA would like to know about them. Please take a moment to nominate yourself, a GCSAA chapter or a deserving peer for an EGR Award. Applications are available online or in hard copy format through GCSAA's Customer Solution Center at (800) 472-7878. Nominations will be accepted until October 15, 2004. For more information about the EGR Awards program, contact Erica Brown, government relations coordinator, at ebrown@gcsaa.org or (800) 472-7878, ext. 4453.

#### **GOLF RESULTS**

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