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UMASS receives over \$100K in USGA Grants

By Michelle DaCosta, Ph.D.

I'm happy to say that we have 2 proposals that have been approved! There were 61 projects requesting more than \$1.1 million. The USGA was able to fund 14 projects at \$227,000. This was a really competitive program, and we are really appreciative that the USGA was able to fund two different projects at the same university.

My project is called: Early Physiological Changes Associated with Cold Deacclimation of Annual bluegrass and Creeping bentgrass. Total funding is for \$60,000 over 3 years. Additional funding for this research has been provided by the New England Regional Turfgrass Foundation (\$32,500) and the O.J. Noer Research Foundation (\$30,917). The objective of this research is to understand some of the underlying factors that explain differences in winter injury potential for annual bluegrass and creeping bentgrass. The ultimate goal is to provide turfgrass managers with information to help reduce winter injury.

The other funded project is a joint project by Dr. Scott Ebdon and myself: Efficient Irrigation of Golf Turf in the Cool-Humid New England Region. Total funding

is \$57,304 over 3 years. Additional funding has also been provided by the New England Regional Turfgrass Foundation (\$30,000). The objectives for the research are to examine differences in water use for turfgrasses maintained under diverse management conditions, and to develop crop coefficients for more efficient irrigation of turf. Results from this research can be seen at the UMass Turf Research Field Day on July 21, 2011 (figured I'd put a plug in for that).

It is important for people to know that the funding provided by the NERTF really helped leverage additional funding by the USGA, and we are grateful. ❖

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“In our profession we are known as a greenkeeper-now, for the betterment of our profession, so that it will carry more prestige in the eyes of the public. The title Superintendent of the course should be acclaimed. It is the public we are selling ourselves to, therefore we should have a title that they understand.”

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University of Massachusetts Turf Research Field Day Thursday, July 21, 2011

Turf managers and associates from across the Northeast region: mark your calendars for University of Massachusetts Turf Research Field Day on Thursday, July 21, 2011. Please take note that the date for Field Day has been moved back approximately one month from our traditional mid-June slot. This change was made in response to popular demand for an opportunity to view turf during the stressful summer period and perhaps better distinguish experimental differences. As in the past, this year's event will be held at the UMass Joseph Troll Turf Research Center on River Road in South Deerfield, Massachusetts.

Take a short break from your busy schedule to join us for a morning of education and insight. Field Day 2011 will focus on the research currently taking place at the Joseph Troll Turf Research Center as well as on research being conducted at other locations by University of Massachusetts Turf Program faculty, staff, and graduate students. Attendees will enjoy meeting and speaking with UMass researchers and viewing projects underway. Current research includes studies on the biology and integrated management of turf-damaging insects and diseases, short- and long-term weed management, fertility, water use, pesticide fate and wear tolerance. An array of National Turfgrass Evaluation Program (NTEP) turfgrass variety trials will also be featured. The half-day agenda will include a trade show, with numerous Green Industry vendors and exhibitors on hand.

Support the UMass Turf Program with your presence at Turf Field Day 2011! Come to learn about cutting-edge turf research, network with colleagues, and meet with exhibitors. Pesticide re-certification contact hours have been requested in categories 37 and 00, valid for all New England states. Continental breakfast and complete picnic lunch are included in the price of registration.

For additional information, including attendee/exhibitor registration information, visit <http://www.umassturf.org>.

Questions can be e-mailed to fieldday@umassturf.org.

Sponsorship opportunities are available. ❖



Government Relations Attends Agricultural Day

By Mike Rose,
GCSANE Government Relations Chairman

On Thursday, April 7th members of the Government Relations Committee attended the annual Agriculture Day at the Massachusetts State House. During the day Russ Heller, Jim Favreau, Chuck Bramhall and I were able to meet with each of our district's State Representatives and Senators to personally discuss matters before the Legislature this upcoming session. There are several items moving forward that have a bearing on our industry. One that we are in support of is a measure to allow the state to have the authority over any regulation of fertilizer that may be enacted. We believe giving the state the same type of regulatory power over fertilizer that it now has over pesticides will prevent individual cities and towns from creating their own legislation. This could lead to 351 different sets of standards and many of those may be based on politics and emotion, not scientific research. While we may wish things would be left as is regarding fertilizer use, some type of regulation is inevitable and it seems to our advantage to have the state, in conjunction with the UMass Cooperative Extension set the rules.

There is also a bill filed to create a separate list of "the most dangerous" pesticides and then either further regulate or outright ban those products on the list. The GCSANE opposes this legislation as we believe there is already sufficient oversight regarding all pesticides and especially those listed as "Restricted Use". We were able to communicate this to our elected officials and hope that they will vote with our objections in mind.

We also had a chance to meet with Lee Corte- Real from the Dept. of Agricultural Resources to hear the latest on the proposal to institute e-licensing in Massachusetts. Sad to say, but after five years and a substantial amount of money, this remains a long way off.

The members of the Government Relations Committee will continue to keep an eye on Beacon Hill and beyond for issues affecting the golf course maintenance business. If you have any questions or input, please let one of us know.



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Thinking About It

By Don Hearn



One of the problems most associations wrestle with is dwindling numbers of active participants. Our association is no different. We've all had ideas about why it seems fewer people attend and we've all made excuses for why we've missed a meeting. Too busy, too far to travel, don't like the venue, too expensive, whatever the reason it's probably been a weak rationalization for staying at work. Of course there are times when

it really isn't possible to be at the meeting and I'm not talking about those times.

When you consider the amount of time you spend at the club, do you really think being away for a day or a portion of a day will make that much of a difference? Do you really think the people you work for will be upset because you went to a meeting of your professional association? Do you think their love for you will be diminished if you're away from the club for a day? Don't worry about it, they won't miss you.

I know you might be thinking, "Yah, easy for him to say, he doesn't have the responsibilities I have." Well, you're right. I don't have those responsibilities – now. But, at one

time I did. So when I say this, it's from the perspective of being in your shoes. I'm not suggesting you have to go crazy and attend every meeting. That would be wonderful but not realistic. Going to just one more than you did last year would be a nice step forward.

Our Board of Directors has forever tried to come up with ideas that might create more attendance. Different ones work for different people, but it doesn't seem there's a format that works for all, and there probably won't ever be one.

Regardless of what your preference might be, it's to your advantage to be an active participant in your Association's activities. Even if you come for part of a day, have lunch, walk around the course if you feel don't have time to play it, talk with a few of your friends, visit with some of the salespeople, or talk over a problem you might be having at your club, it's better than not coming at all. Who knows, you might pick up an idea, new product information or see how a peer solved a problem similar to yours.

If nothing more than getting away from the grind for a few hours, attending a meeting can be a great mind clearing experience. ❖



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Based in New Prague, Minnesota, Project EverGreen is a national non-profit organization representing the green industry service providers, associations, suppliers, distributors, and individuals. The link between the families and the volunteers is done at the Project EverGreen headquarters. If a volunteer is located in the area of a military family, the military family is contacted by telephone or email with the volunteer's infor-

mation. It is the military family's responsibility (due to confidentiality of the family's information) to contact the volunteer. Being a non-profit program they have a skeleton staff; therefore in the effort to accommodate as many military families as possible those participating will hear from GCFT only when they have a volunteer to assist them.

To date GCFT has more than 10,000 military families and more than 3,200 volunteers nationwide who has registered with the program. To participate as a family in need of lawn care, or to volunteer to ease this burden for a military family, please complete and submit a short on-line registration form which can be found on their website www.projectevergreen.com/gcft. Donations are also welcome. Feel free to contact me at 508/872-9790 ext. 19 if you have any questions. ❖

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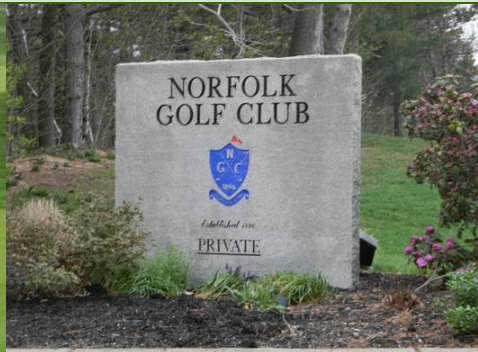
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GCSANE April Meeting - April 25, 2011

Norfolk Golf Club - Host: Kevin Corvino



Tournament Results

Gross: Ron Dobosz, Matt Santos, Dennis Friel, Ed Eardley
Net: Chris Donato, Jim Cohen, Mike Iacono

Longest Drive Sponsored by Turf Products Corporation:
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Send your *BEST* photos

I have added this photo section to the Newsletter to promote some laughter, a touch of embarrassment, a lot of "What the heck was that person thinking?" and also some helpful tips to learn from. It will be published monthly, but that will be solely based on your participation. A brief description of the content in the photo, where it was taken and what you did to fix it. They can be of turf problems, equipment failures, operator errors, vandalism, and Mother Nature at her best or her worst. Please send your photos to jmartin101@gmail.com.

15th green at President's GC. These people were in a fundraising tournament about 5-6 years ago. They certainly were having a good time and how many times has a GCS thought the players were clowns!!

Submitted by Jim Fitzroy, CGCS



GCSANE May Meeting Results - May 9, 2011 Joint Meeting with GCSACC - The Bear Cup LeBaron Hills Country Club - Host: Mark Klimm

New England wins the Bear Cup

New England 8 Cape Cod 7

Gross: Mike Luccini, Gregg Misodoulakis 74
1st Net: Carl Miner, Joe Rybka 66
2nd Net: Matt Crowther, Dave Beauvais 67
3rd Net: Robin Hayes, Bob Healey 67
4th Net: Alden Tallman, Stuart Tallman 67
5th Net: Stu Eyman, Bob Kingsbury 69
(2,3,4 were card offs)

Closest to the pin:

#4 Garret Whitney 4'11"

#8 Bill Rockwell 6'10"

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13 Matt Lapinski 16'

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Tuesday, April 12, 2011	Tradition Golf Club at Wallingford	2-Ball Shamble	CAGCS
Tuesday, April 19, 2011	Hidden Creek		New Hampshire GCSA
Thursday, April 21, 2011	The Brookside Club		GCSA of Cape Cod
Monday, April 25, 2011	Norfolk Golf Course		GCSA of New England
Monday, April 25, 2011	Potowomut Golf Club	ABCD Scramble	Rhode Island GCSA
Tuesday, April 26, 2011	Centennial Golf Club	2-Ball Qualifier	Metropolitan GCSA
Monday, May 9, 2011	LeBaron Hills Country Club	Joint Meeting with GCSANE	GCSA of Cape Cod
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Tuesday, May 10, 2011	Meadowbrook Golf Course		RI Turfgrass Foundation
Monday, May 16, 2011	New Haven Country Club	Scholarship & Research	CAGCS
Tuesday, May 17, 2011	Country Club of New Canaan	Supt./ Manager or Guest Tourn.	Metropolitan GCSA
Tuesday, May 17, 2011	Nippo Lake Golf Club	Joint meeting with Maine	New Hampshire GCSA
Tuesday, May 17, 2011	Maine Golf House (Val Halla)	Joint meeting with New Hampshire	Maine GCSA
Monday, May 23, 2011	Cohasset Golf Club	Scholarship & Benevolence Tourn.	GCSA of New England
Tuesday, May 24, 2011	Melody Hill Country Club	Memorial Tournament	Rhode Island GCSA
May TBA		Joint meeting with Northeast GCSA	Vermont GCSA
Thursday, June 2, 2011	Silver Spring Country Club	MetGCSA Invitational	Metropolitan GCSA
Monday, June 13, 2011	Presidents Golf Course		GCSA of New England
Monday, June 13, 2011	Black Hall Club	1st Round CAGCS Champ/MET Team	CAGCS
Monday, June 13, 2011		Battle for the Boot	Vermont GCSA
Tuesday, June 14, 2011	Golf Club of Cape Cod	Scholarship & Research Tournament	GCSA of Cape Cod
Tuesday, June 14, 2011	Nonesuch River Golf Course	Superintendent/Vendor Champ.	Maine GCSA
Thursday, June 16, 2011	Alpine Country Club		Rhode Island GCSA
Tuesday, June 21, 2011	Amherst Country Club	Superintendents Invitational	New Hampshire GCSA
Monday, July 11, 2011	Country Club of Farmington	2nd Round CAGCS Champ/NE Team	CAGCS
Wednesday, July 13, 2011	Allendale Country Club	RHO-COD Cup - joint meeting	Rhode Island GCSA
Wednesday, July 13, 2011	Allendale Country Club	RHO-COD Cup - joint meeting	GCSA of Cape Cod
Wednesday, July 13, 2011	Stowe Mountain Club		Vermont GCSA
Thursday, July 21, 2011	UMASS Joseph Troll Turf Research	UMASS Turf Research Field Day	UMASS Turf Program
July TBA			GCSA of New England
Tuesday, August 9, 2011	Marlboro	Individual Championship	GCSA of New England
Tuesday, August 16, 2011	Breakfast Hill Golf Club	NE Championship Qualifier	New Hampshire GCSA
August TBA	Harmon Club		GCSA of Cape Cod
August TBA			Rhode Island GCSA
August TBA			Vermont GCSA

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2011 Meeting Dates (continued)

Tuesday, September 6, 2011	Fresh Meadow Country Club	Met Champ, Team Area Champ Quail. & Poa Annual	Metropolitan GCSA
Monday, September 12, 2011	Pawtucket Country Club		Rhode Island GCSA
Tuesday, September 13, 2011	Sunday River Golf Course	Scholarship & Research	Maine GCSA
Monday, September 19, 2011	Glen Ellen Country Club		GCSA of New England
Monday, September 19, 2011	Lake Winnepesaukee Golf Course	Scholarship Tournament	New Hampshire GCSA
Monday, September 26, 2011	Thorny Lea	Scholarship & Research	Rhode Island GCSA
September TBA		CAGCS Invitational	CAGCS
September TBA	Eastward Ho! Country Club		GCSA of Cape Cod
September TBA		Trade Show/Annual Meeting	Vermont GCSA
Tuesday, October 11, 2011		8th Annual Joseph Troll Turf Classic	UMASS Alumni Turf Group
Thursday, October 13, 2011	Pequabuck Golf Club	Superintendent/Assistant	CAGCS
Thursday, October 13, 2011	Cranberry Valley	Championship Tournament	GCSA of Cape Cod
Tuesday, October 18, 2011	Willowdale Golf Course	Fall Education Meeting	Maine GCSA
Tuesday, October 18, 2011	Dublin Lake Club		New Hampshire GCSA
Tuesday, October 25, 2011	Galloway National	Met Area Team Championship	Metropolitan GCSA
October TBA		Class C Tournament	CAGCS
October TBA	Redding Country Club	Annual Assistant Tournament	Metropolitan GCSA
October TBA	Mt Kisco Country Club	Super/Green Chairperson Mtg.	Metropolitan GCSA
October TBA	Charles River	Member/Guest	GCSA of New England
October TBA		Assistants Tournament	GCSA of New England
October TBA		Mike O'Connor Benefit Tournament	Vermont GCSA
Monday, November 7, 2011	Torrington Country Club	Annual Meeting	CAGCS
Tuesday, November 15, 2011	Pease golf Course		New Hampshire GCSA
Wednesday, November 30, 2011	The Patterson Club	Joint Educational meeting w/ METGCSA	CAGCS
November TBA			GCSA of Cape Cod
November TBA		Annual Meeting	Metropolitan GCSA
November TBA	Needham Golf Course		GCSA of New England
November TBA	Newport Country Club		Rhode Island GCSA
Wednesday, December 7, 2011	Holiday Inn, Concord, NH	Annual Meeting/Education Day	New Hampshire GCSA
Tuesday, December 6, 2011	Portland Country Club	Annual Meeting	Maine GCSA
December TBA		Annual Meeting	GCSA of Cape Cod
December TBA			GCSA of New England
December TBA		Annual Meeting	Rhode Island GCSA

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Affiliate Update:

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Volunteers Needed:

Rhode Island Country Club and I wanted to get this letter out sooner rather than later. As always, we will be in need of volunteers for the CVS Charity Classic in June. The dates this year are Saturday, June 18th through Tuesday, June 21st. The following are the times we will need volunteers: Saturday – 4am-7:30am; Saturday – 12pm-7pm; Sunday – 4am-7:30am; Monday – 4:30am-10am; Monday – 2pm-7pm; and Tuesday – 4:30am-10am. We will provide breakfast, lunch, or dinner depending on when the volunteers are working. Volunteers will also be provided with a complimentary golf shirt, a big thank you to Melissa Gugliotti and Syngenta for sponsoring these shirts.

We will also have the honor of hosting the 111th U.S. Women's Amateur in August. This will be the 4th time Rhode Island Country Club has hosted this event, the last time being in 1987. This is a very demanding event as it lasts for 10 days. The practice rounds are held Friday, August 5th through Sunday, August 7th. Stroke play will be Monday, August 8th and Tuesday, August 9th. These two

days will be the most challenging as there are 156 competitors that begin play off of 1 and 10 tee at 7:15am. These two days will require early start times and as many volunteers as possible. Match play begins Wednesday, August 10th and lasts until Sunday, August 14th. These days will be a little easier as the field is cut from 64 on Wednesday all the way down to two on Sunday playing 36 holes. All 10 days will require volunteers with the majority being needed Monday through Wednesday. Volunteers will be provided with meals and a complimentary golf shirt as well, a big thank you to George Wise and Eric Euell and Steven Willand Inc. for sponsoring the volunteer shirts.

Thanks for taking the time to read this and consider either volunteering your time or someone on your staff's time. It's a great opportunity to gain some tournament experience and also to network with your fellow colleagues. I know budgets are tight and our time is very valuable, but please let me know if anyone is interested in volunteering for any of the two events we will be hosting this summer. Please respond to either my cell or email which is listed below.

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CALENDAR

May 23:
GCSANE Scholarship & Benevolence Tournament
Cohasset Golf Club
Host: Glen Misiasek, CGCS

June 13:
GCSANE Monthly Meeting
Presidents Golf Course
Host: Jim Fitzroy, CGCS and Carl Miner



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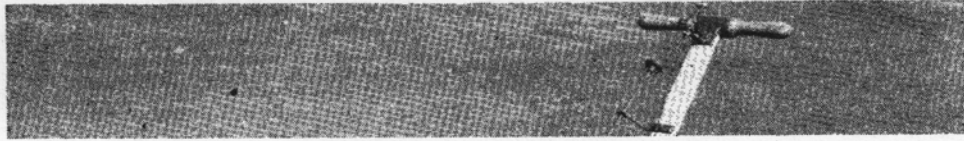
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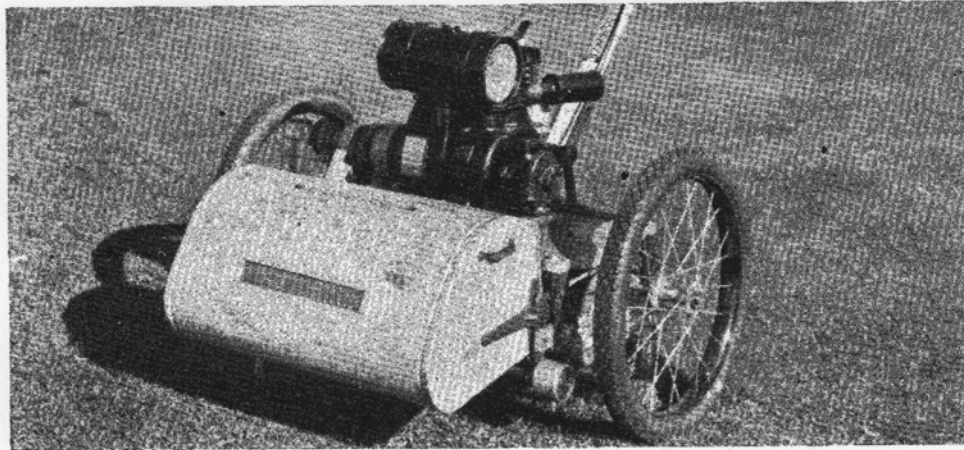
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