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2005 INVITATIONAL RESULTS THE PATTERSON CLUB AUGUST 8, 2005

The CAGCS Board of Directors and Members wish to thank the Patterson Club and their Golf Course Superintendent John Garcia for hosting our Invitational. Thanks also go to Dave Basconi for all the pictures he took during the day.

GROSS:

1st 64
Shuttle Meadow
Keith Kraus
John Ceplenski
Howard Dyson
Andrew Gruss
2nd 66
Watertown Golf Club
Paul Bonini
Robert LaPerriere

3rd 66
Madison Country Club
Michael Chrzanowski
Bill Woods
Ed Maciejak
Frank Carta

NET:

1st 56
H. Smith Richardson GC
Peter Grace
Paul Hiller
Gerry Lombardo
Tim Dailey
2nd 57
Aspetuck Valley CC
Scott Suchenski

Griffin Peck
Eric Cook
Jack Powers
3rd 57
Country Club of Waterbury
Patrick Cragin
Jeff Witherwax
Tom Piskura
Dan Mahaney

Closest to Pin:

#3 Kevin Balocca 4'4"
#6 Ed Maciejak 14'4"
#12 Rob Barbeau 12'1"
#14 Ron Yacawych 5'9"

Longest Drive:

#11 Frank Segaline

Straight Drive:

#4 Carlo Revelli



Congratulations to the team from Shuttle Meadow CC winners of this years Invitational held at The Patterson Club. Pictured left to right are Howard Dyson, John Ceplenski, Andrew Gruss and Keith Kraus, Golf Course Superintendent.

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ANNUAL BLUEGRASS (HYPERODES) WEEVIL

By Dr. Pat Vittum, UMASS

"This is a recording - 2005 has proven to be the most challenging I have ever seen for managing annual bluegrass weevils (*Hyperodes* weevils). Most years the first generation causes the most problems and then numbers tail off through the remainder of the summer. So damage is usually most severe in June, and then other things (like diseases!) take precedence.

But this year populations have just kept on building through the summer. I have had reports of severe damage from several superintendents. We have been tracking populations on a golf course in Westchester County and there have been three generations already at that site!

The good news is that for those of you currently seeing adults moving on the surface, the worst should be over. Some of the adults that we see now will produce yet another round of eggs, but it will take at least three weeks for those eggs to mature to large larvae that are capable of damaging the turf. And surely we will have gotten a break in the weather by then. (Frankly, as an aside, if we are still locked in heat and humidity three weeks from now, there will be little turf left anyway as a result of the environmental stresses and the high temperature diseases running rampant.)

So to get back to the *Hyperodes*

saga - for those of you south of Hartford, CT, the worst really should be over now. There may still be a few larvae feeding here and there, but the next "flush" of larvae should not appear until later in the month when other stresses are beginning to ease. For those of you in northern Connecticut (north of Hartford) and much of Massachusetts, you may be in the middle of the worst right now, but weevil pressure should be easing within a few days. Again if you see large numbers of larvae feeding actively, you may get some relief by hitting those areas with trichlorfon (DyloxTM). Take all the usual precautions to guard against phytotoxicity.

Finally, the rumors are flying regarding whether the weevils have developed resistance to any of the pyrethroids. As you know, many superintendents have been using pyrethroids for several years now (things like TempoTM, TalstarTM, BattleTM, ScimitarTM, DeltagardTM, and others) and other species of insects have shown the capability to develop resistance to pyrethroids in other crops. Up until this year, we had had no evidence that annual bluegrass weevils had developed resistance.

Based on recent conversations, it is my understanding that Dr. Rich Cowles (UConn, Windsor Agricultural Experiment Station) has collected adult weevils from two golf courses near Hartford. He screened the weevils from one of those golf courses and, according to my sources, reported that there was evidence of resistance in those weevils. I believe he has not yet

tested the weevils from the other golf course. I have been unable to confirm any of this with Dr. Cowles directly but hope to contact him soon.

But if it turns out that these weevils have indeed developed resistance to pyrethroids, it would explain some of what we have been experiencing this year. It is too early to jump to conclusions, and way too early to panic. There is no evidence that all weevil populations have developed resistance. In fact, resistance often is "spotty", showing up in some places but not in others. Meanwhile, there are non-pyrethroid alternatives that should continue to work in 2006 and years to come. We may just have to adapt a little bit and change the timing of applications, depending on the materials we are using and the stages of the insect we need to target.

So as always, hang in there and keep monitoring the & \$ ^ % * # s. Cooler temperatures will eventually prevail, and we can breathe again."

NORTHEASTERN GOLF COURSES STRESSED

The months of June and July have been flat-out miserable for golf course superintendents from the mid-Atlantic region to Maine. Constant high temperatures and drought in many areas have caused considerable root decline and actual heat injury to both Poa and bentgrass. Although the Poa is suffering more so than the bentgrass, all greens turf is

susceptible. In many places, temperatures have exceeded 90 deg F for more than 3X the number of days considered average. In Kingston, RI, we are 5 inches below average precipitation for the months of June and July and are looking at a bonafide drought. August and September will probably be no better, at least based on early indications. Mini-tining and hydrojecting have helped some supers deal with the heat and traffic problems, but root mass will only return as temperatures decline. Traffic injury is dramatically exacerbated in these conditions and simply will not grow out. The plus side: Less grass on the surface means faster green speeds! Good Luck.

CAGCS 2005 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Sunday, Sept. 11	Lake Compounce	CAGCS Family Day
Monday, Sept. 12	Orange Hills Country Club	Jud W. Smith Host Superintendent
Monday, October 3	Clinton Country Club <i>Scholarship & Research Tournament</i>	Michael Decker Host Superintendent
Tuesday, October 25	Pequabuck Golf Club <i>Superintendent/Assistant Tournament</i>	Kevin Jaracy Host Superintendent
Tuesday, November 1	Birchwood Country Club <i>CAGCS Annual Meeting</i>	Edward Consolati Host Superintendent
Friday, December 15	J. Timothy's Taverne - <i>CAGCS Christmas Party</i>	
Tuesday, January 10, 2006	Hawthorne Inn - <i>CAGCS Winter Seminar</i>	

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IF YOU COULD SEE WHAT WE HAVE SEEN

By Jim Baird, Agronomist
August 8, 2005

If your golf course is struggling right now then rest assured that you are not alone in the battle to keep turf alive this summer. Persistent high temperatures and humidity alone have been enough to cause tremendous disease pressure that has necessitated significant over spending of budgets for turf protectants. Add onto this too little or too much precipitation, and the results have been more than the turf and the turf manager can handle.

Although many are counting down the days to aeration, summer seems far from over with heat, humidity, and intermittent rainfall forecasted for the week. Be on the lookout for Pythium outbreaks, especially in areas with poor drainage and air movement. Summer patch and anthracnose are likely causes for disease on putting greens. Odds are that gray leaf spot disease will be an issue on perennial ryegrass turf so be prepared during the next couple of months. Don't forget about the threat of insects, including the annual bluegrass weevil, chinch bug, and grubs. Last, but not least, be careful about wear damage on turf, especially on collars and perimeters of greens, tees, and fairways. Avoid mowing

after heavy rainfall events or when temperatures exceed 90 F.

Cultivation practices will never be more needed once temperatures subside, so don't let this be a time to skip it or to go "light" for the sake of causing minimal disruption to playing conditions. Focus on improving growing environments. The best turf continues to reside in locations with ample sunlight and air movement. Finally, good irrigation and drainage are essential for healthy turf and optimal playing conditions. Hang in there. Fall is just around the corner.

Source: Jim Baird,
jbaird@usga.org or 610-515-1660

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JUNE MEETING GOLF RESULTS
RIVER RIDGE GOLF COURSE
JUNE 13, 2005

GROSS:

1st 69

Michael Dukette, Bayer
 Environmental Science
 Bruce Morse, Norwich GC
 Bob Silva

2nd 70 match of cards

Peter Pierson
 John Callahan, The Cardinals, Inc.
 Phil Neaton, The Black Hall Club
 Shawn Donovan, Turf Products Corp.

NET:

1st

Ward Weischet, New London
 Country Club
 John Garcia, The Patterson Club
 Peter Rappoccio, Silver Spring
 Country Club
 Byron Johnson, The Terre Co. of NJ

2nd

Peter Tyrell, The Care of Trees
 John Kul
 Manny Mihailides, DGM Systems,
 LLC

Hotball:

David Stimson
 Dayton Stimson
 Tim Gerzabeck, New London
 Country Club
 John Motycka, Skungamaug River
 Golf Course

Longest Putt #8 - 26'

John Kul

Longest Putt #15 - 24'

Brian Pope,
 Turf Products Corp.

Closest to Pin #17 - 15"

Ward Weischet,
 New London Country Club

Closest to Pin #6 - 13"

Byron Johnson,
 The Terre Co. of NJ

Longest Drive #3

Bruce Morse,
 Norwich Golf Club

Closest to line #10

Peter Rappoccio, Silver Spring CC

JULY MEETING GOLF RESULTS
SIMSBURY FARMS GOLF COURSE
JULY 18, 2005

"A" FLIGHT

1st Gross 69

Michael Dukette, Bayer
 Environmental Science
 1st Net 67 match of cards
 Brian Pope, Turf Products Corp.
 2nd Net 67 match of cards
 John Callahan, The Cardinals Inc.
 3rd Net 67 match of cards
 Eric Hulland, Troon Golf Lake of
 Isles
 4th Net 67 match of cards
 John Ruzsbatzky, CC of Farmington
 5th Net 70
 Jim Staszowski, Turf Products Corp.

"B" FLIGHT

1st Gross 78

Chris Mauro, Highfield CC
 1st Net 65
 Joe Trosky, Turf Links, Inc.

2nd Net 65

Dick Gurski
 3rd Net 69
 Skip Deubel, Tuckahoe Turf Farms,
 Inc.
 4th Net 70
 Steve LaMesa, MGC Developers,
 LLC
 5th Net 71
 Mark Fuller, The Connecticut GC

"C" FLIGHT

1st Gross 89

Bruce Morse, Norwich Golf Course
 1st Net 67
 Bob Chalifour, Holliston Sand
 Company
 2nd Net 70
 Joe Malay, Hopbrook Golf Course
 3rd Net 71 match of cards
 Mike Wallace, Simsbury Farms Golf
 Course
 4th Net 71 match of cards
 Bob Silva
 5th Net 74
 Kevin D'Amico, Westwoods GC

"D" FLIGHT

1st Gross 97

Larry Gauvain, Simsbury Farms
 Golf Course
 1st Net 70
 Jesse Anderson, III, BISCO
 2nd Net 75
 Greg Dubois, Wintonbury Hills GC
 3rd Net 75

Eric Holm, Hop Meadow Country
 Club
 4th Net 76
 Mike Donahue, R.F. Morse & Son, Inc.
 5th Net 76
 Manny Mihailides, DGM Systems, LLC

Longest Putt #12 - 7'8"

Brian Skelly, Old Lyme Country Club

Longest Putt #6 - 13'7"

Eric DeStefano, Twin Hills CC

Closest to Pin #16 - 23'10"

Joe Trosky, Turf Links, Inc.

Closest to Pin #4 - 6'5"

Joe Trosky, Turf Links, Inc.

Longest Drive #5

Heather Garvin,
 Chas. C. Hart Seed Co.

Closest to line #17 - 1'5"

Jim Staszowski, Turf Products, Inc.

AUGUST GOLF RESULTS
POA ANNUAL TOURNAMENT
OAK HILLS PARK GOLF COURSE
AUGUST 15, 2005

Best Ball Gross

1st 69

Glen Dube/Blake Halderman

2nd 69

Mark Chant/Sean O'Sullivan

3rd 71

John Carlone/Tim O'Neill

Best Ball Net

1st 60

Les Kennedy/Frank Amodio

2nd 62

Peter Rappoccio/Matt Ceplo

3rd 63

John Parmelee/Jim Gaizer

63 match of cards

Mike Dukette/Kevin Collins

Closest to Pin

#3 10'3" Earl Millett

#5 7'2" Mark Chant

#13 8'8" Mike Cook

Longest Drive

#10 Charlie Siemers

Grass Catcher

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New Members

Stephen J. Curry; Class A
Berkshire Hills Country Club

David Fleury;
Class Commercial
The Roger Rulewich Group

Scott Suchenski; Class B
Aspetuck Valley CC

Congratulations

Congratulations to Paul Bonini, CGCS on achieving Certified Golf Course Superintendent through GCSAA.

Paul is the CGCS at Watertown GC in Watertown, CT. BoardRoom magazine has named GCSAA as the association of the year and Rain Bird as the irrigation supplier of the year. For information on the "Excellence in Achievement Awards" and the BoardRoom magazine visit www.boardroommagazine.com. The BoardRoom magazine is the official publication of Private Clubs and Directors.



Paul Bonini

Eric Morrison, Golf Course Superintendent, Shennecossett GC, Groton, CT. Shennecossett GC has recently achieved designation as a "Certified Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary" by the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary System (ACSS), the educational division of Audubon International. Shennecossett GC is the 2nd municipal course in Connecticut, 10th in the state and the 547th in the world to receive the honor.

"I would like to thank the Town of Groton and the Director of Parks

& Recreation, John Silsby for allowing me to undertake the task of getting Shennecossett designated as an Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary," acknowledges Superintendent Eric Morrison. "Furthermore, I would like to thank my staff for helping me implement projects around the course."



Eric Morrison

Condolences

Condolences to the family of Heather Garvin of Harts Seed & co-editor of the Clippings on the tragic passing of her husband Dana.

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Condolences to the family of Joseph Grantmeyer, superintendent Greenwoods CC who was killed August 9, 2005 in Winsted, CT in a motorcycle accident. He leaves his wife Karianne and 3 young children.

To Jonathan Zuk and family on the passing of Jonathan's father Dr. Edward Zuk.

To Paul Barratt, CGCS and family on the passing of Paul's father Clifford Barratt in July.

Well Wishes

Get Well Wishes to Dianne Sibley who was hospitalized recently.

Notes

May/June issue cover photograph of Mike and Lilly Griswold by John Motycka

Rhode Island Golf Course Superintendent's Association "Stress Buster Day" to be held at Mulligans Island August 9, was cancelled this year. Superintendent's were under too much stress to leave their courses for part of a day.

Heather Garvin is now the Co-Editor of the Clippings.

Equipment For Sale - 1985 National 84' Any offer. 2003 Hydroseeder 300 Gal. with trailer. Used to hydroseed main lines after irrigation installation. \$4,500. Contact: Indian Hill CC Marc Weston, GCS (860) 667-0729 marceweston@yahoo.com.

CAGCS Awards Annual Scholarships

The following are recipients of the 2005 CAGCS scholarships, which are awarded annually to immediate CAGCS family members and to employees of members who are majoring in turf management. Dr. Richard Skogley Scholarship

recipient: Rachael Pope, daughter of Brian Pope.

CAGCS Scholarships were awarded to: Ashley Adaskaveg, daughter of Alexander Adaskaveg; Ryan R. Beaudry, son of Ray Beaudry; Christine Cooper, daughter of Douglas Cooper; David W. DeMur, son of William DeMur; Neal Donahue, son of Michael Donahue; Jayne M. Donovan & Laura Donovan daughters of Shawn Donovan; Ben Flowers, son of Michael Flowers; Ashleigh C. Gauvain, daughter of Larry Gauvain; Caleb M. Goodhouse, son of Edward Goodhouse; Katherine M. Kennedy, daughter of Les Kennedy, Jr., CGCS; Amy Laverty, daughter of Adam Laverty; Kevin R. Moore, son of Glen Moore; Sarah Petruzzelli, daughter of Dennis Petruzzelli, CGCS; Stephanie Pope, daughter of Brian Pope; Tyler R. Rackliffe, son of Dan Rackliffe, CGCS and Andrew Wallace, son of David Wallace.

A Memorial Scholarship was awarded to Dan Heffernan who is employed at Clinton Country Club, Michael

Decker, Golf Course Superintendent.

The Board of Directors and members of the Connecticut Association of Golf Course Superintendents want to congratulate all recipients, and wish them the best in their scholastic endeavors.

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(from left to right) UCONN Plant Science Research and Educational Facility Farm Manager Steve Olsen, Brian Pope of TPC, and The Associate Dean for Academic Programs for The College of Natural Resources, Cameron Faustman. The Toro GM 3150 is on loan from the Toro Company and the Turf Products Corporation. It was made possible through the 2005 Toro Turf College Support Program. Bob, UConn has been very fortunate to receive support from the many turfgrass professionals in Connecticut as well as local distributors and national manufactures. The Toro mower shown will be used for teaching new students as well as being utilized to maintain our turfgrass research plots.

EPA RULES ON HERBICIDE 2,4-D

8/12/2005

Washington, D.C. – The Environmental Protection Agency released its comprehensive assessment of the herbicide, 2,4-Dichlorophenoxyacetic acid, under the Agency's reregistration program. EPA's decision document concluded that 2,4-D does not present risks of concern to human health when users follow 2,4-D product instructions as outlined in EPA's 2,4-D Reregistration Eligibility Decision document.

A U.S. Department of Agriculture study concluded that the loss of 2,4-D would cost the United States economy \$1.7 billion in higher food production and weed control expenses.

The Agency's announcement and release of the RED on 2,4-D completed a 17-year EPA review process. 2,4-D is a phenoxy herbicide discovered 60 years ago and is used worldwide for a wide variety of applications in agricultural, non-crop, residential and aquatic settings. The Agency concluded that acute and short-term margins of exposure for homeowner applications of 2,4-D to lawns were "not of concern."

Over the course of 17 years,

the Industry Task Force II on 2,4-D Research Data developed and submitted to EPA more than 300 Good Laboratory Practice toxicology, environmental and residue studies which EPA scientists reviewed to assess the herbicide's safety under the Federal Insecticide Fungicide and Rodenticide Act and the Food Quality Protection Act.

Task Force members hold technical 2,4-D FIFRA registrations and include Dow AgroSciences (U.S.), Nufarm (Australia), Agro-Gor, a U.S. corporation jointly owned by Atanor, S.A. and PBI Gordon.

"The EPA's assessment of the human and environmental scientific data reinforces a growing number of regulatory decisions and expert reviews that conclude the use of 2,4-D according to product instructions does not present an unacceptable risk to human health or the environment," says Don Page, assistant executive director of the Industry Task Force II on 2,4-D Research Data.

"EPA's comprehensive findings are consistent with decisions of other authorities such as the World Health Organization, Health Canada, European Commission and recent studies by the U.S. National Cancer Institute on 2,4-D."

EPA's RED assessment included

a review of animal and human data, the latter in the form of epidemiology studies (the study of the incidence of disease in populations). EPA states, "The Agency has twice recently reviewed epidemiological studies linking cancer to 2,4-D. In the first review, completed January 14, 2004, EPA concluded there is no additional evidence that would implicate 2,4-D as a cause of cancer. The second review of available epidemiological studies occurred in response to comments received during the Phase 3 Public Comment Period for the 2,4-D RED. EPA's report, dated December 8, 2004 and authored by EPA Scientist Jerry Blondell, Ph.D., found that none of the more recent epidemiological studies definitively linked human cancer cases to 2,4-D."

2,4-D, one of the most widely used herbicides in the United States and worldwide, is applied to crops such as wheat, corn, rice, soybeans, potatoes, sugar cane, pome fruits, stone fruits and nuts. It controls invasive species in aquatic areas and federally protected areas and broadleaf weeds in turf grass.

An economic evaluation by the U.S. Department of Agriculture concluded that the loss of 2,4-D would cost the U.S. economy \$1.7 billion annually in higher food production and weed control expenses.

CT SUPERINTENDENTS FEEL THE HEAT

GCSAA golf course superintendent Al Adaskaveg says the summer of 2005 has been heaven for his wife. "She loves the heat and beach, so this is the best summer ever," said Adaskaveg, superintendent at Rockledge Country Club, Hartford, Conn.

But for Adaskaveg and his fellow superintendents, heaven isn't the exactly the right word. In an article for the Hartford Courant, Bruce Berlet, staff writer, chronicled the difficulties faced by golf course superintendents in the Northeast.

"This has been the season from hell for superintendents," said Rich Crowe, the pro at the public course in West Hartford. "They have always had to work hard, but they've had to go extra hard this year. I feel sorry for them."

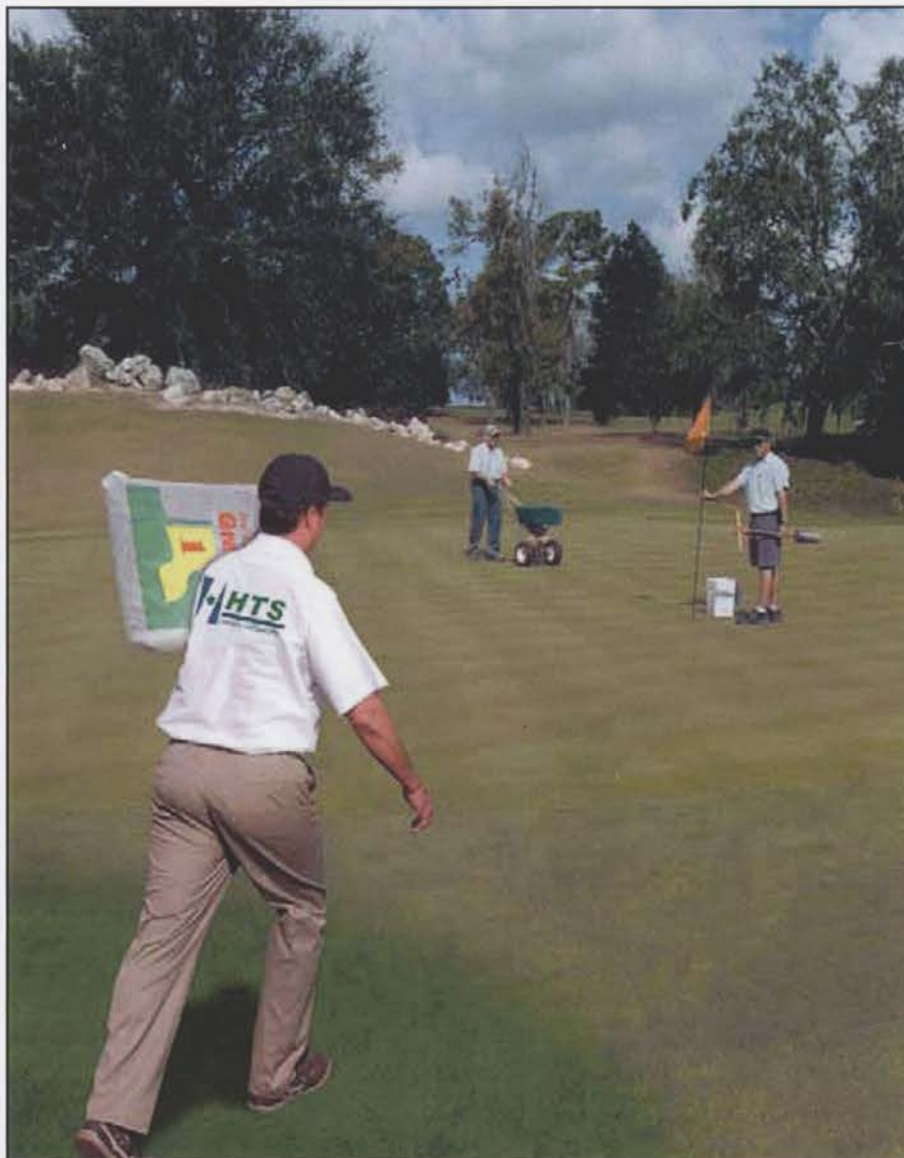
Twenty days of 90-degree heat - compared with six at this point last year - have caused numerous problems for those who try to keep courses in good condition.

Superintendents have worked overtime just to try to maintain what they have, but some courses have had to go to temporary tees and greens after losing more than 50 percent of the turf. That has led to increased maintenance costs and a loss of pro shop revenue because of a 5-percent to 10-percent reduction in rounds played, fewer lessons and less practice range use.

"We're pulling our hair out trying to keep grass or turf alive," Adaskaveg said.

Berlet also talked to several other areas superintendents about the effect of the heat."

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JASON HENDERSON

Jason Henderson recently joined the Department of Plant Science at the University of Connecticut. Dr. Henderson earned his Ph.D. degree from Michigan State University in Crop and Soil Science specializing in the physical properties of turfgrass soils.

Jason developed a passion for turfgrass science while completing his Bachelors of Science 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 Master of Science (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.



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Wayne Urban, President

It's two days after "Katrina" has hit the Gulf Coast area and suddenly all my problems whether real or perceived seem insignificant. It literally has been an emotional gut-wrenching few days watching the video coverage of this horrific storm. I was going to go into a long tirade about the scorching, long humid summer we have all experienced but I'm sure we have all heard enough

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The President's Message

about it from members, peers, etc. It certainly did kick us in the butt! I'm also sure that everyone in this business has a bevy of horror stories either from their own experience or from their neighbors down the road. Well it's going to give us some stories to trade back and forth over the next few months. Send along your stories and solutions to our editor so that we might share them with our membership.

We all know what we need to do to get back into the ball game and before you know it we'll be blowing leaves around and freezing our butts off. I wish everybody a speedy recovery and hopefully we'll be in line for an early frost.

Finally I'm guessing that this will be my final "President's Message". I'm basically a lame duck (among other things) and your next series of "words of wisdom" will come from Keith Angilly. Along with John Motycka we're basically the last of the old breed that has run its course within CAGCS. I thought I did a fairly good job while in this position and I hope that my legacy will prove that out.

There is some great young talent that will move up within the organization very soon so I am confident that CAGCS will only become stronger

in the future. Thanks to everyone who served during my reign – you made my job very easy.

Thank you Mary Jo Kennedy – you're the best!

Congratulations to Eric Morrison on his recent marriage to the former Cynthia Driscoll.

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