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Winterkill of Turfgrass

By Dr. Kevin Frank, Michigan State University

“Winterkill” is a general term that is used to define turf loss during the winter. Winterkill can be caused by a combination of factors including crown hydration, desiccation, low temperatures, ice sheets and snow mold. Because of the unpredictability of environmental factors and differences in other factors such as surface drainage, the occurrence of winterkill on golf courses is variable and can vary greatly between golf courses and even across the same course.

Crown hydration

In general, annual bluegrass (*Poa annua*) greens and fairways are the most susceptible to crown hydration injury. During the warm days of late winter, annual bluegrass plants start to take up water (hydrate). Potential for injury exists when a day or two of warm daytime temperatures in late winter is followed by a rapid freeze. The most common time for winterkill associated with crown hydration and refreezing to occur is during the late winter and early spring when there is snowmelt or rainfall and then refreezing of the water that has not drained away. Crown hydration is a problem during these events because ice crystal can form in the crown of the plant, rupture the plant cells and ultimately cause the plant to die.

Annual bluegrass is more susceptible to crown hydration injury than creeping bentgrass because it emerges from dormancy and begins taking up water. Creeping bentgrass remains dormant longer and, therefore, does not take up water and is not as susceptible to crown hydration injury during the late winter.

Desiccation

Winter desiccation is the death of leaves or plants by drying during winter when the plant is either dormant or semidormant. Desiccation injury is usually greatest on exposed or elevated sites and areas where surface runoff is great (Beard, 1973). Winter desiccation injury to turfgrass in Michigan is normally rare, though sites similar to those described above can be prone to desiccation injury on a regular basis.

Low-temperature Kill



It can be very unsettling when areas don't green up in the spring.

Some areas are prone to collecting water.



Winterkill on a putting green, exacerbated by cross country skiing.



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Low-temperature kill is caused by ice crystal formation at temperatures below 32 degrees F. Factors that affect low-temperature kill include hardiness level, freezing rate, thawing rate, number of times frozen and postthawing treatment (Beard, 1973). Soil temperature is more critical than air temperature for low-temperature kill because the crown of the plant is in the soil. It is difficult to provide absolute killing temperatures because of the numerous factors involved. Beard (1973) provided a general ranking of low-temperature hardiness for turfgrass species that were autumn-hardened.

Low Temperature Hardiness

Excellent
Good
Medium
Poor

Turfgrass Species

Rough bluegrass, Creeping bentgrass
Kentucky bluegrass, Colonial bentgrass
Annual bluegrass, Tall fescue, Red fescue
Perennial ryegrass

Ice sheets

Ice sheets are often blamed for killing turf when, in fact, it is crown hydration and subsequent refreezing that has resulted in the kill. The reason for the confusion is that, as snow melts and refreezes, creating ice sheets, the ice sheets are often in poorly drained areas where crown hydration can occur because of the standing water. As the ice sheet melts away, the area damaged closely mirrors where the ice occurred, and therefore, the conclusion is that ice sheets caused the kill. Beard conducted research on ice sheets on three turfgrass species: Kentucky bluegrass, creeping bentgrass and annual bluegrass. Kentucky bluegrass and creeping bentgrass survived 150 days of ice cover without significant injury; annual bluegrass was killed somewhere between 75 and 90 days of ice cover (Beard, 1998). The author concluded that cause of death for the annual bluegrass was most likely from toxic gas accumulation under the ice sheet.

Snow mold

The two diseases commonly called snow mold are Typhula blight (gray snow mold) and Microdochium patch (pink snow mold). Gray snow mold requires extended periods of snow cover; pink snow mold can occur either with or without snow cover. If snow mold injury is a recurring problem, preventive fungicide applications are the best control option.

Steps in recovery

To assess if damage has occurred, samples can be taken from turf areas, moved inside and placed in a warm, sunny area to see if the turf greens up. If there is no green-up within a couple of weeks, the turf was killed.

Reestablishing turfgrass in damaged areas can be very challenging in the spring because of the cool, cloudy conditions that often persist. Depending on the extent of damage, either seeding or sodding may be necessary to facilitate recovery. In areas where the turf was killed in a manner that left well-defined margins between dead and living turf, it may be feasible to strip dead turf and sod the area. In areas where the kill was more scattered, it may be easier to seed the area. Seeding can be difficult, especially on damaged areas of greens. Interseeding creeping bentgrass into dead areas on the greens has given mixed results. The best results with interseeding have occurred when the lowmow, high-density creeping bentgrasses, such as the A and G series bentgrasses, have been used. Tools such as the Job-Saver aerator attachment, which produces numerous small, shallow holes, also increase the success of an inter-seeding program. The interseeding process should continue weekly until the damaged area has completely recovered. On greens that are predominantly annual bluegrass, often it is better to scratch the surface of the dead areas to allow the annual bluegrass to germinate and fill in the voids. Keys to success for renovating winter-killed areas are to divert traffic from newly seeded areas, apply light fertilizer applications to stimulate growth, and irrigate to ensure that the seedbed or sod is moist throughout the establishment period. ❖

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In House Projects

By Todd Lowe

Golf courses change with time and, to improve turf health and playing conditions or simply to modernize or change the look of certain features, renovation is necessary. Infrastructure items such as buildings, irrigation systems, cart paths, and bridges do not last forever, either, and must also be upgraded or replaced eventually. Much like a house requires new carpet, a fresh coat of paint, or a new roof, so too does a golf course require periodic renovations.

Do-it-yourself home improvement projects can certainly save money. The same is true for golf facilities, as it is oftentimes less expensive to have the grounds crew perform improvement projects as compared to hiring outside contractors.

Golf facilities operate with limited funds, and superintendents will often try to assist their facilities by performing projects in-house. This would include minor remodeling projects, some irrigation upgrades, and drainage improvements. Not only does this save the golf facility money, it also provides the crew with a temporary break from routine maintenance operations. However, there can be downsides to in-house projects, and it is important to be aware of potential pitfalls.

First, it is important to consider the size of the work and the number of projects. Remember, the primary responsibility of the maintenance staff is to maintain the golf course at a particular standard. Turfgrasses, weeds, trees, and landscape vegetation grow continually, especially during the summer when most improvement projects take place in winter golf destination areas in southern regions of the U.S. Every maintenance task requires a certain amount of time to complete. Depending on the frequency of each particular task, which could be daily, the time needed for routine maintenance and course setup really adds up each week and month. Maintenance tasks like mowing, weeding, edging, trimming, landscaping, and bunker maintenance (just to name a few) require a considerable amount of labor, and most golf facilities have just enough staff to provide the desired level of course conditioning.

When labor is stretched too thin, something has to give. That "something" oftentimes is the amount of detail work or level of course conditioning when certain maintenance tasks must be temporarily eliminated or performed less frequently. Even a relatively simple renovation or construction project can require significant time from the staff. When golf facilities take on too many extracurricular activities in the form of special projects, it is easy to fall behind on maintenance programs and subsequently struggle to provide desired course conditions for daily play. An easy fix to this problem, as many would assume, is to simply adjust golfer expectations downward until all special project work is complete, but this is not realistic



Projects like building new tees should only be undertaken by the staff if they have the resources to do a quality job and if it won't compromise the care and conditioning of the rest of the golf course.

for most memberships or golfers. Instead, make certain you are adequately staffed before taking on additional projects. If needed, hire additional temporary labor to perform menial tasks or consider outsourcing some maintenance practices until project work is complete.

Routine practices like mowing, weeding, or bunker maintenance may fall behind slightly, but make certain that important cultural practices like thatch management (core aeration, sand topdressing, deep verticutting) or soil remediation (the incorporation of sand or amendments into the soil) are not sacrificed for the sake of in-house projects. Such practices are essential, and deferring them can take a toll on turf performance and playability for years to come.

Second, make sure you have the particular skillset and tools for the project. While building new features or remodeling existing ones may seem like fun and simple tasks, they

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Left to right: Mike Hermanson; John Kerney, Head of School; Tavis Comee, Kathy Comee, Megan Comee, Scott Lagana, Russ Heller

October 18 was the day we had the opportunity to honor our friend Dave Comee. As many of you know, Dave was a long time member of the Association and committee member of the Scholarship and Benevolence Committee. He was also the long time superintendent at the Winchendon School Golf Club.

Last year his friends at the Club decided to establish the Dave Comee Memorial Tournament. The event was a turkey shoot golf scramble format – a fun event created to honor Dave's memory and raise funds for the GCSA of New England's Scholarship and Benevolence Fund.

This year the Association was represented by Scott Lagana, Mike Hermanson, Russ Heller and Don Hearn. We had fun, but more importantly we were there to honor Dave and the players who donated their time and support to make the event a success. A lot of effort was spent setting up the course and Superintendent Greg Bennett and his team made the event memorable with their creativity. Golf Professional Jake Greene handled the details and pairings and made all feel welcome.



Greg Bennett

The Winchendon School, Head of School John Kerney, Superintendent Greg Bennett, Golf Professional Jake Greene and the players and staff of the Winchendon School Golf Club deserve our heartfelt thanks and gratitude for caring to honor Dave Comee and donate the funds to support the Dave Comee Memorial Scholarship Award.

This year we hosted the New England Superintendent Championship at the Sterling National Country Club where Superintendent Tim Gerzabek, Assistant Rich McGovern and their team had the course in excellent condition.

Teams of eight from the Connecticut Association of Golf Course Superintendents, Rhode Island GCSA, GCSA of

Cape Cod, GCSA of New England, NHGCSA, Maine GCSA and the Vermont GCSA participated. The winning gross team was The GCSA of Cape Cod and the winning net team was the Connecticut Association of Golf Course Superintendents.

Representing the GCSA of New England were Tim Crane, Jim Fitzroy, Russ Heller, Mike Luccini, Ken Mooradian, Mike Parks, Patrick Van Vleck and John Winskowicz

The staff at Sterling made sure all the participants had a good day. General Manager Jeff Carroll, and Golf Professional Bill Cunningham and their staffs went the extra mile to help make sure the event ran smoothly. Chef Paul prepared a delicious meal and no one left hungry. Next year's host will be the New Hampshire GCSA.



Rich McGovern, left and Tim Gerzabek

The Professional-Superintendent Championship was played October 23, at Black Rock Country Club, in Hingham, MA where Chuck Welch is the Superintendent and Mark Gammons the Golf Professional. Thirty-two teams vied for the honor of being Champion. There was a tie and the teams of Jeff Urquhart and Todd Cook from The Milton-Hoosic Club, and Carl Miner and Dana Smith from the Presidents Golf Club tied for the honor with a gross score of 75 in the alternate shot event. The tournament was a wonderful way for two important members of the club team to have some fun away from their course and get to know more about each other. ❖



THE CHAMPIONS: from left: Dana Smith, Carl Miner, Jeff Urquhart, Todd Cook

By Don Hearn

Kevin Doyle - GCSAA Updates



“Oh, you work on a golf course. What do you do in the winter?” Does that question sound familiar? How many times have you answered that, or some variation of it? To the uninformed golf is a seasonal leisure sport that is over when they stop playing, or is ready for the season when they bring the sticks out again.

We know better. This is the time of year when many large projects and changes occur at our clubs that can make a real impact on the health, aesthetics, and playability of the golf course. Many of these projects require a different skill and level of expertise. While often outsourced, many of you will undertake projects that will expose you and your staff to potential hazards not seen during the day to day grind of the golf season. I ask that you be careful, stress safety, and also know that there are resources available for you and your staff.

Is it time to break out the chainsaws and get a little light on those tees and greens? If the answer is yes, there is more healthy turf in your future. There is also some inherent danger with the process as well. Not surprisingly, chainsaws are listed among the most dangerous tools. Current statistics are not easily found, but this blast from the past courtesy of the Consumer Product Safety Commission can easily be adjusted for 2013:

- 40,000+ injuries by chain saws in U.S. annually
- Average chainsaw injury requires 110 stitches

- Average medical cost was \$5,600 in 1989; \$12,000 in 2000
- Total medical costs = \$350 million in 2000
- Workman's comp. costs = \$125 million per year
- Based on four weeks recovery time
- Largest cost (not included) = Loss of production & quality of life for the injured

Start with the simple safety steps first. Reread the operator's manual. Just a quick glance at safety tips can reinforce even the most experienced operator. Be sure to wear the proper protective gear. My research shows that a staff member can be outfitted with the proper safety gear for under \$500. Be sure your tools and saws are safe for use. Consider outside resources and education that are available as well. UMass extension ([linked here](#)) and Massachusetts Arborists Association ([linked here](#)) are two valuable tools that can reinforce and educate on proper procedures. Both [Stihl](#) and [Husqvarna](#) offer free safety videos online as well.

Potentially dangerous equipment doesn't end there. Chippers for tree and brush disposal add another layer of hazard to tree removal. Those doing irrigation upgrades or drainage projects are not free of hazardous equipment use either. Trenching machines, open trenches, and buried surprises create opportunities for injuries from minor to severe.

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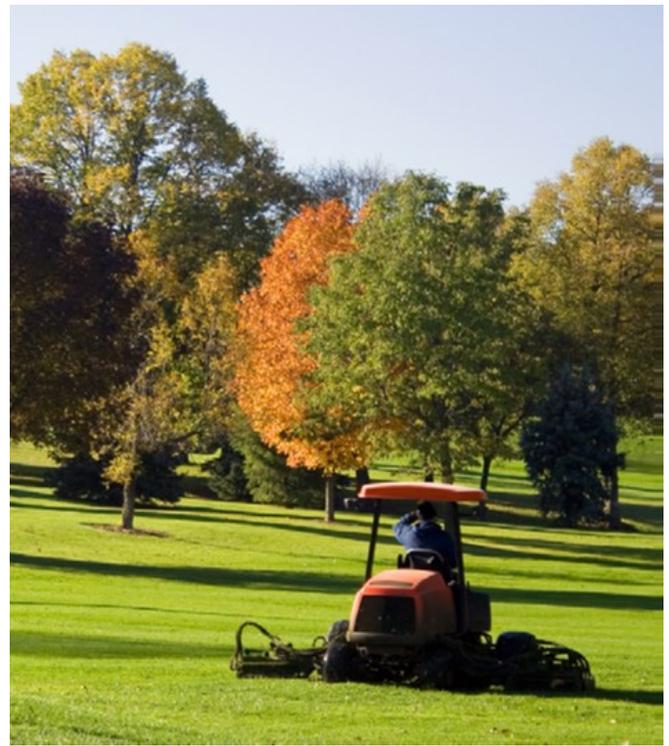
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will become burdens and sources of frustration if the staff lacks the skillset or tools necessary to do the job efficiently or effectively. If a quality finished product is not the end result, then it means disappointment for everyone involved. One of the most common examples of in-house projects gone wrong is remodeling or building new teeing grounds. Although this project seems fairly straightforward, building good tees is harder than most realize. When not done well, tees may end up being misaligned, having slopes too steep for riding mowers, and having poor irrigation coverage or uneven surfaces. This is an example of when it is difficult to match the expertise of an experienced contractor with proper tools for earthwork, drainage, surface leveling, etc.

The economic downturn in recent years has resulted in a dramatic reduction in new course construction. In response, golf course builders have reduced their costs considerably and are much more likely to take on smaller renovation projects than ever before. In some cases, it may make more sense to hire an experienced builder for an entire project or use one in combination with your grounds crew.

We all must consider cutting costs where appropriate, but when it comes to course enhancement or renovation projects, do not get in over your head. Plan accordingly for the size and scope of the work. If it cannot be done in-house, or if there are concerns that the work may not be done well or will be at the expense of the rest of the golf course, then consider handing the project over to an experienced contractor. For more information on this topic, please refer to [Perils](#)



If undertaking a special project in-house means that routine practices like mowing will fall behind and more than slightly, it is a good idea to consider an outside contractor.

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Net: Chris Fronczek & Todd Cowing – Eastern Shore AGCS
Score of 83

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I don't mean to point out flaws or play OSHA, only to reiterate the need for safety. My position has exposed me to stories of superintendents and staff that have fallen off ladders (with and without chainsaws), chainsaw accidents, wood chipper accidents, and so on. Hopefully you get the point. Staff exposure and training on mowing equipment is often extensive, with many follow-up hours of operation to reinforce proper use. The off season brings different hazards with sporadic use intervals that can only add to the potential for injury.

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Again, if I can be of any assistance, please feel free to contact me. ❖

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The Golf Course Superintendents Association of New England annually selects an individual or individuals who have made an outstanding contribution to the advancement of the golf course superintendent profession.

To propose a candidate for this program, please submit a letter of recommendation to the Membership Committee Chair. The letter should summarize the candidate's contributions and leadership to the superintendent community both locally and nationally. You will also be receiving an on-line form pertaining to this, simply follow the directions and submit it once completed. The nominee must not have been a recipient of this award in the preceding ten years. The Membership Committee welcomes recommendations for nomination.

The GCSANE membership committee will recommend a recipient to the Board of Directors to be awarded at the Annual meeting in January.

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MGA Names New Executive Director

Dear MGA Family:

I am happy to report that after an exhaustive search, the MGA has named a new executive director. Effective immediately, Jesse Menachem will take over the position which was vacated by Joe Sprague in August. For the past two months, the Search Committee has worked tirelessly to find the best candidate for this position and we feel strongly that we have done just that.

The Search Committee presented its report to the MGA Executive Committee last night and it was unanimously accepted. I had the opportunity to speak with Jesse last night and he accepted the position and looks forward to working with you all in this new position. As many of you know, Jesse began his time at the MGA as a USGA Boatwright, Jr. Intern and has become an integral part of the organization. He has most recently served as director of rules & competition.

The MGA has been fortunate to have a history of strong leadership. We know that Jesse will continue this trend and ensure the growth and prosperity of the MGA for years to come.

Please help me in congratulating Jesse Menachem on his new position. ❖

Sincerely,
Clarence Bennett
MGA President

Tournament Results

New England Superintendent Championship Sterling National CC

Low Gross	523	GCSA of Cape Cod
Low Net	449	Connecticut AGCS

Other scores:	Gross	Net
GCSA of New England	526	479
Vermont GCSA	539	456
NHGCSA	547	471
RIGCSA	558	473
Maine GCSA	589	491

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- **Bryan Conant**, Assistant Superintendent, Woodland Golf Club
- **Timothy Johnston**, Assistant Superintendent, Charter Oak Country Club

Our condolences are extended to the Kowal family on the passing of Thaddeus J. Kowal, the father of Anthony and Matt Kowal, Superintendents of the Franconia Golf Course and Country Club of Wilbraham respectively, who passed away suddenly October 9, 2013. Thaddeus was an avid golfer and retired Chief Master Sgt. of the 104th Tactical Wing of Barnes Airfield Base.

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Time: 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Location: Room 105 - French Hall - Amherst, MA

All current freshmen will be required to attend, and invitations will be extended to other turf students in both the two-year and four-year programs. We anticipate that there will be at least 30 students in attendance.

This is a great opportunity for turf managers to meet our students and speak to them about internship positions. If you are unable to attend the event, you can send us an electronic file with the pertinent information for the internship(s) you are looking to fill. We will make those files available to the students who attend the session.

If you are able to attend in person, please RSVP to Dr. Michelle DaCosta (mdacosta@umass.edu or 413-545-2547) by Friday November 15, 2013.

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Details are still being finalized, but Killington is being gracious enough to hold discounted rates over the weekend for all those who would like to plan a family or "guys" weekend! As soon as things are finalized, within the next couple weeks, all the details and the website for registering will be sent out. Any questions, please contact:

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