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GCSAA HIRES REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE NORTHEAST FIELD STAFF - NORTHEAST REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE

Kevin Doyle, a GCSAA Class A member, comes to GCSAA after having served as golf course superintendent at Londonderry (N.H.) Country Club since 2003. During his time, he instituted several facility changes including drainage, design and grow-in of new golf holes and tees, irrigation improvements, and development of best management practices for minimizing inputs. He also served as superintendent at Amherst (N.H.) Country Club and was an assistant at Green Meadow Golf Club in Hudson, N.Y.

He graduated from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst in 1995 with a B.S. in biochemistry. Doyle also earned a master's in business administration from Southern New Hampshire University in 2010. He has authored articles in various trade magazines, including GCM (Doing More with Less: a Statistical Analysis of fertilizer costs, December 2011). Doyle has also volunteered as the facilities director and facilities expansion chair for the Milford Community Athletic Association, the Lowell Professional Hockey Booster Club president and a coach for Kids in Disability Sports (golf).



Kevin Doyle

So now that you know a little about me personally let me explain, in Cliffs Notes version, what the Field Staff can do for you. But first, I need to pass on some notes of thanks! I want to thank Bruce Morse and Eric Kundahl for their efforts in

preparing a great layout for the April Scramble at Norwich GC. I'm not sure who to thank for the great weather but it helped make for a truly enjoyable day for the entire field. I enjoyed my day with my partner Mark Mansur and his assistant Bill Abbe, and his partner, himself. Congrats on the skin Mark (be sure to ask him about it when you see him, it was a great 2!) OK, on to business. The Field Staff position is designed to benefit you the member on three levels:

- You the Member: My job is to attend chapter meetings and events and create a person to person avenue of communication. If you have any questions or issues relating to GCSAA, I am your first stop to help get them resolved. I also will provide information that is potentially important to your job via Clippings and chapter initiated emails. This may be simply impending member benefit deadlines (for instance scholarships), or impending changes in federal regulations (see below).

- Your Chapter: My job is to work with your chapter, as they see fit, to ensure that all the resources GCSAA provides are being utilized. This will work to strengthen the local chapter creating more benefit and value to all the members at the local level as well.

- The National Level: Here the Field Staff will act as a conduit to the associates in Lawrence, keeping them apprised on member and chapter issues. The more aware the Association is with issues at the grass roots level, the more effective they can be to develop programs and solutions to help create solutions that allow members perform their duties at a higher level.

I want to thank those of you I met at Norwich GC for taking the time to introduce yourselves. I have family in Connecticut and look forward to my work with all of you. I had mentioned

the opportunity to communicate important information through Clippings, and here is some to take note of:

- First a reminder, and a very important one at that. March 15th marked the expansion of the Americans with Disabilities Act to include not only the facilities at golf clubs, but the golf course as well. GCSAA has a free archived webcast that does a good job of informing members of the new requirements. In this 90-minute webcast, Peggy Greenwell will help you understand what this means for your facility. Greenwell, training coordinator & accessibility specialist for the U.S. Access Board, shares her knowledge about the new accessible design standards established for golf courses that cover technical specifications for golf car passages, accessible routes, teeing grounds, putting greens and weather shelters. You can access the web cast using the following link:

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Mark Mansur

The President's Message

commercial members to superintendents. This is a concern of mine, as well as the rest of the board that represents the CAGCS. So my message to everyone who reads this, especially superintendents, keep signing up. These meetings are for networking, gathering information, reconnecting with friends and creating new ones. It also gives superintendents the opportunity to empower their staff at their own courses. Taking a day to golf and network with other members, allows superintendents to enable their own employees to handle the day to day maintenance activities, as well as build a trusted team that can manage things on their own.

I fully understand the workload and family obligations that many experience throughout the year and especially this time of year. I would like to stress the importance of attendance at research and development opportunities such as the various university field days that take place each year. As we all know, these events are not just for the commercial membership. University personnel aim their studies directly at those of us who

manage turf related issues in the field every year. I strongly encourage superintendents and their assistants to attend The University of Connecticut's 3rd Biennial Turf Grass Field Day on July 17th <http://www.turf.uconn.edu/fieldday2012>. I have attended this event the past two years and I am amazed at the unbelievable resource that we have here in our own state. UCONN has emerged as one of the country's great agronomic institutions and the team of individuals heading up the University's plant science programs are true leaders in their respective fields. Please take advantage of the opportunity to attend this event and experience the knowledge base and workshops that UCONN has to offer.

There is a true symbiotic relationship that exists between UCONN, commercial membership and superintendents. These tough economic times are dictating all of us to get more creative in our own profession. University field days are educational opportunities that can help us understand how creative we can be. Being a part of this relationship is essential to the success of our industry and ultimately maintaining our livelihoods.

-Mark

As I read Christopher Gray Sr.'s article in May's volume of Superintendent Magazine, "Book Closing on GCSAA Chapter Meetings. What to Do?" I am encouraged for the CAGCS. As all of us are concerned at executive positions in our respective associations, we see, firsthand, the decline in attendance at our own chapter meetings. While we can't point a finger at one or more specific reasons for the decline, I do remain positive, seeing the attendance numbers at the last two CAGCS golf meetings, particularly, the number of superintendents.

Mr. Gray participated in three monthly meetings where there was a lopsided ratio of

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GCSAA has worked hard advocating against programmatic rule changes to the H2B temporary visa program. If any of you took the five minutes or so to respond to the action alert requested by GCSAA you will be happy to learn, at this point, your efforts so far have been successful. This program is not utilized much in Connecticut, with fewer than ten facilities applying annually, but has a dramatic effect on the golf industry nationwide.

Nominations for LebanonTurf's 2013 Dog Days of Golf Calendar are now open. Enter your dog for a chance to appear in the calendar, which will be mailed with the November issue of Golf Course Management magazine. If selected for the calendar, your pup will have a chance to be crowned 2013 Dog of the Year, earning \$3,000 for your affiliated chapter, \$500 for your local humane society, and \$500 for you. Entries are being accepted through Aug. 1. For more information on how you and Fido can enter:

http://www.gcsaa.org/_common/templates/GcsaaTwoColumnLayout.aspx?id=2455&terms=dog+calendar

Finally, regulations are coming that may effect your handheld radios and irrigation systems. Beginning January 1, 2013 the FCC is mandating changes to the bands your facilities might be using. This might cost your

facility THOUSANDS of dollars! As always, educate yourselves and be prepared for the changes. GCM has an article in the May issue detailing those changes: <http://digitalgcm.gcsaa.org/?id=36&pageid=46>

Keep an eye out for more valuable information, and feel free to contact me with any issues or questions you need addressed. Hope to see you at a meeting soon!

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pictured Kevin with daughters Bailey age 7 - Kathleyn age 12

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NEW ENGLAND REGIONAL TURFGRASS FOUNDATION

Press Release: May 10, 2012

The New England Regional Turfgrass Foundation recently held its 15th Annual Meeting on April 24, 2012 where a new Executive Board was elected. The NERTF, Inc. announces that Scott Cybulski, CGCS of Martindale Golf Course, Auburn, Me., is the new President for 2012-2013 Fiscal year. Scott has been serving on the board since 2005 representing the Maine GCSA. Scott replaces Christopher Cowan of Atlantic Golf & Turf, who has represented the VTGCSA on the board for the past 11 years, and will continue as the Immediate Past President. Michael W. Stachowicz, Dedham Country and Polo Club, Dedham, MA will be filling the Vice-Presidential seat, Steve Mann, CGCS of the Captain's Golf Course of Brewster, MA will continue to be Treasurer and John Clark, Rochester Country Club, Dover, NH will begin a 2-year term as Secretary. The full Board of Directors consists of two appointed delegates from each of the 7 chapters of GCSAA in New England, plus a delegate from New England Sports Turf Managers Association and Massachusetts Association of Lawn Care Professionals. Two advisory positions are filled by Mary Owen, University of Massachusetts and Dr. Noel Jackson, University of Rhode Island.

The NERTF produced its 15th Annual Conference and Trade Show on February 6-9, 2012 at the Rhode Island Convention Center in Providence, RI. More than 2000 people attended, as overall

attendance reported an increase over 4% over 2011 conference. Total attendance was near 2800. Ray Bourque, retired NHL Hall of Fame Defenseman and former Boston Bruin shared stories and experiences as the Keynote Speaker. More than 64 scheduled education hours and 13 trade show hours were available during the 4-day

event. The 2013 Conference and Trade Show dates are March 4-7th. The foundation continues to focus its efforts toward funding turfgrass research at New England State Universities and to date has committed more than \$1.5 Million in research funding since March 1998. For more information please visit www.nertf.org.



2012-2013 NERTF Executive Board
(l to r) Front Row: Michael Stachowicz (VP), Scott Cybulski, CGCS (2012-13 Pres.), Steve Mann, CGCS (Treas.). Back row: John Clark (Sec.) and Christopher Cowan (2011-12 Past-Pres.)

**CAGCS APRIL GOLF RESULTS
NORWICH GOLF COURSE
MONDAY, APRIL 30, 2012**

1st Gross - 145 John Gallager/Peter Bly	Longest Putt, Hole #1 William Abbe 21'
2nd Gross - 155 match of cards Eric Morrison/Ward Weischet	Longest Putt, Hole #11 Chris Guilmette 30'
1st Net - 128 John Napier/Kevin DeVaux	Closest Pin Hole #9 Peter Grace 1'2"
2nd Net - 129 Ben Newtaug/Noel Hall	Closest Pin, Hole #13 Andy Drohen 5'
Closest to the Line: Jon Case 4'3"	Closest Pin, Holet #15 Tom Devaux 10'10"
Longest Drive, Hole #5 Mike Decker	Closest Pin, Hole #18 Eric Destefano 12'11"

If there is a member is interested in hosting a 2013 meeting please contact Marc Weston, CGCS at: marceweston@yahoo.com

**CAGCS MAY GOLF RESULTS SCHOLARSHIP
& RESEARCH TOURNAMENT CLINTON
COUNTRY CLUB MONDAY, MAY 21, 2012**

1st Gross - 58 Marc Weston, Indian Hill CC Matthew Quinn, Indian Hill CC Mark Oulette, guest Ken Parisi, guest	2nd Net - 56mc Mark Osborn, Steven Willand Inc. Todd Olovson, Sleeping Giant GC Jeff Houde, Tom Irwin Inc. Justin Gabrenas, Birchwood CC
2nd Gross - 60 Chris Mauro, Highfield CC Walter Wozniak, Mill River CC Mike McDonald, guest Eric Euell, Steven Willand Inc.	3rd Net - 57 Doug Drugo, Wee Burn CC James Favreau, Matrix Turf Solutions Michael Marino, CGCS, Stonington CC David van Leeuwen, SePro Corporation
3rd Gross - 61 Jud Smith, Orange Hills CC John Gallagher, Race Brook CC Peter Bly, Brooklawn CC Thomas DeVaux, Hunter GC	Long Drive, Hole #2 Chris Mauro, Highfield
1st Net - 56mc Al Adaskaveg, Rockledge Golf Club James Staszowski, Turf Products Corp. Peter Bacon, CGCS, Wyantenuck CC Peter Cure, guest	Closest to the Pin #4 - 6'2" Scott Ramsay, The Course at Yale
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Stuart, FL

Chad Esposito on his new position of Park
Superintendent with the Town of Stratford Parks

Brian & Mary Skelly on the birth of their
granddaughter Ava May born on May 12
weighing in at 6 lbs 15 ozs

Get Well Soon

Jim MacDonald, former Superintendent at

New Haven Country Club, recuperating after
having a massive heart attack.

Condolences

On the passing of Patricia George, Mother of
Steve George, Superintendent at Copper Hill
Golf Course, on May 3rd.

On the passing of William Gresh, Father of
Thomas Gresh, salesperson at Turf Products, on
May 7th.

On the passing of Sharon Beck, Mother of
Donald Beck, Superintendent at Fisher's Island,
on May 8th.

Please note! Anyone who wishes to send out
via email information on the passing of a family
member must contact the CAGCS business office.
The office will not send out an obituary without
the approval of the family.

FCC Regulation Changes

One week from today there will be a free
webinar addressing the impending changes
regarding the FCC band width usage. This

change has the potential to cost member
facilities a lot of money to come into
compliance, or potentially face heavy fines for
not complying. Please consider forwarding
the following information to your members:

Changes in regulations are coming that may
affect your handheld radios and irrigation
systems. Beginning January 1, 2013 the
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There will also be a co-sponsored webcast
on June 14th with the National Golf Course
Owners Association further detailing
specifics on the changes. Remember, if you
are unable to sit in live for this webcast, you
can sign up for it and a link to the archived
presentation will be forwarded to your email
account. You may then watch it at your
leisure! <http://www.gcsaa.org/Education/Webcasts/Upcoming-Live/June-14-New-Narrowbanding-Law-How-to-Comply-at-Your-Facility.aspx>



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- Jeff Elliott, CGCS, Agrium Advanced Technologies, Centennial, Colo.
- Roger H. Frazier, CGCS, Cattails at Meadowview, Kingsport, Tenn.

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Over "Twenty-five percent of GCSAA's Class A members have achieved the highest level of recognition through the CGCS professional designation," said GCSAA President Sandy G.

Queen, who has also held the CGCS designation for 25-plus years. "This program requires their demonstration of a higher set of competencies in golf course management through testing and practical application. Employers can feel confident they employ a career professional who has made a strong commitment to professional development."

To qualify for GCSAA's competency-based certification program, a candidate must have at least three years of experience as a golf course superintendent, be employed in that capacity and meet post-secondary educational requirements and/or continuing education points. The candidate's knowledge, skills and abilities are validated through the development of a portfolio consisting of their responses to skill statements, case-study scenarios and submission of work samples; an on-site inspection of their golf facility; and a rigorous six-hour examination covering competencies relating to agronomic, business, communication, environment and leadership domains.

Maintaining certified status requires renewal every five years after the initial date of certification. To fulfill certification renewal requirements, a candidate must participate in 150 hours of continuing education and professional development. Two-hundred thirty-eight GCSAA certified superintendents renewed their certification in 2011.

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THE LEGISLATIVE YEAR 2012

Pardon me if I make a political statement but it is a reality. Connecticut is a Blue state; as a matter of fact some would say we are so blue we could call ourselves a Purple State.

It has been one of the busiest sessions ever. Alcohol on Sundays, repealing the death penalty, magic busses and education are subjects that were taken up during this short session. Many thousands of other items never proceeded far enough to truly be considered. The Golf Industry has kept a keen eye on the progress and the ramifications of many items that could directly affect our business, this is a review of our activities.

First and foremost we made a strategic decision to be proactive and positive in our dealings in Hartford. The CSGA decided to hold the first annual GOLF DAY at the Capital, CAGCS was invited to attend. We actually set up inside the Legislative Office Building (LOB) with the various golf groups and met with the all those that wandered by. The highlight was the completely electric greens mower supplied by Mark Osborne of Steven Willand; every passerby was amazed by this "cutting" edge technology. Our goal for the day wasn't to ask for anything but to make people aware of golf and how important we are to the state. The day was a huge success due to everyone's involvement; we will need you next year.

Next we had to deal with a ban on phosphorous. We actually met with the bill's sponsors and asked for a complete exemption from any bans. We almost made it clean but there were several

things that were agreed to as a compromise, namely application timing and application proximity to water sources. This article is just to recap the most recent activities, for specifics please refer to SB440 Phosphorous reduction or send me a message and I can get the answer.

Finally, we also had to deal with enhanced pesticide regulations. The strategy employed was to be positive, professional and proactive and present our own legislation to repeal the most recent laws on pesticides. This kept the folks on the "other" side busy and unable to mount enough momentum to further restrict plant protectant usage. We were mostly concerned with the repeal of the state wide preemption law; currently towns (or potentially neighborhoods) do not have the ability to restrict plant protectants, only the state can. We were able to preserve the state wide preemption, business as usual.

Please help me out. I need you all to thank your local officials and representatives. We have been reaching out to them and they have been responsive. Please follow up and thank them for their support, even if they weren't supportive. Also Mike Duggan and Erica Fearn have been the best representatives

of CTEC, without their commitment and professionalism, simply we would have failed. Please take a moment and recognize them. Our next big issue is a new Northeast Regional Fertilizer Initiative; this will include New England and New York and affect the what, when and where of our fertilizer usage. This new initiative is similar to the cooperation amongst interested parties to benefit the Chesapeake Bay. I only received a request this week from GCSAA to become a stakeholder so I do not have any more detail to share, but you know I will. Remember get involved, thank someone for their efforts and most importantly...vote.



Pictured l-r Mark Mansur; Wintonbury Hills CC, Mark Osborn; Steven Willand Inc, Mike Dugan; Capitol Consulting, John Garcia; Atlantic Golf & Turf, Mike Moraghan; CSGA, Joellen Lampman; Audubon International

2012 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

June 12 Tuesday	WETHERSFIELD COUNTRY CLUB Low Gross/Net by Flight 1st Round CAGCS Championship MET Team Championship Qualifier	Alan Woodward Host Superintendent
July 10 Tuesday	WINTONBURY HILLS COUNTRY CLUB CAGCS Benevolent Fundraiser Low Gross/Net Blind Partners 2nd Round CAGCS Championship New England Team Championship Qualifier	Mark Mansur Host Superintendent
July 17 Tuesday	UCONN Turfgrass Field Day Plant Science Research Farm, Storrs, CT	
August 1 Wednesday	UMASS Turf Research Field Day Joseph Troll Turf Research Center, South Deerfield, MA	
August 14 Tuesday	THE COURSE AT YALE CAGCS Member/Guest	Scott Ramsay, CGCS Host Superintendent
August 26 Tuesday	LAKE COMPOUNCE Family Day	
September 10 Monday	CTEC Annual Golf Tournament The Course at Yale	
October 4 Thursday	REDDING COUNTRY CLUB 2 Person Best Ball Superintendent/Assistant Tournament President's Cup & McLaughlin Trophy	Brett Chapin Host Superintendent
October 9 Tuesday	BLUE HILL COUNTRY CLUB 9TH Annual Joseph Troll Turf Classic	
October TBA	Class C Tournament	
November 1 Thursday	PINE ORCHARD YACHT & CC 9-Hole Scramble ABCD, CAGCS Annual Meeting	Peter Gorman Host Superintendent
December 6 Thursday	J. TIMOTHY'S TAVERNE CAGCS Christmas Party	

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Take a short break from your busy schedule to join us for a morning of education and insight... on our turf! Field Day 2012 will focus on the research currently taking place at the Joseph Troll Turf Research Center as well as on research being conducted at other locations by University of Massachusetts Turf Program faculty, staff, and graduate students. Attendees will enjoy meeting and speaking with UMass researchers and viewing projects underway. Current research includes studies on the biology and integrated management of turf-damaging insects and diseases, short- and long-term weed management, responsible fertilizer and water use, pesticide fate and wear tolerance. Specific topics planned for the 2012 Field Day include:

- Efficient Irrigation for Recreational Turf: Evapotranspiration and Crop Coefficients
- Wear Tolerance Of Perennial Ryegrass Cultivars Under Golf Fairway Height-Of-Cut
- Turfgrass Disease Control Strategies and a Review of New Active Ingredients
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An array of National Turfgrass Evaluation Program (NTEP) turfgrass variety trials will also be featured. The half-day agenda will include a trade show, with numerous Green Industry vendors and exhibitors on hand.

Support the UMass Turf Program with your presence at Turf Field Day 2012! Come to learn about cutting-edge turf research, network with colleagues, and meet with vendors. Pesticide recertification contact hours have been requested, valid for all New England states. Continental breakfast and complete picnic lunch are included in the price of registration.

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7:30-8:45	Visit with exhibitors, silent auction opens
8:45-9:00	Welcoming remarks
9:00-11:30	Guided tour of research plots
11:30-12:00	Visit with exhibitors
12:00 - 1:00	Lunch
12:30	Ice cream social with exhibitors in vendor section
1:00- 3:00	Visit with exhibitors
2:00	Silent auction ends
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