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Suggestions for Dealing with Anthracnose

by Dr. Gail Schumann

This stress disease is widespread throughout New England. It begins in the leaves, but moves quickly into the crown, especially where turf has a limited root system or is otherwise stressed. If you are trying to keep the greens fast by holding back N and water, anthracnose is likely to occur. This disease is a sign that you have gone too far. Despite the use of fun-

gicides, the dying plants might look more obvious for a few days before they start to decay and disappear, so give the chemicals time to work before applying more.

If you have anthracnose at this time, keep these points in mind:

1. Look for the stresses that caused the problem. If anthracnose is mostly at the edge of the green, try to modify traffic patterns and skip the clean-up pass as often as possible. Raise mowing height temporarily. Don't double cut. Try to open compacted areas with hydroject, small tines, etc.

2. Give the plants what they need to recover: water and N. Avoid growth regulators until disease is checked.

3. When applying fungicides, you need a systemic, watered into the crown area, while still wet on the leaves, followed by a separate application of a contact (e.g. chlorothalonil) to protect the leaves and healthy plants. Stay on top of the contact applications (as allowable) between systemic applications. Contacts don't last more than 5-10 days at the very most.

Annual Bluegrass Weevil (Hyperodes)

by: Dr. Pat Vittum

Most of the telephone calls I have received over the last ten days have been questions about the annual bluegrass weevil. While we have covered many aspects of the weevil in previous updates, I will try and review the "critical points" here.

Throughout the Northeast, populations are much higher this year than they have been in the past 15 years. Usually the first generation is pretty well synchronized, so that all the weevils are in about the same stage of development at the same time.

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Joe Troll at sign for UMASS Research Facility dedicated in his honor.

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Wayne Urban, President

Remembering the Past!!

In this day and age, we as a nation take life and freedom so matter-of-factly.

Today, we seem to be too self-absorbed with material things, image, affluence, status, etc. Sure, the 9/11 episode tweaked us for a time but it seems to

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The President's Message

me that most of us are again falling back into a confident, insensitive coma. Is it because life is so fast and competitive that we can't find the time to reflect on the past? Or is it that our past accomplishments as a nation seem so distant and old fashion. I've spent a lot of time over the Memorial Day week watching coverage of the new WWII Memorial and old footage and human interest stories (A&E, Discovery, History channel, etc.) on D-Day and the "Greatest Generation". Being a "baby boomer", I have a vested interest in all of this. My late dad was part of that "greatest generation" and along with so many men and women of his time provided us with that freedom and joy of life that we embrace today. Let's try not to forget, especially our youngest members - the supreme sacrifice these people made.

Its six weeks later (July 7) and as my old mentor, Les Kennedy use to say "pretty close to half way through the 100 day war". Actually, it's been a great growing year. Play, revenue and course conditions have all benefited from a benevolent "Mother Nature". I hope to date, everyone else in this business is

feeling the same euphoria I am. Oops! All of a sudden my brain's capacity to formulate thoughts to words to sentences has misfired. Enough! I hope everyone's last 50 days is as good as the first!

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However, this year there was a lot of variation as early as mid May, and that variation has continued. So now if you sample the turf, you may see tiny larvae, medium larvae, large larvae, pupae, and adults, all in the same small area. This makes it difficult to make decisions about control options.

We recommend that golf course superintendents scout the usual suspect areas regularly throughout June and July. Areas that experienced damage in mid June from larvae feeding are probably going to be vulnerable to attack with the second generation. Based on accounts from telephone calls, I believe many areas in southern New England are at a point where many adults are active on the surface right now. Adults can be seen walking on the surface, especially on sunny days.

In "normal" years good control can be achieved by targeting the adults of the second generation with an appli-

cation of something that stays in the thatch, such as Dursban™ or a pyrethroid. This year a good target date appears to be between 5 July and 15 July for golf courses in most of Massachusetts and southern New Hampshire and Vermont. Points south of there may have already missed that window. In fact, golf courses around New York City may already be nearing the end of the second generation, believe it or not. Remember to water in lightly (one or two passes of the head.)

It all comes down to monitoring ... if samples show there are many larvae active in the thatch or crowns, you may get some relief with something that is very mobile and works quickly. Note that annual bluegrass weevil is not on the Dylox™ label, but given that company-supported field trials earlier this year looked very promising, we hope the insect will be added to the label soon. Also note that nothing will kill all the larvae, but usually you can bring the larval population below the threshold.



Dr. Pat Vittum (R) and Larry Norton/Bayer Crop Science Representatives, discussing research program with Jim Santoro (L).

Larvae look like grains of sand with brown heads. Pupae are cream colored and diamond shaped. The wings are visible on pupae. If turf samples reveal that most of the

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insects are larvae, you may get some relief with an insecticide. However, if turf samples reveal that most of the insects are already pupae, you should delay - consider treating the area about two weeks later, when the pupae have completed their development and emerged as adults. (See previous updates for a description of a saline solution that is very effective at drawing larvae and pupae out of turf samples.)

As we have been saying all along, this will be one of the most confusing and confounding years for "Hyperodes" control in a long time. Keep sampling and stay tuned for more updates!

Grubs

Adults of all the usual suspects (Japanese beetles, European chafers, oriental beetles, asiatic garden beetles, among other) are out and about.

European chafers have already begun to lay eggs, while the otherse will be following suit soon. With all the rain we have been seeing in many parts of the state, soil moistures are very favorable for egg survival, so the potential is there for an active grub season.

Tournament to Benefit Joseph Troll Turf Research Center

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 ground breaking 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, 2004.

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. "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 in-

dustry." The Stockbridge School of Agriculture opened in 1927, making it one of the oldest in the country. It has produced over 1,500 turf management graduates from its two-year and four-year turf 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 Ruzsala, superintendent at Hickory Ridge CC 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.

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http://www.umassturf.org/education/certificate_programs/winter_school.html



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Dr. Bill Dest now UCONN/Associate Prof., Emeritus with Charlie Zemek (Right) Retired UCONN Farm Manager checking greens mower adapted by Bob Viera (Ret.) Golf Course Superintendent Watertown GC. Photo circa 1974.



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Condolences

Condolences to the family of Scott Walker. Scott died Sunday June 13, 2004. Scott a 14 year member of CAGCS was superintendent at Greenwoods CC in Winsted, CT. In addition to his duties at Greenwood CC Scott also operated a business offering Hydroject services.

When not working, Scott was an avid bow hunter and also a skilled race car driver. Scott raced at Riverside Raceway in Agawam, MA, his car had "Praise the Lord" inscribed on the back of it.

Besides his wife Linda and his parents he leaves behind three sons. Scott Walker Jr. age 11, Dylan age 10 and Shane age 8.

The Scott Walker Memorial Scholarship Fund has been set up to financially care for the ongoing Christian Education

needs of his children. Those desiring to donate may send their contribution to:

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Mr. Robert Dawley, former member of our association, passed away at the age of 65 on May 30th, 2004. He was the former Assistant Superintendent of Bruce Morse at Norwich Country Club.

Larry Dodge on the passing of his father, William, on May 27, 2004.

Mark Gostkowski on the passing of his father on May 23, 2004.

Calendar

August 18, 2004 URI Turf Field Day.
Contact Dr. Michael Sullivan, Dept. of
Plant Sciences, 401/874-4540, fax 401/874-
2494 for more information.

Note

Take a look at our web site www.cagcs.com. We have have a new look to our site. Let us know what you think!

Attention!!

As of August 31, 2004 Dr. Gail Schumann will no longer be accepting turf grass samples for UMass. Information about sending samples to UMass will be on there website www.umasssturf.org

ATTENTION: CAGCS Members

GHIN Update: It has become increasingly difficult to post scores for the association after events. Many members post their own scores, which results in double posting. Therefore, effective immediately all members will be responsible for posting their own scores. If you do not have access to a GHIN computer in a pro shop, you can post and review scores at www.GHIN.com. If you have any questions, or are in need of assistance, feel free to contact me at 203-996-6267. Thank you, John Garcia, Golf Chairperson.

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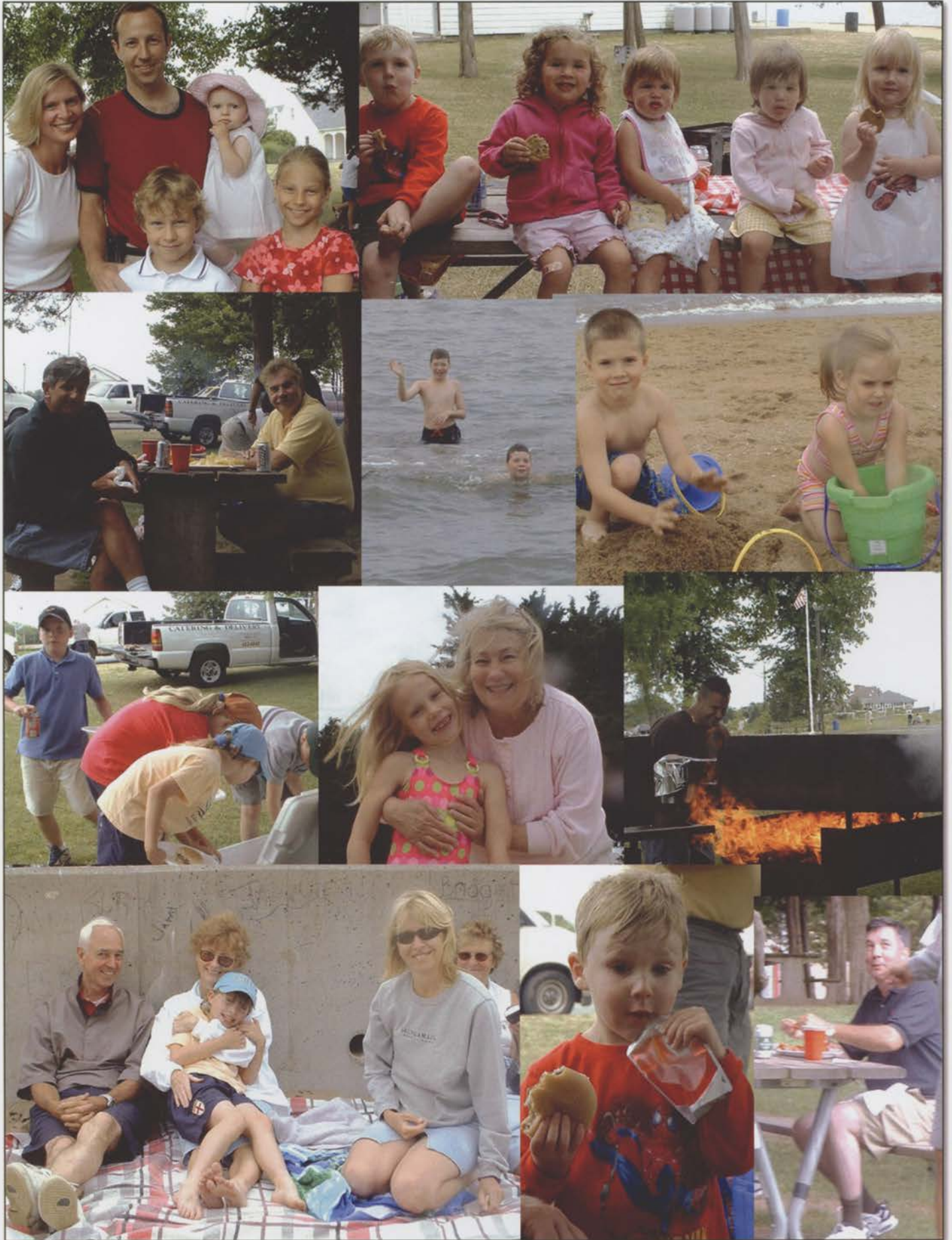
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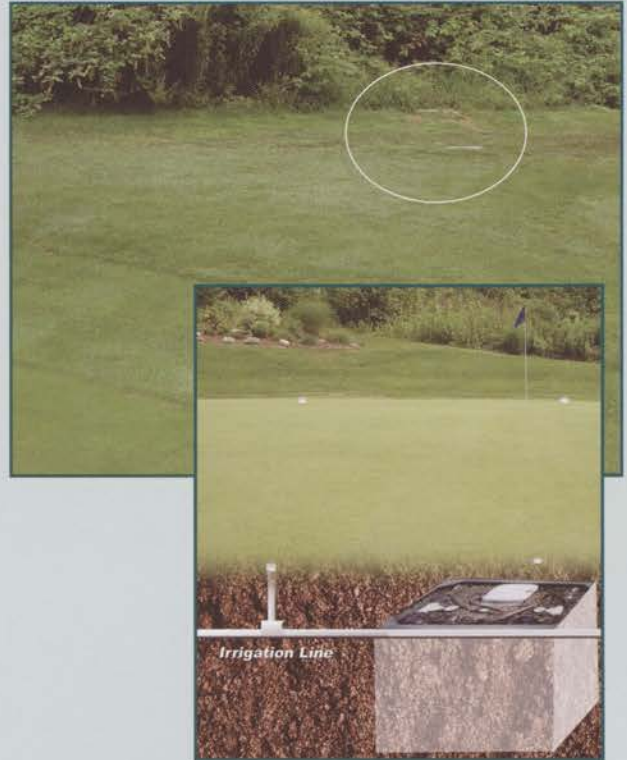
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Low Gross/Low Net Blind Partners**

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Oronoque Country Club
Michael Streckfus,
Rolling Greens Golf Club
- 2nd Gross 191 Lindsey Munger,
Candlewood Lake Club
Shawn Donovan, Turf Products Corp.
- 3rd Gross 192 Chris Kipp, Grassy Hill Country Club
Peter Tyrell, The Care of Trees

NET:

- 1st Net 150 Eric Morrison,
Shennecossett Golf Club
Bob Chalifour, CGCS,
Holliston Sand Co.
- 2nd Net 152 Scott Niven, CGCS,
The Stanwich Club
Joe Stahl, III, Simplot Partners
- 3rd Net 153 Kevin Collins,
Tower Ridge Country Club
Todd Zook, Brownson Country Club

- Closest to Pin #3 -
- Closest to Pin #15 -
- Closest to Line #1 -
- Long Putt #7 -
- Long Putt #12 -
- Long Drive -

- John Garcia, The Patterson Club
- Robert Szymanski,
Short Beach Park Golf Club
- Michael McDermott,
Twin Hills Country Club
- Chris Anderson,
New Haven Country Club
- Kevin Jaracy, Pequabuck Country Club
- Kevin Collins,
Tower Ridge Country Club

CAGCS 2004 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

August 3	Westwoods Golf Course	Kevin D'Amico CGCS
September 12	Lake Compounce CAGCS Family Day	
September 27	Norwich Country Club Superintendent/Assistant Championship President's Cup/McLaughlin Trophy	Bruce Morse Superintendent
October 12	Oak Lane Country Club S & R Tournament	Larry Dodge Superintendent
November 8	Old Lyme Country Club Annual Meeting	Brian Skelly Superintendent
December 3	CAGCS Christmas Party	J. Timothy's

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Department of Plant Science Update

by Steven Racliffe, CGCS, U-CONN/Dept of Plant Science

Turfgrass Pathologist Appointed

The University of Connecticut Plant Science Department is pleased to announce that Dr. John Kaminski will be joining the faculty as an Assistant Professor of Plant Pathology. Dr. Kaminski's appointment begins January 1, 2005.

This December 2004 John will receive his Ph.D. under the direction of Dr. Peter Dernoeden at the University of Maryland. John was a Co-Principle Investigator on a USGA funded grant that involved research of the biology and epidemiology of bentgrass dead spot. Dr. Kaminski received two Bachelor of Science degrees from Pennsylvania State University in the fields of Turfgrass Science and Landscape Contracting in 1998 and earned his M.S. degree in Agronomy from the University of Maryland in 2001. In addition to Dr. Kaminski's work with bentgrass dead

spot, he has also been involved with various aspects of turfgrass disease research including monitoring the timing of gray leafspot spore release, a study of the influence of various fertilizers on soil microbial populations and disease severity in a sand-based rootzone, and the evaluation of cultivars for disease resistance. John also investigated seedling emergence patterns of annual bluegrass. Along with his research responsibilities, Dr. Kaminski worked in the turfgrass disease diagnostic center at the University of Maryland during the past five years. Dr. Kaminski has given a number of lectures and presentations at various professional and extension conferences and has authored or co-authored many articles in peer-reviewed scientific publications, industry publications and extension publications.

Dr. Kaminski's field experience in the turfgrass industry includes internships held at the Congressional Country Club, Bethesda, Md., Desert Mountain properties, Scottsdale, AZ., and the Valentine Research Facility at the Pennsylvania State University. Dr. Kaminski has received numerous honors and awards from professional



Steven Racliffe, CGCS, UCONN
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organizations. He is also a member of many professional societies a few of which include the; GCSAA, USGA, the Maryland and Pennsylvania Turfgrass Councils, and the American Phytopathological Society.

Although Dr. Kaminski will not officially be on campus until January 1, 2005, turf plots will be established this summer

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to prepare for John's research and outreach programs. We look forward to working with Dr. Kaminski; we know he will have an immediate impact for the turfgrass industry in Connecticut and southern New England. If you would like to e-mail Dr. Kaminski you may do so at: kaminski@umd.edu.

New Positions

The University of Connecticut Department of Plant Science is currently conducting two searches for faculty positions within the Department. One search will fill the position of an Assistant Professor of Soil Science, with a strong background and interest in soil rootzone/turfgrass relationships. The other search will fill the position of Assistant Professor of Landscape Horticulture.

New Turfgrass Resource Unit

(Pictured Right)

This past spring, construction was completed on the new University of Connecticut Plant Science Turfgrass Resource Unit. The building is located at the Plant Science Research and Education Facility near the Storrs campus. The new building is 5,000 square feet and

contains a classroom/conference room for 30 people, and 4,000 square feet for turf and landscape equipment storage. The Turfgrass Resource Unit compliments a farm that is well suited for research and teaching. The Research and Education Facility is located on 150 acres, forty acres is available for small plot research. It is also the home of the Hicks-Burr Teaching Nursery. The farm has three greenhouses, two classrooms, 3 acres of irrigated turf and another 3 acres of unirrigated turf.

Each October, The Plant Science Research and Education Facility is host to the Connecticut Grounds Keepers Association and their Certified

Landscape Technician testing program.

The commitment by the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources to the green industries of the State of Connecticut continues to be strong as evidenced by the support and hiring of new positions and the construction of new facilities.

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**June 21st Meeting Results
Aspetuck Valley Country Club
Low Gross/Low Net by Flight**

A Flight

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1 st Net	72	Ward Weischet, CGCS, Oronoque Country Club
2 nd Net	74	John Callahan, The Cardinals, Inc.
3 rd Net	74	James Calladio, CGCS, The Milbrook Club
4 th Net	75	Mark Chant, Aspetuck Valley Country Club
5 th Net	78	Matt Severino

B Flight

1 st Gross	86	Gary Hare
1 st Net	73	Robert Szymanski, Jr., Short Beach Park Club
2 nd Net	74	James Stafstrom, Club Car, Inc.
3 rd Net	74	Curtis Tyrrell, Lake of Isles
4 th Net	75	Mark Osborn, Steven Willand, Inc.
5 th Net	76	Scott Ramsay, CGCS, The Course at Yale

C Flight

1 st Gross	88	Mark Mansur, Richter Park Golf Club
1 st Net	68	Skip Deubel, Tuckahoe Turf Farms, Inc.
2 nd Net	70	Shawn Donovan, Turf Products Corp.
3 rd Net	74	Anthony Girardi, CGCS, Rockrimmon Country Club
4 th Net	74	Ted Tighe, Guilford Lakes Golf Course
5 th Net	75	Mark Fuller, CGCS, The Connecticut Golf Club

D Flight

1 st Gross	102	Peter Rappoccio, CGCS, Silver Springs Country Club
1 st Net	69	Joseph Stahl, Simplot Partners

2 nd Net	75	Byron Johnson, Terre Co. of NJ
3 rd Net	77	Paul Bednarczyk, Chas. C. Hart Seed Co.
4 th Net	80	Peter Kearney, Candlewood Valley Country Club
5 th Net	80	Steve Rackliffe, CGCS, UConn

Closest to Pin #5 -	Curtis Tyrrell, Lakes of Isle
Closest to Pin #8 -	John Garcia, The Patterson Club
Closest to Line #3 -	Gary Hare
Long Putt #2 -	Steve Rackliffe, CGCS, UConn
Long Putt #9 -	Mark Fuller, CGCS, The Connecticut Golf Club
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