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## Mike Holton Transitions to Superintendent at The Ranch Golf Club

By: Gary Trask

Mike Holton had no idea where his career was going to take him when he left Stonehill College with a degree in criminology back in 1995. One thing he did know, however, was that his heart simply wasn't into a life of fighting crime.

"I picked that major because I had to choose one before my junior year," says Holton. "But, to be honest, I really didn't have a clue as to what I wanted to do with my life."

But the light came on for the Dedham, Mass. native the summer after graduating while working on the grounds crew at the esteemed The Country Club in Brookline.

"Someone mentioned to me that you could actually go to school and get a degree for turf management and that was something that never occurred to me," he says with a laugh.

Now, 15 years later, Holton is getting ready for his first season as a head superintendent after landing the top job at The Ranch Golf Club, the highly acclaimed, picturesque, 18-hole public course in Southwick, Mass.

"It's both humbling and exciting; I'm really looking forward to the challenge," says the 37-year-old with a rise in his voice. "It's a tremendous course with a great reputation. This is the position I've been trying to put myself in for a long time so to actually be doing it is a great, great thing for me and my

family. It sure beats trying to put people in jail."

Holton, who started at The Ranch in February, was obviously short on head superintendent experience when he applied for the job, but feels that his past experience at some well-recognized clubs in the area may have been what put him over the top. In addition to spending three seasons at The Country Club after earning his

worked under gave me a lot of responsibility. So even though I've never been a head super, I know I'm ready for the job. I've done everything from running a big crew to seeing a course like Renaissance grow in from the very beginning. There's not a lot that I haven't done on a golf course."

Also helping to make his transition to The Ranch as seamless as possible is that fact that the club's previous

super – Jedd Newsome – is literally just a few miles away at his new job at Springfield Country Club. Newsome – along with his predecessor at The Ranch, John Burke – played major roles in the hiring and interview process and have been leaned on by Holton during his early days in Southwick.

"Jedd is just a phone call away and believe me when I tell you that we have been in touch quite a bit," Holton says. "He's been a great resource for me. He knows the course as well as anyone and I've tried to learn as much as I can from him."

Holton will also be aided by the fact that he and his wife, Michelle, and 2-year-old son, Andrew, are all settled into their new home in Western Mass. Holton spend the first few months at his new job commuting between Southwick and North Reading, which was a more than two-hour ride



Mike Holton, Superintendent, The Ranch Golf Club

Plant & Soil Sciences degree at the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at UMass, Holton also worked at Winchester Country Club and Renaissance Golf Club in Haverhill as an assistant.

"The clubs I worked at were all top-notch and they all have held big events," he explains. "And the guys I

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each way. The Holtons closed on their new house in Feeding Hills on April 1.

"It was tough being away from them," he says. "But the best part is that it was only temporary. Being settled in Western Mass is like being in God's country. I grew up in Dedham and my wife is from Hyde Park so we both grew up in a city atmosphere. It's so much more quiet out here. We love it."

Things won't be quiet for long at The Ranch once the golf season kicks into high gear. The course annually ranks on *Golf Digest's* Best in State and has been on ZAGAT Guide's list of America's Best Golf Courses since 2003 and has become a popular course for locals and day-trippers alike.

"I'm really lucky to be working on such a beautiful course," he says. "Just driving up to the course and looking at the layout and the view is a treat. And that's why I got into this business. There's something very gratifying about working outside and putting in a long days work and then seeing the

immediate results as you leave for the day. This is the kind of course that will do that for you, for sure."

Holton will be directing a crew of about 17 members and said his management style is "hands-on."

"I'm not the type of person who is going to yell and scream," he explains. "I like to get to know my guys and try and build a team so everyone is looking out and working with each other. And I lead by example. I'm not afraid to jump in there and get my hands dirty."

Holton says he has been a golfer himself since high school and carries about a 13-handicap. But with a budding family at home and a true passion for working out, his rounds of golf have diminished over the past couple years.

"I'm like everyone else; I wish I had the time to play more," says Holton. "But it's hard to justify, especially when you put long hours in for work and then you have a family at home. But I'm not complaining. I'm thrilled to have this job. It's what I've always wanted." ♦

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# Annual Bluegrass Weevil Updates

Date: April 15, 2010

Category: Insects Subject: Annual Bluegrass (Hyperodes) Weevil

The warm weather of a few days ago certainly pushed flowering plant development well ahead of "normal", whatever that is. Most people we have talked with have indicated the plant phenology is two to three weeks ahead of last year. Yesterday (14 April) we were in Westchester County, NY and Fairfield County, CT. In most locations *Forsythia* was showing a fair amount of green foliage - so those of you electing to apply insecticides to target annual bluegrass weevil adults should have done so by now or should do so early next week. Applications of those "adulticides" should be excellent in areas where *Forsythia* are "half green - half gold" right now, like the Amherst

area. If the weather forecast is accurate, delay applications until the cold temperatures (forecast for Saturday) have cleared out of the region.

We have been checking samples weekly from several sites that are participating in the DuPont Weevil Trak project. We have four sites in Fairfield County and another in Westchester County, along with sites in central Connecticut and western Massachusetts. So far we have only found adults in the samples that have been sent to us. We have not seen any larvae at all yet.

So ... try to relax a little bit! We will post an update as soon as we see the first larvae. I suspect that will be about a week and a half from now in the

more southern sites of our survey, although it is possible that a few might emerge slightly earlier. We'll let you know as soon as we see them.

Submitted by: [Dr. Pat Vittum](#)

## Best Management Practices for Annual Bluegrass Weevils in 2010

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The past 3 – 4 years have provided an extraordinary opportunity to investigate the difficulties that superintendents have experienced in managing annual bluegrass weevils (previously known as "Hyperodes") throughout the Northeast. The earliest reports of difficulty arose when multiple sprays of Scimitar or Talstar directed to kill one generation of adult weevils gave unsatisfactory results. Follow-up laboratory tests demonstrated that these weevils had, over several generations of exposure to pyrethroids, developed a high degree of insecticide resistance. Further laboratory and field tests, in conjunction with Dr. Darryl Ramoutar (at the time, a Ph.D. student at the University of Rhode Island) have revealed that this resistance is largely due to elevated levels of detoxification enzymes that destroy the insecticide before it ever has a chance to

interact with the insects' nervous system. Unfortunately, these same potent enzymes are implicated in being able to detoxify many other insecticides, and so other insecticides are also jeopardized. Indeed, small plot field data in 2008 and 2009 and widespread experience of superintendents in 2009 suggests that trichlorfon (Dylox), indoxacarb (Provaunt), and chlorantraniliprole (Acelepryn) may perform poorly against pyrethroid-resistant ABW populations.

The most relevant data to determine which products can perform well against pyrethroid resistant ABW have to be obtained from field trials directed against pyrethroid resistant weevil populations. I conducted two such field trials in 2009 at cooperating golf courses in Connecticut. The first trial targeted first generation larvae. In the second trial, I targeted exclusively late-instar (root and crown feeding) larvae of the second generation. Results were consistent across these two trials. In decreasing order of efficacy (given as percent reduction of popula-

tion in parentheses), the materials tested included Conserve (85%), Provaunt (61%), Acelepryn (47%), SoluNeem (41%), Talstar (41%), and Arena (38%). Nearly all insecticides are mediocre, even when applied at optimum timing for each product for controlling pyrethroid resistant ABW. Only one product, Conserve, provided excellent control of ABW.

The activity of some products appears to be influenced by other products such as DMI fungicides and plant growth regulators (Cutless and Primo MAXX) that block gibberellin biosynthesis. These products do enhance the activity of some insecticides by blocking detoxification enzymes in insects. For example, percent reduction of the larval population with Talstar is increased from 11 to 60% by using it in combination with propiconazole (Banner MAXX). However, these same products may adversely affect insecticides that require metabolic

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# A Show of Success: 2010 New England Regional Turfgrass Conference

By Gary Sykes, Executive Director

The 13<sup>th</sup> Annual New England Regional Turfgrass Conference and Show concluded on March 4<sup>th</sup> with another good solid response from 170 exhibitors and nearly 2000 attendees. More than 350 seats were filled in 7 different seminars on March 1<sup>st</sup>. Tuesday's USGA Day was well attended with a good variety of topics concluding with keynote speaker: Director of Umpire Relations for MLB, Steve Palermo as he shared his inspiring stories of his career, his tragic injury and opinions of today's athletes with a large attentive audience. The trade show opened with a wonderful food reception to a spirited crowd that seems to get better each year. Wednesday is always the busiest day of the week, and this year was no exception. On Wednesday morning, education kicked off early with panel type presentations on two popular issues: Anthracnose and Annual Bluegrass Weevil management in the golf session. Many university and industry experts presented recommen-

dations and research findings on these pesky topics. Educations sessions for Sports Turf, Turf and Ornamental were popular, but it was the Turf Equipment Technicians session that was overflowing! The sports turf managers had an enthusiastic lunch meeting after their morning session. All afternoon sessions were well attended.

In 2009 we began a new competition for turf school students called the New England Turf Bowl. It may be a smaller version of the one held at GCSAA's annual show, but with no less enthusiasm! UMass students coming back from the school's best showing at GCSAA in San Diego, reigned supreme again this year by taking the top spots, with the team of Eric Cronin, Lisa Golden and Tim Kaija finishing with the highest score over 11 teams! Congratulations to all competing teams from URI and UMass!

The trade show rocked all day and intensified as it concluded with our turf industry famous live auction. Back

again for the 6<sup>th</sup> straight year was the dynamic team of Manny Mihailides and Danny Calise to energize the deal seeking crowd into turfgrass research fund-raising submission. As Manny teed up the next item, Danny would swipe his gavel and off went the bidding competition. As bidding proceeded, and often extended with the encouragement of the relentless but entertaining Bob Geibo, the bidding put the "fun" in fundraising. After the 41<sup>st</sup> item was presented and Danny's last gavel wrap hit the podium with the words "sold!" echoing through the hall. Winning bids were then tallied and it was verified that a record \$23,490 was made in just over an hour. Danny and Manny had done it again! These funds will go a long...long way expanding turfgrass research here in New England. A warm thank you to the Clip Board Team of Lori Mihailides, MaryJo Kennedy, Julie Heston and Anne Marie Borden for helping to keep the auction moving and in order!

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activation, like Provaunt. In my trial, percent reduction of ABW larvae was reduced from 75% to 60% when it was used in conjunction with Banner MAXX. These results need to be confirmed with additional field tests. Because evolution of resistance to DMI fungicides is worrisome, use of DMI fungicides or plant growth regulators in combination with pyrethroids should be reserved for locations where they are being used for their primary labeled functions anyway, and only on collars or greens to minimize the adverse impact of the pyrethroids on beneficial predators. Superintendents need to realize that these plant growth regulators and DMI fungicides are so similar that using either will enhance fungal resistance to DMI products.

The fact that Conserve (spinosad) works well against both the internally feeding early instars, as well as the externally feeding late instar ABW, provides an opportunity that we have lacked in the past – a "rescue treatment" that can reduce populations of all larval stages below damaging levels quickly enough that it can be used at the first sign of damage as a spot treatment strategy. Furthermore, Conserve

is a selective insecticide, meaning that it will kill the target pest while not eliminating various beneficial predators of weevils. Although the ABW field rate for Conserve makes this an expensive option, using this product as a spot rescue treatment should contain costs, prevent rapid selection for spinosad resistance, and maximize the benefits from the naturally occurring predators. One superintendent has reported poor results with Conserve. Spinosad, the active ingredient in Conserve does have an ester bond, which presumably could be broken with esterase enzymes, the least common of the three detoxification mechanisms we find in ABW. If this is true, then combining Conserve with Sevin may restore activity, because of competitive interactions with the detoxification enzyme. Because application of Sevin will counteract the pest management benefits of using Conserve (e.g., selectivity), this strategy should be reserved for locations where failure of Conserve has previously been observed, and only on greens, tees, and collar areas where biocontrol has limited potential.

Much of the problems superintendents have experienced in managing ABW are the result of their dependency on pyrethroids. Pyrethroids are seductive: they are relatively inexpen-

sive and have very broad spectrum activity. However, once insecticide resistance occurs, continued use of non-selective insecticides like pyrethroids only makes pest problems worse, because the pest can survive better than their natural predators, and so populations can build to outbreak levels. Regular application of pyrethroids, or combination products that include pyrethroids, is probably the worst strategy in the long run for being able to manage ABW. Discontinuing the use of pyrethroids on golf courses should be a step in the right direction towards reducing the reliance on insecticides to maintain insect pests below damaging populations. Two products, Conserve SC and Provaunt, are selective enough and effective enough to permit suppression of ABW populations while preserving the ecological services provided by beneficial predators of weevils.

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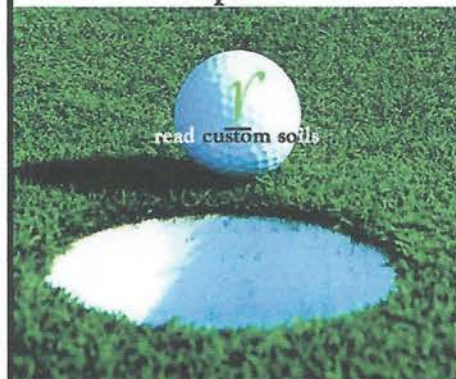
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Geoff's career achievements and shared experiences were expressed by his design partner Mark Mungeam, author Brad Klein, UMass Dean Steve Goodwin, NERTF President Bob Matthews, and by Robert Ruszala, who emceed the event and is a close friend of Geoff's. All proceeds from the dinner will be donated to the Geoffrey and Carol Cornish Fund for Enhanced Learning Opportunities in an endowment at the Stockbridge School of Agriculture. It was a memorable night that Geoff could only attend by video as UMass Media Productions shared a recent interview with Geoff done especially for the dinner. We thank all in attendance and for the associations who sponsored tables on Geoff's behalf!

As we turn the page to Thursday and recognize that even after 3 days of constant turf, there are still those coming to take a few minutes with exhibitors or grab some more management tidbits from the morning's education sessions! Indications are that this has been another successful production to help educate turfgrass professionals, promote products and to network our industry. The 13<sup>th</sup> annual New England Regional Turfgrass Conference and Show is indebted to everyone who has exhibited, sponsored, presented, moderated and attended in 2010. Our thanks go out to Mary Owen and Jason Lanier for keeping us on track during our education sessions and of course Show Manager David Rosenberg and company for their attention to detail.

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# Spring 2010 Disease Update

By Dr. Nathaniel Mitkowski, URI

As every superintendent knows, the spring 2010 season has been very wet so far. In Southern RI, we've received 8-9 inches of rain in the four week period from the end of February to the end of March. The I-95 corridor from Providence, RI to Portland, ME is reporting 13 inches of rain during the same time frame. Pittsfield, MA and the surrounding areas are only reporting less than 6 inches of rain. Because temperatures have remained cool and plants are not growing much, the rain has not caused any real damage. However, all of this rain is perfect for the development of root *Pythium*. Once soil temperatures have consistently moved into the 50 °F range it is likely that the pathogen will become active. On greens that have a perennial problem with the disease, a preventative Banol application before the middle of May is an excellent idea- be sure to use the highest labeled rate. The application should be watered and can be followed with chloroneb or etridiazol, also watered in. If you are concerned about the possibility of the disease, send a sample to your local diagnostic lab.

Because we've had so much rain and temperatures have been mild, many parts of New England have gen-

erally had a snowless winter (or rather, the snow we did get did not last long). Consequently, there has been very little snow mold in most locations. I've received a few snow mold samples in the past weeks and the damaged turf has all recovered quickly under incubation. There has been some ice damage reported from a small number of locations. Once again, however, the damage has been pretty mild. On top of that ice damage I have observed varying amounts of bacterial wilt. March is a month early for bacterial wilt but the prematurely warm weather (temperatures hit 70°F on March 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> in Providence) may have brought the pathogen out on weak turf that has not started growing yet. The pathogen can also appear as small yellow speckles on turf that looks good otherwise. It's difficult to predict how virulent bacterial wilt may be this season, but it is likely to go away once the grass starts to come out of dormancy. If the disease does start to spread, an application of Junction may help slow it down until the grass outgrows the pathogen. Although still early to report results, I currently have a graduate student examining a wide array of products for use against bacterial wilt and should have additional recommen-

dations out early next year.

Based on what we have seen in previous years, a very wet spring will make diseases like take-all and summer-patch worse in late spring and summer. If the rain continues, it is also advisable to make sure you don't skip preventative applications for these types of diseases. Not all courses have a problem with these two root pathogens, but if you do, you should be on the lookout for symptoms and make sure your fungicide program is well planned.

Finally, basal rot anthracnose has popped up in a few locations this spring but has not been very aggressive. The last truly devastating anthracnose season was the summer of 2002. Since that time, the disease has persisted every year but its severity has been variable. I expect this trend to continue but a very hot dry summer will be more unpredictable.

All turf disease is dependent upon the weather conditions. As a result, it is tough to accurately predict what any season will bring. But as the saying goes, if you don't like the weather, just wait a minute and it will change. Nowhere in the United States is this truer than in New England! ❖

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Founder Matthew Staffieri studied at the University of Connecticut in Storrs. While going to school he worked for the University's grounds and maintenance department. It was also during this time, he completed an internship with the grounds department at The Country Club in Brookline, MA. Upon completing his degree with a Bachelor of Science in Agronomy, Matthew accepted a position with Barcellos and Kane Landscape Management. During this time Barcellos and Kane was involved with the building of Boston Golf Club in

Hingham, MA, under the direction of architect Gil Hanse. Upon completion of the golf course, Matthew was given the opportunity to join Hanse Golf Design and operate as an independent contractor. He began working as a project manager and shaper, focusing on constructing bunkers and greens alongside Hanse.

Under Gil's direction, Matthew worked on projects like the complete renovation of Soule Park Golf Course in Ojai, CA, a public 18-hole course that had been severely damaged by natural disaster. As well as the dramatic changes made to TPC Boston in Norton, MA, for the 2007 Deutsche Bank Championship. He has also supervised projects for Hanse at The Palmetto Golf Club in Aiken, SC, and Monterey Peninsula Country Club in Monterey, CA.

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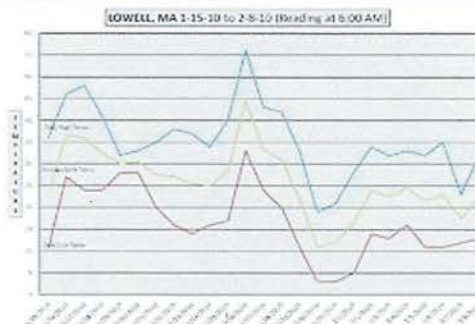


# The Best Laid Plans...

By David Oatis, Director, Northeast Region Green Section



Picture: Pockets of turf with poor surface drainage, combined with extended ice cover and temperature fluctuations during the melt down, are extremely susceptible to injury.



Graph: The temperature graph illustrates a potentially lethal temperature fluctuation that occurred over a three-day period in the Boston area. Fluctuations occurring after the plants become hydrated are especially lethal.

Golfers are getting anxious; the mowers are sharpened and the plans have been laid... now we just need a little weather. I guess it's about the same every year, but Mother Nature always holds the cards, and that is something to keep in mind as we get ready to start the 2010 golf season. What do we have to look forward to in the Northeast Region? Here are a few facts and a couple of predictions:

- It's been a snowy winter, and snow accumulation records have been broken in some areas. Although most don't want to admit it, a late winter storm is still a possibility!
- Snow and ice accumulation have wreaked havoc with turf in different areas of the region. Golf courses in Toronto and surrounding areas again have sustained damage, and the same can be said for courses in sections of New England.
- Despite our best efforts, winter injury remains a threat; the only predictable aspect of winter injury is that it is so unpredictable. It can happen early or late in the winter, and it can occur whether greens were not covered or covered with either solid or permeable covers.
- If you suspect damage and have not brought turf plugs inside to incubate, now would be a good time to do so, as it helps assess the extent of the damage.
- If damage has occurred, golfers need to know as soon as possible.

Providing an idea of the proposed recovery plan can ease concerns.

- With all of the snow this winter, snow mold has been evident on just about every course we have visited in recent weeks.
- Recent high winds brought down more debris, and the soaking rains have left most courses so wet that further cleanup will have to wait until things dry out a bit.

So what does all this mean? Spring playing conditions may be affected at some courses. Rushing weak, damaged greens into play too quickly usually is the worst thing to do, as it slows recovery and sets up the turf for even more problems later in the season. Assessing damage, implementing a recovery plan, and giving it time to produce results are the steps needed now. Oh, and if Murphy's Law

comes into play, courses that have suffered damage will likely experience a cool, wet spring...

## 2010 Turf Advisory Service Visits

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**Tuesday, April 27, 2010**

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**11:30 am: Registration and Buffet Lunch**

**1:00 pm: Shotgun Start – Scramble Format**

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Directions available at [www.agawamhunt.org](http://www.agawamhunt.org)



## 2010 Meeting Dates For The Following Chapters

Connecticut Association of Golf Course Superintendents, Golf Course Superintendents of Cape Cod, Golf Course Superintendents of New England, Maine Golf Course Superintendents Association, Metropolitan Golf Course Superintendents Association, New Hampshire Golf Course Superintendents, Rhode Island Association of Golf Course Superintendents & Vermont Golf Course Superintendents Association

Tuesday, April 20, 2010	Candia Woods		New Hampshire GCSA
Thursday, April 22, 2010	The Club at Yarmouthport		GCSA of Cape Cod
Monday, April 26, 2010	Lexington Golf Course		GCSA of New England
Monday, April 26, 2010	North Jersey Country Club	Dave Mahoney 2-ball	Metropolitan GCSA
Monday, April 26, 2010	Reservations Golf Club		Rhode Island GCSA
Tuesday, April 27, 2010	Agawam Hunt		RI Turfgrass Foundation
Wednesday, April 28, 2010	Norwich Golf Course		CAGCS
Monday, May 17, 2010	Watertown Golf Club	Scholarship & Research	CAGCS
Tuesday, May 18, 2010	Maine Golf House (Val Halla)	Joint meeting with New Hampshire	Maine GCSA
Tuesday, May 18, 2010	The Ledges	Joint meeting with Maine	New Hampshire GCSA
Tuesday, May 18, 2010	Rutland Country Club	Joint meeting with Northeast GCSA	Vermont GCSA
Wednesday, May 19, 2010	Poquoy Brook Golf Club	Joint meeting with Cape	GCSA of New England
Wednesday, May 19, 2010	Connecticut Golf Club	Supt./ Manager or Guest Tourn.	Metropolitan GCSA
Wednesday, May 19, 2010	Hopedale Country Club	tentative date	Rhode Island GCSA
Wednesday, May 19, 2010	Poquoy Brook Golf Club	Joint Meeting with GCSANE	GCSA of Cape Cod
Thursday, June 3, 2010	Woods Hole Golf Club	Scholarship & Research Tournament	GCSA of Cape Cod
Tuesday, June 15, 2010	Bald Peak Colony Club	Gold Ball Tournament	New Hampshire GCSA
Thursday, June 24, 2010	Mill River Country Club	1st Round CAGCS Champ/MET Team Qualifier	CAGCS
TBA June		Summer Seminar	Metropolitan GCSA
TBA June	Green Valley Country Club		Rhode Island GCSA
Wednesday, June 23, 2010	Country Club of Vermont		Vermont GCSA
Monday, June 28, 2010	Belmont Country Club	S & B	GCSA of New England
Tuesday, June 29, 2010	Augusta Country Club	Superintendent/Vendor Champ.	Maine GCSA
Wednesday, July 7, 2010	Indian Hill Country Club	2nd Round CAGCS Champ/NE Team Qualifier	CAGCS
Wednesday, July 7, 2010	Pinehills Golf Club	RHO-COD Cup	GCSA of Cape Cod
Wednesday, July 7, 2010	Pinehills Golf Club	RHO-COD Cup	Rhode Island GCSA
Monday, July 12, 2010	Newton-Commwealth	BBQ	GCSA of New England
TBA, 2010	Wykagyl Country Club	MetGCSA Invitational	Metropolitan GCSA
Tuesday, July 13, 2010	Tater Hill Golf Course - tentative		Vermont GCSA
Tuesday, July 20, 2010	UConn FIELD DAY		UConn Turfgrass
Tuesday, August 10, 2010	The Back Nine Club	Stress Buster Day	Rhode Island GCSA
Tuesday, August 10, 2010	Bellows Falls Country Club		Vermont GCSA
Tuesday, August 17, 2010	Marlboro	Individual Championship	GCSA of New England
Tuesday, August 17, 2010	Bretton Woods	NE Championship Qualifier	New Hampshire GCSA
Wednesday, August 18, 2010	Scituate Country Club	Free-B-Que	GCSA of Cape Cod
Monday, September 13, 2010	Fall River Country Club		Rhode Island GCSA
Tuesday, September 14, 2010	Okemo Valley Golf Course	Trade Show	Vermont GCSA
Wednesday, September 15, 2010	Highland Links/Chequessett		GCSA of Cape Cod
Monday, September 20, 2010	Pine Brook Country Club	Scholarship & Research	Rhode Island GCSA
Tuesday, September 21, 2010	Samoset Resort	Scholarship & Research	Maine GCSA
Monday, September 27, 2010	Fenway Golf Club, NY	7th Annual Joseph Troll Turf Classic	UMASS Alumni Turf Group
Tuesday, September 28, 2010	Baker Hill Golf Club	Scholarship Tournament	New Hampshire GCSA
Thursday, September 30, 2010	Wheatley Hills Golf Club	Met Champ, Team Area Champ Quail. & Poa Annual	Metropolitan GCSA
TBA September, 2010	Granite Links	Team of Two	GCSA of New England

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Monday, October 4, 2010	Smith Richardson Golf Course	Superintendent/Assistant	CAGCS
Monday, October 4, 2010	Burlington Country Club	Mike O'Connor Benefit Tourn.	Vermont GCSA
Wednesday, October 6, 2010	Lake of Isles	NE Team Championship Tour.	CAGCS
Thursday, October 7, 2010	The Bridge	Met Area Team Championship	Metropolitan GCSA
Thursday, October 14, 2010	Wianno Club	Championship	GCSA of Cape Cod
Monday, October 18, 2010	TPC River Highlands	CAGCS Invitational	CAGCS
Tuesday, October 19, 2010	Charles River	Member/Guest	GCSA of New England
Tuesday, October 19, 2010	Martindale Country Club		Maine GCSA
Tuesday, October 19, 2010	Pelham Country Club	Annual MetGCSA Assistant Tournament	Metropolitan GCSA
Tuesday, October 19, 2010	Bretwood		New Hampshire GCSA
Wednesday, October 27, 2010	Indian Hill Country Club	Class C Tournament	CAGCS
TBA October, 2010		Assistants Tournament	GCSA of New England
TBA November	Newport Country Club	Superintendent/Assistant	Rhode Island GCSA
Monday, November 1, 2010	Long Meadow Golf Course		GCSA of New England
Wednesday, November 3, 2010	Rock Ridge Country Club	Annual Meeting	CAGCS
Thursday, November 4, 2010	Captains Golf Course		GCSA of Cape Cod
November TBA, 2010		Annual Meeting	Metropolitan GCSA
Tuesday, November 9, 2010	Hidden Creek		New Hampshire GCSA
Wednesday, December 1, 2010	Holiday Inn	Annual Meeting/Education Day	New Hampshire GCSA
Tuesday, December 7, 2010	Portland Country Club	Annual Meeting	Maine GCSA
TBA December, 2010	White Cliffs Country Club	Annual Meeting	GCSA of Cape Cod
TBA December, 2010			GCSA of New England
TBA December, 2010			Rhode Island GCSA

**The University of Connecticut Department of Plant Science and Landscape Architecture is pleased to announce that our biennial Turfgrass Field Day will be held on July 20, 2010.**

**Please mark your calendars for the Biennial UConn Turfgrass Field Day!**





## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Welcome New Member:

Kristopher Armando, Assistant,  
Milton Hoosic Club

Our condolences are extended to Len Curtin and family on the passing of Len's father in March.

Our condolences are extended to Dr. Pat Vittum and family on the passing of Pat's father on March 15th. A memorial service will be held in Phelps, NY on Sunday, April 18, and he will be buried in Cummington, Mass. later this summer.

As in the past, *The Newsletter* continues to invite Affiliate members to submit a press release about new personnel, new products or a company bio. We will print each and every release free of charge. This is a great way to advertise for free.

Wishing a speedy recovery and all the best to Randy Prostack of UMass who was seriously injured over a weekend in March when he fell from a ladder. He has sustained head injuries as well as broken bones. He has been in rehabilitation and making great progress. He is hoping to return home soon but will still have a long stretch of continued therapy.

If anyone is interested in viewing the tribute dinner to Geoffrey Cornish that was held at the New England Regional Turfgrass Conference on March 3, 2010, you can view the event at the link below.

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Welcome to a new tool to help link students and employers. This is a new web site called GreenJobsNE.org. This was developed in the spring of 2009 by Brian Maynard (URI Plant Sciences faculty) and Thomas Briggs (URI Computer Sciences student). The site offers employers a place to post jobs, internships and volunteer opportunities and a place for students to post their contact information and resumes. Presently all jobs and resume postings are approved by Brian Maynard. This is not just a tool for Rhode Island students and employers which is why we named it GreenJobs New England. Please feel free to try out GreenJobsNE.org and direct any comments or questions to Brian Maynard (401-874-5372 or [bmaynard@uri.edu](mailto:bmaynard@uri.edu)).

## CALENDAR

### April 26:

**GCSANE Monthly Meeting**  
9-Hole Meeting  
Lexington Golf Club  
Host: Robert Dembek

### May 19:

**GCSANE Monthly Meeting**  
Joint meeting w/ GCSACC –Bear Cup  
Poquoy Brook Golf Club  
Hosts: Charlie Dickow and Mark Pendergast

### 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

### September TBA:

**GCSANE Monthly Meeting**  
Team of Two Tournament  
Granite Links Golf Club  
Host: Brad MacDonald

### October 18:

**GCSANE Monthly Meeting**  
Member/Guest Tournament  
Charles River Country Club  
Host: Paul Blanus

### October TBA:

Assistants Tournament  
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### November 1:

**GCSANE Monthly Meeting**  
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