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Matt Behl Enjoys the Best of Both Worlds

By: Dick Trust

He's up early enough on most days to see the sun rise, and he's generally with his wife and 3-year-old twins at home when the sun sets. It makes for an ideal mix of work and play.

"In the good weather, I'm usually done by 3:30 in the afternoon," said Behl, in his eighth year as head superintendent at Haverhill (Mass.) Country Club. "I make sure that on the days I do get out at 3:30, I'll bring a lot of work home with me and once the kids go to sleep, I'll spend about an hour doing my office work, budgetary stuff, getting ready for the next day. I'm able to spend the evenings with them."

Behl's twins – son Mason and daughter Marissa – savor their visits to dad at the golf course, too.

"There's nothing more those kids like than taking a ride around or just hanging out in the maintenance shop," said Behl (pronounced BE-il). "They absolutely love it there. If I go back for an afternoon tour, they're right there. My wife (Melissa) visits quite a bit, too."

The demands of the job and the joys of family life cut into the time that Behl, 33, can play golf.

"I very rarely play nowadays," he said. "By no means am I a good golfer, but in college I played a decent amount. Since I became an assistant and then (head) superintendent, I haven't had the time. And now, with the kids, every free minute I have, I devote to them."

From May 1 to, roughly, Oct. 1, Behl arrives at the golf course by 5 in the morning. If he and his staff of 15 can pack up and head home by 3:30 p.m., great. If issues arise, the workday is extended. It goes with the territory.

"Sometimes when we're short on water, we'll stay to 5:30 or so," he said. "When we have water and the weather is good, we try to take advantage of it."

Behl's twins try to take advantage of the time they spend at the golf



Aerial View of Haverhill Country Club

course. It's hard to pry them away.

"Our practice green is next to the maintenance shop," Behl pointed out. "I could probably leave them out there for about two hours and they wouldn't leave the practice green. They just love it. They're not using a putter. All they're doing is picking up balls and trying to roll them into the practice green cups. They'll do that for as long as I allow them to."

"I think when they get a little bit older; they'll definitely be inclined to take up golf."

By then, their dad presumes, they will have discovered putters.

Behl grew up in the tiny southwestern Massachusetts town of Granville, an artsy-craftsy outpost in the foothills of the Berkshires, near the Connecticut border. Population these days is 1,521 – no more than about five times the membership of 300 at Haverhill C.C.

As a kid, he played hockey and baseball, but by the time he was a sophomore at nearby Southwick High School (Granville has no secondary school of its own; Southwick also embraces students from Tolland), Behl had turned to track and cross country.

A latecomer to running, he got good in a hurry. And being in a hurry was good: He won the Division 2 state cross country championship in his senior year, and earned a track and cross country scholarship at UMass Amherst.

After four years there he received a bachelor's degree in turfgrass management and was on his way to a career as golf course superintendent.

Before entering that realm, Behl considered the landscaping business, in which he worked for 2½ years while in high school. It wasn't a giant leap from that to tending to golf courses, but he made the jump. In the end, his heart was in the right place.

"It wasn't until my freshman year in

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college that I realized there was more to it (caring for a course) than I thought," he said, "and that's when I really started getting into turf and concentrating on the golf course end of it. I just liked it more than the landscaping end of it, so I turned in that direction."

Behl came to Haverhill in 2001 after three years as assistant superintendent at Ferncroft Country Club in Danvers, Mass. Before that he worked on the grounds staff for three years at Crestview C.C. in Agawam.

"When I took over at Haverhill, it was after they had had a really bad year," Behl said. "A couple of greens and quite a few fairways were in really rough shape. I basically worked hard to restore turf conditions and bring the playing conditions back to a level where I feel they should be.

"I've just done my job and keep trying to produce the best turf conditions I can, the best playing conditions that I can, and membership has been nothing but supportive of everything I've done since I've been here. Membership treats me well; they've been a pleasure to work with."

Opened in 1925, Haverhill is a par-70, 18-hole private-equity course, 6,302 yards long from the back tees. The course rating is 69.5 and has a slope rating of 128.

"It's a short course, but it doesn't play short," Behl said. "It's a very tough course. We keep the rough very thick, and on the longer side. There are small, undulating greens, with a speed of 10, 10½.

"There are a lot of holes where if you do take driver out, you can end up in some real trouble with the heavy rough and bunkering we do have."

The "major issue" that Behl said he and his crew has been working on is enlarging "a couple of our irrigation ponds. The water resources are a little bit limited, but we're always trying to budget and very carefully manage our water. I've had to in the past buy water from the city, which basically entails hooking up to a fire hydrant and running close to 1,500 feet of fire hose down into our irrigation ponds. We had to do that just once. Last year we were about a week away from needing to buy water, but we were able to make it through without.

"Last year was dry, but it hasn't been this year. Still, it's always something we have to be careful with, man-

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***Matt Behl
Superintendent,
Haverhill CC***

aging our water. The course holds up, but it requires a lot of extra man-hours in periods of drought to always being able to water the way you'd like to water.

"We have dug three wells, which produce about 100 gallons per minute, which is good, but they drop off quickly after running basically five to seven days and start to wane. They replenish themselves, but it's a long process. It's not until next season that you can fully use them again."

An issue that Behl and his staff deal with annually is a touch of turf disease.

"We haven't had too much trouble," he said, although he does battle summer patch and anthracnose. "Anthracnose is the toughest I fight on a daily basis. It never gets to the point where it's noticeable to the membership – they never say, 'What's wrong with this green?' – but I have four greens that no matter what I do, how healthy they are, it seems that they get anthracnose.

"It never gets that bad, never interrupts play. It's just something that's always lurking, always on my mind, and I'm always trying to come up with a new strategy to alleviate the problem. They're on a little bit heavier aeration schedule and the greens get a little bit extra fertilization and the anthracnose still moves in on those greens.

"It happens right around the last week of June to mid-July. By the end of July, it goes away and the greens are fine the rest of the season. No matter what I do – trust me, my assistants go crazy over all the work I've done trying to alleviate the problem – I just

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Peer to Peer: Better Turf Though Networking

By: Rich Gagnon

In the spirit of networking and sharing information, experiences and ideas, several of our superintendent members have offered their insights on topics such as disease, heat, gas prices, new ideas and old ones. I asked a few questions on the website's forum to see what's going on at other golf courses. Thanks to all those who replied. I encourage everyone to check the website regularly as everyone else would love to hear what you have to say. The questions I posted are as follows:

How are you holding up so far this summer with the unusual weather and one heat wave behind us already?

Have you had any disease issues, if yes what have you done to battle it, have you tried anything new, and have you had any luck?

What cultural practices are you using to improve turf conditions this summer?

What has been your biggest problem so far this summer?

Have you had to send any turf samples to be tested and where do you send them to and what was the result?

What are you paying for gas these days and where do you buy from?

Scott Lagana:

We (Oak Hill CC) are holding up well. Our only problem is collars, they are a heinze 57 mix and combined with greens mower turning, even though we use mats, has required a lot of hand watering and we also aerated with 1/4" tines on July 1.

No disease issues.

We do a lot of brushing, greens, approaches and fairways.

Again, our biggest issue are collars, we have not hand watered greens at all, just collars.

We sent out samples twice on our problem greens for nematodes. First round came back clear, second round identified one green for treatment. We use Umass.

We just filled up today with 700 gal. of gasoline at \$4.01. Diesel was \$4.66 last week. Fortunately we did a good job forecasting/budgeting and should be on budget come October.

Ron Dobosz:

Been a tough summer out here in western Massachusetts much like all of the state. Before the heat waves we had several heavy and damaging thunderstorms that were on a nightly basis. In a two week period in late June/early July we got 9 inches of rain. Naturally we had issues with water collecting and some pythium in some poor drainage areas so fungicide sprays are more frequent on fairways than last year. Many of us out here are struggling with summer patch on fairways, I have some tees and 3 fairways that have a fair amount and we have treated curatively three times in the last week, seems to be checking up but time will tell with another 3 days of 90 plus temps and humidity.

With all the storms and humidity we have not had to syringe anything however we are losing lots of poa on collars and tee edges.

As far as cultural practices we are spiking monthly, no grooming now, but weekly light topdressing of greens with straight sand.

It has in my opinion been one of the most difficult summers I have seen based on the excessive weather extremes. Labor Day is almost here!!

Also, I agree Oak Hill is great played there last week!!

Patrick Daly:

We've been holding up fine so far this summer with no major issues. I give a lot of credit to my Assistants for that. For some reason this year we've had some turnover on our staff and they've dealt with that and everything else real well so far.

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can't seem to knock it out. Nothing wholly works for us.

"Some way I'll find the underlying cause of the problem. But until then, it's almost uncanny. We just make sure it doesn't get out of hand."

Haverhill C.C. typically opens around the first of April each year and closes around the first of December. The off-season has Behl's staff at about a half-dozen, who do a lot of tree work in the winter.

"We've done a lot in the past and there's still a lot to do," Behl said. "There are some areas that are very heavily shaded and we've been working on taking those trees down. We do about 50 to 75 trees a year in-house ourselves and we'll contract out for

another 25 or so trees that we can't do ourselves.

"Once April rolls around, Behl works just about seven days a week until the end of the season.

"I hardly ever take a day off, maybe one or two days a year during the course of the season," he said. "Sometimes the hours and stuff wear on me a little, but when it's all said and done, at the end of September you take a ride around the golf course and if it's what you want it to be, it's all worthwhile." ❖

Working in Hot Conditions

By: Ron Smith, MBA, CPSI

General Hazards

Your body is designed to operate within a fairly narrow temperature range. If your body temperature goes too high, you get sick.

Heat exhaustion is a risk if you're physically active when it's hot. You'll probably get dizzy and sweaty, but it's not likely to be life-threatening.

Heatstroke is much more serious. It is also a hazard when you're physically active in hot conditions. But heatstroke can send your body temperature so high that you become unconscious. Even worse, too much exposure to these conditions can put so much strain on your heart and blood vessels that you risk heart failure or stroke. The risk is greatest for people who have heart or circulatory problems. Their bodies are least able to take the strain and may not perspire and cool properly.

If you're working outside, you can also be exposed to hazards from too much sun exposure. One hazard is skin cancer—the result of too much sun. Another problem is sunburn or sunstroke from getting too much sun when you're not used to it.

Identifying Hazards

If you know the symptoms of heat stress, you can keep those symptoms from getting out of hand. The symptoms that indicate heat stress symptoms can also be symptoms of other health problems. But if it's hot and you're getting a workout, heat stress is probably your prime hazard.

You usually start by feeling hot, uncomfortable, and just not ready to do much. That's not serious, but it's probably a sign you should get out of the heat. Here are the symptoms that could indicate a serious problem:

- Dizziness
- Rapid heartbeat
- Nausea
- Cramps
- Headache
- Excessive Sweating
- Chest Pain
- Breathing problems
- Great weakness
- Diarrhea

Even worse are these signs of **heatstroke**:

- High temperature
- Hot red, dry skin
- Rapid pulse

Assume that any of these symptoms mean a serious problem.

You should also know the signs of **skin cancer**. See a doctor if you notice a mole or skin spot with these characteristics:

- One half is different from the other
- The border is irregular
- There are different colors
- It seems to be growing

Protection Against "Heat" Hazards

- As with any hazards, the best way to deal with heat hazards is to try to prevent them.
- Dress for conditions. Lightweight, light-colored loose clothing is the best. Wear a hat with a wide brim if you're out in the sun. Put sunscreen on exposed body parts.
- Eat a regular well-balanced diet, but try to stay away from hot or heavy food. Also watch your salt consumption. Some people take salt tablets to replace the salt lost in perspiration when it's hot. But too much salt can be bad for you, so don't take salt tablets without a doctor's recommendation.
- Drink plenty of fluids. Don't wait until you're thirsty. Your body is sweating out a lot of fluid, and you have to keep replacing it. The best thing to drink is water. Avoid anything with caffeine or alcohol.
- Use sunscreen outside and cover as much of your body with clothing as possible.
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It's been difficult to schedule watering with the uneven rain events but we've been lucky so far to receive smaller amounts of rain than those even just a few miles away. It's July and I am anticipating all hell to break loose any-time now.

We were hit with anthracnose in the middle of June which was pretty aggressive. We'd been stressing out the greens with a MGA qualifier and a 2-day Member-Guest on back to back weeks. We tried the typical Daconil application with no success (including blanket applications and backpack applications). We then moved to applying light applications of foliar fertilizers, moving to smooth rollers and plugging out infected areas. I am sure it will be back and I will try Trinity when it reappears.

We have been topdressing our greens weekly. It's a little different then what we've done in the past when we were lucky to go monthly. We put out about 20-25 bags each week and water in at night.

What's my biggest problem? The things I mentioned already and dealing with post emergent crabgrass applications. I'm a pessimist so I'm sure the worst has yet to come. I have yet to send a sample for testing and I have been paying \$4.89 per gallon on Diesel from Holliston Oil and \$3.62 per excluding taxes for gas from DK Burke.

Dave Comee

Pretty much the same issues here in the hills as Dobz has. Too much water. It seems every thunderstorm in the state looks for me. Some Pythium and Anthracnose issues but ZeroTol, 2 apps last week seems to have taken care of that for now.

Spiking every 2 or 3 weeks. With my tiny greens (60,000 ft), my cleanup circles are usually looking a bit worn by now. In late May, early June I aerated the circles with 5/16 tines and top-dressed with sawdust. It's a little messy for a couple of days but all looks good so far. I may have found a solution:

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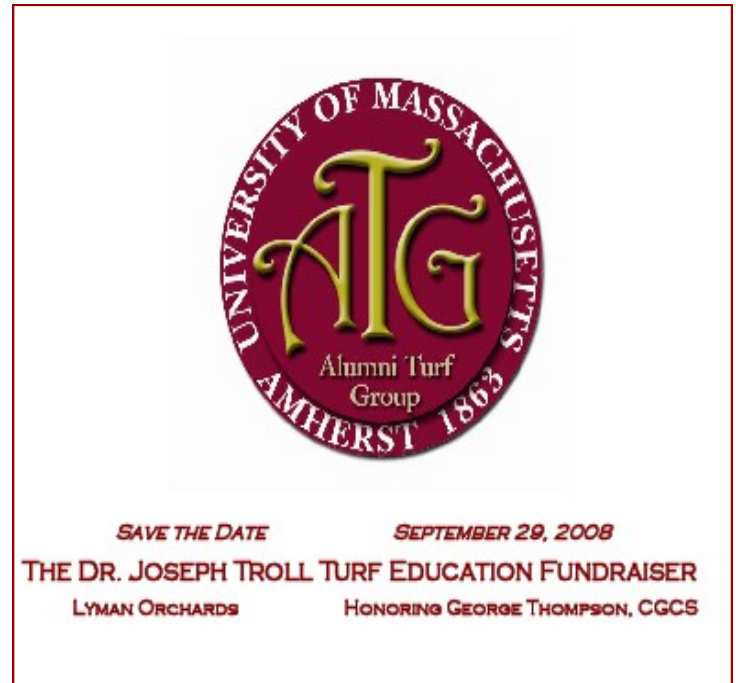
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New Turfgrass Disease: Yellow Spot

Source: UMass Press Release

Yellow spot appears in the form of yellow, chlorotic, circular discrete patches ranging from dime/quarter size up to 2-3 inches diameter on bentgrass putting greens, tees and approaches. The disease does not destroy the plant in any structural capacity; however yellow spot does reduce the aesthetic quality of turfgrass. The primary causal agent of the disease is not fully understood but has been suggested to be cyanobacteria causing blue-green algae. Do not confuse Yellow Spot with Yellow Tuft which is caused by *Sclerophthora macrospora* (see picture).

Yellow Spot has been reported on creeping bentgrass putting greens on golf courses in the southeastern region of United States. However, in 2007 yellow spot was reported on a few golf courses in Eastern Massachusetts. As early as last week the disease appeared on creeping bentgrass putting

greens and colonial bentgrass tees on golf courses in the Boston area. High humidity and temperatures (>90° F day and >65° F night) are main triggers. It is believed that many more golf courses with sand-based greens in the New England region may have experienced yellow spot. However, superintendents may be hesitant to report the disease because it does not cause rapid thinning or death of plants, but it is detrimental to appearance.

If you see Yellow Spot this year, then the disease is likely come back to the same greens again next year unless preventative applications with contact fungicides such as chlorothanoniil (Daconil Ultrex™) or mancozeb (Fore Rainshield™) are made before symptoms appear. Once the symptoms do appear, it is very difficult to manage the disease and adequate control may require several applications.

Since Yellow Spot may be associated with algae, any cultural practices that increase air circulation and decrease shade around greens will be helpful. Also, increasing surface drying by frequent topdressing in addition to light spiking, and reducing compaction, should be helpful as well. If your tolerance level to this aesthetic disease is high, then wait until Mother Nature (cooler day and night temperatures) takes care of it, but the time frame for symptoms may extend into the fall.

This week a research plot will be set up at a golf course in the Boston area to begin testing products. If you want an accurate diagnosis of the disease, please send your samples to the UMass Extension Plant Diagnostic Lab. Complete instructions for submitting samples to the lab can be found at:

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Is alcohol par for the course? Push to lift ban on grounds at Mass. golf clubs is welcomed on Beacon Hill

By: Richard Thompson, Globe Correspondent

The Juniper Hill Golf Course in Northborough offers its players a little bit of everything, including a full-service pro shop, several function rooms, and two courses, the River Course and the Lakeside Course. For Shaun Debold, a 46-year-old golfer from Mansfield, there's something still missing: a drink.

"I've definitely gone to courses and paid more to go there because I could have a cold beer on the course," Debold said on a recent morning round as he started at the first hole.

Standing a few feet away in his Panama-style hat and a red polo shirt, Greg Donahue agreed. "It's a no-brainer," said Donahue, 50, who also lives in Mansfield. "We play on enough courses in New England to know the ones that have beverage carts and the ones that don't have them."

Massachusetts bans alcohol from being served directly on the grounds of golf courses, a restriction that has been widely ignored by many courses that offer beverage carts at various holes. The state is one of two, along with Alaska, that bans alcohol on the grounds of golf courses, said Donna Dunn, executive director of the New England Golf Course Owners Association.

Now, state lawmakers want to relax the restriction. A bill pending on Beacon Hill for the last 17 months would give city and town officials authority to license the sale of beer or wine on the grounds of golf courses in their jurisdiction.

And so it would become legal to provide what some golfers have come to expect.

"This has become an important part of the experience that golf courses provide," state Representative James Fagan, Democrat of Taunton and the bill's sponsor, said in an interview earlier this month. "I think they're looking to remain competitive and have the opportunity to expand that aspect of their business, as well as offer some-

thing that golfers are interested in having available."

"It would be very well received," said Renee Gray, clubhouse manager at the Segregansett Country Club, an 18-hole private course in Taunton. "We've heard about it, and everybody has been discussing it."

The measure has been approved by the House and Senate, but must clear both chambers again before it goes to Governor Deval Patrick. Proponents of the bill say it will level the playing field between courses that already provide drinks and those that don't.

But some golfers are concerned that beverage carts could lead to too much drinking.

"I don't think it has any place out there, to tell you the truth," said Joseph Proulx, 61, of Burlington, as he puffed on a cigar near the Juniper Hill clubhouse. "Right now, you can go out with family, you can go out with kids, you can go out with a group of friends, and you don't have to worry about anyone being rowdy."

Extra revenue from alcohol sales on the courses could provide some relief for local courses that have seen their business drop because of the staggering economy, said Dudley Darling, Juniper Hill manager, and a board member and former president of the New England Golf Course Owners Association. "There are some people coming into golf, but it's the same percentage of people leaving, so the number of rounds being played are either flat or they've come down," said Darling, who plans to seek approval to sell alcohol on his course if the measure passes.

Gregory Cincotta - general manager of the Salem Country Club, a private 18-hole course in Peabody - said he wouldn't be disappointed if the existing restriction remains in place. "We use that to our advantage when members come up to us and ask for one," Cincotta said with a chuckle. "I

find that it slows down play, because people are always stopping in the middle of their round to get something, and the cart has to stop all the time to go get them drinks."

But some managers support legalization of alcohol sales on the golf course.

Kevin Osgood, a former president of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of New England, said that selling alcohol on the grounds "allows courses to control consumption so much better than what it is right now." "Without being licensed on the course to sell, you can't monitor and you can't control it if someone stuffs some beers in their golf bag," said Osgood, president of Sterling Golf Management, which operates multiple golf courses in the region. "Unless you see someone sneaking it out, you don't know what they're consuming."

Several golfers seemed confused to learn about the current restrictions for selling alcohol on the course grounds as they stood near the first hole at Juniper Hill last week, including brothers Al and Fred Cole, who both said they could recall recently buying beer from beverage carts on Massachusetts courses.

"When you're out here for a day off and you're relaxing, I think they ought to sell it out here," said Al Cole, 64, of Marlborough. "After you play a few holes, it's nice to get some cold refreshment. You can bring water with you, but by the time you get to the eighth hole, it's warm." ❖

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Alumni Turf Group Makes Donation to the University of Massachusetts

On June 19, the Alumni Turf Group made a donation to the University of Massachusetts' Turf Program in the amount of \$20,000. The presentation was made at the University Turf Program's annual field day in South Deerfield, MA. The donation was from the proceeds from the Alumni Turf Group's annual fundraiser, The Joseph Troll Turf Classic.

Lyman Orchards in Middlefield, Connecticut is to host the 5th annual Joseph Troll Turf Classic, sponsored by the Alumni Turf Group. The event will take place on September 29th, 2008. This year's tournament honoree is George Thompson, CGCS.

"Each year we gain momentum as does the program and research at the Joseph Troll Turf Research and Education Center. The golf event has

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The fundraiser was initiated in 2004 as a means to raise money for the new Dr. Joseph Troll Turf Research Center at the University of Massachusetts Amherst. With the building completed, the Alumni Turf Group has continued the fundraising efforts to support the turf program at the University.

The Alumni Turf Group (ATG), formed in 2005, is a 501c3 organization made up of turf professionals who are graduates of the Stockbridge School of Agriculture and the University of Massachusetts. Through fundraising, ATG hopes to further research and education, promote UMass alumni in the turf management profession, and in-

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