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DISTINGUISHED MEMBER OF THE YEAR ~ JOHN GARCIA

This Year's Distinguished Member of the year got started in the golf industry at age 15, and it has remained in his blood ever since. His family refers to him as a true "turf nerd" who loves to help anyone he can, always trying to expand his knowledge and pass it along to anyone who will listen.

His wife also mentions that throughout his career, he has always stayed true to himself. Believing that if you don't like or agree with something, don't just complain, do something about it! And that virtue has proudly been passed on to his children and others around him.



*Distinguished Member Of The Year
John Garcia*

This individual cares greatly for our association, and has worked hard to further his profession, putting his heart and soul into his work and the golf industry. Tackling each task with passion, energy and professionalism, this member has been involved in:

- The First Tee program
- Government relations
- Testifying in Hartford, meeting with lobbyist and legislators
- Countless hours assisting with the CT (CAGCS) Board of Directors
- Serving as a Board Member & President
- Developing a new vendor sponsorship program

The person who nominated this member commented that, it was inspiring to see how well he has transitioned through a significant career change...Moving from "gee, what do I do now", to "ok, what's next" with admirable grace. They also pointed out that although this individual could now easily sit back and enjoy his time as Past President, instead he has chosen to take on "new" projects and continues to be a tremendous resource to any Board member in need....Always a willing volunteer because he truly cares and

enjoys investing his time to improve the association.

Despite the fact that his wife's only wish is that his turf expertise could carry over to their own lawn...

This member is a great representative for our association, our industry and his family.

It is an honor to present this year's Distinguished Member award to John Garcia.

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Mark Mansur

2012...A Year to Remember... and Never Forget

Just when you think we couldn't top the weather in 2011, the golf season of 2012 provided us with a challenging array of weather that all of us would soon like to forget. Prepping our courses for the winter creates a busy enough schedule, but cleaning up trees, and in some cases, removing un-wanted salt water after a hurricane (Sandy), are some other reasons why we are true professionals who rise to meet these challenges year in and year out.

The CAGCS event calendar started for us in January with the Winter Seminar being held at the Mystic Marriott for the first time, and included a terrific lineup of speakers and a great number of attendees. We will look forward to continuing another fantastic education program when the 2013 Winter Seminar returns to the Mystic Marriott on January 15th. Our social calendar for 2012 continued on August 26th, when members and their families celebrated our Annual Family Day at Lake Compounce. And after

The President's Message

another challenging golf season, we always look forward to our Annual Christmas Party that will be held on December 6th at J. Timothy's Tavern in Plainville.

Our golf meeting calendar kicked off in April with a traditional return to Norwich Golf Course, where host Superintendent Bruce Morse treated a great number of attendees to a beautiful day. In May, we visited host, Mike Decker at Clinton Country Club for our Annual Scholarship and Research Tournament, and although the weather wasn't ideal, the golf course was in fantastic shape. The first round of the CAGCS championship took place in June at Wethersfield Country Club, where host Superintendent, Alan Woodward, provided a fantastic venue. In July, Wintonbury Hills Golf Course, and your President, Mark Mansur, provided the site for the Annual Benevolent Fundraiser and the second round of the CAGCS Championship. In August, we were treated to The Golf Course at Yale, where our host Superintendent and Board member, Scott Ramsay, provided the site for our Member-Guest Tournament. Our last golf meeting, was held in October at Redding Country Club, where Superintendent Brett Chapin hosted the Superintendent/ Assistant tournament. I would like to thank all of these Superintendents for hosting our Association and providing terrific venues for all of us to enjoy.

Throughout 2012, CAGCS Board of Directors held meetings in which we discussed and deliberated over many issues that concerned the Association and its membership. We are pleased to announce that we do continue to sit on solid financial footing, and have presented a budget without a dues increase for the fifth straight year.

Once again our Association member's commitment and dedication to the legislative process helped golf courses become exempt from yet another bill aimed at eliminating fertilizers and plant protectants that our industry professionals rely on for maintaining healthy turf. Golf Courses will be exempt from a phosphorous ban in the Phosphate Bill titled SB 254. We would like to thank all that participated in the legislative process by calling, emailing, and sending letters to our Legislators. As well, we owe a huge debt of gratitude to Scott Ramsay, John Garcia, and our lobbyist Michael Dugan, who all played a part in navigating us through this exemption status.

I would also like to thank the Board of Directors for all the work and leadership that each one provides in maintaining Connecticut as the Association that all others want to emulate. As well, a very special thank you to all our commercial members for volunteering their time, sharing their energy, and providing financial support that helps keep our meetings affordable and enjoyable.

As it has been said for over ten years now, I would like to especially thank our Executive Secretary, Mary Jo Kennedy for all of her hard work, patience and fortitude in keeping the Board of Directors organized as well as providing our membership the valuable information that allows everyone to become "devoted to sharing knowledge and experience for better turf".

Finally, as we reflect on our own professions and lives that provide us with certain challenges, please do not forget those in Sandy Hook, Connecticut that suffered immeasurable loss. Let us find ways to help that community and others in 2013. "No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted." - Aesop

All the best,
Mark

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2012 CAGCS ANNUAL MEETING SUMMATION

On Thursday, November 15, 2012, the CAGCS hosted its annual meeting at the Hawthorne Inn. Due to Super Storm Sandy, the event was moved from its November 1st scheduled date, which was to be held at The Pine Orchard Yacht and Country Club. Hopefully all of the courses affected by this tremendous storm are well on their way to recovery. Even though the nine hole scramble was wiped out, almost fifty people still made it to the Hawthorne for the meeting. During the course of the meeting, it was noted that there will be no dues increase for the 5th consecutive year. CAGCS' new partner sponsorship package was introduced and discussed. Government relations successes were highlighted, including Golf Day in Hartford and legislative work done in regards to the proposed phosphorous ban and statewide preemption on pesticide applications. The 2013 Winter Seminar was discussed, and all the previous year's events were highlighted.

Under new business, the following officer elections occurred:

Mark B. Mansur – President
Donald Beck – Vice President
Paul Bonini, CGCS – Treasurer
Eric S. Morrison, CGCS – Secretary

Elected to serve two-year terms as Directors:

Scott Ramsay, CGCS
Peter Gorman
Marc Weston, CGCS

Melissa Gulgiotti was elected to serve as the Commercial Representative to the Board for 2013.

In conclusion, the Board would like to thank all of the sponsors of our various events in 2012, and individuals who assisted with registration, etc. throughout the year. It is duly noted that all of the board members thank Mary Jo Kennedy for all of her hard work, passion, and dedication to the association. She keeps all of us in line and we all sincerely appreciate what she does for us and CAGCS.

Eric Morrison, CGCS
Secretary

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Doug Snyder, Class SM
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of Willow Brook GC, on the birth of their daughter, Jadya Bliss, 7 lbs., 3 oz., 18 inches on Thursday, October 11th.

Dan and Samantha Rogers, Wykagyl Country Club, on the birth of their daughter, Abigail Julie Ann, 8 lbs. 14 oz on Friday, October 12th.

To Kerry and Jonathan Charpinsky, Superintendent at the Golf Club of Avon, on the birth of their son, Jacob David, 9 lbs, 3 oz. and 20.5 inches on October 26, 2012.

Ed and Christina Downing, New England Specialty Soils, on the birth of their daughter, Gianna Alexa, 7 lbs., 8 oz on Sunday, October 28th.

Michelle DaCosta and John Inguagiato on the birth of their son, Lucas Costa Inguagiato, 7 lbs. 13 oz. and 22.5 inches on November 13, 2012.

Shane Cornicelli & Tara on the birth of their son, Vincent Michael Cornicelli, 8 lbs. 7oz on January 18, 2013.

To David Golembeski on accepting the position of Superintendent at Pomperaug Golf Course in Southbury, CT.

To Bryan Barrington, GC at Oxford Greens, who was selected as one of 25 golf course superintendents to participate in the Syngenta Business Institute.

To Roy Sibley on his retirement from the Chas. C. Hart Seed Co. after 35 years.

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Deadline for requesting an application is Friday, April 5, 2013

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- Connecticut Golf Course Superintendents Association
- Long Island Golf Course Superintendents Association
- Metropolitan Golf Course Superintendents Association
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MEET EAST HADDAM'S NEW FIRE CHIEF: SHAWN DAIGLE

EastHaddam-KillingworthPatch
July 20, 2012
By Barbi Batchelder

We talked with the new chief about his family legacy, his experience and how he spends his off-duty time rooting for the Red Sox and flying.

It runs in the family...

Firefighting and public service has run in Daigle's family for generations. His late grandfather (on his mother's side) Howard Begley, Sr. was a World War II veteran who fought in and around the New Guinea area.

A year or two after he returned from the war, he was hired by his hometown of New Britain, where he spent the next 35 years as a firefighter before retiring as Captain of Engine Company #7.

Begley then continued his service to the city as a Fire Commissioner until he regrettably stepped down, shortly before his death in 2008.

Daigle's father, Gregg Daigle, had volunteered with the Pratt & Whitney Fire Brigade in Middletown for 25 years. His mother, Kathy Daigle has been a school nurse for the town of East Haddam for over 25 years.

And, the family's legacy doesn't stop there. Daigle's older brother, Patrick, recently joined the Madison Valley Rural Fire Department in Ennis, Montana. Three of his uncles are New Britain police officers, one of which has gone on to be a Judicial Marshal for the State of Connecticut.

Experience...

"I'm pretty pumped to be the new East Haddam Fire Chief, and it's been a goal of mine since I first entered the department 13 years ago," Daigle said.

"I never thought this would happen so soon though, as certain ranks typically come with age in the fire service. I consider myself very lucky to be the Chief at only 31 years old."

Daigle joined the East Haddam Volunteer Fire Department as a Junior Firefighter during his senior year in high school, back in 1999.

"I was limited as to some of the duties I was able to perform, but was as active as possible," Daigle explained.

"While I was a Junior Firefighter, I became certified as a State Firefighter-1 after training at the Eastern Connecticut Fire School in Willimantic."

Remaining active for all four years while he attended college at UMass Amherst, he was elected as Lieutenant at the end of his junior year.

Upon graduating from college in 2004, Daigle



Shawn Daigle

completed Firefighter-2 training. He was elected Captain in 2005.

"That made my grandfather extremely proud," Daigle said.

"I continued attending a variety of classes and seminars between then and now, completing my Fire Instructor-1 and Fire Officer-1 certifications, back-to-back between September 2010 and April 2011. My parents raised me to be a hard-worker and a go-getter, so I'm always striving to learn more and push myself to new levels. I guess I've

been raised under the notion that with some hard work and dedication, there's not much that can't be accomplished, all in good time of course." Daigle remarked.

When he's not working...

The new chief has a few hobbies outside of his responsibilities with the fire department (believe it, or not!). When he's not on duty, Daigle loves the outdoors, especially hiking and fishing. He's a big fan of the Red Sox and likes to play golf, which is no surprise, since his full-time "paid" job is as Superintendent of the Fox-Hopyard Golf Course in East Haddam.

Daigle is also a licensed pilot, stating that he loves "anything aviation" and enjoys flying small straight-wing aircraft in his spare time.

The complete list of newly elected officers and responsibilities for the EHVFD:

- Chief:** Shawn Daigle
- Deputy Chief:** Michael Cooley
- Captain:** Marty Bogue, Apparatus Maintenance
- Captain:** Brian J. Auld, Communications and Personal Protection Equipment
- Captain:** Ray Swol, Department Training Officer
- Lieutenant:** Donald Tyrsek, Rescue 1-15
- Lieutenant:** Bryan Kane, Ladder 7-15
- Lieutenant:** Kevin Ruttly, Engine 2-15
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in East Haddam. Angersola is currently the Fire Marshall for the Town of East Haddam, as well as maintaining his other full-time job as Building Inspector for the Town of Bristol.

A final note from the Chief: "New members are always welcome."

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GROWING TEE-UP NEW ENGLAND!

In 2011, the NERTF kicked off a new fundraising initiative inviting all golf courses to participate by simply donating a round of golf for a foursome. Calling it Tee-Up New England!, the title encourages golfers to get out on the course and tee it up. The initiative must include the whole of the golfing community to be successful. The donation must come through the superintendents! The word must be passed around to the golfers through all communication channels to create interest. The golfer must show up ready to make a purchase. The foundation must invest in turfgrass researchers to fund approved research projects in New England. The researchers must relay findings back to the turfgrass managers to apply the information to their management procedures. It is a very workable process that could benefit everyone involved. By purchasing the round of golf through an online auction in April, golfers have the opportunity to play at many facilities all over New England and for reduced fees. Some of the courses are exclusive and others are very public. By this simple donation all facilities can equally participate, promote their course and support turfgrass research in New England. Though the funds are generated through the donation, the money comes directly from the golfer. A resource virtually untapped for turfgrass research up until now!

Recently, letters went out to all superintendents in New England inviting them and their clubs to participate in 2013. Meetings and communication have also included state golf associations, asking them to help carry the word to the golfers and promote the effort. They stand at the ready to help pass the word. Our auction dates are set, similar to 2012, our dates will be April 15-22, 2013. We chose the week right after the Masters tournament considering that golfers are enthusiastically making plans for their golfing season. In 2012, the first auction went off without a hitch and purchasers from all over New England registered and took advantage of the opportunity. Was it perfect? No, but we learned much from the first round and we hope to grow it in 2013.

We appreciate the 57 courses that took part in Tee-Up New England in 2012. Though this represented less than 10% participation in New England, it still was a great start and we hope to do better in 2013. This is a simple method to make some substantial funds to help to expand our research efforts in New England. The funds will come from the golfers who are the beneficiary of all turfgrass research. It is about time they paid directly for some of these benefits! This research could be critical to the future of the game of golf and all other sports played on turfgrass as regulators take aim at management products in the industry. All of the funds are donated to the New England Regional Turfgrass Research Trust (NERTRT) and are earmarked only for current or future turfgrass research. Please



take a few minutes and discuss the benefits of turfgrass research with your managers and owners. When you have a chance, explain the initiative to your club officials and how by simply donating a round of golf will promote your facility and help to grow research dollars that could benefit your course at some point. Please, then submit your application to Tee-Up New England and join the effort to help fund turfgrass research here in New England. Lastly, don't forget to tell your golfer friends about Tee-Up New England! Visit www.tee-upnewengland.com for more information and applications.

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By Connell Barrett, Editor-at-Large, GOLF Magazine
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KEEPIN' ON: DeGrandi says he's calm on the surface, but "paddling furiously down below."

This is my 20th year as the superintendent here, going back to the Greater Hartford Open. Tournament week, I get about four hours of sleep per night. I'm up at 3:30 a.m. with my two yellow labs. I sleep in a separate room to give my wife some quiet. Pressure? I'm like a duck: Calm on the surface, paddling furiously down below. Tour players are tremendously demanding. They want firm, fast, hard conditions, because a tough course eliminates weaker players.

Something cool happened when Bubba Watson won here [in 2010]. We had a three-man playoff with Bubba, Corey Pavin and Scott Verplank -- the longest driver on Tour, the shortest driver, and an average-length guy. Now that's a fair course!

The pros have no problem telling me their complaints: the sand is too soft, the trees aren't pruned correctly. A few years back, there was this Tour winner -- sorry, no names -- who drove it into a fairway bunker, and his ball ended up next to a small rake mark. He had a fit, saying, "He should be fired," talking about the maintenance kid who raked the bunker. I'm not gonna fire a kid for that. I wanted to say, "Look, it's a bunker -- it's not supposed to be perfect. Don't hit it there in the first place." [Laughs]

Players are demanding, but my real boss is Mother Nature. This week, we're dealing with record heat in the upper 90s. The grass is bent-poa. It gets heat stress. We take the course to the edge to get the fast, firm conditions the pros want. It's all about decreasing water, but you have to be careful, because if you kill the roots then you have dead grass the rest of the year. You can't maintain Tour conditions for much longer than a week. The course is like a marathon runner. We train for three months, and this week we push it to the limit, almost to failure.



Tom DeGrandi, TPC River Highlands

Storms are my biggest stressor. If torrential rain comes in, then all our work? Done. Gone. If we get four inches of rain, then we're out there for hours shoveling sand, getting water off the course, squeegeeing greens. No question -- gimme the heat over rain.

The pros like the layout. It's scoreable, with soft greens and wide fairways. Sure, 16-under might win, but you still have to go shoot 16-under. The course won't give it to you. Not every week is the U.S. Open, otherwise all the players would be in therapy.

Doing this tournament must be what grandparents feel like when the grandkids come over. Grandma loves to see them arrive -- and she can't wait to see them leave, to get her house back. I love it when the fans get here, and I love it when they leave.

When the week's over, I get my bed back. No more bachelor life for me.



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The CAGCS Winter Seminar was held at the MysticMarriott on Tuesday, January 15, 2013, with overwhelming support from the membership and vendors. Our sincere appreciation goes to the 180 members who attended, as well as the vendors who participated, selling out the new spacious area for vendor tables. Many of our speakers traveled from as far as Minnesota, North Carolina, New Jersey, and Rhode Island to spend the day with us. The program was filled with great presentations that provided valuable information on professional development and current agronomic issues.

The morning session opened with Stephen Keating's presentation on "360-Degree Leadership." Stephen addressed the membership with the value of being a leader instead of being a manager. He shared his lifelong experiences, both positive and negative, to help us look at ourselves and consider how we can make changes to become strong leaders. He stressed the importance of making yourself available to everyone in the organization and how you can have a positive effect on everyone around you, no matter what your position is at your club. If you are looking for more information on leadership, Stephen recommends reading The 360 Degree Leader by John Maxwell.

Our next speaker was Dr. Bruce Clarke from The State University of New Jersey. He spoke about "Improving Turf Disease Control With Products That Enhance the Plant's Natural Defenses." He talked about fungicides that contain either SAR (Systemic Acquire Resistance) or ISR (Induced Systemic Resistance), which can stimulate the plant's natural defenses to fight diseases. SAR and ISR have no direct toxicity to fungi, which is why they are not stand-alone products during high disease pressure and should be used in a solid disease management program. Application of products containing SAR or ISR has been shown to suppress diseases such as dollar spot, anthracnose, summer patch, pythium blight and snow mold.

Michael Dugan, our lobbyist, provided an update on legislative issues we have addressed this past year. For example, a ban of the use of phosphorus at golf courses was introduced in 2012. Through our collective efforts, however, golf courses were granted a complete exemption on the phosphorus ban. Michael also gave us another tool on how we can help in the future, called "Find your Representative." To use it, go to cga.ct.gov, click House or Senate, click Find your Legislator, put in your street address, and your Representatives, Senators, and Congresspersons will come up. Knowing who

represents you at the state level will be valuable as new issues come up in the future.

Later in the day, Dr. Clarke spoke again on "Controlling Summer Patch with Sound Cultural and Chemical Practices." Summer patch takes 6 to 8 weeks to decay the root system. This soil fungus needs to be controlled before it can be visually seen as a problem. The best way to control this disease is to monitor soil temperatures in the spring. Once soil temperatures are at 65 degrees for a week at 1 to 2 inches, you should apply your first application for summer patch. Fungicide rates and frequency will vary depending on your game plan to control the fungus, but should be done into August to suppress this disease. When spraying a fungicide, using 2 to 4 gallons of water per 1,000 square feet as a carrier has been shown to help to control summer patch. Cultural practices used to help this disease are to aerify, to improve drainage, and to raise the height of cut. Ammonium sulfate and Sulfur Coated Urea helps lower your pH, which will have a positive effect. For more information on Dr. Clarke's keys to control summer patch, visit <http://www.turf.rutgers.edu/>.

The afternoon sessions began with Dr. Lane Tredway's presentation on the "Myths and Misconceptions about Pythium Diseases." Pythium is blight and not a fungus. It occurs on all turfgrass types, and there are over 30 species. Symptoms develop in patches and are spread through mowers, traffic, and water. Conditions that lead to the disease of pythium root rot are mowing heights below .140, traffic, soil compaction, shade, poor air circulation, and poor drainage. Improving these conditions and implementing a preventive spray program will help control the severity of pythium on your turf.

Next Dr. Nathaniel Mitkowski discussed "Deciphering Nematode Counts & Managing

Nematode Populations Without Nematicur." Courses with nematode problems are having bigger problems than ever. There are 3 types of nematodes: stunt, lance, and root-knot. Stunt is the most common, and lance is the most destructive to turfgrass. With nematodes, no two courses are the same, and no two greens are the same, so testing should be done if you believe you have a problem. Early sampling is critical to minimizing the damage of nematodes by setting thresholds for your course. If you know you have nematode issues, keeping roots healthy by keeping pathogens away is extremely important. If you believe you are having a nematode problem, you can contact Dr. Mitkowski at mitkowski@uri.edu to have soil testing done.

Dr. Tredway presented "Fungicide Resistance: Can It Be Prevented?" to finish the day. Due to their site-specific nature, most modern fungicides are highly prone to the development of fungicide resistance. Dollar spot was one of the first diseases to develop resistance to fungicides. There seem to be two strategies to deal with fungicide resistance. The first is the "all or nothing strategy," which is to spray one product until it doesn't work anymore. The second is the fungicide rotation, which is avoiding spraying the same class of fungicide for too long. Dr. Tredway also shared a rotation strategy that he believed was a better way to approach the issue of resistance.

I would like to thank our speakers for traveling to spend the day with us and sharing their valuable insights. I would also like to thank Kevin Collins and Steve Curry for chairing the two sessions and all of our commercial sponsors who participated in the event, helping make our 2013 CAGCS Winter Seminar a success.

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I am a proud GCSAA member and have been for 30 years. But I never took the opportunity to really find out what went on out in Lawrence, Kansas. Although I never really had a challenge with the direction or decisions there was a time or two when I wondered how was that decision made! After all no one had asked my opinion.

Recently I took the trip to Lawrence as your Delegate to attend the delegates meeting. Call it drinking the Kool-Aid but I was thoroughly impressed with the current leadership, the decisions, the process and the concern that they have for the local chapters. I watched as the delegates from around the country gave their opinions and observations to the GCSAA board, which was immediately noted, considered and at times changed the outcome. The Chapter delegates have the ear of the GCSAA Board and are sensitive to developing stronger chapters. The meeting was truly a conversation; it was not a public hearing without comments of interested parties.

I was further impressed with the professional, business conservative thought processes. The business of golf is tenuous at this time and our leaders are making solid conservative decisions. GCSAA is a smaller more efficient association now, but it is on sound economic footing. We still need to grow membership and certain programs (research and advocacy). GCSAA's goals and the expectations are reasonable and achievable.

One of my big surprises was meeting the staff. Too often my only interaction with GCSAA staff is an impersonal email. It was so nice to put a face with a position or an email. I would like to see more staff available to CAGCS members, whether it is at the Nor Easter or at a monthly meeting. When you meet the folks in Lawrence you know our national association is in great hands (much like CAGCS).

There are several issues coming in the near future that will have a big impact on local chapters. I will keep you posted, they include; chapter affiliation agreements, class A status and dues increases. Please contact me if you have any concerns with "them"... "They" do listen and respond.

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After hearing a number of requests to return the S&R to the fall, we have scheduled the 2013 Scholarship and Research Tournament on Monday, October 21, 2013 at Hartford Golf Club hosted by Jonathan Burke. We are excited about bringing one of our premier golf events to one of the finest golf clubs in New England, and are extremely grateful to Jon and to the members at HGC for offering their facilities for the day. I have already met with Jon to start working on the details, and I am looking forward to another successful event and a beautiful fall day of golf.

I am still looking for volunteers to serve on the S&R committee. These individuals will help review scholarship applications and determine the awards. Members can also volunteer help at monthly meetings and during the S&R Tournament in October. We are also looking for a host for the 2014 S&R Tournament. Interested parties should contact Peter Gorman at Pine Orchard Yacht and Country Club.

Interested parties should contact Peter Gorman, S & R Chairman, 203-483-9948, petegorman@ymail.com.

2013 GOLF SCHEDULE

April 29 Monday	STONINGTON COUNTRY CLUB 2 Ball Shamble Host Superintendent	Michael Marino, CGCS
May 20 Monday	WATERTOWN GOLF CLUB 2 Person Best Ball Superintendent / Assistant Tournament President's Cup & McLaughlin Trophy	Paul Bonini, CGCS Host Superintendent
June 17 Monday	FOX HOPYARD GOLF CLUB Low Gross/Net by Flight 1st Round CAGCS Championship MET Team Championship Qualifier	Richard Marcks, CGCS Shawn Daigle Host Superintendents
July 16 Tuesday	THE GOLF CLUB AT OXFORD GREENS CAGCS Benevolent Fundraiser Low Gross/Net Blind Partners 2nd Round CAGCS Championship New England Team Championship Qualifier	Bryan Barrington Host Superintendent
October 1 Tuesday	FISHERS ISLAND CLUB CAGCS MEMBER/GUEST	Donald Beck Host Superintendent
October 21 Monday	THE HARTFORD GOLF CLUB CAGCS Annual Scholarship & Research Tournament	Jonathan Burke Host Superintendent
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Noel Hall
Ben Newfang
Alex Simpson
William Abbe

Longest Drive:
Adam Schauer

GCSAA NORTHEAST FIELD STAFF UPDATE

The fall is supposed to bring shorter days, more time with friends and family and the rigors of the end-of-the-season shutdown process. For many around the Northeast region this year, that was not the case. As superintendents know all too well, one storm can change plans in a hurry. Super Storm Sandy has accomplished that in a big way. The impact made by one of the largest and strongest storms ever to make landfall in this region will be felt by golf courses for years.

There is no Field Staff protocol for what to do in a situation such as this. I did what I thought was right, get out to see members, find out that they and their staffs were safe, and try and communicate to their colleagues the extent of the damage. Some single facilities incurred tree damage alone that came with a price tag of over one million dollars. And that is just trees. Storm surge and salt water damage were the enemies of those along the shore. From Rhode Island down the coast past New Jersey, shoreline golf properties were inundated with some degree of salt water. Whether it was a few inches of water or parts of a couple of holes, to entire golf courses, maintenance facilities including equipment, no facility that was exposed to the ocean was spared. For more information and pictures, see Golf Course Management's December issue.

If ANY GCSAA MEMBER has been personally affected by Super Storm Sandy it is not too late! Financial resources may be available to you:

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- Are employed at a golf course that sustains substantial damage and may not be a source of employment going forward.

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It has been a pleasure serving as your Field Staff this year. I hope I have been a benefit to you and the Chapter. If I can be of any service, please do not hesitate to contact me.

I wish you and yours had wonderful holiday season, and a New Year filled with green turf, no pests, and happy members. Cheers!

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Shannon Slevin, Shorehaven Country Club and Kevin Doyle survey the damage from Super Storm Sandy

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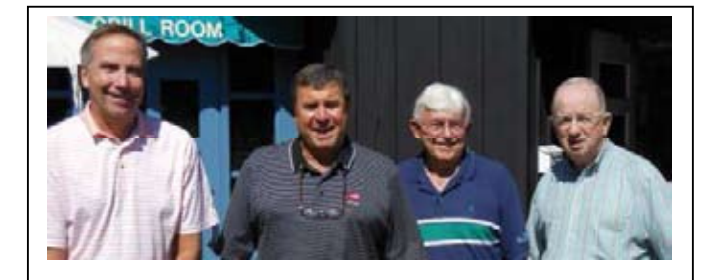
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