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2017 DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD - DONALD BECK

The 2017 Distinguished Service Award for the Connecticut Association of Golf Course Superintendents is going to Donnie Beck. He is beginning his 25th season at Fishers Island Golf Club. Donnie grew up on Waterford, CT and worked on the Pequot Golf Course for five years through high school and two years at Three Rivers Community College. He transferred to Grayson College in Sherman, Texas where he graduated with an Associate's Degree in Golf Course Management. While looking for a job at Shennecossett, then Superintendent Bob Chalifour, CGCS, suggested he speak to Bob Johns on Fishers Island. Donnie did and got the job as a crewmember in 1994, quickly moved up to Assistant Superintendent and upon Bob Johns' retirement in 2000, Donnie passionately sought the superintendent's position. It was very apparent that Donnie was the man for the job! Upon taking the superintendents position, Donnie continued to put his heart and soul into his work and began to make his mark on this special place.



I found the following on the FIGC web site and I feel says it all:

"Designed by Seth Raynor and opened in 1926, our 18 hole links style golf course is one of the true untouched beauties of the East Coast. Our Golf Course Superintendent, Donald Beck has worked diligently with his staff to keep the course true to Raynor's original design. The course blends beautifully with the landscape of the east end of the island. Our members believe that the only way to play Fishers is with the wind blowing salty sea air in your face. Golf Digest rated Fishers Island Club #10 of the best courses in the country in 2014. It is a joy to see, play, and work on."

As I mentioned, Donnie is an outstanding family man. Donnie married Marjorie in 2009 and after speaking to Marj, I realized what a special relationship they have. Donnie and Marj have a beautiful six-year-old daughter, Brianna. Donnie is a great Dad and if he is guilty of anything, it is of spoiling his daughter. Just ask Marj about the gym equipment Donnie got for Brianna. He literally bought her a full balance beam and gymnastic parallel bar for his aspiring gymnast.

In his spare time Donnie loves and excels at golf and softball and he is excellent at fantasy football – he went undefeated and won the championship

of his largest league, just ask Andy Drohen. Donnie is also an avid boater and fisherman.

One of his favorite pastimes and maybe the one he excels best at is bowling. Donnie carries a 200 average and has participated in the US Open of Bowling. As a matter of fact, Donnie comes across the sound to Groton every week to participate in his bowling league. He takes his Boston Whaler over no matter the weather or how rough the seas are and he sometimes has to chip the ice away from his boat so he can make bowling during the winter.

This is just another example of commitment, which is one of Donnie's best qualities. When he decides to do something, he does it with his heart and soul!

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Marc Weston, CGCS

The President's Message

vote for and why. But it was so much more than that. The delegates meeting is a gathering of all chapter representatives to gain information about GCSAA, meet our leadership, network with other association leaders, and celebrate the accomplishments of local chapters.

At the fall meeting, the Rounds 4 Research program was highlighted. It raised over \$200,000 through the auction — of which CAGCS raised \$3,344. CAGCS will again participate in Rounds 4 Research — with 80% of the money raised coming back to the CAGCS BMP Project. You can easily donate up to 3 years of rounds to help support CAGCS' efforts at www.rounds4research.com.

Association leaders discussed the value of attending National Golf Day in Washington D.C. each April and how both they and their associations have benefitted from it. For GCSAA members, National Golf Day kicks off with a group service project at the National Mall, with Michael Stachowicz leading the members and GCSAA staff. The next day, GCSAA sets up meetings for our members to meet their local elected representatives to discuss issues affecting our industry.

I heard of the success of the First Green program, where students take field trips to a local course, and the positive effects this has throughout the community. In February, The First Green and GCSAA announced a partnership that will benefit our members to take advantage of this opportunity. On www.gcsaa.org, you can find all the information you would need to host a First Green Field Trip.

Finally, stories were shared about the benevolence of GCSAA and local chapters in response to the natural disasters in Florida, Texas, and California. The CAGCS donated \$1,000 to the Disaster Relief Fund, and GCSAA was able to raise \$150,000 to assist our members with temporary housing, clothing, and food during these incredibly difficult times.

In December, we saw record attendance at the CAGCS Holiday Party at J Timothy's in Plainville

— and in January, we fell just short of setting new record attendance for our Winter Seminar at the Mystic Marriott. The CAGCS Winter Seminar had 24 tables full of our members and featured outstanding speakers from all over the country. Presenters from University of Tennessee, North Carolina State, Penn State, and the USGA provided us valuable presentations and an entertaining "Round Table – Q&A." It was a great day for all who participated.

February brought the national GCSAA Golf Industry Show in San Antonio. Here, the Nor' Easter gathering was another great opportunity to network and have a great time. This event was held at Rio Rio on the Riverwalk, with almost 400 people in attendance. This particular event has always been important to me. The first few times I attended the GIS (pre-cell phones), it was one place I knew I would see some familiar faces. Today, it's where I can connect with people I already know from around the region and meet in person those I've only connected with on social media.

This takes us to March for the 21st New England Regional Turfgrass Conference, which offers 3 days of second-to-none education and networking. In fact, the foundation that runs the conference (NERTF) has just recently surpassed \$2 million of funding to promote and support turfgrass research in New England.

CAGCS, GCSAA, and NERTF provide so many opportunities every month for members to network, learn, or get involved at any level. I am so grateful for the opportunities our associations have given me to develop personally and professionally — and the value, in turn, it brings back to my club. If you have any interest in being a part of CAGCS at the local level, please reach out to me, and we will find you a place to serve on a committee that is meaningful to you.

Best,
Marc Weston, CGCS
President, CAGCS

I hope this message finds you all well as we look forward to spring! To begin, I'd like to share some thoughts from when I was fortunate to represent CAGCS at the GCSAA chapter delegates meeting in Lawrence, Kansas last fall. I have learned first-hand over the past year that GCSAA is truly a member association. As a first-time delegate to the meeting, I thought it would center around learning about the candidates and figuring out who we should

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WINTER INJURY TO PLANTS AND TREATMENT

It is quite common for many shade trees and ornamental shrubs to be injured during severe winters. Injury may result from low temperatures, snow, wind storms and other causes. Varying with the cause, damage may occur directly to the roots, the stem of the plant near the ground line, or in the upper branches.

Most noticeable is injury to such popular evergreens as yew, juniper and arborvitae, revealed by browning and death of the foliage on one or more branches or over the entire plant in the spring. This results from more moisture being given off into the atmosphere through the foliage than the roots can replenish by absorption from the soil. Deeply frozen soil may prevent normal absorption of water; often the soil lacks moisture because of dry autumn weather. Most likely to be injured are plants that are fully exposed to the drying effects of the sun and wind. Evergreens on which all or most of the foliage becomes brown usually die; those showing less severe injury generally respond well to careful pruning, watering, and judicious use of fertilizer.

Cold weather frequently causes injury to deciduous trees and shrubs, but seldom are such injuries fatal to established plants except under unusual conditions. Typical symptoms of injury include late development of foliage, and the leaves often are small, pale in color and less abundant than normal. Branch tips may die back during the summer. Areas of dead bark may be found on the trunk or branches.

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THE HAPPENING

Today a seedling is popping its head out of the soil. The seed was planted last winter when the Connecticut Association of Golf Course Superintendents appointed an editor, authorized funds and said, "We need a newsletter." For the last couple of months the seed was nursed and with the help of many individuals it now is alive. But, we all know what will happen to that lonely plant if it gets no assistance from "Mother Nature" and the planter. The CONN. CLIPPINGS has been published for the first time and it will continually need nourishment in order that it might be classified as a worthy publication.

editor

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THE GRASS CATCHER

By Charles G. Baskin

Yale Golf Course has installed a new watering system which is fully automatic. The system includes all greens, tees and fairways. The majority of the trenching had to be blasted out of rock. Harry Meusel is the superintendent at Yale. Harry spoke this past winter at the University of Delaware Turf Conference.

The 1968 Turf Conference in Massachusetts took another step forward. The conference site was moved to the White House Inn in Chicopee, Mass. and the program was lengthened to three days. The quality of information presented at this conference is always improving. Speakers for this year's conference came from Conn., Mass., R.I., N.J., Del., Penna., Va., Ga., Ohio, Calif., and Oregon along with a speaker from Canada. Dr. Joseph Troll, Univ. of Mass., does an excellent job presenting this conference.

Richard Bator, Mill River C.C., reports that they have constructed a new green and rebuilt half of the fairway on their 7th hole. The green was sodded with C-1, C-19 creeping bent taken from their nursery. Their 15th men's tee was extended and resodded with Astoria-Seaside bent sod which was grown in their nursery. Dick had an article in The Thinking Superintendent column of our national publication. The story was about they built a steam cleaner out of a hot water tank.

Point to remember . . . The Sahara Desert embraces 3½ million square miles. Its elevation varies from 440 feet below sea level to 11,000 feet above.

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KEVIN'S KORNER

Golf Industry Show Recap

In case you missed the information coming out of GIS in San Antonio, below are some excerpts from GCSAA communications detailing some of the highlights. You will find that many of those highlights have a Northeast region spin!

Your 2018 GCSAA Board of Directors:

Darren J. Davis, the golf course superintendent at Olde Florida Golf Club in Naples, Fla., has been elected to a one-year term as president of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA) at the association's annual meeting Feb. 8, held in conjunction with the Golf Industry Show in San Antonio.

Davis, a certified golf course superintendent (CGCS), served as vice president of the association in 2017 and has been a member of the association's board of directors since 2012. A 28-year member of GCSAA, Davis is a past president of the Everglades GCSA and a past president of the Florida GCSA and Florida Turfgrass Association. He is currently a director with the Musser International Turfgrass Foundation. In 2004, the FGCSA honored him with its Distinguished Service Award, and in 2011 the FTGA presented Davis with the Wreath of Grass - the association's highest award.

Other elected officers were Rafael Barajas, CGCS and director of golf course operations at Boca Grove Plantation in Boca Raton, Fla., as vice president, and John R. Fulling Jr., CGCS and grounds and facilities manager at Kalamazoo (Mich.) Country Club, as secretary/treasurer.

Board members Kevin P. Breen, CGCS and golf course superintendent at La Rinconada Country Club in Los Gatos, Calif., and Kevin P. Sunderman, director of grounds at Isla Del Sol Yacht and Country Club in St. Petersburg, Fla., were elected to serve again. While T.A. Barker, CGCS and superintendent at Fore Lakes Golf Course in Taylorsville, Utah; and Jeff L. White, CGCS and superintendent at Indian Hills Country Club in Prairie Village, Kan., were newly elected to the board.

In addition, delegates voted to approve 11 changes to the association's bylaws.

In Other News:

The First Green Foundation (First Green) and Golf Course Superintendents Association of American (GCSAA) have signed a memorandum of understanding that will bring First Green under the umbrella of the GCSAA's philanthropic organization, the Environmental Institute for Golf (EIFG). The agreement was announced at the 2018 Golf Industry Show in San Antonio.

First Green, an innovative education outreach program using golf courses as hands-on environmental learning labs, has worked with golf course superintendents extensively for more than 20 years. Superintendents form the backbone of First Green initiatives, hosting STEM-focused field trips for students grades five and up. First Green and GCSAA field staff representatives have collaborated to support golf courses and train superintendents, conducting field trips and instruction at GCSAA's affiliated chapters.

In addition, First Green has held well-received workshops at the Golf Industry Show for several years.

Northeast Region Members Recognized:

Frank Rossi, Ph.D., associate professor at Cornell University in Ithaca, N.Y., and one of the world's leading experts on turfgrass science, has been selected to receive the 2018 President's Award for Environmental Stewardship by the board of directors of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA).

The GCSAA President's Award for Environmental Stewardship was established in 1991 to recognize "an exceptional environmental contribution to the game of golf; a contribution that further exemplifies the golf course superintendent's image as a

steward of the land."

In 2014, Rossi was instrumental in the development of Best Management Practices (BMPs) for New York State Golf Courses. The project was initiated in 2012 by the Metropolitan Golf Course Superintendents Association, and Rossi served as the lead author of the guidelines. Nearly two decades earlier, while working as a turfgrass environmental specialist at Michigan State University, he was key to the creation of the Michigan Turfgrass Environmental Stewardship Program, which was officially launched in 1998.

Chris Carson, the golf course superintendent at Echo Lake Country Club in Westfield, N.J., has been selected as the recipient of the 2017 Leo Feser Award from the Golf Course Superintendents



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Association of America (GCSAA). The award is presented annually to the author of the best superintendent-written article published in Golf Course Management, the association's flagship publication, during the previous year.

Carson's selection makes him the first three-time winner of the Leo Feser Award in the 40 years that GCSAA has presented it as an annual honor. Carson previously won in 2000 and 2007. The only other repeat winner of the Feser is Darren Davis, CGCS, from Olde Florida Golf Club in Naples, Fla., who won the award in 1997 and 2002.

Carson, a 32-year GCSAA member, authored the story "8 essential budgeting principles for superintendents," which was published in the October 2016 issue of GCM. The story offered readers time-tested tips on making successful budget requests and communicating with golf facility decisions-makers about how those requests will benefit the facility's playing surfaces and, ultimately, its bottom line.

"I wrote the article on the budgeting principles that have been successful for me over the years — the same principles I teach at Rutgers — as a way of helping my peers grow professionally," Carson said. "I've always enjoyed writing and the business aspects of our jobs, and putting my thoughts and ideas into print is one of the ways I try to give back to our profession."

Twenty members of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA)

were chosen for the 2018 Melrose Leadership Academy, which included a trip to the Golf Industry Show, Feb. 3-8 in San Antonio.

Academy members are chosen through an application process based on financial need, volunteerism and a drive to advance their careers. The new class participated in networking and leadership activities, as well as attended a variety of education seminars.

- Albert Choiniere of Essex (Vt.) Country Club.
- David F. D'Andrea of Sable Oaks Golf Club in South Portland, Maine.
- Andrew Fries, CGCS, of HB Brownson Country Club in Shelton, Conn.
- John Gabbeitt of Owl's Nest Golf Club in Campton, N.H.
- Ryan Green, CGCS, of Crystal Lake Golf Club in Haverhill, Mass.
- David W. Johnson of Wianno Club in Osterville, Mass.
- Gregory Klem, CGCS, of Monroe County Golf Courses in Rochester, N.Y.
- Manuel 'Joe' Oliveira of Green Valley Country Club in Portsmouth, R.I.
- Dennis Petruzzelli, CGCS, of Billy Casper Golf in Danbury, Conn.
- James J. Ritorto of Lake of Isles Golf Club and Resort in North Stonington, Conn.
- Brian Smoot of Crosswinds Golf Club in Plymouth, Mass.

Twelve assistant superintendent members of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of

America (GCSAA) were chosen for the first class of the EXCEL Leadership Program, which is funded by Nufarm and administered by GCSAA's philanthropic organization, the Environmental Institute for Golf.

EXCEL offers leadership training for personal, career and community/industry stewardship exclusively for assistant superintendents. The name EXCEL represents the education, cross training, community, encouragement and leadership development that the program provides.

- Zachary Fleegeer of Stowe Mountain Club in Stowe, Vt.
- Stephen Hicks of Brantford Golf & Country Club in Brantford, Ontario, Canada

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2018 CAGCS WINTER SEMINAR

The 2018 Winter Seminar was again held at the Mystic Marriott in Groton on Tuesday January 9th. Atlantic Golf and Turf continued their support of education by signing on to be Presenting Partner for the fifth consecutive year. The presentations and speakers were selected to further learning in environmentally sound application of turf management practices with current and advanced tools.

Our first speaker, Dr. Brandon Horvath from the University of Tennessee thoroughly covered "Managing Turf by the numbers: Art or Science". Brandon discussed the advancement and application of cutting edge technologies.

Our second speaker, Dr. Jim Kerns, of North Carolina State covered the basic and current knowledge and study of microbiology and how it relates to turf management and cautioned to "look at the research, not the marketing".

Dr. Ben McGraw, of Penn State gave an informative talk, "The 2017 Insect Pest Year-in-Review; Weevil Woes and Minor Pest Outbreaks". Ben expressed gratitude for the association's support of his research. He discussed his findings in height of cut and its effects on weevil eggs and larvae study.

The afternoon session started off with a government relations update from Scott Ramsay, CGCS and was followed by a very informative talk by Michael Moraghan, Executive Director of the CSGA. Mike discussed the state of Connecticut's golf and the importance of the strong partnership between our associations especially when considering our government outreach. Mike thanked Peter Gorman for his effort and diligence with the State Water Plan committee and BMP project.

Jim Skorulski, USGA regional agronomist addressed the subject of, "BMP's for Decreased Pesticide Use", Jim reviewed many of the advantages of implementing Best Management Practices and discussed technology that better enables the process such as GPS sprayer controls.

Dr. Frank Wong, Ph.D, Senior Regulatory Affairs Consultant closed out the seminar with an inspired round table session with all of the day's speakers covering a broad spectrum of subject matter that was very informative and lively. This segment of the day was broadcast live on twitter and is still available for viewing there on the @CAGCS1929 twitter page.

Duncan McGowan, the new Education Chair, is actively working to fill the 2019 slate of speakers and it is shaping up to be yet another tremendous success. Please plan to attend.

The Board of Directors would like to thank the speakers, attendees and our loyal sponsors for making it possible for CAGCS to provide this excellent education. The continued support from Atlantic Golf and Turf and our gold sponsors, Turf Products Corporation and Tom Irwin Incorporated insures the quality and future success of our Winter Seminar.

Respectfully,
Stephen J. Curry, Chair of Education



Round Table - Q&A; L-R: Michael Moraghan, Dr. Ben McGraw, Scott Ramsay, CGCS, Dr. Jim Kerns, Dr. Brandon Horvath, Jim Skorulski, Dr. Frank Wong

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Clay Pedigo on accepting the position of Golf Course Superintendent at Whitney Farms Golf Course.

Kevin Collins on accepting the position of Golf Course Superintendent at The Tradition Golf Club at Oak Lane.

Tyler Sears on accepting the position of Golf Course Superintendent at The Tradition Golf Club at Wallingford.

Jim Calladio on accepting a position with Terre Co.

Ed Downing on accepting a position with Read Custom Soils.

Jim Favreau on accepting a position with Harrell's.

President, Marc Weston, CGCS, participated in Lightning Round Learning! At GIS in San Antonio. Marc spoke on Networking Differently.



Andy Hannah, Superintendent at Shuttle Meadow CC and his wife, Merynda, on the birth of their daughter, Morgan Palmer on January 13, weighing in at 7lbsd. 9 ozs. and 21 inches.

Condolences

To the family of Richard "Dick" Cook, he passed away on March 26, 2018 at the age of 91. Dick was born in Norwich, CT on March 23, 1927. He was a member of CAGCS since 1952. Please visit his obituary at <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/name/Richard-Cook-obituary?pid=188577269>

David Anthony Baviello, 29 of East Haven, son of CAGCS member Anthony Baviello, passed away on April 2, 2018. Please visit his obituary for more information: <https://cagcs.us9.list-manage.com/track/click?u=9b371f888875441fecab10cf&id=aa5395e9bb&e=dde5f11a16>

Volunteer for the 2018 Travelers Championship Turf Team

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2018 Dr. Joseph Troll Turfgrass Classic

The Alumni Turf Group (ATG) has put together this year's annual fundraiser for UMass Turf Research.

The 2018 Dr. Joseph Troll Turfgrass Classic will be held on Tuesday, September 4th at the Winged Foot Golf Club in Mamaroneck, New York, site of the 2020 U.S. Open.

This year's Honoree is Stephen Rabideau, CGCS, Superintendent at Winged Foot.



Stephen Rabideau, CGCS

Please contact Dave with any questions.

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Donnie has been a CAGCS member and board member for a very long time. Beginning his board service in 2006 and serving as education and social & welfare chair on his way to president and completing his service in 2017. While on the board Donnie left his mark in many ways including making sure that each dollar our members spend is used for its intended purpose without wasteful spending! In addition, Donnie is a trusted friend and mentor to many of his fellow board members. Everyone I spoke to made it a point to highlight his leadership and friendly nature. This is why we have decided to give this great award to this great man.

As for me and as I said earlier Donnie has always been there with a smile and time for conversation for that I thank him! Therefore, without any further ado I would like to present this beautiful chair and plaque to Donald Beck for his Distinguished Service!

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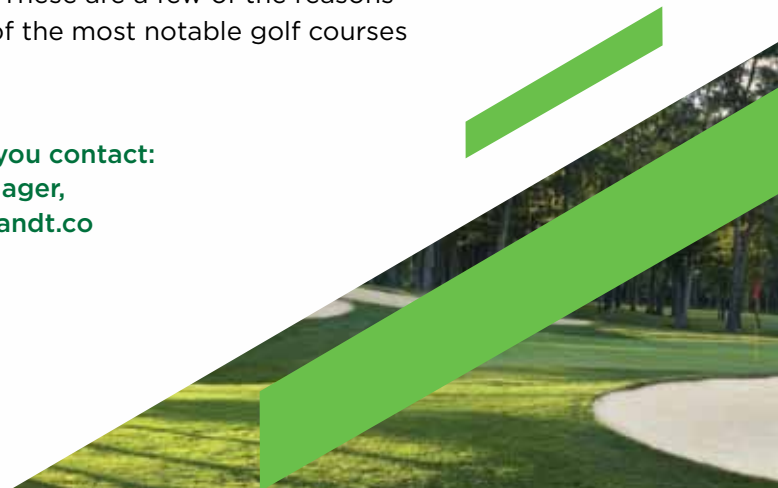
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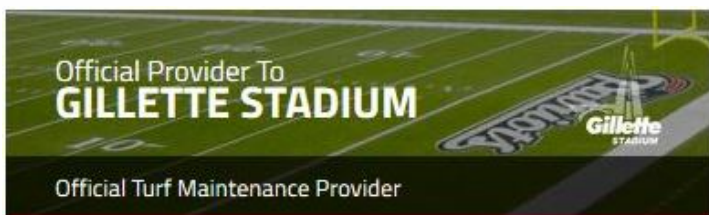
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2018 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

<p>April 30 Monday</p>	<p>NORWICH GOLF COURSE 2 Ball Shamble</p>		<p>Bruce Morse, GCS</p>
<p>May 21 Monday</p>	<p>GREAT RIVER COUNTRY CLUB CAGCS Scholarship & Research Tournament</p>		<p>Todd Tetreault, GCS</p>
<p>June 12 Tuesday</p>	<p>THE GOLF CLUB AT OXFORD GREENS Low Gross/Net by Flight 1st Round CAGCS Championship MET Team Championship Qualifier</p>		<p>Bryan Barrington, GCS</p>
<p>July 17 Tuesday</p>	<p>UCONN FIELD DAY Plant Science Research & Education Facility, Storrs, CT</p>		
<p>July 24 Tuesday</p>	<p>HUNTER GOLF CLUB Low Gross/Net Blind Partners 2nd Round CAGCS Championship New England Team Championship Qualifier</p>		<p>Thomas DeVaux, GCS</p>
<p>August 22 Wednesday</p>	<p>THE HARTFORD YARD GOATS CAGCS Social/Network Evening</p>		
<p>September 4 Tuesday</p>	<p>WINGED FOOT GOLF CLUB 14th Annual Joseph Troll Turf Classic</p>		
<p>September 10 Monday</p>	<p>KENEY PARK GOLF COURSE CTEC Golf Tournament</p>		
<p>September 18 Tuesday</p>	<p>SHUTTLE MEADOW COUNTRY CLUB CAGCS MEMBER/GUEST</p>		<p>Andrew Hannah, GCS</p>
<p>October 9 Tuesday</p>	<p>BLACK HALL CLUB New England Superintendents Championship</p>		
<p>October 11 Thursday</p>	<p>TUNXIS PLANTATION 2 Person Best Ball Superintendent/Assistant Tournament President's Cup & McLaughlin Trophy</p>		<p>Charles Babcock, GCS</p>
<p>October 16 Tuesday</p>	<p>WETHERSFIELD COUNTRY CLUB CAGCS Class C Tournament</p>		
<p>November 6 Tuesday</p>	<p>FENWICK GOLF CLUB 9-Hole Scramble ABCD, CAGCS Annual Meeting</p>		<p>Daryl Aresco, GCS</p>
<p>December 6 Thursday</p>	<p>J. TIMOTHY'S TAVERNE CAGCS Christmas Party</p>		

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WINTER INJURY
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Most serious injury is likely to occur when there is a sudden, drastic drop in temperature in early autumn while the leaves are still green and the stem wood is succulent. Then the roots may be killed, or the tissues under the bark near the base of the plant may die, partially or completely around the trunk. In grafted plants, sometimes there is a difference in climatic hardness between the rootstock and the upper plant; then cold weather may kill the less hardy portion.

The more usual forms of winter damage include blighting of buds and leaves by unseasonably low temperatures in either autumn or spring; cankers, or localized areas of dying bark on the trunk and branches of thin-barked plants; frost cracks in the trunk; and, of course, branch breakage and other mechanical injuries that may occur during storms.

Proper treatment of winter-damaged plants varies with the nature of the injury. Trees with sections of dead bark at the base of the trunk may be aided by bridge grafting. Bark cankers should be cut back to living tissue and the surface coated with wound dressing material. Since poor drainage is a contributing factor to root injury, sub-surface soil drainage should be provided as a part of the treatment of affected plants. In most cases of winter injury, judicious pruning is needed to remove dead branches, or restore the balance between top and roots. Fertilizer application generally is advisable to stimulate growth of the plant.

SHADE TREE DIGEST

THE GRASS CATCHER
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Karl Knobloch, superintendent at Orange Hills C.C., reports that they have built two new tees and built a new 8th green. The tees were planted to Merion and Peacross was used in the construction of the green.

Michael Ovia, President of our association, took in the Hawaii tour after our national conference in San Francisco.

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 Golf Course Superintendents of New England - www.gcsane.org, Maine Golf Course Superintendents Association - www.maineegcsa.org,
 New Hampshire Golf Course Superintendents - www.nhgcsa.com, Metropolitan Golf Course Superintendents Association - www.metgcsa.org,
 Rhode Island Association of Golf Course Superintendents - rigcsa.org & Vermont Golf Course Superintendents Association - www.vtgcsa.com
PLEASE NOTE! Check your local chapters web site for updates!

Monday, April 16, 2018	Val Halla Golf Club	Snow Mold Trials	Maine GCSA
Tuesday, April 17, 2018	Omni Mt. Washington	Snow Mold Trials	New Hampshire GCSA
Monday, April 23, 2018	Shelter Harbor Golf Club	RI Turfgrass Foundation Annual Golf Tournament	RI Turfgrass Foundation
Monday, April 30, 2018	Norwich Golf Club	2-Ball Shamble	CAGCS
Monday, April 30, 2018	Foxborough Country Club	Bear Cup Tournament - Joint w/GCSA of New England	GCSA of Cape Cod
Monday, April 30, 2018	Pelham Country Club	Dave Mahoney Two-Ball Champ. Qualifier	Metropolitan GCSA
Monday, April 30, 2018	Foxborough Country Club	The Bear Cup - joint w/GCSA of Cape Cod	GCSA of New England
Monday, May 7, 2018	Alpine Country Club	Memorial Tournament	Rhode Island GCSA
Monday, May 7, 2018	Fiddlers Elbow Country Club	Rutgers Turfgrass Research Golf Classis	Rutgers University
Tuesday, May 15, 2018	Wykagyl Country Club	Superintendent & Guest	Metropolitan GCSA
Thursday, May 17, 2018	Butter Brook Golf Course	Member/Member Tournament	GCSA of New England
Monday, May 21, 2018	Great River Country Club	Scholarship & Research Tournament	CAGCS
Tuesday, May 22, 2018	Waverly Oaks Golf Club		GCSA of Cape Cod
Tuesday, May 22, 2018	Wentworth Golf Club	Joint meeting with New Hampshire	Maine GCSA
Tuesday, May 22, 2018	Wentworth Golf Club	Joint meeting with Maine	New Hampshire GCSA
May			Vermont GCSA
Tuesday, June 12, 2018	The Golf Club at Oxford Greens	1st Round CAGCS Champ/MET Team Qualifier	CAGCS
Tuesday, June 12, 2018	Pawtucket Country Club	Member/Member Tournament	Rhode Island GCSA
Monday, June 11, 2018	Brae Burn Country Club	Invitational Tournament	Metropolitan GCSA
Monday, June 18, 2018	Pocasset Golf Club	Scholarship & Research Tournament	GCSA of Cape Cod
Tuesday, June 19, 2018	Ledges Golf Club		GCSA of New England
Thursday, June 21, 2018	Sebasco Harbor Resort	Superintendent/Vendor Champ.	Maine GCSA
June			New Hampshire GCSA
June		Joint meeting w/NEGCSA-NE Regional Qualifier	Vermont GCSA
Monday, July 9, 2018	Thorny Lea Golf Club	RHO-COD Cup - joint meeting (RIGCSA)	GCSA of Cape Cod
Monday, July 9, 2018	Oriente Beach Club	Family Picnic	Metropolitan GCSA
Monday, July 9, 2018	Thorny Lea Golf Club	RHO-COD Cup - joint meeting (GCSACC)	Rhode Island GCSA
Tuesday, July 17, 2018	Plant Science Research & Ed. Facility, Storrs	UCONN Field Day	
Wednesday, July 18, 2018	Bedford Park	Summer Picnic	Metropolitan GCSA
Tuesday, July 24, 2018	Hunter Golf Club	2nd Round CAGCS Champ/NE Team Qualifier	CAGCS
July		Fun-B-Q North	Vermont GCSA
Tuesday, August 14, 2018	Marlborough Country Club	Individual Championship	GCSA of New England
Tuesday, August 14, 2018	Stonebridge Country Club	New England Team Championship Qualifier	New Hampshire GCSA
Wednesday, August 22, 2018	The Hartford Yard Goats	CAGCS Social/Network Evening	CAGCS
August TBA	Reservation Golf Course	Stress Buster Day	Rhode Island GCSA
August TBA		FREE-B-QUE	GCSA of Cape Cod
August TBA		Scholarship & Parent/Child Tournament	Metropolitan GCSA
August		Fun-B-Q South	Vermont GCSA
Tuesday, September 4, 2018	Winged Foot	Annual Joseph Troll Turf Classic	UMASS Alumni Turf Group
Monday, September 10, 2018	Sugarloaf Golf Club	Scholarship & Research Tournament	Maine GCSA
Tuesday, September 18, 2018	Shuttle Meadow Country Club	Member/Guest	CAGCS
Thursday, September 20, 2018	Edgartown and Mink Meadows		GCSA of Cape Cod
Monday, September 24, 2018	Kernwood Country Club	Scholarship & Benevolence Tournament	GCSA of New England
September TBA		Nine & Dine Event	Metropolitan GCSA
September TBA		Championship - NE Champs Qualifier	Rhode Island GCSA
September		Trade Show/Field Day	Vermont GCSA
Monday, October 1, 2018	Warwick Country Club	Scholarship & Research Tournament	Rhode Island GCSA
Tuesday, October 9, 2018	Black Hall Club	New England Team Championship	CAGCS
Tuesday, October 9, 2018	Old Oaks Country Club	The Poa/Met Championship Team Qualifier	Metropolitan GCSA
Thursday, October 11, 2018	Tunxis Golf Course	Superintendent/ Assistant Tournament	CAGCS
Monday, October 15, 2018	Plymouth Country Club	Championship Tournament	GCSA of Cape Cod
Monday, October 15, 2018	Concord Country Club	Scholarship Tournament	New Hampshire GCSA
Tuesday, October 16, 2018	Wethersfield Country Club	Class C Tournament	CAGCS
Tuesday, October 16, 2018	Wawenock Golf Club	Crew Appreciation Day	Maine GCSA
Tuesday, October 30, 2018	Pease golf Course	Annual Meeting	New Hampshire GCSA
October TBA	Newport Country Club	Superintendent/Assistant Tournament	Rhode Island GCSA
October		Assistant Tournament	GCSA of New England
October		Met Area Team Championship	Metropolitan GCSA
October			GCSA of New England
October		Member/Guest	Vermont GCSA
Thursday, November 1, 2018	Cranberry Valley Golf Course	Superintendent/Assistant Tournament	GCSA of Cape Cod
Tuesday, November 6, 2018	Fenwick Golf Club	Annual Meeting	CAGCS
Monday, November 5, 2018	Whitinsville Golf Club	Nine-Hole Meeting	GCSA of New England
Thursday, November 8, 2018	The Patterson Club	Met/CAGCS Fall Seminar	Metropolitan GCSA
November TBA	Pease Golf Course	Annual Meeting	New Hampshire GCSA
November TBA			Maine GCSA
November TBA			Rhode Island GCSA
Wednesday, December 5, 2018	Holiday Inn, Concord, NH	Annual Turf Education Conference	New Hampshire GCSA
Tuesday, December 11, 2018	Portland Country Club	Annual Meeting	Maine GCSA
Tuesday, January 8, 2019	Mystic Marriott, Groton, CT	CAGCS Winter Seminar	CAGCS
Wednesday, January 16, 2019	Westchester Country Club	MetGCSA Winter Seminar	Metropolitan GCSA

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