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A SUCCESSFUL WINTER BEGINS NOW

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The mild 2011 winter weather was a welcomed break for superintendents and golf operations across the state. The balmy temperatures and dry conditions though nice for managing golf courses, are not the norm. Even a mild winter will usually produce some challenging weather conditions that can create problems. It is therefore important not to overlook basic late season management practices that will prepare the turf for winter. Part of the late season preparation requires a shift in maintenance objectives where the focus once again becomes the health of the turf! Playing conditions though still important should be less of focus as we begin to prepare the golf course for winter.

One key factor for the survival of a turfgrass plant in winter is its carbohydrate reserves. Carbohydrate accumulation is one of primary winter acclimation processes in the plant. Turfgrass begins to accumulate and store carbohydrates with the onset of cooler temperatures and shorter days in late summer and fall. Management practices at that point should create growing conditions that maximize that process. Those should be Implemented beginning in early September to take full advantage of the optimal late season growing conditions.

One of the best steps that can be taken in late summer is to raise the height of cut. Any additional leaf tissue will improve the plant's ability to absorb sunlight and maximize photosynthesis. This will allow the plants to produce more carbohydrates that will be utilized for fall growth and storage. The height adjustments can be made slowly at first but ultimately, the turf should be maintained at .135 and higher as we enter mid fall.

Late summer fertility is also important. The fertilizer applied with core aerification in August or early September provides a good base for late season growth. A spoon-feeding approach can then be used through the fall to meet the growing needs of the turf without stimulating too much shoot growth. Higher rates of nitrogen applied in mid-late October or early November run the risk of producing succulent growth and may impact the winter acclimation process. Late season applications of potassium are historically popular for promoting winter hardiness. Potassium does play a role in winter acclimation and many other important plant functions. However, loading up on late season potassium is probably not necessary or helpful if sufficiency levels are maintained in the soil. Maintaining a sound season long fertilizer program to meet potassium needs is a more effective option. A spoon-feeding approach with potassium in fall should then be effective to keep enough of the nutrient available to meet the plant's fall needs.

Late summer cultivation and topdressing practices provide both immediate and long term benefits for the soils and plant rooting. Completing core aerification practices in August or late September will optimize growing conditions for the turf in the fall season. Deep aerification can be completed later in fall to break up compacted sub soils and create channels that will provide late season drainage. Light topdressing should be continued through fall to help keep the plants dry and protect the crowns from desiccation. Heavier applications of sand in late fall is also popular with many superintendents in hope of providing extra protection to the plant crowns in winter. The late season heavy topdressing is not used everywhere and is probably not necessary where adequate snow cover is expected through winter.

Perhaps the most important practice that has not yet been discussed is the removal of trees. The importance of sunlight during this critical growth period is well documented. Turf that is growing in full sun will not only be healthier but will produce thicker cell walls and less succulent tissue which improves its ability to resist snow mold disease and to survive colder winter temperatures. Trees should be removed to provide a minimum of 8-10 hours of full sun to the turf daily. Monitor shade patterns, use sun tracking applications, or a compass to determine which trees need to be removed to achieve the sunlight objectives and don't be shy with the chainsaws. It is never too late to remove a tree that negatively impacts a green in fall!

The final factor that impacts winter turf survival is

tissue moisture content. We have the least control over this factor except to provide good drainage and growing environments, and irrigate sparingly and avoid heavier nitrogen applications in the fall season. Ultimately, the moisture content of the plant is going to depend on the weather conditions in late fall or as the turf is exposed to the colder temperatures. Turf that enters dormancy "lean and mean" is in my opinion better able to survive difficult winter weather. Let us hope the weather this fall is cooperative in that regard.

The other primary fall activities include the application of snow mold fungicides and installation of winter covers. Both are obviously important but too detailed to discuss in this article format. A successful late season management campaign does not guarantee winter turf survival. I wish it were that easy. However, shifting maintenance priorities and following several tried and true practices will provide good growing conditions that will help the turfgrass better acclimate to winter weather and offer a greater opportunity for success.

Fortunately, playing conditions usually take care of themselves with the return of cooler temperatures and shorter days.

Jim Skorulski, Senior Agronomist, USGA

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SENTINELS ON PATROL AT ORANGE HILLS

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ORANGE - If you know Jud Smith; you know his canine companions are important to him.

They mean so much to him that when he was having some trees removed from his family's golf course he commissioned a woodcarver to create statues of his three best friends. Smith is the course Superintendent for his family's Orange Hills Country Club on Racebrook Road. To honor the canines in his life, who spent their lives next to Smith perfecting the golf course, he got a woodcarver to create their likeness on the first green.

Smith said the idea came to him while he was having some trees removed. "There were four ash trees in various stages of decline that had to be removed," Smith said. "My dogs come with me every day to work and I thought it would be pretty neat to have them watching the course," Smith said.

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The President's Message in a vulnerable mental state. While this superintendent is unaware that we are on

vulnerability fortifies that bond between fellow superintendents to network and commiserate with one another, as well as exchange ideas and solutions, there are times, when we all suffer from a lack of common sense.

A lesser known author named Calvin Ellis Stowe, who also happened to be the husband of author, Harriet Beecher Stowe, once wrote, "Common sense is the knack of seeing things as they are, and doing things as they ought to be done." The Code of Ethics for GCSAA membership reminds us that "a member should always contact a fellow superintendent before visiting." Our CAGCS Membership Directory reiterates that very obligation as well. Now some of you may be asking, "Why are you writing this Mark?" The fact is, I really shouldn't have to be writing any of this.

When we visit area golf courses, we are often invited by others to play golf, have lunch, conduct a business meeting, etc. However, it is also a reminder that we are sometimes visiting while the

the property. This is where that common sense bell should be ringing loud and clear. When we have all this technology literally in our hands; a cell phone that gives us the ability to call, text or email, it is so freaking easy to conduct what I call common sense. I have talked about this at length with many people inside and outside of our industry and there seems to be a resounding explanation of why some don't make that courtesy call... its called laziness. After spending over 20 years in this business, I know that superintendents are the furthest thing away from being lazy. So again, I shouldn't have to write any of this. A courtesy call is so easy to do before you make that visit.

As GCSAA and CAGCS members, we have a code of ethics that guides us "to promote and maintain the highest professional service and conduct". As fellow superintendents, we have a "code of ethics" that helps shape us to maintain the highest professional respect for one another.

All the best, Mark

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Mark Mansur Anybody else think that managing turf this year feels like one giant kick between the legs? (My apologies to our association's female members) However, I can't remember a more challenging year than 2012. Sure we've had golf seasons with drought like conditions. We also had

so much rain last year, I couldn't keep

a pair of shoes dry for more than two

days straight. And then there was that 20 inches of snow we had to shovel last

Halloween! Unfortunately, this summers'

weather with various combinations of lengthy heat, drought, and intense wet

conditions, was one more set of challenges that seemed to put area Superintendents

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to sundown. The effort is worth it, Morrison

SHENNY'S UNIQUE FEEL: A TRIBUTE TO MORRISON

By Gavin Keefe Publication: The Day Published 07/18/2012 12:00 AM

Working as a golf course superintendent is often a thankless job. It's your fault if the greens are too fast. It's your fault if the rough is too thick. It's even your fault if the course is too dry. At least it must seem that way at times. So it was refreshing and well deserved - to see Shennecossett Golf Course superintendent Eric Morrison honored last week during the awards ceremony for the 30th Connecticut Senior Open. The Connecticut Section PGA created a new award called the Morrison Medal, which will go to the person "who truly emulates the spirit of the Connecticut Senior Open and works tirelessly to make it happen." Appropriately, Morrison was the first winner. "I had no idea," Morrison said. "That was quite the surprise. ... It's pretty amazing." He certainly earned it. Every July for the past 12 years, Morrison and his staff meticulously prepare the course for the tournament. They often work from sun up

said. "It's fun to have something to shoot for," Morrison said. "We do a lot of extra work to get the course in the best shape that we can. My staff does an unbelievable job. They go above and beyond their normal scope of work to get this place together. They do everything I ask for. I can't thank them enough. They deserve a lot of credit." Golfers are rewarded with spectacular playing conditions. And the weather last week couldn't have been better for the twoday tournament. "It's a great golf course," Senior Open champion Jim Becker told the Connecticut PGA. "Everyone, even guys who are older, can roll the ball on the green, and I just hope they never change it. "It's a hell of a venue and everyone gets excited to play it. Shenny is awesome." Course pro Todd Goodhue also played a major role in pulling off another successful Senior Open. "You don't go for the rewards or anything," Morrison said. "Having all the players to want the tournament to remain here, they enjoy the course, that's the most satisfying." Morrison will get some time to rest and recover from his hectic summer schedule. He's going on vacation for two weeks, making his annual family camping trip to Cape Cod. Chances are he'll have the best groomed site on the campground.



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Tom Hanke and Eric Morrison



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IUNE MEETING RESULTS WETHERSFIELD COUNTRY CLUB **JUNE 12, 2012**

"A" Flight

1st Place Gross – 73 - Todd Olovson, Sleeping Giant GC 2nd Place Gross – 75 – Mike Johnson, guest 1st Place Net - 68 - John Parmelee, Indian Springs GC 2nd Place Net - 70 - Walter Wozniak, Mill River CC

"B" Flight

1st Place Gross – 79- Chris Mauro, Highfield CC 2nd Place Grosss – 80 – Timothy O'Neill, CGCS, CC of Darien 1st Place Net – 67 – Kevin Collins, Tradition GC Wallingford 2nd Place Net - 71 - Heather Garvin, Hart Seed Co.

"C" Flight

1st Place Gross – 88 – Scott Ramsay, CGCS, Course at Yale 2nd Place Gross – 91- Brian Pope, Turf Products 1st Place Net – 74 – Stu Graham, Bobcat 2nd Place Net - 75 - John Garcia, Atlantic Golf & Turf

"D" Flight

1st Place Gross – 95 - Bob Chalifour, CGCS, Slater Farms 2nd Place Gross – 97 - Steve George, Copper Hill GC 1st Place Net – 67 – Shane Cornicelli, A-OK Turf Equpt. 2nd Place Net – 70 – Allen Woodward, Wethersfield CC

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Longest Putt 43'6" - Peter Lund, Allens Seed

Longest Putt 28'1" - Mike McDermott, Twin Hills CC

Closest to the Line - John Kaminski, Penn State

Closest to Pin

#3 Mike Donahue, Phoenix-UPI – 3'6" #5 Heather Garvin, Hart Seed Co. – 6' #9 Bob Chalifour, CGCS, Slater Farms - 15'7" #13 Peter Bacon, CGCS, Wyantenuck CC – 2'

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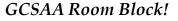
Geoffrey "Scott" Vose on his new position as Research Turfgrass Technician at the UCONN Research and Education Farm. Scott is a graduate of the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources 4 year program.

Condolences

Our condolences are extended to Ineke Pier-point and family on the passing of Ineke's mother, Catharina (Tini) Jansen, at the age of 96. Ineke is the Executive Secretary for the MetGCSA.

Our condolences to Todd and Denise Olovosn on the passing of Todd's father, Carl, who passed away on July 18, 2012

Our condolences go out to the Zontek family. Stanley J. Zontek, director of the USGA Green Section's Mid-Atlantic Region, passed away on Aug. 28th after suffering a heart attack. He was 63. Stan was the longest tenured employee at the USGA and served in the Northeast Region for many years before becoming Director of the Mid-Atlantic Region. Stan was known as much for his passion for golf course superintendents as he was for his knowledge of turf. He will be missed by all.



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First, I would like to thank both Mark Mansur and Scott Ramsay for their hospitality in hosting the latest CAGCS events. I was fortunate to be paired with Michael Dugan of Capitol Consulting at the Yale event. I have become well versed in the government relations and legislative work of the CAGCS in recent years. For those who are not aware, Mike Dugan, in collaboration with many members of your association, has been an integral part of those initiatives. His efforts on behalf of your association have been instrumental in keeping the tools you use on a daily basis available to you. The next time Mike is at an association event say "hello", and let him know that you, and all that golf at your facility, appreciate his efforts.

As GCSAA dues renewal cycle continues, I wish to thank you all for your continued support of the industry, the profession, and your association. I hope you are all taking advantage of the resources your association brings to you. One such resource has recently undergone a facelift. I am referring to the Environmental Institute For Golf, or

EIFG. This organization is the charitable arm of GCSAA and works hard to provide you the member programs and services that directly impact your profession. With EIFG spearheading a new Chapter based fundraising initiative, Rounds for Research,

I wanted to refresh you on the Institute and

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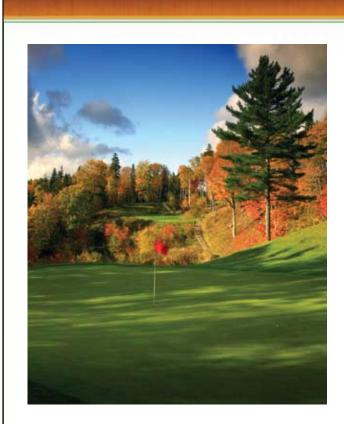
habitats, hosts of charitable events, and employers, those outside the industry can understand the vital economic as well as environmental role the game of golf plays in society. EIFG also funds scholarships as a direct benefit to members, as well as those targeting the future golf course management professionals. If you have college bound children or grandchildren, interns or employees studying to enter the profession, this is a benefit to you. In 2011 alone, the EIFG awarded 53 scholarships totaling more than \$130,000.

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CAGCS Scholarships were awarded to:

• Miles DeGrandi, son of Thomas DeGrandi, he is attending University of Hartford

• Tyler DeVaux, son of Gary DeVaux, he is attending Lyndon State College

 Alexandra Flowers, daughter of Michael Flowers, she will be attending Fashion Institute of Technology

• Patrick Gallagher, son of John Gallagher, III, he is attending Central CT State University

• Sean Gallagher, son of John Gallagher, III, he is attending West Virginia University

• Meghan Gennings, daughter of Scott Gennings, CGCS, she is attending University of Massachusetts - Amherst • Spencer H. Hull, son of Peter Hull, he

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• Breana Staszowski, daughter of James Staszowski, she is attending Endicott College

• Victoria Werner, daughter of Peter Werner, she is attending University of New Haven

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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THE 2012 MET TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP COMES TO CONNECTICUT

The 2012 MET Team Championship will be hosted this year at The Stanwich Club in Greenwich, CT. on October 18th. This marks the second time the club has hosted the prestigious tournament where 13 golf course superintendent association's golf teams will compete for the honor as the "Best of The East". Previously The Stanwich Club hosted the event back in 1985 where the victory was determined by a sudden death finish. Defending their victory last year at Galloway National Country Club near Atlantic City will be the Philadelphia Golf Course Superintendent Association's team. The team fielded by CAGCS finished a close second.

This year's tournament marks the 32nd time the event has been held. The first one was held in 1980 at Blue Hill GC in Pearl River. NY with just the METGCSA, CAGCS, LIGCSA, Hudson Valley GCSA and NJGCSA. Later as the field of teams expanded, other notable venues included Winged Foot CC, Fisher's Island GC, Ridgewood CC, Aronomink GC, The Bridge and Beth Page GC among others.

Host superintendent Scott Niven, CGCS, and his greens staff plan to provide this year's tournament with challenging and competitive conditions making for a spirited event. They should know, they recently hosted the 2011 Palmer Cup, 2002 US Mid Amateur Open and 1996 MET Open. Scott's tenure as golf superintendent at The Stanwich Club has been a long one going all the way back to 1983. Since then he has embarked on several key projects including an aggressive and successful



Scott Niven, CGCS

Poa annua reduction management program, greens drainage and a complete resodding of greens in 2009. Scott was the proud and well deserved recipient of the Sherwood A. Moore Award in 2010 presented by The Metropolitan Golf Course Superintendents Association for his professional dedication in "advancing the professional image, status and reputation of the golf course superintendent." Scott's dedication to his profession includes generously giving his time and energy serving in the capacities of president of the METGCSA, president of Tri-State Turf Research Foundation and chairing the GCSAA Research Committee. Besides being a long time member of the METGCSA he is 31 year member of GCSAA and a 20 year member of The Connecticut Golf Course Superintendents Association.

The Stanwich Club, designed by William Gordon and his son David opened for play in July, 1964. Gordon had built golf courses for architects such

as Donald Ross, Devereux Emmet and Willie Park, Jr.. The Stanwich Club's web site describes the course as "long, tight, and relatively flat, with trees lining all 18 fairways, the Stanwich course is truly an imposing test of golf." In 2005, The Stanwich Club underwent a Fazio Golf Course Design Group renovation project where senior design associate Tom Marzolf analyzed each hole and provided a comprehensive improvement plan including tree removal, recontouring 7 greens and regrading 2 fairways that were severely side sloped. In addition 23 bunkers were added along with 10 new forward and 10 back tees. The club now provides a playing distance of 7455 yds. from the championship tees with a par round score of 72. The club was awarded Golf Digest Magazine's "The Best New Renovation" in 2006.

With this great and challenging venue at The Stanwich Club, the 2012 MET team championship provides a true test of golf skill and spirited competition. by Mike Donahue



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Call it the Andy Slam.

Andy Drohen of Granville made Massachusetts Golf Association history Wednesday, a tough task considering the organization has been around since 1903. Drohen won the MGA's Amateur Public Links Championship, becoming the first golfer to win all four major non-senior amateur MGA Championships. Drohen held the overnight lead after opening with a 5-under-par 65, and he closed with a 67 to post a three-stroke win over a 120-payer field at George Wright Golf Club in Hyde Park. His 8-under-par 132 topped runnerup Chris Collopy (68-135) of Hyannis Golf Club and Ryan Riley (67-136) of Pine Oaks GC. Chris Podkowka of Crumpin-Fox shared fifth place after making five birdies to card his second straight 69. Drohen, 43, made birdie at the fifth and 11th holes, and key par saves at Nos. 12 and 13 helped push the lead to three. He all but sealed it when he holed out from 60 yards to make an eagle at the 510-yard par-5 15th hole. "I was a little too far out to take a gamble with the 3 wood, so I decided to lay up and try to make birdie that way and I got lucky," Drohen told the MGA. Drohen won the state amateur in 2003, and in 2004 won the Massachusetts Four-Ball Championship with brother Billy Drohen and claimed the state's mid-amateur championship. Since then, shoulder and elbow injuries forced surgery and a major swing overhaul had made for a long comeback road. And it all came together this week, when he birdied five of his first nine holes to start on Tuesday. Other top finishers from Western Massachusetts included

Todd Ezold (74) of Tekoa CC and Kevin Wheeler (75) of St. Anne CC each tied for 16th at 146. Drohen joined Alistair Catto (1991), Josh Hillman {2000) and Ezold (2008) as the only Western Mass. golfers to win the championship since its inception in 1982. Drohen is a member at Crestview Country Club in Agawam.



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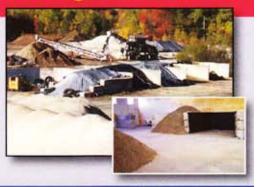


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Official Affidavit of Nominations. The following members have been nominated for the GCSAA Board of Directors and will appear on the ballot:

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For president: Patrick R. Finlen, CGCS

For vice president: Keith A. Ihms, CGCS

For secretary/treasurer:

- Peter J. Grass, CGCS
- John J. O'Keefe, CGCS

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- John R. Fulling Jr., CGCS
- Mark F. Jordan, CGCS
- John Walker

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