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Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection Levies Fine on Springfield Country Club

By: Jedd Newsome

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection made an unannounced stop at Springfield Country Club on September 1st, 2009. As a result of this inspection, the department observed fourteen laws, regulations, orders, licenses, permits, or approvals that were in noncompliance. In an effort to help other clubs from sustaining the same fate as SCC, I'm going to discuss some simple compliance issues that you may or may not be aware of.

The first, and most major issue with the department, was the storage and disposal of waste oil. Mass DEP regulations, 310 CMR 30.000, require all generators of waste oil to register with the state of Massachusetts as a Very Small Quantity Generator (VSQG). In short, if you generate less than 27 gallons of hazardous waste, per month, you must register with the state. There are no exceptions made. To simplify the process, we've made the Generator Registration Form available on the GCSANE website. After completion, the club will receive a MassDEP ID number.

Mass regulation, 310 CMR 30.353, requires all generators of hazardous waste to properly dispose of hazardous waste. Under this regulation, there are two options for disposal that make the most sense for golf courses. First, as a VSQG, you may transport up to 55 gallons of hazardous waste. If you

decide to transport your own waste, it must be disposed of at a licensed, storage or disposal facility, permitted recycling facility, or community hazardous waste collection center. Second, you may use a licensed transporter and manifest when sending your waste to a MassDEP licensed or approved hazardous waste treatment, storage, disposal or recycling facility. Most importantly, which ever disposal option you choose, you must have documentation of the disposal signed by both parties.

All hazardous waste containers must be stored inside, on an impervious surface which must be free of cracks and gaps so that the area may sufficiently contain leaks and spills. All containers should be placed on a spill containment pallet as well. All areas, where waste oil is accumulated, should be clearly marked. This is easily accomplished by using a piece of highly visible tape on the floor. Mark off a three foot area in front of your storage area. All accumulation areas must have a sign with the words "WASTE OIL". The sign must be in capital letters which are at least one inch high. Finally, storage containers must be marked "hazardous waste".

MassDEP also cited regulation, 314 CMR 5.03, which pertains to the discharge of pollutants to the ground waters of the Commonwealth. Any floor drain located inside of a shop or storage area, which daylights anywhere on the golf course, is frowned upon. At SCC, the floor drain daylights into a grassy area behind the shop. At the time of inspection, there was lapping compound around the drain. It was perceived to be material hazardous in fashion. As a result, MassDEP cited the club for discharging industrial pollutants to the ground waters of the Commonwealth. In order to avoid any future problems, SCC has filled in all interior floor drains.

A second area of concern, with MassDEP, was the area in which equipment is washed. At SCC, there is a concrete wash pad with a catch basin in the middle which, in turn, deposits all water in a grassy area behind the maintenance facility. MassDEP had two solutions to this problem. First, and most obvious, was the construction of a waste water recycling center. Unfortunately, this is cost prohibitive for SCC and most other golf facilities. With that in mind. MassDEP recommended SCC devise a system to collect all waste water and deposit it into one of the public sewer lines located on site. The water can then be handled by the town wastewater treatment center. There is no simple solution to this problem due to the fact that both options are expensive and time consum-

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ing. Moving forward, all clubs should look to address this problem in some manner due nto the fact that MassDEP views it as a problem.

Lastly, MassDEP questioned fuel storage and record keeping. All fuel dispensing stations must have both stage one and stage two vapor recoverv. Stage one vapor recovery is used during refueling of gasoline storage tanks to reduce hydrocarbon emissions. Vapors in the tank, which are displaced by the incoming gasoline, are routed through a hose into the cargo tanker instead of being vented into the atmosphere. Stage II vapor recovery collects vapors from vehicles fuel tanks while gasoline is dispensed. Stage II system consists of a special nozzle and coaxial hoses at each gasoline pump that recovers vapors from the vehicles fuel tank and routes them into the stations underground or aboveground storage tank. SCC argued that no motor vehicles were being refueled, and as a result, we should be exempt from this requirement. MassDEP emphatically insisted on the installation of both recovery sys-

All record keeping for gasoline storage must be completed and reconciled on a daily basis. SCC has devised a record keeping system that is approved by MassDEP. At the end of every day, a stick reading is taken and recorded in inches. Each tank manufacturer has chart, for their tank, which is used for converting your stick measurement into gallons. Once the conversion is made from the stick reading, simply subtract the current day reading from the previous day reading. All pumps should be equipped with a meter as well. Meter readings must be documented to complete the reconciliation process. To determine gallons used; subtract meter readings from day to day. Gallons used from the stick reading and meter reading should be the same. If there is a major discrepancy, chances are the storage tank is leaking. The correlation is not always exact due to the fact that stick readings are very sensitive to a reader's judg-

Please review your policies and procedures regarding waste oil, industrial waste water, fuel dispensing and storage. It will potentially save your facility from a substantial fine.

I'd like to thank Springfield Country Club for allowing me to share this story with all of you. Please be assured that the DEP will eventually make an appearance at your facility. Don't overlook these simple fixes or else your club could be hit with a substantial fine.

Reserve your spot for the..

GCSANE 18th Annual Scholarship and Benevolence Tournament

June 28, 2010

Belmont Country Club

Host: Michael Rose

Please consider donating a round of golf from your club to help support this event.

President's Message

This has been a pretty tough spring for most. Trying to recover from winter injury, dealing with floods and inconsistent weather conditions have left most looking forward to August. As trying as these times can be I hope you have had some time to spend with family and friends. A special note of thanks to Bob Dembek from Lexington Golf Club for hosting our spring 9 hole event. The spring meeting typically is difficult during the best of times and we appreciate Bob and his staff's efforts getting the course prepared for us.

Some things you should know about during the coming month:

Mike Rose and Russ Heller represented GCSANE at a recent State Agriculture Day. Both met with legislators to discuss issues that are important to us. Thanks guys.

The 2010 Membership Directory is being proofed. Thanks to Sharon Brownell and Rich Gagnon for their work and special thanks to Joe Lazaro from Lazaro Golf Course Supplies and Accessories and Hammond Paint and Chemical for being the advertiser in this year's directory.

Speaking of Membership Chairman Gagnon...hopefully all of you have received your notice that the Assistant Superintendent initiation has again been eliminated for 2010. We started this in 2009 and due to the overwhelming success the Board decided to offer it again. We believe that this Association offers each Assistant an avenue for education and builds camaraderie for their future as Golf Course Superintendents. Membership applications can be found on the website under the "membership" tab or by calling Sharon. The 4th annual Assistant

Superintendent Tournament is being held at Franklin Country Club on October 19 where Trent Lynch assists Mike Luccini.

Our next golf event is on May 19th with GCSACC followed by the S&B Tournament at Belmont on June 28th. In case you were wondering, the S&B has awarded over \$105,000 in scholarship and benevolent aid to members of GCSANE. Please forward any rounds of golf for the raffle to Sharon.

Until the next month may the simple pleasures of life including good friends, family, health, happiness, and peace be with you and your families.

Patrick Daly, CGCS GCSANE President

Annual Bluegrass Weevils - Here They Come!

We found tiny annual bluegrass weevil larvae in a couple of turf samples that were sent to us last week from a golf course just south of Hartford, CT. All of those larvae were first instars, barely out of the egg (we needed our large microscope to be able to distinguish the larvae from tiny weed seeds and tinier mites).

We are now processing samples that were sent to us yesterday (as part of a spring-long monitoring of sites throughout New England for the Weevil Trak website) and found a few third instars in a sample from a golf course in Danbury, CT.

So... it appears that the ABW larvae are beginning to hatch throughout the region. Remember that the first and second instars feed inside the stems, and do not chew their way out of the stem until the third instar. And they are well protected inside the stem from most of the non-systemic insecticides. The third, fourth, and fifth instars will make their way down through the thatch to the crown of the plant, where they may cause significant damage.

Those of you in the metropolitan New York area may see the first visible damage as early as three weeks from now.

We appear to be approaching the right time to apply products that are intended to target the larvae. These would include trichlorfon (Dylox™), indoxacarb (Provaunt™), and spinosad (Conserve™). Rich Cowles suggests that a phenological indicator for applying Conserve™, in particular, is Rhododendron catawbiense. At least one superintendent has told me that the projected "full bloom" in the Hartford area should occur within the next week. But if you apply too early, and some of the eggs have not yet hatched, you may need to follow up with a second application a couple weeks from now.

We do not yet know what the impact of the very unusual weather earlier this spring will mean for weevil activity. Many superintendents reported very high levels of adult activity early in April (during that unseasonably and unreasonably warm weather), but then

they have not seen any follow-up activity. Did some of those adults lay eggs early? Did some of them shrug their little wings and disappear back into the woods? Are we going to see a single fairly distinct peak in egg-laying (and subsequent larval emergence) or is it going to be one of those tough years where everything is really spread out?

To be honest, we don't know yet but we should have a much better sense of it all within the next week or so, as we continue to monitor samples from throughout southern New England. Stay tuned!

Oh, yeah - I noticed several May / June beetle (*Phyllophaga* sp.) adults flying around the lights on my breezeway Monday night. That's a little early too ... looks like it will be a very interesting summer in the bug world. ❖

Submitted by Dr. Pat Vittum

The Calendar Says April, But What About The July Feel?

By Adam Moeller, Agronomist

Invariably, springtime obstacles are challenges for golf course superintendents. This year, the early April weather patterns seemed more like July, as some areas closed in on the 90° F mark. All things considered, the warm weather caused many superintendents to raise an eyebrow and ask the question: Is this a sign of what is to come? The warm spell has improved recovery from winter damage --- a welcome sight at facilities that experienced problems this year.

The good weather also has been great for golf, and likely resulted in an increase in revenue. But golfers need to be mindful that good spring weather does not guarantee mid-season peak conditioning. Core cultivation and other programs are still essential, and these practices may result in temporary disruption, but are needed to produce the best playing conditions for the summer. Courses with drainage problems may still be wet from the heavy late-March rains, and cart traffic probably needs to be restricted to paths only in some cases. Cart damage always is frustrating, and it has been observed too much already this spring.

For most of the Northeast Region, annual bluegrass putting greens have begun to produce seedheads, while seedhead production has not yet been readily observed in Canada. Although there are a few different strategies to suppress seedheads, control is ultimately determined by proper application timing. If a lot of seedheads have developed on your greens or fairways and tees, it is probably a good indication that the timing was off.

The atypical early April weather also has influenced annual bluegrass weevils on golf courses. The question remains, just how much? The traditional phenological (seasonal) indicator for an insecticide application for adult control is when forsythia are at the "half green/ half gold" state. Adult weevils might not respond to the warm-up as fast as forsythia bushes, and there-

fore this indicator may not be as accurate compared to past years. That being said, continue to monitor for adults as much as possible, to help determine the best timing. A soap drench is an easy technique that can be very helpful in determining adult activity.

Soap Drench

- Mix 2 oz. of lemon joy soap with two gallons of water in a bucket.
- Pour the solution over an area located on a fairway edge with a history of adult activity.
- Adults will float to the turf surface after a few minutes

Keep in mind, resistance issues to pyrethroid materials is a significant problem, and other control options may be necessary. Annual bluegrass weevil pyrethroid resistance kits can be used easily to determine if you have resistance at your location. If you'd like a free pyrethroid kit, contact Dr. Richard Cowles or me at the following locations:

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If cool, wet weather moves into the region over the next few weeks, conditions would be favorable for coolseason brown patch (i.e. yellow patch) disease on putting greens. Most often, this disease is only cosmetic, and symptoms disappear with warmer weather. But, if conditions persist, control measures may be warranted. •

Source: www.USGA.org



A soap flush is an easy method to determine annual bluegrass weevil adult activity.

GOLF QUIZ

What do over 200 New England Golf Course Superintendents agree upon?



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GCSAA Board Update

1. GCSAA 85th Anniversary

Sept 13, 2011 marks GCSAA's 85th Anniversary. Undoubtedly, existing as an association for 85 years demonstrates our members' passion for their work and commitment to professional development. It also motivates staff to serve our members according to the mantra: "members matter most". In anticipation of this special date, the Board agreed to utilize all existing communication/marketing tools to appropriately recognize the special day throughout 2011.

2. Chapter Discussions

Georgia GCSA leaders and guests, allied association and industry representatives joined the GCSAA board for a reception and dinner. The next morning, the chapter leaders participated in a portion of the meeting.

The first part of the meeting focused on their success in addressing critical water issues in Georgia through steady, committed involvement at the State and local level. They shared the importance of providing technical information and support to regulators, in the form of environmental workbooks and impact studies. They also expressed the importance of securing a lobbyist to help manage the political side of the effort. Through this effort they have developed a strong relationship with the State, and are now looked to for advice on similar issues. Moving forward, they expressed a need for GCSAA's assistance with ongoing advocacy at the local level.

The chapter was complementary of GCSAA staff for its support in various areas and offered ideas of how GCSAA could further help them attract additional members and enhance the engagement with current members. They emphasized the need to maintain the quality of meetings and education, as well as the importance of continued personal engagement with members/chapters, whether through speakers' bureaus or invitations to chapters/members at the site of the Board meetings.

3. National Golf Day

Last week, representatives from the golf industry's leading associations

participated in the 3rd annual National Golf Day in Washington,

D.C. GCSAA's 19-person delegation included members of the board of directors and the Government Relations Committee; CEO, Mark Woodward, CGCS and Rafael Barajas, CGCS, who told his story as part of We Are Golf's "faces of golf" campaign. Additional details regarding this event can be found via the following link www.gcsaa.org/thisweek/default.asp.

4. Other Board Actions and Discussions

During the Spring Board Meeting, the board also:

** Approved the 2010 Committee Charters, including the addition of a Vice Chair to the Assistant Superintendent Committee. The Board expressed a desire for Vice Chairs on all committees to serve as the Committee Chair the following year. Additionally, the Board approved to engage the

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Professional Development Committee in reviewing the PDI in 2010.

- ** Approved the quarterly report of 2010/11 indicator results and the policy and compliance report.
- ** Approved the list of proposed sponsorship and licensing opportunities.
- ** Approved officer and travel reports, communications report, the report of emergency relief claims and memorial contributions, and previous board meeting minutes.

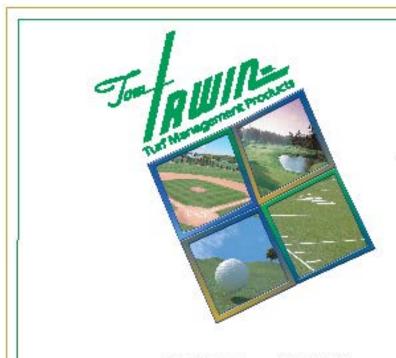
5. Board Travel and Representation

Between the Winter and Spring Board Meetings, members of the board represented the association at several meetings and events, including:

- ** John Deere World Championship in Palm Springs, CA – Kuhns, Fitzroy
- ** MGCSA Chapter Meeting in Chicago, IL Randquist
- ** BIGGA (International Summit) in Harrogate, England Kuhns, Fitzroy
- ** PGA Merchandise Show in Orlando, Fla. Kuhns, Fitzroy, Randquist
 6. 2011 Col. John Morley Distinguished Service Award

Do you know someone who has made an outstanding contribution to the advancement of the golf course management profession? If so, please consider nominating them for the 2011 Col. John Morley Distinguished Service Award (DSA) opened this week. The contribution must be significant in both substance and duration, and may be regional in nature. Nominations must be received by July 29th. Winner(s) will be recognized at the 2011 GCSAA Education Conference in Orlando. For additional information, please go to www.gcsaa.org and select Awards, within My Community section of the website.

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Meeting Results and Photos

Lexington Country Club - 9-Hole Meeting Host: Robert Dembek April 26, 2010

(Photo Credit: Jedd Newsome)

Tournament Results

1st Place with 65: Ken Crimmings Jim Tripp Matt Lapinski Lou Bettencourt

2nd Place with 69: Kurt Calderwood Rich Gagnon Scott Mcleod Dave Stowe

Closest to the pin winners:

Rich Gagnon 5'8" on hole 5

Ken Crimmings 23'9" on hole 8



1st Place Winners





Our Host for the day - Bob Dembek

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Questions? For information in

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- E-Mail fieldday@umassturf.org
- Call 413-545-2965 or 508-892-0382

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- Pesticide Re-Certification Contact Hours will be offered valid for licenses in all New England states

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In addition to seeing the latest research results, turfgrass managers can interact with exhibitors and discuss the latest developments and challenges in the industry.



FIELD DAY . July 20, 2010





Early Registration Deadline is JULY 6th, 2010

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our condolences are extended to Len Curtin and family on the passing of Len's mother, Helen Curtin, on April 26, 2010.

Best wishes for a speedy recovery to Mark McEachern, Superintendent at Cape Cod CC, who suffered from a severe burn. He is back to work part time and is still recovering.

Our condolences are extended to Pat Hogan and family on the passing of Pat's mother Eleanor Drapeau who passed away on April 29, 2010.

Congratulations to Mark Lucas and his wife on the recent birth of their new son Logan on April 12, 2010.

Wishing a speedy recovery to Jim Santoro on his recent knee surgery.

Wishing a speedy recovery to Andy Drohen on his recent shoulder and elbow surgery.

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June 28:

GCSANE S&B Tournament

Belmont Country Club Host: Michael Rose

July 12:

GCSANE Monthly Meeting

Newton-Commonwealth Golf Course BBQ

Host: David Stowe, CGCS

August 17:

GCSANE Monthly Meeting

Individual Championship Marlborough Country Club Host: Ken Crimmings, CGCS

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October 18:

GCSANE Monthly Meeting

Member/Guest Tournament Charles River Country Club Host: Paul Blanusa

October TBA:

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