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ANNUAL MEETING AT ROCK RIDGE CC

The results of the election of Officers and Directors held November 1, 2006 for the upcoming year are as follows:

- President
Keith A. Angilly, Mill River CC
- Vice President
Christian P. Mauro, Highfield CC
- Secretary
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Three Directors were elected to serve two-year terms:

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- Scott Ramsay – The Course at Yale, Government Relations

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The Board of Directors and Members of the Connecticut Association of Golf Course Superintendents, wish to thank the members of Rock Ridge CC, and host Superintendent Peter Sermini for hosting our annual meeting.



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Keith Angilly, President

The President's Message

our monthly meetings. Our Invitational and S&R tournaments were both well attended and successful events.

We have made significant changes in running the Association finances. In much the same way we used to have an office in one of our member's basement, we have always had our financial operation being take care of at the office of whoever was the Treasurer at the time. Now, the financial recordkeeping system is centralized in the main office.

We are also erecting a firm wall between Scholarship and Research and the operating budget, insuring that every dollar donated to S&R stays there. We have also made significant improvements to the website, developing relationships with allied associations, and have established an employment committee to help clubs with there hiring practices.

Looking forward, I hope to continue to

improve and strengthen the areas I have mentioned. I would like to thank the Board Members for their support throughout my first year as President. We have had some lively meetings and the exchange of ideas that occurs makes our Association a better one. I would also like to thank Les Kennedy for stepping up to be our chapter delegate to the GCSAA. Les has been a mentor to me for all things GCSAA, and I appreciate his help.

Finally, moving on to the more important Kennedy, I would like thank Mary Jo Kennedy for all of her efforts as our Executive Secretary. She is the glue that keeps everything in our Association running smoothly.

Lastly, I would like to wish all of our Members a Happy and Safe Holiday Season!

Good luck,
Keith Angilly

The 2006 season was a very good one for our Association. Despite rising costs and shrinking budgets, our organization remains very active and financially sound. As a Board, we have tried to hold the line on meeting costs, so that all of our members would be able to attend

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Al Adaskaveg, Rockledge CC

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Green Solutions, LLC
Michael Lodice,
Gainfield Farms GC
Dennis Petruzzelli,
Metro Turf Specialists

2nd Net: Peter Sermini, Rock Ridge CC
Michael Moran, The Course at Yale
Peter Burnham, Heritage Village CC

Kicker #1: Scott Lund, Mill River CC
John Callahan, Cardinals, Inc.
Keith Angilly, Mill River CC
Bob Goglia, Syngenta

Kicker #2: Heather Garvin,
Bob Welch, Connecticut GC
Dennis DeSanctis, Syngenta

Closest to the Pin #5: Sean Flynn,
Great River GC
Closest to the Pin #9: Skip Deubel,
Tuckahoe Turf Farms, Inc.
Closest to the Line: Bob Chalifour,
Holliston Sand
Longest Putt #7: Bob Chalifour,
Holliston Sand
Longest Putt #2: Dennis Petruzzelli,
Metro Turf Specialists
Longest Drive: Sean Flynn,
Great River GC

**THE WORD GREEN
IN GOLF**

By the USGA Green Section Staff

A good deal of confusion surrounds the use of the word green in proper golf terminology. Should one use "green fee" or "greens fee?" Is it "greenkeeper" or a "greenskeeper?" Exactly what area does the word "green" pertain to on a golf course? And is it the "USGA Green Section" or the "USGA Greens Section?"

Green is a noun and has two proper golf

meanings. The first meaning is chiefly of Scottish origin. It simply defines all territory of a golf course, or all areas outside the confines of the clubhouse. Thus, it can be used in relation to all outdoor areas of a golf course. The second meaning, most readily known to modern audiences, means the area of short grass surrounding a hole, i.e. the putting green. This area is generally mown and rolled to the smoothest possible texture. In keeping with the first meaning, a greenkeeper is someone whose responsibilities entail maintaining all areas of the golf course outside the clubhouse. The term was changed to golf course superintendent in the United States several decades ago.

In most cases of using the word green in golf terminology, the use should be singular. Green fee, greenkeeper, green committee, and USGA Green Section are all correct uses. One final word on this subject. Green, in proper golf terminology, does NOT refer to any particular color found on a golf course. It only applies to areas or regions of a golf course.

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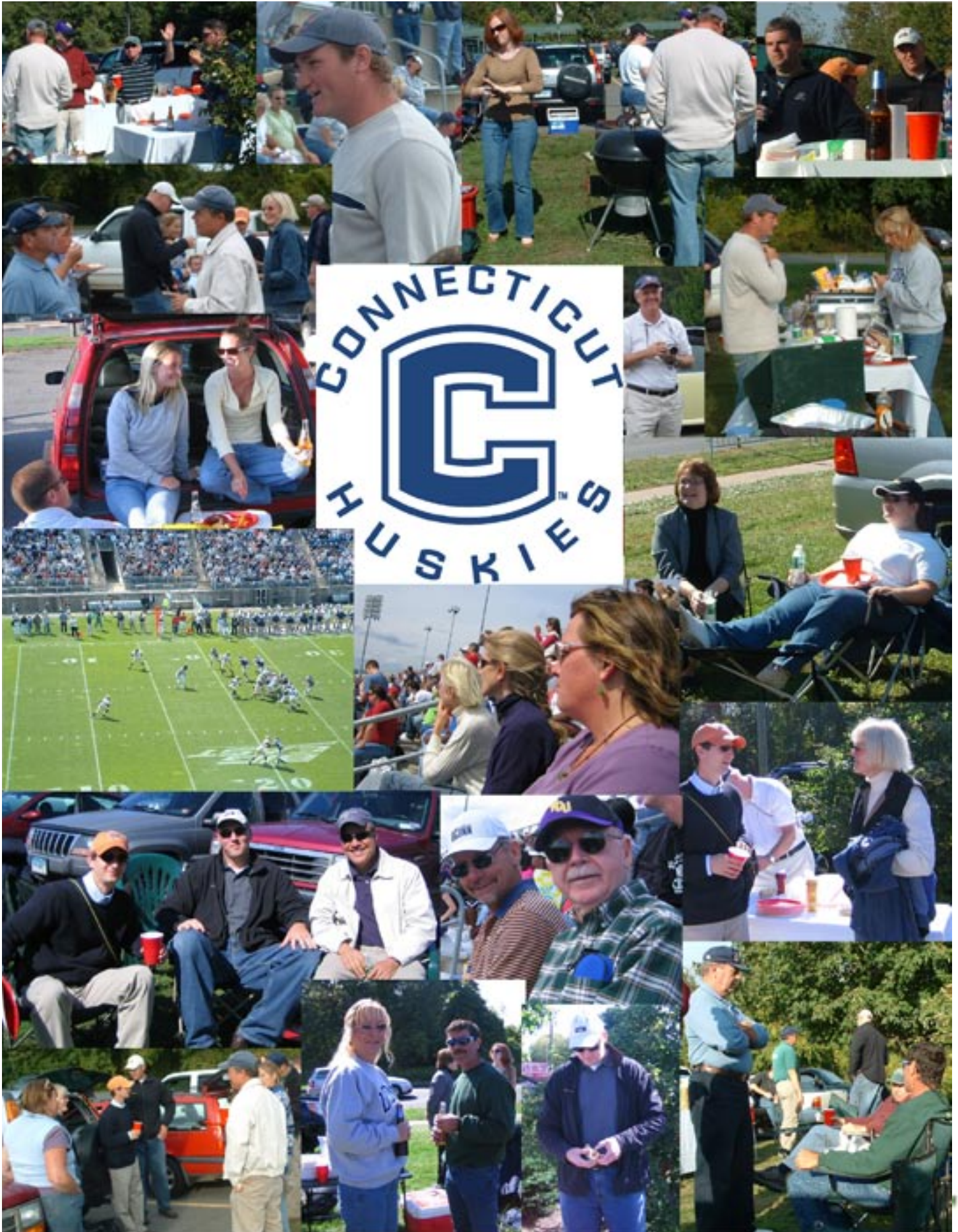
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UCONN vs. NAVY - September 30, 2006





Grass Catcher

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Willimantic Country Club

William Goewey, Jr., Class SM
Sharon Country Club

Michael Zwick, Class C
Ellington Ridge County Club

Condolences

Condolences to Cindy Johnson on the passing of her father Everett Richard Johnson.

Congratulations

To Cynthia & Eric Morrison on the birth of their daughter, Shelby Ann Morrison, born on 9/13/2006 7 lbs.. 7 oz.

Best Wishes

Best Wishes and a speedy recovery to Steve Curry on his recent surgery.

A Special Thank You!

To Bob Lippman, Jr. of Westchester Turf Supply, winner of \$250.00 from the Scholarship and Research Tournament raffle, who generously donated his winnings back to the S & R Scholarship fund.

Calendar

Tuesday, January 23, 2007 CAGCS Winter Seminar, Hawthorne Inn.
February 19-24 GCSAA Conference & Show, Anaheim, CA.
March 5-8 NERTC, Providence, RI.

Note

SEND YOUR SAMPLES to Support Dollar Spot Research

Funded by the New England Regional Turfgrass Foundation, Syngenta Crop Protection and the United States Golf Association, researchers at the University of Connecticut are investigating various aspects of managing dollar spot. Research will focus on improving fungicide efficacy through the proper selection of nozzle-types (see the June 2006 issue of GCM for more information) as well as through unconventional application timings.

In addition to developing improved management strategies, researchers will seek to determine the importance and scope of pathogen resistance to fungicides commonly used to control dollar spot. To participate in this component of the project, please send dollar spot samples from fairways and/or greens to the University of Connecticut (dollar spot samples submitted during the study will not be charged a diagnostic fee).

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What Are Those Rings?

By Keith Happ, Senior Agronomist
December 1, 2006

Calls have been coming into the Pittsburgh office questioning the appearance of yellow rings on fairway turf and greens. The symptoms have been reported on a wide variety of close-cut golf course turf. As has been stated many times, the best way to get to the bottom of the issue is to send a sample to a diagnostic laboratory to confirm the exact cause of the problem before any corrective procedures are enacted. The yellowing rings observed in the Pittsburgh area are *Rhizoctonia cerealis*, also known as *Rhizoctonia Yellow Patch* or *Cool Season Brown Patch*. This particular organism is a fairly common occurrence at this time of year, and the recent cool, moist weather provides perfect conditions for this organism to proliferate. The disease symptoms can occur suddenly and can be damaging to *Poa annua*. Efforts should be made to control the infection in important play areas before we get to winter weather as damaged turf will be slow to heal. Most superintendents have or are about to implement measures to control winter diseases such as pink (*Microdochium Patch*) and gray (*Typhula spp*) snow molds. Most of the products used to control snow molds will also offer control of Cool Season *Rhizoctonia*.

As always, if the Mid-Atlantic Region agronomists can be of assistance, contact Stan Zontek (szontek@usga.org) or Darin Bevard (dbevard@usga.org) at 610-558-9066 or Keith Happ (khap0p@usga.org) at 412-341-5922.

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MEET BOB RUSZALA

Look around the room when you visit the Nor'easter Hospitality Get Together at the GCSAA Conference in Anaheim, CA. People are conversing, eating, drinking, sitting and standing. What a great place to go and socialize. One person however is doing all that and a lot more.

Meet Bob Ruzala our host chairman. As you enjoy the evening greeting old friends and meeting new ones, Bob is watching out that the hotel meets its' obligations. Is the room adequate (you never know exactly how many will attend) is the food served as ordered, are there enough servers, are there enough bartenders, and oh yes, are the bartenders skimming?

Now five years into this, the seasoned golfcoursesuperintendent (22 years) of Hickory Ridge GC in Amherst, Massachusetts has contacted the Hilton hotel in Anaheim. The Nor'easter room is planned way ahead of the event and ready to go. Back in August when no one wants to think about anything but their golf course, Bob is on the phone negotiating with a hotel rep to organize a get together for nine golf course superintendent associations.

A couple of years ago the UMASS Stockbridge alumnae decided to host a similar event. Oops, conflict, not anymore. Chairman Bob straightened that out. Bob has assured me that the UMASS event will be held from 5-6PM and the Nor'easter will be 6-10 PM. Both will be held in the Hilton, GCSA headquarters hotel on Thursday, February 22, 2007

The payment of the Nor'easter room is based upon the amount spent. At Orlando which had a large crowd there was a discrepancy as to the amount of liquor sales. The hotel rep claimed that our group was below their quota by a few hundred dollars and would have to pay a whopping \$2,500 more for the room. Undaunted, Bob challenged the rep, and was able to show that the bartenders were skimming. "Just



look at the wad of bills that they are claiming as tips", Bob exclaimed! Paper work from past Nor'easter functions were enough to pull in the reins on this potential expensive problem. Bob went on to caution the hotel rep that their employees by not using cash registers were probably costing them thousands of dollars each year. Who else would have thought to bring along a paper trail?

In addition to the nine associations that contribute proportionately to the Nor'easter Room several companies have signed on as Friends to help with the expenses. This is an expensive endeavor, partly due to the 27 1/2 % taxes and gratuity that is added to the bill. If you wish to contribute please contact Bob Ruzala at Hickory Ridge GC.

Bob, on behalf of everyone, thank you for all your work and diligence, in making the Nor'easter Room a premier event.

Participating associations are:

- Connecticut Association of GCS
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WHERE DOES THE TIME GO... CAN IT BE 10 YEARS ALREADY?

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The New England Regional Turfgrass Conference and Show is preparing to celebrate its 10th annual show this upcoming March. Over this time much has happened all over the world on grass and especially in the world of golf. Tiger Woods had turned pro in 1996 and won his first major event at the April 1997 Masters, since then he has won 11 more majors! Quite an achievement we all agree! After 86 years the Red Sox finally did it in 2004! The U.S. finally won another Ryder Cup in our own backyard at The Country Club in Brookline. The roars of Justin Leonard's 75 foot clinching putt and the memories Payne Stewart's last major public appearance will always accentuate that great event in 1999, and ease the pain of Ryder Cup shutouts since!

But, here in New England since the first New England Regional Turfgrass Conference and Show in 1998, certainly we have much to be proud of and to applaud! First, we have one of the most successful Regional conferences and trade shows in the United States. Our show is among the top three regional events, if not the best in the country. Each year we receive many compliments from several individuals who

attend many shows across the country to tell us that N.E. is the best! The quality of our education conference program continues to attract individuals across the northeast and outside the region. Our list of past keynote speakers is like a list of who's who that has a connection to teamwork on grass! And the list of memorable events over the 10 years associated with the show is priceless.

The question that comes to my mind is: how has the Conference and Show helped the turfgrass industry in New England? Here are three ways I feel, you may have more! First, with 10 years of promoting, networking and educating of the industry at the show, turfgrass professionals have been informed, taught, and shared a lot of information over these years. All of the top educators and many of our best colleagues in the industry have shared valuable turf management information to thousands of our peers. Second, the trade show has allowed companies across the globe to display their goods and again thousands of industry professionals have taken advantage of the opportunities on the trade show floor. These same companies have sponsored many of our events to help expand the list of spotlighted activities that occur during the show. The list includes our trade show lunch and early morning refreshments, to our keynotes and receptions, as well as others. Not to mention all the sponsors of our silent and live auctions. With many generous

donations they have helped to make these events a true success. Thirdly, with the proceeds of all our conference and show activities going back into the industry in the form of funding research projects and related needs; the turfgrass industry has seen a renewed commitment of the universities towards their turf programs. We have seen new hires at UConn, UMass and URI in turf to replace open positions or to create new ones! School administrators have been involved and are interested in our activities. Hundreds of thousands of dollars have been directed at the schools for several research projects that have helped to benefit turfgrass managers in many ways. University support seems to be increasing in many ways including more diagnostic capabilities, turf intern placement, field day promotion, information exchange and more and more.

So, ten years has gone by quickly, but not without success. The best part of it all has been the friends we have made along the way, and the ability to help make the industry better. Thank you all for your support, commitment, and suggestions. Let's all enjoy where we have come from, but continue to keep our eyes on the horizon together as more opportunities come our way! You know it's what Tiger will be doing!

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