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# Peter Hasak targets puzzle of Winter-Kill; enlists colleagues to help to find answers

### By Jim McCabe, The Boston Globe

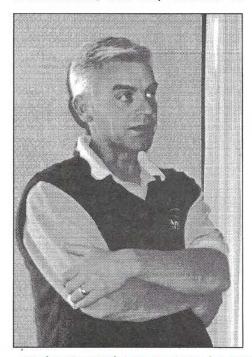
There are mysteries that forever will remain unsolved. Peter Hasak doesn't think our recent bouts with winter kill should fit into that category.

That fact that many of his fellow superintendents feel similarly made for a lively discussion when they got together



during the GCSANE show in Providence. Seated with luminaries such as Paul

Miller from Nashawtuc Country Club, Pat Kriksceonaitis of Essex County Club in Manchester, and Gary Watschke of



Manchester Country Club in New Hampshire, Hasak came away more convinced than ever that answers were needed to a perplexing series of questions related to winter kill.

As to how to produce the answers, the idea came to them that a grassroots effort involving friends in the educational field was worth exploring.

"We said to ourselves, 'What could we do to potentially motivate others to help us with this research,'" said Hasak, for 17 years the head superintendent at Tedesco C.C. in Marblehead.

"So much of the research in the past has been done at controlled environments inside our universities. We felt we needed to take a harder look at what was going on out in the fields across New England."

What has been going on in recent winters is enough to make a superintendent scratch his head. It isn't so much that there has been turf damage in the spring; that's to be expected. It's just that there doesn't seem, at times, to be any rhyme or reason for where the turf is damaged and the extent to which it is killed.

As an example, Hasak pointed to the winter of 2000-01 when dozens of courses in Eastern Massachusetts experienced severe winter kill. Salem Country Club in Peabody was badly hit that year, a situation that required a Herculean effort by superintendent Kip Tyler to get the course ready for the U.S. Senior Open that summer. Not too far away, Tedesco suffered significant damage, "So much of the research in the past has been done at controlled environments inside our universities. We felt we needed to take a harder look at what was going on out in the fields across New England."

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though not nearly as extensive as Salem, and Hasak always asked himself why.

Fast-forward to the spring of 2003 when Hasak discovered that the winter had done a number on his turf. So, too, was there extensive winter kill at Kernwood C.C. in Salem, Beverly Golf & Tennis Club, Essex C.C., and even at Presidents G.C. in Quincy, which traditionally came through winters in fine shape.

But at Salem C.C., the damage was minimal, and Hasak shook his head.

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"In 2001, we had widespread damage. It was brutal," said Hasak. "In 2003, it was more along the coastline. Then in 2003-04, even though it was a bitter cold winter, damage was hardly as overwhelming along the coast as it had been in previous winters, but inland was much more significant.

"We need," said Hasak, "to find out what's going on here."

Hasak said Dr. John Roberts from the Department of Plant Science at the University of New Hampshire is currently conducting a project to study the topic of covering greens for the winter. Roberts is working closely with Jim Skorulski, an agronomist with the USGA who lives in Palmer.

"We've sent turf samples so Roberts can monitor them," said Hasak. "We need to start expanding our computer data to find out what's going on underneath the greens covers."

Hasak has hopes of tying this project into the expansion that is ongoing at the University of Massachusetts, to incorporate a graduate student, and to keep the avenues of dialogue open between educators and his superintendents.

"We've got lots of great heads together here," said Hasak. "We need to think about a course of action. The great thing about this [agenda] is that this is superintendents propelling it."

Why has the winter kill been so helter-skelter — horrible in some spots, not-too-bad in others close by? Hasak has theories, but he's more focused on obtaining answers. "It would be really nice to go out and not guess at what happens. It would be nice to say, 'This is what happens, and why.'"

How far away are we from such a day?

"It's going to take some time," said Hasak. "We all know that." 🖷

**Update:** Mary Owen has come aboard as the researcher for this project. They have set a protocol which is in development. We are also looking for a cooperator in the Rhode Island area. Please contact Peter Hasak if you have any questions at 781-595-3107.

### CALENDAR ...

| Dec. 10               | Holiday Gala<br>Dedham Country & Polo Club<br>Dedham, Mass.<br>Supt Michael Stachowicz                   |
|-----------------------|--|
| Dec 13                | <b>GCSANE Monthly Meeting</b><br>Walpole Country Club<br>Walpole, Mass.<br>Supt Mark Gagne               |
| Jan. 25               | <b>GCSANE Annual Meeting</b><br>Thorny Lea Golf Club<br>Brockton, Mass.<br>Supt Joseph Rybka, CGCS       |
| Feb./<br>March<br>TBA | <b>GCSANE Monthly Meeting</b><br>Framingham Country Club<br>Framingham, Mass.<br>Supt Patrick Daly, CGCS |

# GCSANE president raves about 9-hole tournament, previews 2005 S&B, & issues a directory reminder

The Annual 9-Hole meeting was hosted by Dick French on November 1 at Bear Hill. The weather and conditions couldn't have been better. The 80 players who participated really had a very enjoyable day. Thank you everyone at Bear Hill!

Thanks to the New England PGA for once again doing everything necessary



in running the John Shanahan Memorial **Pro-Superintendent** Tournament. John Shanahan was the first GCSANE President from 1924 to 1928 and the long time superintendent at Braeburn. The con-

ditions at Kittansett were impeccable and I would personally like to thank Lennie Blodgett for the 40+ mile an hour winds which certainly added to the experience. Scholarship & Benevolence Chairman, David Comee, Bob Healy and myself recently met with The Country Club General Manager, David Chag, to begin formulating the plans for the June 16, 2005 S&B Tournament. This is always one of everyone's favorite courses to visit and the GCSANE really appreciates the mutual respect shared between us and The Country Club.

I am pleased to announce the appointment of Michael Stachowicz as the

alternate member representing GCSANE on the New England Regional Turfgrass Board of Directors.

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Everyone should have by now received a mailing from Sharon Brownell reauiring that

you update all of your information for the directory and our computer system. Even if none of your information has changed, you must fill out this form and return it to Sharon ASAP or you will not be in the 2005 directory.

By the time you read this president's message, you should have received your Holiday Gala invitation. This year's event

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is being held December 10 at Dedham, and is one of the best events we host.

I neglected to thank two very special people in my October president's message. A special thanks go to Hickory Ridge owners Doug and Cathy Harper! Because of their generosity, \$125 out of the \$150 Troll Tournament entry fee went directly to the Turf Research Building Fund. The total raised that day now stands at approximately \$70,000!

See you December 10 at the Holiday Gala and December 13 at the Walpole meeting. Please remember that the winter meeting dress code is jacket-and-tie.

> **Best Wishes**, Michael Hermanson, **GCSANE** President

# From the Forum: New password-protected forum is a great place for members to get help or just talk

Editors Note: The GCSANE Forum is now password protected and can be a great place for getting help or just talk-



ing. We will only reprint posts that are relevant, helpful, and appropriate to our

readership. I would also like to point out that this a great tool for vendors to help superintendents with their problems with various types of equipment.

### **Belated thanks**

(Jim Fitzroy, 11/02/2004). I just want to say thank you to Ken Lallier from the Quechee Club for hosting the Northeast Autumn Classic and to Tom Flaherty and Steve Carr for putting together the Islands Invitation Tournament. If you haven't played in these events, do yourself a favor and take the time to participate next year. The golf is great and the fellowship with the other superintendents playing is one of the things that make our profession areat. Thanks again guys.

(Russ Heller, 11/05/2004). I know that Ken is looking to update his mailing list for the Quechee event. I would suggest that anyone interested in playing next year to contact Ken. It is a terrific event.

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# Liquid vs. granular fertilizer: The pros & cons

### By Pam Sherratt & John Street

Fluid fertilizers are packaged and sold either as clear liquids (solutions) or as liquids that have suspended solid particles (suspensions). Fertilizer solutions can also be made from dry milled prod-

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ucts intended to be dissolved in water. Fertilizer solutions are sprayed onto the turf,

delivering a source of water soluble nitrogen (WSN) and other desired nutrients, such as iron (Fe). The nutrients are either watered down into the soil for root uptake, or foliar absorbed.

The reason for applying WSN to turf this way is to achieve a short-term, rapid response – particularly turf green-up.

### **Liquid fertilizers**

Sports turf managers considering liquid applications should be aware of the following:

(1) There is a higher risk of burn potential, so smaller amounts of fertilizer are used (1-tenth to 2-tenths of a pound N/1000 sq.ft.) at more frequent intervals. This is often referred to as "spoon feeding."

(2.) Applying too much WSN at any one time will produce growth surges. Growth surges produce turf tissue with large, thin-walled leaf cells. It is reasonable to assert therefore that high N fertilizer inputs could increase the risk of disease. For example, research suggests that quick-release sources of N and subsequent growth surges increases the risk of grey leaf spot incidence.

(3.) Some nutrients such as calcium and iron are immobile in plants. If these nutrients are foliar absorbed they will not be translocted to the turf roots.

(4.) If liquids are applied to the turf, allowed to dry and not washed into the rootzone they can be mowed off. This is particularly important if mowing is frequent and clippings are removed. Nutrient loss from foliar applications with clipping removal can be significant and may therefore negatively affect the anticipated fertilizer response.



(5.) There is little/no research on how much of these products are absorbed, how they affect turf recovery from wear, and, most importantly, if they are supplying enough N for healthy turf growth in high-wear situations such as athletic fields. It is highly unlikely that nutrients from foliar applications contribute significantly to the reserve bank of soil nutrients, especially if clippings are removed. More research is needed to clarify these interactions.

#### **Granular fertilizers**

Granular fertilizers with a portion of nitrogen as a slow-release source are recommended for sports turf situations for several reasons:

• A portion of the fertilizer is not immediately available, so there is less likelyhood for burn. Larger amounts can be applied at less frequent intervals, saving labor costs.

• There is less likelyhood of growth surges because the slow-release nutrients are metered out over several weeks. For example, our research this year with a 21-4-11 PCSCU mini prill with 28% WSN and 72% slow-release N has provided the turf with a constant source of N (0.1 - 0.3lbs N/1000 sq.ft per week) for 6-8 weeks.

• Think of it as a bank! Granular slowrelease fertilizers offer a sound base for healthy turf growth on athletic fields they are the "savings" account for the turf. Additional applications of liquids may offer some benefits if a quick green-up response is desired for a sporting event – think of it as the "checking" account.

Thanks to Dr. Chuck Darrah for his editorial review.

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# Tournament for Joe Troll Turf Research Center: A great day of golf, camaradarie, & fund raising

### By Steve Goodwin, Associate Dean, College of Natural Resources and the Environment, University of Massachusetts

"I am overwhelmed by the number of former students who came back for this event." With these words, Joe Troll brought to a close a great day of golfing, camara-



derie, and fund raising at the Hickory Ridge Country Club in Amherst, Mass. The event

celebrated the contributions Professor Troll has made to the Umass-Amherst turf program and the impact he's had on the lives of his students.

### A letter to GCSANE from Dr. Joseph Troll

October 23, 2004

Michael Hermanson Gardner Municipal Golf Course 140 Ryan Street Gardner, MA 01440-0145

#### Dear Mike and Golf Course Superintendents Association of New England,

I want to take this opportunity to thank you and the Golf Course Superintendents Assoc. of New England for the support for the Turf Research Building also, all the superintendents that made pledges.

I was especially pleased and honored to see the wonderful outcome of the successful golf tournament at Hickory Ridge. Bob Ruszala did an excellent job and kept on top of things. He sure knows how to push.

The university is planning on breaking ground and putting in the footing this November. I still can't believe it. To think by field day next year it will be in full operation.

Will see you all at the turf conference in Rhode Island next March.

My most heartful thanks.

Sincerely, Joseph Troll



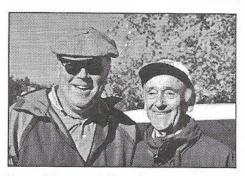
Geoffrey Cornish (left) and Sherwood Moore (right) share a greeting at the Fund Raiser Tournament for the Joseph Troll Turf Research Center. The event was held Oct. 5, 2004 at Hickory Ridge C.C. in Amherst, Mass. (Photo by Melissa Wedig.)

Much more than a golf tournament, the day brought together alumni who hadn't seen each other in many years. Alumni came from as far away as New Jersey and Maryland. Dave Sylvester (from Bayer Environmental Sciences) took a unique approach to making sure he got to see everybody. Dave sat out on the 8th hole passing out cigars, sharing jokes with friends, and running a raffle that raised over a thousand dollars. Perhaps the most impressive reunion was between Geoffrey Cornish and Sherwood Moore. Two former participants in the Winter School, Geoffrey and Sherwood last worked together on the opening of the Captain's Golf Course in Brewster, Mass. in 1985. The spirit of the day was definitively captured by Jim Conant, superintendent at the Pittsfield Country Club. "Best reunion I've ever attended," he said.

Over 150 golfers and 25 sponsors raised over \$40,000. That sum is being matched by \$20,000 from state funds. Much of the credit for the event's success is due to Bob Ruszala, superintendent at Hickory Ridge Country Club. Bob chaired the tournament committee and did much of the legwork that built participant enthusiasm and created a sell out. Credit is also due to Cathy and Doug Harper, the club's owners, who generously donated the course; and Jim Bernier of Golf Cart Services, Inc., who donated the carts.

Proceeds from the tournament will support a new building at the university's turfgrass research center in South Deerfield, which has been dedicated in honor of Professor Troll. The campaign is in its final stages, with more than \$700,000 raised to date and construction expected to begin this November. "This building is one of the central steps in a concerted plan to revamp the turf program," noted Cleve Willis, Dean of the College of Natural Resources and the Environment. "We're also hiring new turfgrass specialists and renewing our focus on research. New England deserves the highest quality turf programs and we intend to make that a reality here at Umass-Amherst."

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Dave Sylvester (left) and Dr. Joseph Troll (right), enjoying the tournament that raised over \$40,000 for the new building at the UMass turgrass research center in S. Deerfield, Mass., which has been dedicated to Professor Troll. (Photo by Melissa Wedig.)

# **NERTF Executive Director explains fine points** of the New England Regional Turfgrass Trust

### Gary Sykes, **Executive Director, NERTF**

When it comes to expanding funding for turf research in New England, the New England Regional Turfgrass Foundation has set in motion two vehicles.

### NERTF NEWS

The foundation was created with the best intentions to do all the funding that was thought needed. The NERTF works with

a lengthy budget whose annual yields are mostly predictable and whose eye is not just on today, but looking far down the road. Hence, its main objectives are to fund research, to plan future shows, and to continue creating a \$1,000,000 research endowment. You can compare it with "feeding the soil" in agricultural terms. It continues on its very important function as it nears its goal focused on the industry's future.

The NERTRT on the other hand was formed in March 2001 to aid in the

alternative opportunities to raise funds for turfgrass research in New England. What is the NERTRT all about? By forming a trust and requesting for donations to be eligible as a charitable personal deduction from the IRS, donations di-

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rectly to the trust can then be tax deductible. Also, it becomes a vehicle to raise funds by other methods that will go directly to the ongoing turf research projects. This fund has been generated by the silent auction and through club solicitations. These methods are less predictable, but are alternatives sources to generate funds that can then be applied to where it might be needed either for short or long-term projects. In a sense, it is more of a "foliar feeding" method that may have a quicker response time, but shorter duration. The trustees may decide to use the funds on an existing project, on a newer problem that wasn't budgeted for over the course of the season, or they could just hold the funds for when they are needed more.

Every golf course in New England should have received a new copy of the New England Turf News and donation form. Within the newsletter is information and news concerning ongoing research being funded by the NERTF and the activity at some of our New England Universities. We hope many of the golf courses in New England will be attracted to donating at least \$200 each to the NERTRT. These donations will continue to help expand research opportunities and the New England Turf News newsletter. Your club's donation is very important and much needed to make this possible. The Research Trust will also oversee the upcoming and popular Silent Auction fundraiser at this year's TURF 2005 Conference and Show. It is a great way to support the NERTRT, and possibly save some dollars in your budget as most all items are sold for a percentage of the retail value.

Both research feeding (funding) methods, just as in turfgrass agronomics, if they can help our present situations, then they should be used. The NERTF and the NERTRT are hand-inhand working to advance turfgrass research in New England, and all the while helping to build a stronger, better, and more responsible future for the industry. Thank you for your interest and support!

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# NERTF announces Turfgrass Conference Seminars; three of four to offer GCSAA education points

The New England Regional Turfgrass Foundation announced its lineup of



2005 conference seminars recently. The following seminars will be offered at

the 2005 Turfgrass Conference & Show in Providence, R.I.

The four seminars, one full-day and three half-day, will be held on Monday, March 7, 2005, the first day of the fourday conference held at the Rhode Island Convention Center in Providence, R.I.The seminars are:

(1) Water, Fish, & Buffer Management for Golf Course Ponds. Fullday seminar; .7 GCSAA education points. Co-taught by Drs. Bruce Williams and Douglas Holland, Brunswick Community College, North Carolina.

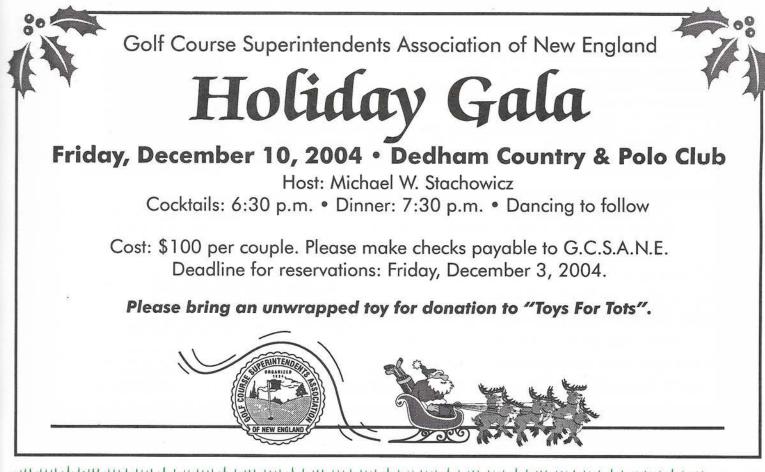
(2) Understanding Biostimulants. Half-day seminar; .35 GCSAA education points. Taught by Dr. Keith Karnok, University of Georgia.

(3) Localized Dry Spots and Using Wetting Agents on the Golf Course. Half-day seminar; .35 GCSAA education points. Taught by Dr. Keith Karnok, University of Georgia.

(3) American Heart Association: HeartSaver and AED Training. Half-day seminar. Taught by American Safety Programs, Inc. Registration forms for the seminars will be available online at the New England Regional Turfgrass Foundation's web site at www.nertf.org after December 1, or in this year's new show program mailer. We hope these subjects and titles will help you make your decision on whether you will attend a seminar in March. The NERTF office telephone number is 401-841-5490.

Pesticide re-certification credits are offered for seminars that qualify.

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# GCSANE's new password-protected online forum shows a recent increase in members-only traffic

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### **CPR/First Aid**

(Ed Gianni, 11/03/2004). Would anyone be interested in CPR and First Aid certification? It takes approx. four hours and the cost is approx. \$35-\$40. I'm looking at dates in early January. Let me know. egianni@ridderfarm.com or 781-447-6611, ext. 15. Thanks, Ed. continued from page 3

### **UMass Turf Program**

(Russ Heller, 10/28/2004). Some highlights from today's UMass Turf Program Advisory Board meeting:

• The Stockbridge School is revisiting the internship program. Information regarding a three month vs. five month internship is desired. The Board is considering forming a focus group for more information.

• Bids for the Troll Research Center have been opened and the school expects to sign off on the contractor within days. Groundbreaking is expected to happen in November.

• There are water issues for the turf plots in Deerfield. They currently use municipal water purchased from Deerfield. An alternate source is being considered.

• A search is still underway for both a tenured professor/researcher and a professor/extension specialist.

• There is still a need for a diagnostician to handle non-turf issues. Robert Wick will take care of all turfgrass samples.

#### Web Site

(Russ Heller, 10/27/2004). I'm happy that we've finally been able to password protect this forum for members only. That being said, what should we do with the web site in general? I plan on speaking with a company to produce a more professional site. Any ideas on features we would like? I'd be looking for volunteers to help with site maintenance and possibly looking for a Chairman for a new Web Site committee. In short, I guess I'm just looking for new ideas. Anyone have any?

#### Acorns

(Russ Heller, 10/27/2004). Where have all the acorns gone? I mean, I'm sure they're still in the trees, but they haven't begun falling yet. Usually by this time I'm blowing acorns off several tees. Did the myriad squirrels get them ALL this year? Seriously, what's the reason behind the lateness of the acorn harvest?

(Jason Adams, 11/03/2004). Now that you mention it, we don't have as many acorns as we normally do. It would be interesting to find out if it has any meaning for the winter to come. Maybe mild, I hope! Got a lot of things to do!!!!!

(Roger Brink, 11/03/2004). Personally, I don't care where they are. No acorns makes for a much easier cleanup. They're just a pain to clean up. Has anybody figured out an easy way to clean them up besides a rake?

(Russ Heller, 11/04/2004). Roger, A backpack blower works much better than a rake.

(Peter Hasak, 11/08/2004). I can only imagine that some weather event last winter or spring is responsible. Regardless, zero acorns at Tedesco this fall – thank God!

#### Anti-desiccants

(Ron Dobosz, 10/21/2004). Just wondering how many guys out there use anti-desiccants such as Greenzit etc. What kind of luck have people had with those and/or covers especially on poa greens??

(Dave Comee, 10/22/2004). Dobz, I have used greens covers for a number of years with good luck. The impermeable type covers have done very well up to about 14 weeks. Because of weather conditions I have had a good deal of dead turf beyond that. The woven type do a good job against wind desiccation of snow cover is gone. It's a pain putting them down in the late fall but worth the effort. The Greenzit liquid looks nice, how much benefit is in question and it does a tune on the pump seals.

(Mike Luccini, 10/25/2004). Dobz, We are going out with Greenzit at 30oz/1000 in two split 15 oz applications this year and no covers. The covers have provided mixed results for me on our high poa greens. We stopped mowing our greens last week, and have been raising mowing heights weekly this fall in preparation for the winter.

(Jason Adams, 10/27/2004). Dobz, I have been using wintergreen for a couple of years with great results. Same application rates as Mr. Luccini. We just raised our heights this week and I will try and get two light topdressings on the greens before our winter applications.

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# **DIVOT DRIFT** ... announcements ... educational seminars ... job opportunities ... tournament results ... and miscellaneous items of interest to the membership.

### MEMBERSHIP

Welcome New Members: James E. Foster, CGCS, Superintendent, Widows Walk, Scituate, Mass.; Matthew A. Pooler, Assistant, Kettle Book G.C., Paxton, Mass.

**Proposed for Membership:** Brian Daigneau, Assistant, Framingham C.C.; Anthony Gilberti, Assistant, Framingham C.C.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**GCSANE sends condolences** to Jim Santoro on the passing of his father.

**GCSANE condolences** go to Peter Lund on the passing of his mother.

**GCSANE extends condolences** to Dave Comee on the passing of his father.

**GCSANE sends condolences** to Kevin McDonough on the passing of his father.

**GCSANE condolences** go to Andy Gay on the passing of his father.

**GCSANE will continue its practice** of making a donation to the Francis Ouimet Scholarship fund in their names.

**Condolences** go to the Sprague family on the recent passing of Joseph Sprague, Sr., former executive director of the Rhode Island Golf Association.

### **GCSANE NEWS**

**The Nor'easter** will be held on Thursday, February 10 at the Rosen Centre Hotel (association headquarters).

There has been some interest in reviving an old practice of having demo days at our monthly meetings. Anyone with any thoughts about this should contact Pat Daly.

**It looks like** the GCSANE will finish the year with a balanced budget. The board voted to keep the dues the same for 2005.

### INFORMATION

Harrell's Fertilizer Inc. and former Simplot Partners sales managers have created a new company. Harrell's Fertilizer, Inc. a producer of custom blended fertilizers and distributor of chemicals & grass seed to turf & ornamental professionals; and former Simplot Partners Turf sales managers David Schermerhorn and Don Hollinger, announced its acquisition of Simplot Partners NE Division. The new independent company will be known as Harrell's Turf Specialty LLC (HTS) and will be a major distributor of fertilizer and chemicals to the golf course sports turf industries in the Northeast. Company principals are Jack Harrell, Jr., Chariman; David Schermerthorn, President; and Don Hollinger, Senior Vice President. HTS will employ 40 individuals including 20 representatives living throughout the Northeast. HTS will retain the current Simplot Partners NE distribution locations in Danbury, Conn.; York, Pa.; Butler, Pa.; Auburn, Mass.; and Londonderry, N.H.

The American Society of Golf Course Architects has developed a new brochure, "The Golf Course Remodeling Process – Questions & Answers," available free to anyone interested in the planning process. As technology, the economy, and player expectations continue to impact golf course design, superintendents and others explore remodeling more often. To obtain a copy, contact the ASGCA, 125 N. Executive Drive, Ste. 106, Brookfield, WI 53005, by e-mail at info@asgca.org, or by phone at (262) 786-5960. For information on ASGCA, visit www.asgca.org.

### **UMASS NEWS**

UMass update from Dr. Robert Wick: | personally want to take a little of the space here to thank my colleague and outstanding turfgrass pathologist, Dr. Gail Schumann for her many years of excellent service to the UMass Turfgrass Program. As of now, responsibility for diagnoses and recommendations fall to me, and it will take a little time for me to get back into the swing of turfgrass pathology. I welcome your comments and concerns; I can be reached by e-mail: rwick@ pltpath.umass.edu, or by phone: 413-545-1045. A note on Fusarium Patch: Fusarium patch (pink snow mold) occurs during cool (less than 60 F) rainy weather. The disease is also known as Microdochium patch because the name of the fungus was changed from Fusarium to Microdochium. Patches are usually from one to five inches in diameter and the grass will appear water-soaked, similar to Pythium blight. The overall coloration of the affected turf is usually tan but in the spring, after snow melt, a pink to salmon-coloration is often evident. The disease is favored by nitrogen applications so if you have a history of Fusarium patch, go easy on the nitrogen this fall. The fungus is easily spread with mowers, so do not mow diseased grass when wet. A wide range of fungicides will control this disease. Fludioxonil, iprodione, PCNB, propiconazole, and trifloxystrobin should give excellent control. New address: Dr. Robert Wick. UMass-PSIS, Fernald Hall, 270 Stockbridge Road, Amherst, MA 01003.

### **GCSAA NEWS**

The Professional Development Tool (PDR) relaunched recently with a new interface. The look is similar, but the functionality is more user-friendly and contains certification information to assist in preparation for the new exam format. Begin by logging in to the tool at www.gcsaa.org/pdr. Next, complete the self-assessment and review your ratings in the Gap Analysis. While reviewing your Gap Analysis, think about areas that need more attention or have low ratings, areas you deal with on a daily basis, or areas of interest. Use these subject areas to identify potential seminars to help you improve in the identified competency areas and add these to your Development Action Plan (DAP). Once your DAP is completed, you are finished with your PDR. But don't forget to go back and update your assessment and DAP after completing any educational opportunities. Education points will be automatically posted upon completion. PDR questions? Contact Sarah Clopton, curriculum manager, at sclopton@gcsaa.org, or at (800) 472-7878, ext. 3605.

### **GOLF RESULTS**

#### Annual 9-Hole Meeting Bear Hill Golf Club, Stoneham, Mass. November 1, 2004

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2nd Place: 30 (tie) - Carl Teschke, Jim Fitzroy, Mike Hermanson, Bob Ruszala, Scott Whitcomb

2nd Place: 30 (tie): Jim Biundo, Peter Hasak, Troy Kovalesky, Kip Tyler, Ren Wilkes

4th Place: 31 (tie) - Dave Barber, Ron Kirkman, John Lenhart, Carl Miner, Arthur Silva

4th Place: 31 (tie) - Russ Heller, Brian Juneau, Brian King, Jeff Power, Dave Stowe

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