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of the **Golf Course Superintendents Association of New England, Inc.**

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6th Annual Assistants Appreciation Day

A short synopsis so that next year you won't think twice about sending yours!!!

By: Jeff Urquhart, Editor

This year's event was played at the stunning, well manicured, elite, tournament ready golf course known as Milton Hoosic Golf Club. A virtual orgasm to the eyes from the moment you drive through the entrance pillars until the time you putt out on the 18th green. A course filled with amazing vistas that only an 1891 est. 9-holer could provide. For me, it was a no brainer to send my loyal, hard working and dedicated assistant to the event. You might say I'm a tad partial to the Hoosic...deal with it. It wouldn't matter where it was, I'd still send my assistant.

After receiving the final number on those who were registered I asked Don Hearn how many actual Assistants we have as members of GCSANE. The total number of Assistant members is 68, yes 68. Guess how many played in the appreciation day, maybe half you'd say or two-thirds at best? Nope, 25 got the opportunity to play. Hurricane Sandy and her aftermath, which forced local Superintendents to keep their Assistants on property to help clean up, shadowed the event. I was hoping the time of year would still convince the Supers to send their Assistants, but never the less I was wrong.

The other 43 guys and gals missed out on a great day, ask anyone who played. There are several people to thank who made this happen. The Hoosic grounds crew had a couple great additions during the morning set up for the event. Kevin Corvino and two of his guys from Norfolk Golf Club helped us out. Kevin did set-up, which I found out wasn't the best idea; he put a pin on 5 that was out of this world! He made us all feel like true golfers, bitching and moaning about pin locations, and we all thank him for that. Steve "Stevo" Marinelli and Merve "Scoobie" Thomas helped mow greens before the 9 AM shotgun. They were all a great help to the participants and us.

The others I'd like to personally thank contributed a total of \$1750 towards the day. After a few phone calls, emails and some "slight of the hand" Early Order commitments we were able to get a great showing of contributions from our

local Friends and Affiliates of GCSANE. Their generosity enabled the event to pay out just over a thousand dollars in prizes! The amounts ranged from \$100 to \$500, heck the fact that they offered their money and time towards an event is fantastic! Going beyond covering the food costs, \$500 on the bar and most of the prizes, our friendly vendors spent



time out of their day to mingle with their future customers.

The Board of Directors choose the end of the year so that it won't hinder your decision as to whether or not you will sign your assistant up for the event. We can all blame the weather for why the numbers were low, but only a few backed out the week of the event due to the storm. So that leads us to believe that some of our Superintendent members did not even register their assistant. To think that you received the email and then simply deleted it or even worse, gave it some thought for a while and later decided not to send your assistant. Even if he or she doesn't play golf, it's

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Assistant Appreciation - continued from page 1

a great day for them to meet others in his or her same position. I'd love to say that I participated in the Assistant Appreciation day when I was an assistant, but sadly I cannot. Not simply because my boss didn't register me, or the weather permitted me not to go, or that I don't play golf. I have an even better reason why, a running joke between the two of us now, but my former boss actually started and hosted the very first Assistant Appreciation day the very same year that I left as his assistant after 7 years. Not one to hold any grudges, I've sent my assistant to every one since 2007.

So please, next October or November when you receive the notification about the Assistant Appreciation Day please sign yours up. Every assistant should attend, whether they're a 1st, 2nd or 3rd, send em all! Trust me, GCSANE does not make any money from it, all of the proceeds go right back into the day whether its food, booze or prizes. If you are hesitant about not having your assistant on the property for the day, then host the damn thing, they'll be there in case you have any questions or need a translation for the crew. ❖

6th Annual Assistant Appreciation Day Milton-Hoosic Club Format-Bramble Host-Jeffrey Urquhart, Kris Armando

Volunteers from Norfolk Golf Club: Kevin Corvino, Steve "Stevo" Marinelli and Merve "Scoobie" Thomas

Results:

1st Place: Greg Caron, Sean Murray

2nd Place: Kris Armando, Nick Welch

3rd Place: Dan Read, Chris Cyr,
Dave Devin, Royal Healy

Closest to pin:

5-Greg Caron 7-Jon Zolkowski

14-Greg Caron 16-Royal Healy



GCSANE Proposed Bylaw Amendment

The following proposed Bylaw Amendments are being proposed in accordance with Article XIII of the GCSANE Constitution and Bylaws. These proposed bylaws will be voted on at the next Annual Meeting. They may be passed by a two-thirds vote of the regular members present at that meeting.

Change the following in **BOLD**:

Article IV Membership SECTION 1. Members

7. Effective January 14, 2002, each applicant for Class A – Golf Course Superintendent, **Superintendent Member**, **Class C** – Assistant Golf Course Superintendent membership must present to the Membership Committee an application for membership and evidence of membership with the GCSAA.

SECTION 2. Classes of Membership

There will be eleven classes of membership: Class AA – Life Members, Class A – Golf Course Superintendent, **Superintendent Member**, Class C – Assistant Golf Course Superintendent, Honorary, Affiliate, Affiliate – Life Member, Associate, Retired, Student and Inactive.

SECTION 4. Superintendent Member

A **Superintendent Member** shall be employed as superintendent in charge of a golf course. He or she shall have all the privileges herein granted to a Class A – Golf Course Superintendent except the right to vote and hold office. He or she shall automatically qualify as a Class A – Golf Course Superintendent member when he or she has served three years as a golf course superintendent. He or she shall pay initiation fee and annual dues as established by the Association.

Article V Government

SECTION 1

The Officers of the Association shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer elected as provided in Article VI. All officers of the Association shall also be Class A or **Superintendent Member** of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America.

SECTION 2

The Association shall be governed by a Board of Directors consisting of the aforementioned officers, four Trustees, the Chairman of the Finance Committee, Educational Committee, Golf Committee, Newsletter Committee and the Immediate Past President, all of whom shall be Class A members of the Association and a majority of whom shall be Class A or **Superintendent Member** of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America. They shall be elected for a term of one year, excepting the Trustees. The Affiliate Trustee shall be a member of good standing of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of New England.

Article VII Duties of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Auditors SECTION 5. Board of Directors

The entire management of the association, its affairs, properties and assets are vested in a Board of Directors consisting of twelve Class A members **or Superintendent Members** of the association, plus one Affiliate member of the Association, elected as provided in Article VI, Section 3, subject, however, at all times, to the order of the members of the association in meetings assembled.

Article XV Parliamentary Authority

The rules contained in Robert's Rules of Order, newly revised, shall govern the GCSANE in all cases to which they are applicable, and in which they are not inconsistent with these By-laws and special rules of order the GCSANE may adopt.

Article XVI Dissolution

Respectfully submitted,
Patrick J. Daly, CGCS
Chairman, Bylaws Committee

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Thoughts From Your Association Manager

The Sixth Annual Assistant Superintendents Meeting took place November 1, at The Milton-Hoosic Club in Canton. Thanks to Host Superintendent Jeff Urquhart and his Assistant Kris Armando for the beautifully conditioned course and the hospitality shown to all the Assistants who came for some fun and a break from the daily routine. Many Friends and Affiliate Members of the Association stepped up and donated breakfast, lunch, closest to the hole, longest drive and other sponsorships to make this a wonderful day of appreciation for the hard work our Assistants do all year long. For me, it was nice to meet those who will become future leaders of our profession. Thanks to Mike Turner of Country Club Enterprises, Mark Casey of MTE, Scott Mackintosh of Atlantic Golf & Turf, Brian Giblin of Bayer, Robin Hayes of Hart's Seeds, Andy Langlois of BISCO, Dennis Friel and John Callahan of the Cardinals, and Ron Tumiski and Chris Leonard of John Deere Landscapes for their generous support of this event.

The last outdoor meeting of the year took place November 5, at Hopedale Country Club in Hopedale. Thanks to Tom Albert, Host Superin-



Tom and his son

tendent and Ken Mooradian long time Green Chairman at Hopedale for the terrific arrangements they made for golf and dinner. This was another day of fun, camaraderie, education, sunny weather and nine holes of golf on an excellent golf course. Dave Johnson recruited Dr. Thomas Mather to make a presentation on the tick populations on our courses, their life cycle and preventative measures to keep us healthy.



Ken Mooradian

Something I saw at both Milton-Hoosic and Hopedale were Superintendents helping Superintendents. As we all know, staffing isn't abundant in the fall so lending a hand when needed is much appreciated. At Milton-Hoosic, Kevin Corvino, then the Superintendent at Norfolk Golf Club and currently at the Dedham Country and Polo Club, and two of his staff members helped Jeff Urquhart prepare the course for the Assistants Meeting. In turn, Jeff sent his Assistant, Kris Armando to Hopedale to help with preparation for the meeting there. This is something to keep in mind if you're hosting a meeting in the spring or fall. We're all in this together so let's help each other when needed. ❖

By Don Hearn



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A Tribute to Dave Comee

Recently the Winchendon School Golf Course hosted a golf tournament in memory of Dave Comee, the long time Superintendent of the school's golf course. This event is known as the *Dave Comee Memorial Turkey Trot*.

As part of the day's event the school unveiled a beautiful memorial garden complete with a gazebo, benches, stone pavers, and plants. The project was completed under the supervision of Corey Murphy the current superintendent and former assistant who worked with Dave for many years. Corey is also a member of our Association and is carrying on the good work at Winchendon.



From left: John Kerney, Winchendon School Headmaster; Kathy Comee; Pam Blair, Academic Dean, Dean of Faculty and good friend of Dave Comee; Dave's Pals Bob Healy and Mike Hermanson.

In addition to Dave's many friends, a lot of the credit for erecting the gazebo and memorializing Dave's contributions goes to John Kerney, Headmaster of the Winchendon School. He drove the project and supported the recognition of Dave's contributions in this very visible and lasting way. One of the many nice things about John is how he included Dave's wife Kathy in the tribute.

Along with the recognition of Dave and Kathy, the tournament raised over two thousand dollars for the GCSA of New England's Scholarship and Benevolence Fund. What a wonderful way for the school and Dave's friends to recognize his contributions.

As many of you know, Dave was a long time and active member of the Scholarship and Benevolence Committee and one of the scholarships awarded each year is named in his honor.



The Winchendon School and Dave's friends have gone the extra mile to remember Dave and Kathy as well as the Golf Course Superintendents Association of New England and its Scholarship and Benevolence Fund with their very generous and thoughtful donation. This will be an annual event and will raise funds to support the Dave Comee Scholarship. To all of them, a heartfelt "thank you" for your generosity. ❖

By Don Hearn

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GCSANE Affiliate Report

Greetings and Happy Holiday Season!

As 2012 comes to a close, we are amidst planning for the next year; laying the groundwork to make it better! Based on positive feedback from the affiliate survey conducted this Spring, the Affiliate Committee has developed a program expanding opportunities for Friends of the Association to support the GCSANE. Resounding response from the survey confirmed that membership & involvement in GCSANE was positive for your business success. It is the goal through introducing a Partnership Program to increase involvement and participation of Friends by making sponsorships available on many levels, and invite greater participation and be on Par with similar associations.

In developing the program, we were sensitive to continuing the current basic membership status and rates for Friends & Affiliates; same as in the past. There are NO fee increases for Friends & Affiliates, but opportunities presented to do more, for those that can and wish to do so. The Partnership levels will offer great value in packaged advertising, opportunities for additional recognition and new means of advertising exposure at meetings, the newsletter, website and in the membership directory. The program may simplify your membership & advertising needs by selecting a Sponsor package offered that fits your company size and scope of commitment. Partnership participation will focus attention to your Company to be front & center of the membership, on all forms of GCSANE media. The program is scheduled to be passed by the board in December, and presented for implementation for 2013 season.

A thought to keep in mind while considering participation: There is no doubt, that in life and in business we support and rely on each other to succeed. I know working first hand with the Board through the past season, your membership in the GCSANE as an Affiliate & Friend is valued, and your par-

ticipation, at all levels in the organization, is cherished. As we benefit while providing the golf industry with products and services, it is equally important to return support for the business of the Association's and their proactive efforts affecting issues intimate to the positive health, growth and continuity of the golf industry, and the end-users of our products & services. It will come back to you!

Thank you for your support & I wish all a Safe Holiday Season! ❖

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2012 Rounds Played Could Be On Record Pace

by John Reitman

Climate change might be a sign of eventual doom for polar bears and people living in low-lying coastal areas, but for the time being it might be a good thing for people working in the golf business.

In October, TurfNet reported that year-over-year rounds played were up 7.5 percent compared with the first nine months of 2011, according to data from Golf Datatech, a golf industry research firm. On Thursday, Nov. 15, Golf Datatech reported that such data could be close to record growth for that time period noting that "rounds played in 2012 have increased significantly and are trending towards record high levels for the year," according to the Kissimmee, Fla.-based firm.

"For the first nine months of 2012, golf rounds played throughout the U.S. are at an all-time high in terms of percentage increase, up 7.5 percent over 2011," said president Tom Stine. "This is the largest jump in rounds played since we began tracking them in 1999."

Each month, Golf Datatech takes a sampling of rounds played at more than 3,000 daily fee and private facilities in 49 states (excluding Alaska) and produces a report of golfer participation in eight geographic regions.

Stine credits favorable weather conditions nationwide with the increase in play, citing statistics from Weather Trends International.

Jim Koppenhaver of Pellucid Corp., agreed. Koppenhaver said in his monthly briefing that the numbers are especially impressive in that his measure of facility utilization rate

outpaced increases in weather conditions by 5 percent in September. According to Koppenhaver, September was the first time there was an increase in the facility utilization rate compared to weather. In all other months, he said, increases in monthly rounds played were attributable to an increase in golf playable hours, Koppenhaver's measure of the total number of daylight hours suitable for playing golf compared with golf-threatening factors such as rain, wind and temperature extremes.

The most significant year-to-date increases in rounds played (13.4 percent) were in Golf Datatech's East North Central zone of Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio and Wisconsin. According to Golf Datatech's weather-monitoring system, Weather Trends International, the average temperature in that region has climbed 4.2 percent and precipitation has fallen by 31 percent in 2012 compared to the first nine months of 2011.

Conversely, the smallest year-to-date gains were 3.5 in the Pacific region of California, Hawaii, Oregon and Washington, followed by the South Atlantic zone of Delaware, Florida, Georgia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia and Washington, D.C., where average temperatures and precipitation were flat through the first nine months of 2012 compared with the same period the prior year.

Source: Turfnet

GCSANE Meeting

Framingham Country Club

Wednesday, December 12, 2012

Host Superintendent: Pat Daly, CGCS

8:00 AM

Board of Directors Meeting

9:30 AM

Registration

10:00 AM

Membership Meeting

11:00 AM

Education - "Golf, Sunlight & Healthy Skin"

Presented by Louis Kuchnir, MD, PhD., President, Massachusetts Academy of Dermatology

12:00 noon

Lunch

Cost: \$40.00 / Retirees: \$20.00

Jacket and tie required.

Registration Deadline: Friday December 7th

Changes with MSDS and the New GHS Regulations

To help get the process started, here are 10 steps companies under the jurisdiction of the HCS should take now:

Step 1: Move Ahead on Compliance The first thing companies should do is put someone in charge of addressing GHS. This person should become familiar with GHS with an eye towards how the changes will impact employee safety, training and operations.

Step 2: Look Out for GHS Formatted Safety Data Sheets Entering the Facility Under GHS, safety data sheets are called SDSs. These SDSs, in addition to dropping the M from material safety data sheets (MSDSs), feature a harmonized 16-section format that follows a strict order. In addition, the GHS-formatted safety data sheets include new elements such as signal words, pictograms and hazard statements. Employers should ensure their front line employees, such as those who work in shipping, procurement, the front office, or on the dock, are looking for SDSs and know what to do when they come across one. This is true for shipments of new chemicals as well as new shipments of current chemicals.

Step 3: Review Written Hazard Communication Plan Hazard communication violations are one of the top three most frequently cited infractions by OSHA. Of those citations, problems with the required written plan are the most common issues. The written plan is one of the first things OSHA will ask for during an inspection, even if it is not the primary reason for their visit. Written plans must accurately reflect the hazards within the specific work environment. Reviewing the written plan now will also help companies identify areas where the GHS needs to be addressed.

Step 4: Update Written Chemical Inventory An important part of the written plan is a written chemical inventory. OSHA stipulates that employers should know what chemicals they have in their facilities and that there is a corresponding safety data sheet for each. Having an up-to-date inventory is critical to managing the churn of new/updated safety data sheets that is expected as a result of GHS.

Step 5: Manage the MSDS/SDS Churn With GHS adoption, every U.S. manufacturer and distributor will need to reclassify their chemicals and create updated SDSs and labels, which in turn will be sent to downstream users. Companies should expect their entire MSDS library to turn over in a short time frame with GHS adoption. SDS churn is a way to describe the swapping out of old MSDSs for new GHS-formatted safety data sheets. Electronic SDS management can greatly reduce the time, costs and stress associated with keeping a safety data sheet library up-to-date and compliant. If a company is still managing MSDSs using paper-based filing systems, now is the time to pursue an electronic system.

Step 6: Develop a Label Strategy Under GHS, OSHA is moving away from the label approach that largely allowed companies to decide what to put on chemical labels. Now, GHS-formatted labels as required by OSHA include six standard elements: product identifier, manufacturer information, signal words (either Danger or Warning), hazard pictograms, and hazard statements and precautionary information. (Pictograms are black symbols on white backgrounds with red diamond borders.) Companies that use workplace or

secondary container labels will need to review the label requirements under the revised HCS to ensure compliance. However, OSHA has signaled it will allow some flexibility in creating workplace labels.

Step 7: Start Planning for Employee Training OSHA is giving companies two years to train employees on how to read revised labels and safety data sheets. Full compliance is required within three years. The training piece is accelerated because OSHA expects employees covered by the HCS will begin seeing updated safety data sheets and labels well before full compliance is due. Best practices would suggest that employers should train employees on the revised HCS requirements as soon as reasonably possible. GHS will present a learning curve for everyone. Online training might be beneficial, especially as part of a blended learning environment.

Step 8: Talk to Vendors about GHS Companies should start talking now to their supply chain about GHS. They should determine what their suppliers' plans and timelines are to transition to GHS, and if necessary, understand what their customer's needs are. The sooner vendors are compliant with GHS, the easier it will be on everyone.

Step 9: Remember SARA Obligations With GHS adoption, facilities with obligations under SARA Title III may need to provide new and updated SDS information to local and state emergency planning agencies. Again, this is an area where an electronic management system makes sense. In addition to better chemical inventory management, good systems enable users to more effectively generate SARA reports and other regulatory reports.

Step 10: Get Moving on Authoring Chemical manufacturers, distributors and importers have special responsibilities under GHS to reclassify hazards and produce updated safety data sheets and labels. Many companies have already started updating their documents, but others have been waiting for more certainty about when GHS is coming. With GHS passing OMB, it is a good time for those companies to get off the sidelines and begin the authoring process.

Conclusion OSHA's Hazard Communication Standard covers more than five million workplaces in the United States with hazardous chemicals on premise; GHS affects them all. It will take time for companies to make good decisions about transitioning to the revised HCS. Those good decisions will be a lot easier to come by the sooner they get started. The 10 steps outlined above are a great place to start.

For more information, please visit these links:

<http://www.osha.gov/dsg/hazcom/hazcom-faq.html#1>

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To propose a candidate for the award, please submit a letter of recommendation to the Membership Committee Chair, Rich Gagnon. Your letter should summarize the nominee's contributions and leadership to the superintendent community both locally and nationally.

The Membership Committee will recommend a recipient to the Board of Directors. The award will be presented at the Annual Meeting in January 2013.

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1998 Richard D. Haskell
1999 Robert Grant
2000 Dr. Joseph Troll
2001 Geoffrey Cornish
2002 Richard C. Blake and Phillip I. Cassidy
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2005 Donald Marrone
2006 Gerry Finn
2007 Ronald Kirkman
2008 Robert Ruzala
2009 Robert Mucciarone and Norman Mucciarone
2010 Brian Cowan
2011 Dean Robertson
2012 Michael Hermanson

Nominations must be received by December 3, 2012

Submit nominations to:

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2012 MET Area Team Championships

The Stanwich Club

Par 72

October 18, 2012

Team Scores Par 288

		<u>Score</u>
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2 nd	MET GCSA	304
3 rd	Philadelphia AGCA	305
4 th	Central New York GCSA	308
5 th	Long Island GCSA	313
6 th	Northeastern GCSA	315
7 th	Connecticut AGCS	317
8 th	Pocono Turfgrass Association	318
9 th	GCSA of New Jersey	320
10 th	Central Penn GCSA	321
11 th	Mid Atlantic AGCS	324
12 th	Rhode Island GCSA	326
13 th	GCMA of Cape Cod	335

Skill Events

Closest to the pin hole #4, sponsored by Syngenta	Drew Cummins 1'-10" – Rhode Island GCSA
Closest to the pin hole #8, sponsored by BASF	Vinnie Barnaba 7'-0" – Long Island GCSA
Closest to the pin hole #13, sponsored by Aquatrols	Kevin Doyle 0'-0" – GCSAA
Closest to the pin hole #16, sponsored by Toro	Ian Kunesch 2'-7" – GCSA of New Jersey

Long Drive

Net Division sponsored by Bayer	Mike Warner – Central NY GCSA
Gross Division sponsored by Agrium Adv. Tech.	Chet Walsh – Philadelphia AGCS
Sponsors Division, sponsored by Care of Trees	Tom Ashfield – Quaker Ridge CC

Individual Gross

Chet Walsh – Philadelphia GCSA **Score of 76**

Sponsorship Team Winner

Scott Tretera and Bobby Demarco **Score of 71**

Two Man Team High Score

Gross	Jerry Noons and Mike Whitehead – RI GCSA	Score of 91
Net	Steve Thys and Joe Goulart - Cape Cod GCSA	Score of 84



NHGCSA Education Conference

Tuesday, December 11, 2012

Holiday Inn, Concord NH

4 NH pesticide credits approved

GCSAA credits applied for

This year's Education Conference will have a wide variety of speakers covering timely topics important to us all. **Be sure to register before December 5th to take advantage of the pre-event price of \$60 for members and \$70 for non-members.**

Schedule of Events

7:45 - 8:25 AM

Registration

8:25 AM

Welcome: *Andy McHugh, NHGCSA Vice-President*

8:30 - 9:30 AM

**The DMI Fungicides: New Chemistries & Best Uses
*Nathaniel Miktowski, Ph.D., University of Rhode Island***

9:30 - 10:30 AM

**Foliar Nutrition and Wetting Agents for Plant Health and Consistency
*Geoff Simril, Hocking International Laboratory***

10:45 - 11:45 AM

**Biology and Management of Nematodes in Turgrasses
*Robert Wick, Ph.D., UMASS Amherst***

11:45 - 12:45 PM

2-Part Review:

**1. Lifecycles of White Grub Species, optimizing and timing of current control methods
2. Annual Bluegrass Weevil, considerations to optimize control whether targeting adults or larva with current insecticide options.**

Patricia J. Vittum, Ph.D., UMASS Amherst

Lunch with Cash Bar

1:30 PM NHGCSA ANNUAL MEETING

Pre-REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS DECEMBER 5TH

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2013 WINTER SEMINAR

Tuesday, January 15, 2013

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MORNING SESSION

Morning Session Chairperson
Kevin Collins, GCS

7:30 a.m. Registration – Coffee and Danish
Booths will be open

8:25 – 8:30 **Mark Mansur**,
CAGCS President
Welcome

8:30 – 10:00 **Steve Keating SCPS, CSE, CME**
The Toro Company
“360-Degree Leadership”

10:00 – 10:20 Break – Booths Open
Election – Class C

Representative to the Board
10:20 – 10:50 **Bruce B. Clarke, Ph.D.**
Director, Center for Turfgrass
Science - Dept. of Plant Biology &
Pathology

The State Univ. of New Jersey
*“Improving Turf Disease
Control with Products That
Enhance the Plant’s Natural
Defenses”*

10:50 – 11:10 **Michael Dugan, Lobbyist**
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“Legislative Update”

11:10 – 11:50 **Bruce B. Clarke, Ph.D.**
Director, Center for Turfgrass
Science -Dept. of Plant Biology &
Pathology

The State Univ. of New Jersey
*“Controlling Summer Patch
with Sound Cultural and
Chemical Practices”*

11:50 – 12:00 **Gary Sykes, Executive Director**
NE Regional Turfgrass Foundation
“Tee it Up New England”

AFTERNOON SESSION

Afternoon Session Chairperson
Stephen Curry, GCS

12:00 – 1:00 Lunch/Booths Open
1:00 – 1:05 **Les Kennedy, Jr., CGCS**
President
Tri-State Research Foundation
“Update.”

1:05 – 1:45 **Lane Tredway, Ph.D.**
Syngenta Crop Protection
*“Myths and Misconceptions
About Pythium Diseases”*

1:45 – 2:45 **Dr. Nathaniel A. Mitkowski**
Assistant Professor, URI
*“Deciphering Nematode Counts
& Managing Nematode
Populations Without Nematicur”*

2:45 – 3:00 Break – Booths Open
3:00 – 3:30 **Lane Tredway, USGR**
Syngenta Crop Protection
*“Fungicide Resistance: Can it
Be Prevented?”*

3:30 – 4:00 Closing Remarks
Distinguished Member Award
Distribution of credits

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our condolences are extended to Joe and Trisha Lazaro on the passing of Trisha's mother, Rose M. Umbrello, who passed away on November 8, 2012.

Our condolences are extended to Greg Misodoulakis and family on the passing of Greg's father, George J. Misodoulakis, who passed away on November 19, 2012.

Congratulations to Kevin Corvino on his new position as Superintendent at Dedham Country and Polo Club.

Congratulations to Mike Stachowicz who has just become the National Park Service's first Turf Specialist. He'll be working in Washington, DC.

Kevin Osgood, a past president of the GCSA of New England is now a member of the MGA's Executive Committee.

Congratulations to John Zolkowski, former Assistant at Blue Hills, on his new position as the Superintendent at Norfolk Golf Club.

As in the past, *The Newsletter* continues to invite Affiliate members to submit a press release about new personnel, new products or a company bio. We will print each and every release **free of charge**. This is a great way to advertise for free. Who said nothing in this world is free? Free advertising to better your company, wow what an offer.

Jeff Urquhart, Editor

A Thank You from Kathy Comee

To all of the GCSANE members who attended the S&B tournament in memory of Dave Comee on August 6th,

I would like to thank all of you who participated in this year's event and for the kindness shown to our family. Losing Dave so suddenly and at such a young age has been difficult, yet days like the day of the S&B tournament and the tributes given to Dave were heartwarming.

I would also like to thank everyone for the incredible kindness shown to me while I spoke about my husband. Golf and the GCSANE has been a huge part of my life for many years and to walk away from that has been extremely difficult. So, I thank you for letting me share some of those memories with you.

I'd also like to thank the committee for establishing the Dave Comee Scholarship. We were totally surprised and deeply honored to learn of it. We can't think of a nicer way to honor Dave's life than by helping a family with college expenses. I'd also like to thank Don Hearn for all the work he did behind the scenes as well as the S&B committee in making the event so touching. One final thank you is to Michael Stachowicz and the Dedham Country & Polo Club for hosting the tournament. The course and grounds were beautiful and I appreciated your hospitality.

With much appreciation,
Kathy Comee and family

Tournament Results

**GCSANE 5th Annual 9-Hole Meeting
Hopedale Country Club - November 5, 2012**

Host: Tom Albert

4 Man Scramble

**Winners: Garrett Whitney, Dave Mucciarone,
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