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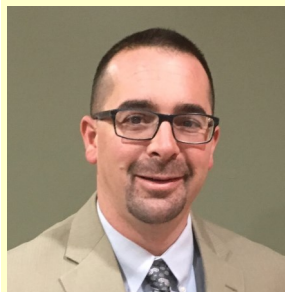
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Hello Everyone,

I hope that everyone is getting their spring started on the right foot. I am writing to let you all know about some exciting changes coming to the NHGCSA.

I chose to run for president again this year to help guide a group of capable guys who have moved up through the seats on the board over the last few years. My focus is working to provide these guys with the tools they need to successfully run the NHGCSA for the foreseeable future. After much discussion with the board, as well as with Joy, our chapter office administrator, we are poised to increase efficiencies and make upgrades to our administrative software systems that should benefit everyone.

President's Message

What we learned from COVID

The COVID pandemic has taught us a couple of things about running our association. The first is that communication to the members is crucial. The second is that using different platforms to create these communications can result in mistakes and inefficiencies. Although we utilize the Constant Contact system to get blasts out to members, the process to make it happen can be lengthy, and often information is lost in translation. Other times, we are not able to get the information out quickly enough. Additionally, the transfer of information to our website was a bit cumbersome, and information would not make it to the appropriate places for updating.

Introducing StarChapter

After researching the administrative software that was available to us, the board met with representatives from StarChapter, a full-service website and administrative software system used by many large and small non-profit associations across the country. In fact, they work with several other GCSAA affiliated associations. After meeting at length via zoom with their reps, we have decided to move forward with transitioning our systems to the StarChapter platform.

As part of this transition, the NHGCSA website will be getting a complete makeover. It will have upgraded features that will allow members to:

- Contact board members and administrators directly.
- Access an updated online membership directory, behind a secure members login in page.
- Register for events, renew NHGCSA dues and generate invoices for clubs to use for payment purposes.
- Post job openings and equipment for sale.

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UPCOMING EVENTS



Board meetings are held monthly at the Common Man in Concord unless noted. Start time is 4pm and all NHGCSA members are welcome.

Reach out to nhgcsa@comcast.net to confirm meeting place and time.

June 7—via Zoom
July 5—via Zoom
August 2—via Zoom
September 6
October 4

Other Upcoming Meetings and Events

Scholarship & Research
Gold Ball Tournament
September 2022
Keene Country Club

NE Superintendents
Championship
October 11
Portsmouth Country Club

NHGCSA
Annual Meeting
November 9
Pease Golf Course

NHGCSA Annual Turf
Education Conference
December 7
Grappone Center, Concord

From the Editor



Hello everybody. Well we really didn't have much of a spring this year when it comes to weather. Best of luck to those who experienced winterkill this year, as one of my courses is dealing with it. Wishing you all a great summer and hope to see you at the Gold Ball tournament. The next issue Turf Talk will be coming out in September. Just wanted to share with you the Hilltop Golf Course (formerly Monadnock CC) in Peterborough was sold and the new owners are changing its name back to Monadnock CC. Lastly, I would

like to take this opportunity to thank Sid Chase for his help with the implementation of StarChapter, the board really appreciates his continued commitment to the Association, even after his retirement. Thanks Sid!

Justin

Justin Santos, NHGCSA board member
Owner, SGS Turf Care

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We are even exploring the idea of having a small online store for the potential sale of NHGCSA merchandise!

On the back end of the software, officers of the board will have administrative access that will allow for more than one person to be able to update calendar events, send blast emails, and monitor the website for things that need to be updated or changed.

When you can expect the changes

We are targeting a mid-summer launch of this new software and website. If all goes according to plan, we will be running our next set of membership renewals through the StarChapter platform in July. This is a big project that will make running the NHGCSA more efficient for Joy, as well as the board members who run the events and meetings. I fully expect that when this goes live, members will be visiting the website for more things related to the association!

How you can help

We will be looking for your photos for use on the new website, much like we did when creating the BMP manual. We want to make sure that this new site is representative of our industry in New Hampshire. More information will be coming from Joy over the next couple of weeks including instructions and specifications to submit pictures. She will also include a Dropbox link so that photos can be shared easily.

The board of directors is really looking forward to getting this process going. If anyone has any questions regarding this, or any other association related topics please feel free to reach out to me directly.

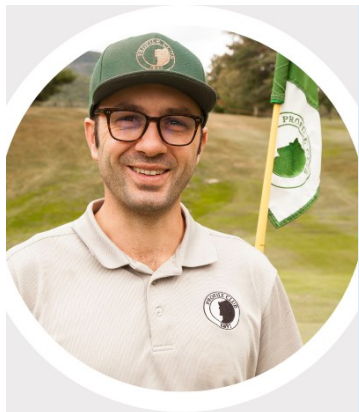
I look forward to hopefully seeing many of you at some of the live events that we have scheduled for this season.

Dave O.

Dave Ousterhout
NHGCSA Chapter President
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Legislative Update

Matt Fiorentino, NHGCSA Vice President
Superintendent, Profile Club



As we are getting deep into the spring and golf is ramping up full force, I hope everyone is having a productive and successful start to your season. At the same time, the legislative session for 2022 is winding down and I would like to provide the membership a quick update. There are no new bills that have come out to add to our watch list, the focus has been kept to only tracking HB1168.

HB1168 which pertains to soil conditioners is focused on assessing RSA 431 to update the following: definitions of what soil conditioners are, if the statues are consistent with current agricultural practices, and to assess if the fees

collected regarding soil conditioners are being directed to appropriate, specific purposes supporting agriculture. The bill passing continues to move forward as expected. An amendment was added to the bill recently, which has passed the Senate floor and is now to the House for adoption of the amendment.

The amendment as described by Tom Prasol:

HB1168, establishing a committee to study the New Hampshire law relative to soil conditioners – Non-germane Amendment

The Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee held a public hearing on a non-germane amendment to HB1168, which increases costs eligible for reimbursement from the oil discharge and disposal cleanup fund from \$2,250 to \$3,300 for certain owners of on-premise-use facilities. Senator David Watters indicated that this amendment has the support of House Environment and Agriculture Chairman Howard Pearl and Ranking Democrat Peter Bixby. He noted that the rise in cost of these tanks should be reciprocated by an increase in the fund, which comes at no cost to the state and is solvent.

Jennifer Mars from NH Department of Environmental Services provided testimony in support of the legislation and informed the committee on the purpose of the fund and indicated that the current amount in statute no longer covers the cost of replacing a high-risk tank. This legislation will modify the amount to more closely align with the market cost of these issues. Also testifying in support of the legislation as Representative Howard Pearl. Following the public hearing the committee recommended the bill Ought to Pass with the Non-Germane Amendment by a vote of 3-0. (Tom Prasol)

Otherwise, HB1168 is expected to fully pass. A committee will be formed and an overhaul to the soil conditioners RSA in the near future.

The legislative session concluded on May 26.

Regards,

Matt

Matt

Welcome
New
Members

John Maher
Key Account Manager
SiteOne Landscape Supply

Congrats!

Scott Walsh
Has been named
superintendent at
Country Club of NH



Thanks to the members who have hung in there with us during the last few years during and post-pandemic. Some of you kept up with dues, others have lapsed. Whatever the case, our new system will allow you to stay current or bring your membership up to date.

What you should know:
Paper invoices will no longer be sent if you have a valid email address on file with us.

The new system will allow payment directly online or if you prefer, you may print out the invoice and send a paper check. If your club pays for your dues, PLEASE request that they send back a copy of the invoice with the payment and note your name in the memo.

Stay tuned for more information in the coming weeks!

BRAVO! Record-Breaking Rounds 4 Research Results

Dave Ousterhout
NHGCSA President

Thank You!

The NHGCSA would like to thank all of you who worked to get your courses to generously contribute to the 2022 Rounds 4 Research Auction. Once again, we worked with our industry partners at the NHGA to help get word out about the auction to as many golfers in NH as possible.

Everyone's participation helped to make 2022 the new Rounds 4 Research record for the NHGCSA, bringing in a total of \$11,347.00, besting last year's total by more than \$2,000.00! Your willingness to support and contribute to ongoing research programs and education is what continues to make New Hampshire golf great. We would also like to thank the NHGA for their help with both securing courses to donate rounds, but also to promote the auction thru their social media outlets.

Be sure to mark your calendars for the 2023 Rounds 4 Research event, donations can be made anytime after January 1st, 2023. Thank you again for all your support!

Dave Ousterhout
President
NHGCSA Board of Directors

Thank you to all our participating clubs:

Abenaqui Country Club
Angus Lea Golf Course
Baker Hill Golf Club
Beaver Meadow Golf Course
Bethlehem Country Club
Bretwood Golf Course
Candia Woods Golf Links
Colebrook Country Club
Concord Country Club
Eastman Golf Links

Laconia Country Club
Lake Sunapee Country Club
Lake Winnepesaukee Golf Club
Lochmere Golf and Country Club
Londonderry Country Club
Loudon Country Club
Maplewood Country Club
Montcalm Golf Club
Nippo Lake Golf Course
North Conway Country Club

Omni Mount Washington Resort
Overlook Golf Club
Owl's Nest Resort & Golf Club
Pease Golf Course
Profile Club
Rochester Country Club
Sky Meadow Country Club
The Oaks Golf Links
White Mountain Country Club
Windham Country Club



25 Years of Turf Show & Conference Bliss

Gary Sykes, Executive Director
NERTF



1998 was the 1st hosting of the New England Regional Turfgrass Conference and Show and as you remember it was in Providence, RI. That year, we came up with a theme of Building Together for a Greener Tomorrow. The symbolism of being greener is hard to measure, but the effort that has gone into the idea of “Building Together” has without a doubt reaped benefits for the New England Turfgrass Industry. For 25 years, the conference and show has grown its presence as a premier event in the Turfgrass Industry. The show has a strong reputation not only as an across-the-board turfgrass trade show, but also for a high-quality

multi-tract education program. Since the beginning, the board has insisted that education must be the number 1 focus each year to attract attendees and secure our success. This has without a doubt been a formula for success.

Our show has been rolling forward for 25 years now and has been the main generator of our turfgrass research funding program. We have plowed through snowstorms, walked a tight rope through economic setbacks, bobbed and weaved with the GIS, and more recently dealt with covid the best we could. It hasn't always been easy, but always worth it! In the end, in our 25 years the conference and show has been the vehicle to generate \$2.5Million of research funding in New England since 1998. This is an amazing number considering our beginning was funded by 8-\$500 loans from each founding association. It was a Hail Mary start, but there are a couple of reasons why it has been a successful one.

As I said, our education has always topped the chart. Great speakers and topics each year and always great comments from attendees. These speakers and their topics just don't magically appear in our programs. Sometimes, it would take all summer and more than half the fall to complete the full program, but it always comes together! So how does it happen? We have been indescribably fortunate to have working with our board these last 25 years, Mary Owen of UMass Extension, who has been with our show since day one. Ever since our beginning, Mary has chaired our education committee and guided our ship through the challenges of good speakers and topics. Mary in 2020, announced her retirement from UMass along with reducing her responsibilities with the show. The foundation would have a hard time explaining Mary's importance because she has done so much for our show's success for the last 25 years, but it is very real that we owe Mary so much of our gratitude and appreciation for her efforts, interest, and leadership skills that she shared with us. Education has been the number one reason that so many look forward to the conference and show.



Pictured l to r: Jason Lanier (UMASS), Mary Owen, John Eidson and Pat Hogan from SODCO

Another reason why we have reaped success, is to recognize the 25 years of working as our show manager, David Rosenberg, has kept our trade show on track. When we started, the idea was to consolidate several shows into one and giving each company a greater presence, in front of a larger audience for lower costs. The location along with David's guidance has kept the mission intact. David has been with us all these years and treats our trade show and our exhibitors like family. We have been in the best hands over these years and David has set a high bar for show managers to equal. He has taught all of us that by treating exhibitors fair and equally will pay the show dividends. His eye for detail continues to produce the high quality of an event that we are all so proud of. Each exhibitor, each reception and each attendee will receive his full attention during planning, setup and until he packs up and goes home after our show.

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...25 years of NERTF continued



Matt Light (center), former member of the New England Patriots, with members of Marketing and Events, Inc., On the right is David Rosenberg.

As an event manager, David brings his team and family of Nancy and Brittany to our show along with many others over the years, making sure they all have their “showtime” smiles on representing the foundation, and keeping everyone feeling welcomed and appreciated. He has done all that and more and I can’t imagine it would be possible to get more out of a show manager and his team during a show week....And then just when I think I can catch a breather driving home from many shows, David will call me from his car wanting to chat about how things went and some ideas we might want to try next year! Thank you to Marketing and Events.....we look forward to 2023!

Lastly, I want to thank everyone who has ever served the foundation, who has attended over the last 25 years, who has supported the show by exhibiting, those that have pitched in, helpers, sponsors, speakers, guests and even anyone who might have said to someone simply, “you should come to the New England Regional Turfgrass Conference and Show. It is too good to miss.” We, thank you for making our Conference and Show, not just so successful but also 25 years full of bliss for the turf Industry! See you in 2023, March 7-9!

Gary

Gary Sykes, Executive Director

New Hampshire Holds on to Cup Cutter Trophy at Annual Joint Meeting with Maine GCSA

The NHGCSA and Maine GCSA had their annual joint meeting on May 10. This year Maine was the host chapter with York Golf and Tennis as the venue. All who participated enjoyed some great spring weather and a fantastic golf course. **John Laprey** and his staff had the course in amazing shape and deserve a special thanks for putting this event together. Also a big thank you to **Mike Pratt** head professional and his staff for all their assistance. Team NH retained the “cup cutter trophy” for another year. The top 6 scores from each chapter decide the winner. Team NH was led by **Jason Bastille**, followed by **Joe Langley** then **Dennis Friel**. The final 3 player’s scores counted for NH were **Pat Kelly**, **John Racicot**, and **EJ Chea**.

Thanks to all who attended. Next year the NHGCSA will host this event. **Steve Wilson** and Lake Winnepesaukee Golf Club have already graciously agreed to be our host. Please join us for this event.

EJ

EJ Chea, superintendent
Pease Golf Course



In Case You Missed It in Your Email Inbox

From: Dave Ousterhout

RE: NH Division of Pesticides Updates to Administrative Rules of the Pesticide Control Board

Hey everyone! If you're not already aware of the NH Division of Pesticide Control's E-Mail Networking Services, I recommend signing up. Please read on for some important updates. ~ Dave

May 20, 2022

Hello to all subscribers of the Division of Pesticide Control's E-Mail Networking Service! This E-Mail networking Service was initiated to provide an efficient and cost-effective way of communicating important information about pesticide related issues to New Hampshire's pesticide applicators, dealers and stakeholders. If you have any comments or suggestions about the E-Mail Networking Service, please feel free to send them to [Robert Bruleigh](#).

Updates to the Administrative Rules of the Pesticide Control Board

Overview-

The 2017 amendments to the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) certification and training regulations have resulted in necessary changes to some of New Hampshire's Administrative Rules of the Pesticide Control Board. These new Administrative Rules will become effective June 1, 2022 and include added requirements for applicators and dealers of Restricted Use Pesticides (i.e., RUP's). Some rule changes will require immediate adjustments to record keeping practices for those that apply and sell Restricted Use Pesticides while the certification updates for those who apply fumigants, or apply pesticides aerially, will be implemented over time.

Commercial applicators that use Restricted Use Pesticides will have additional requirements for daily use record keeping and new requirements for training uncertified applicators operating as part of a crew. A crew is a legally defined group of individuals applying pesticides commercially under specific circumstances where not all participants are required to be certified as pesticide applicators. Commercial applicators that do not apply Restricted Use Pesticides will have no additional record keeping or training requirements for uncertified individuals operating as part of a crew. The division has developed examples of record keeping forms for those commercial applicators that apply Restricted Use Pesticides, and those that may use uncertified applicators as part of a crew, for the application of Restricted Use Pesticides. These forms are included as attachments to this message.

Pesticide dealers selling Restricted Use Pesticides will have additional items to record as part of the sales transaction. The division has also created a new form example for dealers of Restricted Use Pesticides. This form is also included as an attachment to this message.

The attached forms for recording daily use applications of Restricted Use Pesticides, the training of non-certified individuals that apply Restricted Use Pesticides and for dealers that sell Restricted Use Pesticides are only examples and are not required to be used; however, the recording of all the information now required must be completed in whatever form or manner chosen. You can also [access forms](#) on this page.

Some operations may already be recording some or all of the changes outlined (e.g., name of client, size of area treated, EPA Registration Number, etc.) in their daily use records and note these daily use records must also be maintained for 2 years. These changes are a mandatory requirement and part of a national increase in standards and expectations for commercial users and dealers of Restricted Use Pesticides. New Hampshire is required to implement these changes in order to maintain consistency with the new federal mandates as described in FIFRA and implemented by the US Environmental Protection Service (EPA). If you have any questions regarding these additional requirements, please contact the Division of Pesticide Control for assistance.

[Commercial Applicator Applying RUP form](#)

[Dealer records form for RUP](#)

[NHDAMF-Recordkeeping Brochure](#)

[Non-Certified Applicators Training Records](#)

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GCSAA Update

Kevin Doyle, Northeast Field Representative
GCSAA



We often talk about the networking and camaraderie this industry exemplifies. Sharing knowledge amongst ourselves is standard practice. Mother Nature dished out anxiety to most, while some came through in good to great shape, others did not. Superintendents, through a swath of central New York, the Capital District of Albany, western Massachusetts down through Connecticut, areas of New York and northern New Jersey are dealing with damage of various proportion. On Friday April 1, Springfield Country Club (MA) superintendent Jedd Newsome put together a roundtable meeting, as he did in 2015, inviting area superintendents with Michelle DaCosta, Ph.D., of UMass, and John Daniels, regional USGA agronomist, to add their input. Club officials were asked to attend; meeting content was geared toward all attendees.

DaCosta gave a summary of the winter weather including the warm December, very cold January, followed by the roller coaster February. Data sensors being utilized by ongoing research showed January soil temp (at a one-half inch depth) less than 20 degrees, followed by a February that included three or four events where soil temperatures reached 40-60 degrees! DaCosta noted these swings in temperature are more in line with March, not February. Huge moisture releases were measured by the sensors in February, even under ice, creating potential for injury to *Poa* which de-hardens easily with temperature and easily absorbs moisture.

Sensors under ice showed less fluctuation in temperature and much less moisture release, yet the drop in oxygen levels were severe. Noting how carbon dioxide levels have yet to be addressed, DaCosta engaged Mohawk Golf Course superintendent Andy Eick regarding his green tied to this data. Eick explained to the attendees that the green under ice turned out to be the best green on the property to date. Daniels discussed results of his many site visits from New York to Massachusetts, and many in between. The importance of sunshine in fall turf health headed into winter and spring recovery was highlighted. Daniels stressed the importance of photos in documenting these difficult growing conditions.

Use of permeable and impermeable covers was discussed. Daniels addressed the benefits of each in preventing damage, issues that can occur and the use of covers to aide in recovery. Newsome highlighted his use of covers on his historically difficult greens and the success this effort has made.

Newsome wrapped up the day by noting during his 13-year tenure at Springfield Country Club, he's endured six years of significant winterkill issues. He extended his thanks to the club for their patience and understanding during recovery. He stressed the need to stay off the greens until they recover while admitting the pressure on municipal and public facilities might make that impossible. Newsome's mantra for keeping the stress off the greens: By June 1, the golfers will all have forgotten what happened.

Newsome thanked the club for allowing him to host, the Tom Irwin Company for providing lunch, and all who attended. There were great questions with fantastic information provided by speakers and attendees alike. Knowing you are not alone doesn't ease any of the pain and anxiety the situation places on superintendents, but it does alert others of the circle of peers with whom you can look to for assistance and support. A rising tide raises all ships; let the healing process begin.



Visit @JeddNewsome on twitter for a YouTube link to watch the event.

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

Kevin Doyle

GCSAA Field Staff

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Follow me on Twitter @GCSAA_NE



BOARD SPOTLIGHT: Connor Cinque

Vendor Member Representative, Harrell's



Current position/course:

Territory sales representative for Harrell's, New Hampshire and Maine

Prior position/course:

I was on Martha's Vineyard off the coast of Cape Cod, MA at Vineyard Golf Club working as the assistant superintendent (primary spray tech and construction lead).

Total years in the turf business:

I have been in the industry for 10 years now.

Total years of NHGCSA board service (current & past):

I was elected to the NHGCSA board of directors for the first time this spring, 2022.

Favorite aspect about the turf industry?

Interacting with so many people who all share a passion for hard work and the outdoors as well as a mindset for problem solving and being innovative. It's a unique industry that draws in all sorts of people who have the ability to be successful in different ways. I value the people most in our industry and enjoy learning and growing from their experiences.

Favorite thing to do in your free time?

I do quite a bit of driving these days and although it's not my favorite thing to do in my free time, it takes up the majority of it. However, when I'm off the road, I'm an avid golfer and bowler. I enjoy being competitive with and playing all games from backyard games to board games. I do my best to balance staying active in the gym/outside with being social and exploring different restaurant/bar scenes all over!

Earn .5 Service Points for Taking the Survey

GCSAA's Golf Course Environmental Profile

Why fill out the GCEP Phase III Nutrient and Pest Management survey? We need current data to support the BMPs used to advocate for the profession and golf industry and to measure change/trend analysis for the future.

GCSAA members receive .5 service points:

[Click here to access the survey](#)

Get started on Facility BMP Manual:

John Clark said it was "easy"

Once your state BMP manual is available through GCSAA's BMP Planning Guide and Template you can easily create a facility BMP manual for your facility. Access is easy with your GCSAA website member log-in using the link immediately below, then select the facility BMP icon and go. Webinars are available to assist you with this easy to use tool.

GCSAA members can [access the Planning Guide here](#).

NOTICE

NEED PESTICIDE NOTICES FOR YOUR COURSE?

Notice pads (approx. 50 sheets per pad)
are available for \$10 each including postage.

Contact the NHGCSA office

nhgcsa@comcast.net

Return Reflections

Vince Matics, Retired CGCS



It has been just over six months since I re-entered the work force on a “part time” basis (yeah, right! 45-50 hours a week) and I have been thoroughly enjoying my time spent on the course. In the time since I began as part of the maintenance crew, our club has hosted a four-day Champions Tour qualifier event, more recently a

regional US Open qualifier, numerous outside events and a major invitational. We are a busy club, and we will be hosting the Champions Tour Qualifier again this November. And next week, during our first “Closure” we will be closing down for four days to conduct renovation activities of aerifying, verti-cutting, and topdressing the main playing surfaces. (A second “Closure” is conducted later in the summer.) Never a dull moment which brings me to my point. The one drawback I experienced with retirement was the lack of interaction with other people. I missed the daily give and take associated with working with a team. This was further exacerbated by the isolation during the covid pandemic and the associated closures of public places such as restaurants, having to avoid contact with people, being masked when shopping, limiting travel and recreational activities, no attendance to sporting events or concerts. Thank heaven for golf and access to the courses here.

Anyway, my wife and I decided to look for something to do to stay busy. She is involved in child day care and I am back on the course. It has been beneficial from a mental point of view as I am being productive and creative and continuously learning about southern turf management. I am benefitting physically by doing physical labor, mowing, walking, raking, whatever needs to be done. I average over 12,000 steps some days and am back to my college days weight (aided by a medical procedure to control the weight and help with that struggle.) I also work and interact with a diverse group of individuals who produce the exceptional course conditions that are able to attract such important events. We are led by a talented and dedicated Superintendent. A new Assistant Superintendent was recently hired and has assimilated seamlessly into the program and has quickly earned everyone’s respect. Interestingly, he was a Superintendent at his previous employment before his club was sold. So, it is a rather unique situation with a Head Superintendent, and Assistant who was a Superintendent, and

a retired Superintendent (me), but it’s a dynamic environment and I do what I can to help.

My duties have ranged from course setup, occasional cup changing, mowing greens when needed, mowing collars, tees and approaches, course cleanup when necessary, and other attention to detail tasks. There are no unimportant tasks. I even used a chain saw with a 48 inch bar to cut up a downed water oak and believe me, the size of the saw was necessary for that tree. (I must say that palm trees are a bit of a pain in cleanup with senescent fronds falling when the wind blows.) I have also spent time spot spraying. I have come to learn that weed control in the south is a major issue and seems never ending. Not that we are inundated with a population of weeds. The very fact that we spot spray indicates that we have a very clean turf surface, but when they appear, they stick out like sore thumbs and off we go with our battery powered 25 gallon spray tanks. I do my best John Wick imitation, you know, the weeds are the boogeyman, and I am the one they send to kill the boogeyman! When you can go out and spot spray *Poa annua*, its pretty much under control, but a healthy *Poa annua* plant looks like a head of cabbage in a nice stand of Bermudagrass turf, especially when the Bermuda goes dormant so we zap em! Lately I have been having nightmares about being chased by weeds. The *Poa* plants are especially nasty as they cannot understand why I cared for and babied their northern brethren but down here I am out to eliminate them.

The upshot of this is, I think we all want to be part of something fulfilling and challenging and work with others to accomplish a common goal. (I heard it keeps you young!) There is something to be said for pulling together as a team and producing a result we can be proud of. I also enjoy getting to know people from different and interesting backgrounds and learning from them and hopefully they will find some value from my own experiences and way of doing things. Anyway, I am enjoying this phase of the journey and look forward to what lies ahead.

Vince

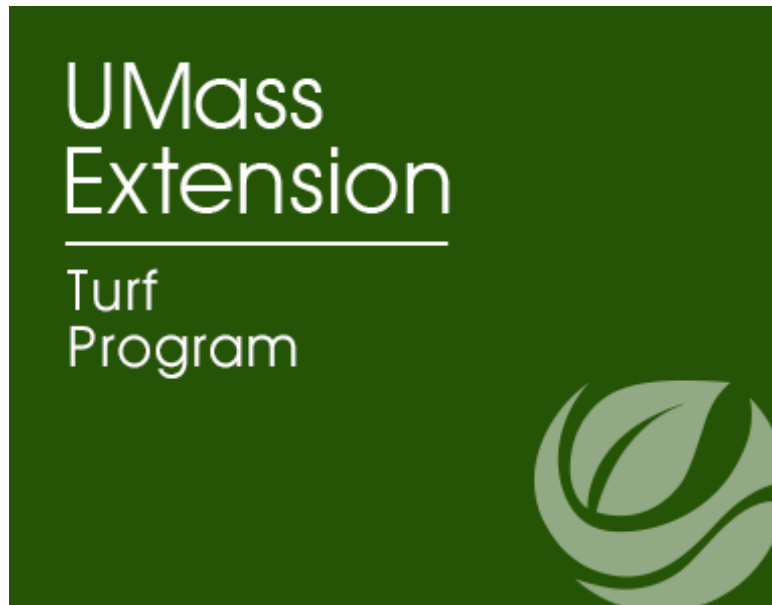
Vince Matics CGCS, Retired



When Dollar Spot Resistance Threatens Your Turf May 27, 2022

What is the first thing that comes to mind when you think of drug resistance? Superbugs? High lethality? Perhaps it's time to add another characteristic such as endless? For decades, drug resistance has been widely reported in the medical, agricultural, and livestock industries. It seems that people are becoming numb to hearing about drug resistance, as when new variants of COVID-19 are continuously discovered. Successive new developments tend to register less effectively relative to those that came before.

[Continue reading here.](#)



NHGCSA Scholarship Opportunities

The NHGCSA awards scholarships in the range of \$500-\$2,000 annually to those enrolled in turf-related studies. Applications will be reviewed by a committee of NHGCSA Board members and officers. All decisions of the committee will be final. Please review [Criteria/Information for Applicants](#) for important criteria and application submission instructions.

There are two categories of eligibility:

Traditional College Applicants ([2-4yr Program Scholarship Application](#)):

- Applicants must be enrolled in turf-related studies.
- The student must be enrolled full time at an accredited institution of higher learning, or in the case of high school seniors, must be accepted at such an institution for the next academic year. Graduating high school seniors must attach a letter of acceptance to their application.
- Past recipients ARE eligible to apply up to four years in a row.
- Although any number of students from the same family may apply, only one student per family will be eligible to receive an award each calendar year.
- The student MUST be a New Hampshire resident.
- All Traditional College applications must be postmarked by May 31st of the year submitted. Applicants will be notified by mail of their status by September 1st of the year submitted.
- **NOTE: Submission deadline extended to June 30, 2022**

Winter School Applicants ([Winter School Scholarship Application](#)):

- Applicants MUST have a minimum of 2 consecutive years working experience in the turf industry.
- Past recipients are NOT eligible to apply
- Applicant MUST be a New Hampshire resident.
- Deadline for Winter School application is December 31st.

2022 NHGCSA Officers & Directors

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Concord Country Club
Matt Fiorentino, *vice president*
Profile Club
Benjamin Clark, *treasurer*
Stonebridge Country Club
Patrick Lanman, *secretary*
Beaver Meadow Golf Course

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