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FIRST UCONN "AFTER HOURS" A SUCCESS

John Inguagiato, Ph.D.

Superintendents dodged passing storms to get to UCONN to see the latest turfgrass pathology research during the first ever After Hours. After Hours is a new educational program specifically for supers and their assistants developed as a collaboration between UCONN and CAGCS. The golf turf-centric program was held in the evening (5 – 7:30 pm) on the turf plots at the UCONN Plant Science Research Farm. An evening program was selected to permit more

superintendents to attend during a time of day when turf demands are less stressful.

Disease pressure was high throughout most of the trials on the tour allowing for a good look at the efficacy of various control options. This year, attendees got an opportunity to compare new and existing fungicides for control of anthracnose, dollar spot and brown patch on putting green and fairway turf, hear about the effect of cultivation practices on summer patch severity,

and learn about a new study looking at growth regulator use for anthracnose management. The evening was relaxed and informal, which allowed for good discussion during and after the tour.

Following the field tour, attendees gathered under the tent for a pig roast dinner. Due to the support of our local sponsors, there was no registration fee to attend the After Hours event. Approximately 50 people participated, and all were thrilled by the food, camaraderie, and education. Due to the success of this year's event we plan to continue this program in the future. After Hours will be held in July during the off year when the UCONN Field Day is not scheduled.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



50 attendees walked the plots, comparing treatments for the best disease control, and stayed for the pig roast.

Thank you to all our sponsors who made the event possible, and thanks also to Mark Mansur and Mary Jo Kennedy for your input and assistance with the evening.

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Mark Mansur

As I reflect on my first presidential message, I used the opportunity to introduce myself. Now as I write my final message, I would like to say thank you to those who I have met along the way and to all those who I have served with: they have been very inspirational to me. Being a member of the CAGCS and having the opportunity to serve on the board of directors has been a powerful catalyst for my professional development and created some lifelong friendships.

The CAGCS has always been "devoted to sharing knowledge and experience for better turf". The board members over the years have helped shape that premise. I would like to recognize some individuals that I feel are devoted to maintaining the ideals that keep the CAGCS an association for all others to emulate. As we forge ahead in the golf course industry, there is adversarial push back that attempts to diminish our resources for success.

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Kevin Collins, Tradition GC at Wallingford
2nd place Gross - 81
Heather Garvin, Chas. Hart Seed Co.

C Flight

1st Place Gross - 87
Scott Ramsay, The Course at Yale
2nd Place Gross - 88
Garth Townley, Oronoque CC

D Flight

1st Place Gross - 93
Scott McLeod, Winding Brook Turf
2nd place Gross - 99
Melissa Gugliotti, Syngenta

A Flight

1st Place Net - 74*
Todd Olovson, Sleeping Giant GC
2nd place Net - 74
Les Kennedy, Blind Brook Club

B Flight

1st Place Net - 68
Greg Moore, Saturated Solutions
2nd Place Net - 69
Jim Calladio, LaCorte Equipment

C Flight

1st Place Net - 73*
Jim Favreau, Matrix Turf Solutions
2nd Place Net - 73
Rob Giampetro, Bull's Bridge GC

D Flight

1st Place Net - 72
Alexander Adaskaveg, Rockledge GC
2nd Place Net - 77
Chris Cowan, Atlantic Golf & Turf

Long Drive #18: Mike Zwick,
Ellington Ridge CC
Straight Drive #13: Mike Zwick,
Ellington Ridge CC
Long putt #6: Bob Chalifour, Slater Farms
Long Putt #16: Tim Nadeau, Wethersfield CC
Closest to pin #4: Matt Howland,
Shawnmark Ind.
Closest to pin #8: Rob Giampetro,
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Closest to pin #11: Gale Stenquist, guest
Closest to pin #14: Jason Dowgiewicz,
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Closest to the Pin #9 - 7'7" - Kevin Doyle, GCSAA

Closest to the Pin #13 - 7'4" - Kevin Collins, The Traditions GC at Wallingford

Closest to the Pin #16 - 5'2" - Charles Berger, guest

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*Les Kennedy, Jr. CGCS
The Blind Brook Club
President, Tri-State Turf Research Foundation*

My Dad, an accomplished golf professional and greenkeeper, once told me as a young aspiring superintendent: "Junior, God grows the grass until the 4th of July then we take over." And this past summer, with heat and humidity proved these words of wisdom to be more true than ever.

Now that Labor Day weekend has finally arrived and with it comes the unofficial end of summer. What now for the Golf Course Superintendent at your Club?

At most Tri-State Clubs the majority of major competitions have been completed and the golfer's thoughts turn to an enjoyable fall golf season, shorter cooler days, closing tournaments, the Holidays and hopefully some quality winter golf in a southern location.

But for area superintendents, our thoughts

turn to preparing for the peak season of 2014 and all that needs to be done between now and then. He or she may not admit it or even want to believe it but in reality everything we do from now until spring is to prepare the course, the equipment, buildings and facilities, course amenities, irrigation system, staff - even the superintendent themselves - for the challenge of next summer.

Whether your course came through this past summer without a blemish (congratulations!) or like most with some areas that need attention, the preparation for summer of '14 has already begun. Aerifying, overseeding, deep tining, dry-jetting and topdressing programs are or about to be in full swing to bring the course back to top quality for the fall season. As we get deeper into fall, capital projects are being planned and implemented.






Fall fertilization and winter chemical application programs are initiated, irrigation systems/pump stations are drained and winterized, late season topdressings applied and where needed green covers installed. All in an attempt to help the course come through the winter unscathed.

Winter, Ah...music to the superintendent's ears! The winter season is still very important to the success of the upcoming season. All of the courses equipment is gone through and serviced, all mowers ground, sharpened and rebuilt. The Equipment Technician, Assistants and winter crew are all involved in the process of preparing the equipment and course accessories to insure everything is ready for the 2014 season.

The superintendent and his assistants take vacation time, family time and general R+R to recharge and reflect. This time is also critical for success during the upcoming year as we attend seminars, local and national turf conferences and workshops. During these educational events we hear about the latest research results, we learn the latest on new and old pests and their controls and we network with each other to learn everything we can to help us prepare.

The days begin to lengthen and spring arrives and the course clean up begins. More aerification, topdressing begins as the course is readied for the new season. The life cycle of the golf course superintendent...

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To Doug & Anna Zitney on the birth of their daughter Emma June. She was born on March 22 and weighed 8 lbs.

To James Mederios, CGCS and Stephen Rackcliffe, CGCS on their recertification with GCSAA.

Congratulations to Wintonbury Hills for making Joe Passov's top 10 municipal courses in the United States.
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Condolences

To the family of Peter Grace, H. Smith Richardson Golf Course, on the passing of his mother, Joanne, on June 28, 2013.

To the family of Richard Hosking, age 77 on his passing on July 28, 2013. He became a member of CAGCS in 1964. Memorial contributions may be made in Dick's name to the Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 752517, Topeka, Kansas 66675.

To Ronald Holcomb on the passing of his wife, Barbara, on Wednesday, September 18, 2013.

News

Dr. Joseph Troll, retired professor of the Stockbridge School at the University of Massachusetts, has been elected to the Western Mass Golf Hall of Fame. This is a well deserved honor for Dr. Troll and he along with Tom DiRico, Director of Golf at Chicopee Country Club; Tracy Mehr past Mass Amateur Champion; Sue McLellan, accomplished golfer; Jackie Mattson, superb amateur player and superintendent at Wilbraham Country Club; Ron Letellier, PGA of America Hall of Fame member; and Allan Mackintosh, 40 year head professional at Wilbraham Country Club will be inducted October 4, 2013. The ceremony will take place at the Tekoa Country Club in Westfield, MA. For more information about the day's event please visit Tekoa Country Club's website by <http://www.tekoacc.com/>



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CAGCS Scholarships were awarded to:

Austin A. Anderson, daughter of Jay Anderson, she will be attending Colgate University
 Jennifer L. Astram, daughter of Michael Astram, she is attending The University of Colorado
 Benjamin K. Bednarczyk, son of Paul Bednarczyk, he will be attending Loyola University/Maryland
 Lauren M. Callahan, daughter of John Callahan, she will be attending University of Miami
 Daniel K. DeVaux, son of Kevin DeVaux, he is attending Wentworth Institute of Technology
 Sean Gallagher, son of John Gallagher, III, he is attending MA College of Pharmacy & Health Science
 Olivia Gerzabek, daughter of Timothy Gerzabek, she will be attending Keene State College
 Timothy T. Grace, son of Peter Grace, he will be attending James Madison University
 Spencer H. Hull, son of Peter Hull, he is attending Massachusetts Maritime Academy
 John J. Kelley, III, son of John Kelley, he will be attending University of Connecticut
 Conrad Mish, son of Terrance Mish, he is attending University of Massachusetts - Amherst
 Jonathan Pope, son of Brian Pope, he is attending University of Tampa
 Maribeth C. Stent, daughter of Gregory Stent, she will be attending Endicott College
 Breana Staszowski, daughter of James Staszowski, she is attending Endicott College
 Kelsey M. Weischet, daughter of Ward Weischet, she is attending Roger Williams University
 Alyssa Werner, daughter of Peter Werner, she will be attending Southern CT State University
 Kara C. Wojick, daughter of Gregory Wojick, she is attending University of Connecticut
 Patrick S. Wollenberg, son of Paul Wollenberg, he will be attending Franklin Pierce University

A Memorial Scholarships was awarded to Matthew P. Bacon, who is employed at Wyantencuk Country Club, Peter Bacon, CGCS

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KEVIN'S CORNER

As is often the case in my position, one short communication can alter the course of a day. The communication was a simple text from the 203 (yes, from one of you!!):

"EPA just cancelled registration on Chlorpyrifos!!!! Not much warning on that! No tools left for adult hyperodes where resistance exists!"

YIKES! And away we go. A flurry of emails to Field Staff colleagues of the "have you heard" nature followed by forwards to the GR and Environmental staff and we're off. After some hunting, the notification put forth by the EPA is found: <https://www4.gotomeeting.com/register/652532239>

The challenge of the Field Staff position is often boiled down to explaining how GCSAA membership is "more than just a magazine." The original article written for this issue detailed the Government Relations (GR) Quarterly Briefing, which happened July 17th. This is a tremendous member benefit, and the GR efforts are often brought up in conversations detailing GCSAA's commitment to members. The call was an excellent opportunity to learn first-hand what is being done on behalf of every member of GCSAA by your association. Topics

covered on the call informed and clarified the association position on two of the four "pillars" of immigration reform. GCSAA and many members require affordable, yet unskilled labor to perform tasks at their facilities, which a temporary worker based program can provide. Affordable worker verification programs, to ensure labor being used by our members is legal, and verifiable at a sensible cost has also been deemed critical to our industry by GCSAA's GR Committee and Board of Directors, your peers. In addition, the Farm Bill being bounced around like a Ping-Pong ball in Congress is of importance to golf! Hopefully you are aware by now, but pesticide applications on or near a water body of the U.S. requires a federal permit, an NPDES permit. As was discussed on the call, there is still no definition of a water body of the U.S. or what exactly defines "near." So repealing the need for such an action on the part of the members of GCSAA is very significant, and details of the work being done on your behalf were discussed (the call is available on archive free to members here: <https://www4.gotomeeting.com/register/652532239>).

So why has my article changed? Due to this one text message, the same GR machine that was working on the above action items in Washington DC began investigating the EPA decision. Maybe you don't utilize temporary worker programs. Perhaps you're not pressed with legal worker identification issues. But do

you have bugs? Do your bugs have resistance issues? Might they attain such status in the future? This issue is also important to you the member, and correct, timely answers were needed.

Dow has responded to this issue noting that no changes in golf products or labels result from this measure. They were old labels, and products no longer manufactured by Dow. Generic production of the chemical is also not affected. So a happy ending to another GR fire drill, at least for now. What next? The Cape Cod Commission is trying to regulate turf fertilizer use on Cape Cod. Here we go again. GCSAA resources and members will again try and navigate another action with potentially harmful effect on the industry. If you are not active in government relations in your area yet, you should really start now. One day, these issues will be on your doorstep. Will you be ready?

GCSAA Resources and Deadlines

Housing Open:

Housing for the 2014 Conference and Show in Orlando is now open! Reserve your housing early before they fill up. Details, including changes to the 2014 show and highlights from 2013 can be found here: <http://www2.gcsaa.org/conference/default.aspx>



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Two Very Important Webcasts!!!!

Planning a Snow Mold Prevention Program:

Matt Giese, M.S., Syngenta technical manager, will discuss identification of snow mold, as well as management strategies for planning a snow mold prevention program. August 20th register here for the free webcast: <https://www4.gotomeeting.com/register/883904175>

Hazard Communication, the Globally Harmonized System & Your Golf Course:

As I have communicated to many of you, the MSDS system as we know it now is GOING AWAY! Join Kathy Landkrohn, OSHA health scientist, for this 90-minute webcast designed to answer many of the questions OSHA has received in this first year of Hazard Communication 2012 implementation. This valuable webcast will be on August 22nd. Register here for this IMPORTANT opportunity: <https://www4.gotomeeting.com/register/473588383>

Excellence in Government Relations Award

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I apologize for the length of this issues article. With government relations issues heating up, and many timely and important resource deadlines to notify you of, things got a little long. So much so I was unable to add something new I had hoped to include in this issue. I look to add a small section pointing out that you:

"Get Cool Stuff Already from your Association."

Hopefully, this section will serve as a reminder of benefits you receive already but forgot, or highlight new benefits beyond the award winning magazine you already receive!

Again, if I can be of any assistance, please feel free to contact me.

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