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Let's Talk New England Turf Research

by Gary Sykes, Executive Director



The New England Regional Turfgrass Foundation has been funding research now more than 20 years with more than \$2.5 Million in funds spent as of 2019. Currently, the foundation has 8 projects being funded for 2019 that amount to \$135,131.00. Since the start of this initiative, 86 projects have been funded by the foundation. Some are multi-year projects, and some are just for a one-year duration. Even though we are extremely proud of these numbers, it is by no means all the research that is ongoing at local universities. By making your way to a university field day, you will gain a greater understanding of the whole picture and what our New England schools mean to our industry. Here are some quick explanations of what is being funded by the foundation and researched during the growing season of 2019.

1. **Solvita™ Soil Test Kits to Categorize Golf Course Fairway Responsiveness to N Fertilization.** Dr. Karl Guillard of UConn has been working on this subject for the last 3 years and will soon be completed. This funding is partial funding of a larger project of the same name with the USGA focusing on fairway turf which is the largest part of a golf course's fertilization program. Using this method of testing could assist superintendents to adjust N-fertilization amounts depending on the response expected which can have positive benefits on their budgets and the environment.
2. **Evaluation of Fairway Rolling Frequency, Rolling Start Time, and Thatch Accumulation for Control of Dollar Spot.** Dr. Geunhwa Jung of UMass had conducted research to exam the potential of rolling for Dollar Spot control which resulted in a 40-60% reduction. This project is an expansion of that original research using rolling techniques to benefit Dollar Spot control efforts. This research will further evaluate rolling frequency, determine a seasonal start time and investigate the influence that rolling may have on thatch accumulation due to a compression effect. With all the money spent controlling Dollar Spot each year, looking outside the box and identifying steps that show reductions is a welcomed sight. This project is going beyond 2019 and data collection will be completed in the fall of 2020.
3. **SDHI Resistance in Dollar Spot, Development of Management Strategies and Detection Testing.** Dr. Jung had confirmed SDHI resistance of Dollar Spot in New England in 2017. This project will determine the extent of cross-resistance of SDHIs, determine practical recommendations to combat resistance, monitor changes in resistance and then to develop a diagnostic test to determine resistance type. The SDHI fungicide class is the largest class of fungicides on the market. Six of eight active ingredients are labeled for dollar spot, understanding the fate of an application and the potential resistance would be critical to a superintendent.
4. **The Effect of Turfgrass Seed Mixtures, Seeding Rate and Mowing Timing on Weed Productions in Establishing Pesticide-Free Athletic Fields and Lawn Areas, Dr. Jason Henderson and Ms. Vickie Wallace of UConn are nearing the end of this 2-year project.** Due to the growing number of restrictions on athletic fields associated with youth sports, this project addresses the topics within establishment to reduce weeds on pesticide free athletic fields and home lawns. Determining factors like seed mixtures, seeding rates and mower timing all could affect an acceptable outcome and better conditions for youth to play on.

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President's Message



It seems to work out at times where we have our monthly meetings that end up 2 weeks apart. First, I would like to commend Joe Oliveira and his assistant Jeff Mello for fantastic conditions at Green Valley Country Club. The hospitality shown by the Raposa family seems never ending, from when I joined in 1989 to today, they have always accommodated our association.. Also, a shout out to Gary Dorsi and his staff for their work.

Secondly, I want to thank Peter Fish and his staff for hosting the Rho-Cod Cup. We had over 80 players, excellent conditions (though by my game you would not have known) and great food.

Like Green Valley they took care of certain individuals with food allergies. Thank you to the Board and members of Potowomut for having us.

Congratulations goes out to the Cape Association for the resounding victory.

I know many of us have been working with some of the research assistants along with Dr. Alm on capturing, identifying and tracking our native pollinators. They will be supplying us with their results in an upcoming newsletter.

Looking at the forecast for the next week, I hope everyone fairs well, turfwise and healthwise. The last couple business meetings have been abbreviated as we have had them after golf. We have tried this to encourage more attendance at the meetings. Even if you can not make golf, there is still a good amount of time to network after golf and after the meeting. August will be at Reservation, on the 20th. Hope I can remember how to get there.

Respectfully,
Michael Varkonyi

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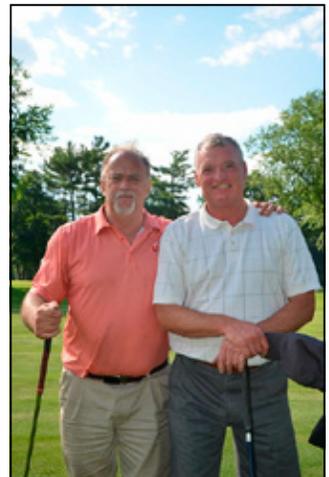




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5. **Evaluation of Wildflowers and Trap Nests to Increase Forage and Habitat for Bee's around New England Golf Courses.** Dr. Steve Alm, URI recently submitted this project for three years. The long-term objective is to recruit golf courses into helping local bee populations recover from the recent declines in populations by creating available pollinator habitats, shelters and minimizing the negative effects of pesticides. Golf courses and especially those that have out of play areas will be encouraged to establish bee forage plantings, install trap nests to help bees establish colonies on the property, and evaluate insecticide choices to minimize adverse effects on populations. One of the outcomes Steve hopes to make available will be a seminar introducing beekeeping to golf courses.
6. **Earthworm Species, Seasonal Phenology and Effect of Wetting Agents on Earthworm Castings and Abundance on New England Golf Courses.** Dr. Olga Kostromystka, newly appointed professor at UMass submitted this project for funding for two years. Most superintendents recognize the goodness to the soil ecosystem and the nuisance to the playing surfaces of earthworm populations. More knowledge is needed to understand the habits of earthworms and the use of registered products with possible benefits that can help prevent worm castings on the surface. Wetting agents have shown some promise but more information is needed.
7. **Exploring Methods to Enhance Biocontrol of Turfgrass Diseases.** Dr. John Inguagiato of UConn submitted this proposal in 2019 for two years. The idea of expanding biocontrol management of turfgrass diseases would greatly benefit places such as schools where they have band the use of pesticides. Sports turf also uses loads of Perennial Ryegrass which is susceptible to Gray Leaf Spot. It would be an objective to identify a product that could be used in this capacity and be permissible on restricted space. John is also communicating with Dr. Joseph Roberts at the University of Maryland.
8. **Comparing Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Soil Microbial Populations from Turfgrass Fertilized with Slow-release Synthetic Fertilizer or an Organic Fertilizer.** Dr. Karl Guillard, UConn, submitted this two-year study in 2019. There is much speculation and differences of opinion of benefits of organic versus slow release synthetic fertilizers to the environment. Questions concerning soil microbe populations and the status of greenhouse gas emissions will be measured to clear up this speculation.

These eight ongoing projects as well as the final chapter's preparation of the BMP project, which are expected to be finished this summer, may increase the total funding for 2019 to \$165,131.00. If you have any questions about any of the research being presently done, please feel free to communicate with these researchers. Two activities you can attend are the UMass Field Day on July 17 or the UConn "afterhours" event on July 23rd. There is much going on, and we compliment everyone involved for their hard work and dedication

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NERTF Press Release



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by Gary Sykes, Executive Director
Press Release May 15, 2019

The New England Regional Turfgrass Foundation recently held its 22nd Annual Meeting on May 9, 2019 where a new Executive Board was elected. Peter J. Rappoccio, CGCS, Golf Course Superintendent of the Concord Country Club in Concord, MA has been elected as the 23rd President of the Foundation, succeeding Jeffrey M. Urquhart of GreenSight Agronomics, Inc.

Peter has represented the Golf Course Superintendent Association of New England on the NERTF Board since 2014. Mark Mansur, of Wintonbury Hills Golf Course representing the Connecticut Association of Golf Course Superintendents (CAGCS), will serve as the vice-president/treasurer for this upcoming year. Robert B. Searle of the Abenakee Club of the MGCSA has been elected to serve as secretary for a second year. Jeff will continue to serve on the board as the Immediate-Past President. The foundation consists of 2 delegates from each of the 7 GCSAA Chapters located in New England, 1 delegate from the Sports Turf Managers

Association of New England (NESTMA) and 1 delegate from the Massachusetts Association of Lawn Care Professionals (MALCP). Advisory board members are invited from state universities in Connecticut, Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

The 22nd Annual Conference and Show was held in Providence, RI on March 5th through March 7th, 2019. The winter weather cooperated nicely with better weather the first week of March than what we are seeing in May! Tuesday seminar attendance was at its second highest number in 22 years. Many new changes and improvements were added to the show in 2019 including a trade show lunch on Thursday. 76 total hours of Education for all attendees were available during the 3 days and the trade show was open a total of 13 hours. The 2020 show dates for the 23rd Annual Show are March 3-5, 2020 in Providence, RI. For more information on the show and New England Turfgrass Research please visit our website: www.nertf.org or call 401-841-5490.

In other NERTF news, the 8th annual Tee-Up New England rounds of golf auction took place April 15-22, 2019. 108 lots

of golf across New England and one day of tennis at the Longwood Cricket Club were auctioned off along with a couple of sets of Red Sox tickets. Rounds were collected for the auction by the NERTF and ATG (Alumni Turf Group). All rounds were sold, and over \$31,000 was raised towards turfgrass research in New England. We greatly thank all courses who participated in 2019 and wish to extend that to every auction participant for supporting turfgrass research. A complete list of courses that participated is located at www.tee-up-newengland.com.

Umass Alumni Turf Group Announces 2019 Tournament Site And Honoree



Mary Owen

This year's Dr. Joseph Troll Classic will be held at the TPC Boston in Norton, MA September 3. The honoree will be Mary Owen, Team Leader for Turf, Extension Educator and Turf Management Specialist.

Mary earned BS and MS degrees in Plant and Soil Sciences from the University of Massachusetts Amherst. As Extension Turf Specialist for the University of Massachusetts, she directs the Turf Extension program toward its goal of helping industry professionals, businesses, organizations and municipalities meet the challenges posed by the management of turf in urban, suburban and rural environments.

She engages the turf and golf industry and greater community in collaborative projects with the University of Massachusetts, addressing issues of high concern. By providing scientifically sound information on the implementation of best management practices, the adoption of integrated pest management systems, and the protection of water and other environmental resources, Mary brings the teaching and research expertise of the University to bear in the solution of problems faced by turf managers and communities alike.

Mary is a founding member of the New England Sports Turf Managers Association and works closely with the sports turf industry on statewide, regional and national levels. She has been closely involved with turfgrass managers in the golf industry as a valuable resource for regulatory review and her guidance has been immensely valuable for all who manage turfgrass in the region.

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Kevin's GCSAA Corner By Kevin Doyle, GCSAA Northeast Field Rep.



How do you communicate to your staff or colleagues on a day-to-day basis? My guess is that it is much different now than it was, say, ten years ago. While radios may still be a piece of the on-course puzzle, text messages might be the dominant choice. While you are off property, text messages and email can keep you alerted of goings-on

instantly. How long could you operate your facility using only electronic communications without putting your eyes on a fellow worker or even holding a brief conversation? I'm thinking it's not too long, for despite technology, face-to-face interaction is still the king of communications.

While an entire robotic staff might be in our future, we rely on our staff or colleagues to accomplish our goals. First, we need them to be there. Without eyes on that situation, the best laid plans could easily come off the rails. A sense of community or teamwork comes with the ability to interact and socialize, and this sets the foundation. This should allow the team to gain trust, and ultimately develop better working relationships. To operate well as a team, leadership must communicate the duties and expectations and reinforce the culture that has been developed. Verbally and in person should be the top choice to accomplish this goal.

Many important pieces are missing from communications without visual contact. Non-verbal cues are often cited for their importance, so I won't dwell on those. By looking at the staff post-aerification week or after member-member preparation we know the responses communicated back from tired staff will be different than a typical day.

Think about what goes into a written communication. The ability to edit the content stands out. Are the emails and text messages you receive really what the sender intended to say, or was that message tailored to illicit a favorable response? Maybe the message you received wasn't the first thing that came to mind from the sender?

Tone does not come across in writing either. If you instruct a staff member via text message to check moisture and do another lap with a syringe hose at 4pm and get "ok" as a response, what does that mean? Is it "yes sir I'm glad to because it will help the team," or "my buddies are waiting for me to go the beach but I need this job no matter how much I hate it." Same message sent, but could easily be a big difference in tone.

Do you ever engage staff or colleagues in brainstorming sessions? Maybe engaging key staff or colleagues with a discussion on a Friday afternoon, rainy day, or in advance of upcoming event on

ways to improve or adjust operations. Accomplishing such a beneficial task electronically would be a tedious mess and more likely counterproductive.

Beyond the course related items, the personal side of the personnel task's superintendents perform require face to face communication and your full attention. Whether it relates to strife within your team, home life, or medical issues creating stress with your team members, avoiding misinterpretations of any kind is a must. While sometimes written documentation may be required as a policy, building trust through personal interactions is key. Communicating understanding and compassion via written word is difficult and may not convey the importance your staff member or colleague believes the situation deserves.

Instead of sending a text or email next time you need to communicate, consider using your phone as it was originally designed for, as a telephone. Maybe instead of texting a job assignment to a staff member, text them to meet you someplace convenient and communicate that next task to them in person. Your time is valuable, and those around you know it. By you taking some of that time to interact with staff and colleagues directly or face to face only communicates the importance of your message and the value you have for them. When clear, concise communications take place, it becomes easier for a team to achieve the desired goals.

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Submissions for the 2020 Dog Days of Golf Calendar will be accepted through Aug. 1, 2019. From the submissions, 14 dogs will be selected. Owners of the selected dogs will be notified in September, and the calendar will be distributed with the November issue of GCM magazine.

LebanonTurf has been supporting golf course superintendents and their chapters through the Dog Days of Golf Calendar for more than a decade.

Upcoming Webinars

Aug. 22 @ 10 a.m.

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Roch Gaussoin, Ph.D.

Sept. 18 @ 10 a.m.

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Rick Capozzi

Oct. 30 @ 10 a.m.

What About Wetting Agents?

Doug Karcher, Ph.D.

Read more: <https://www.gcsaa.org/education/my-learning-hub#ixzz5qCBJWWx4>

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

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EPA Glyphosate Update by Angela Hartmann | Jun 03, 2019

GCSAA continues to update the advocacy blog concerning glyphosate. The latest is below. Please follow at GCSAA.org for up to the date information as it becomes available.

GCSAA regularly participates in meetings of the EPA Pesticide Policy Dialogue Committee, which meets biannually in

Washington, D.C. The PPDC, a broadly representative federal advisory committee, meets with EPA to discuss pesticide regulatory, policy, and program implementation issues. The last PPDC meeting was held on May 8-9, 2019, and here is the latest update from EPA regarding glyphosate.

Background

- Glyphosate is a broad-spectrum non-selective herbicide registered for use on many agricultural crops, in non-crop areas, in residential areas, for aquatic weed control, and in commercial settings. It is also registered for use on glyphosate-resistant crop varieties including corn, soybean, canola, cotton, sugar beets and wheat.
- EPA initiated registration review for the widely used herbicide glyphosate (RoundUp) in 2009.
- In 2015, an International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) report classified glyphosate as “probably carcinogenic to humans”. All other international fora, including all regulatory bodies, have concluded that glyphosate is unlikely to be carcinogenic.
- As part of registration review, EPA released draft human health and ecological risk assessments for glyphosate in December 2017. EPA’s assessment concluded that glyphosate is not likely to be carcinogenic
- In March 2018, EPA opened a 60-day public comment period on draft human health and ecological risk assessments with supporting documents for glyphosate.
- EPA received 250,000 public comments on the draft assessment. The majority of comments are from mass mailing campaigns; approximately 200 are distinct substantive comments being reviewed.
- EPA announced the proposed interim registration review decision in late April 2019. The proposed interim registration review decision outlines proposed mitigation measures to reduce potential ecological risks.
- Under a settlement agreement with the Center for Biological Diversity, EPA is scheduled to complete a biological evaluation on glyphosate by 2020 and, if necessary, initiate an Endangered Species Act consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service by 2020.

Overview of Health Findings

- The assessment found no meaningful risks to human health when the product is used according to the pesticide label.
- The agency’s scientific findings are consistent with the conclusions of science reviews by a number of other countries as well as the 2017 National Institutes of Health Agricultural Health Survey.

Overview of Proposed Interim Decision

In its 2019 proposed interim decision for glyphosate, EPA is proposing the following mitigation and label changes:

- Spray drift management measures (e.g., release height, droplet size and wind speed restrictions) to reduce off-site exposure to non-target wildlife.
- Weed resistance management labeling (e.g., information on mode of action, scouting instructions, and reporting instructions for weed resistance).
- Label consistency measures including updating the presentation of maximum application parameters, updating the environmental hazards statement for aquatic use, and clarification on rotational crop timing.
- EPA is committed to protecting pollinators, including the monarch butterfly, from pesticide exposure. As with all other herbicides, EPA has updated the label language for these pesticides to raise awareness of their potential effects to pollinator habitat and direct users to instructions on minimizing spray drift. EPA’s strategy to protect the monarch butterfly also includes collaborating with federal, state, and other stakeholders on conservation efforts and promoting best management and integrated pest management practices to reduce spray drift and help preserve pollinator habitat.



Sun Safety Practices

To Protect your Employees and Patrons

The Rhode Island Department of Health's Comprehensive Cancer Control Program is looking to engage golf course superintendents in discussions about your efforts to protect your employees and patrons from harmful exposure to the sun's UV rays. Golfers and outdoor workers who spend long periods of time in the sun are at increased risk of developing skin cancer. We can work with you to identify the most effective and feasible policy/practice changes that you can adopt to protect your employees and patrons. We'd love to meet with you to discuss the strategies below and others that you can implement on your course.

The CDC's Community Preventive Services Task Force recommends interventions in outdoor recreational settings, based on strong evidence of effectiveness for increasing sunscreen use and decreasing incidence of sunburns.



For Golfers & Employees

Increase Available Shade - The sun's rays are strongest between 10am and 2pm

- Offer discounts for early and late tee times
- Avoid scheduling events during peak sun hours
- Equip carts with shade covers to keep golfers safe between holes

Encourage Sun-Safe Behaviors - Use of sunscreen and protective clothing

- Provide SPF 30 broad spectrum sunscreen to employees and patrons where they pick up cards and carts
- Stock UV protective clothing options in your pro shop
- Provide UV protective long-sleeved uniforms and hats to employees
- Remind patrons to seek shade and use sunscreen with signage around the course and messaging on score cards
- Take extra caution around sand and water, which can reflect and intensify UV rays

If you are interested in scheduling a short conversation with the Cancer Control program staff, please contact George Andoscia at (401)222-3047 or George.Andoscia@Health.RI.gov.



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Gazing in the Grass

Frank S. Rossi, Ph.D.

The summer stress period is upon most of the Northeast with temperature and humidity levels summing to over 150. This is a measurable method to gauge chronic stress that will challenge the stress tolerance of cool season turf stands from VA to ME. (See FORECAST Map

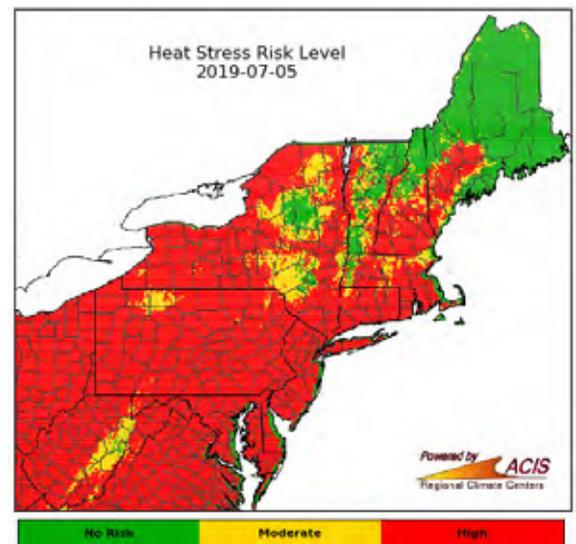
Image available at <http://turf.eas.cornell.edu/app/maps/threats/hstress>) Soil temperatures also warming rapidly at two inch depth from mid 60's to upper 70's. As drying persists in some areas expect soil temperature to rise quickly. Of course this is preferable to wet soils that when they heat up hold heat and stress longer!

Rainfall has been more sporadic across the region with some distinct drier areas in the last few weeks. This has lead to a rapid emergence of drought stressed turf. It seems after almost 12 months of record rainfall, the brief drying period with high solar radiation levels driving ET loss is exposing poor soil conditions, poor rooting depth, and creating stress that worsens summer patch, take-all patch and annual bluegrass weevil feeding damage.

It should be no surprise that in simple terms, plants in native soils that have moderate to poor drainage have adapted to persistent wet conditions. Over time these conditions promote shallow rooting that will not sustain top growth and as soil warm not likely create new roots. Intensely managed sand-based golf and sports systems have been performing nicely under very wet conditions if surface organic matter is properly managed. In fact, good drainage has allowed roots to follow water as nutrients and other compounds are drawn down in the soil profile, promoting deeper rooting, even among historically shallow annual bluegrass surfaces.



Early signs of moisture stress



Climate models that predict pest pressure and risk of damage are emerging as important tools. Turfgrass managers that have embraced the use of these models admit they don't rely solely on models such as the Smith-Kerns Dollar Spot model when deciding on making a pesticide application but rather use as a part of decision-making. Regardless of the model used, including models for Brown Patch and Pythium (also available on [FORECAST](#) website) it is clear that the conditions are conducive to widespread **high risk of foliar pathogen pressure**.

Interestingly besides the aforementioned pathogens, there has been an epidemic of Red Thread (*Laetisaria fuciformis*) this Spring, early Summer causing many turfgrass managers to make pesticide application to stop significant turf loss. Red thread occurs during humid periods when the air temperatures are between 16°C and 24°C (60°F and 75°F). The disease is especially severe on ALL types slow-growing turf. Fine-leaf fescues and some ryegrasses are particularly susceptible. **Again it is being observed on turf that has been regularly fertilized but maybe not actively growing enough** and since temperatures to date have been cooler conditions have remained conducive for many weeks. This persistent conducive environment has allowed an otherwise minor nuisance pathogen to become a source of significant turf damage. Good curative recovery, not control, has been observed with chlorothalonil, flutolanil, iprodione, mancozeb and pyraclostrobin. In one test, a formulation of myclobutanil caused foliar discoloration and stand thinning to creeping red fescue when applied for red thread control.

Laetisaria fuciformis may produce spores for dispersal, however, the primary means of dispersal is the spread of infected tissue and bits of the "red thread" (sclerotia) to healthy areas of grass. This type of spread depends upon mowing, foot traffic, and other activities which occur on the diseased turf. Invasion by the fungus is quick, and leaves may begin to die two days after becoming infected. Fungal hyphae and dried pieces of the fragmented "red thread" enable the fungus to survive when conditions are not favorable for disease development (winter, mid-summer, etc.). **During dry conditions, the "threads" may be viable for up to 2 years.**

The increasing incidence of Red Thread over the last several years has enabled the fungal population to build, resulting in the epidemic levels of this pathogen. This is a harbinger of further foliar pathogen challenges that lie ahead with the amount of moisture in the system.

Long periods of wet leaves and wet soils creates ideal environments for fungal pathogens. Rich Buckley, the Director of Diagnostic Services at Rutgers University often quotes the late Professor Noel Jackson when he says, "**Moisture is the fuel for disease, temperature is the throttle**". There is plenty of fuel in the tank so to speak, and now with increasing temperatures expect the pending high risk for warmer season diseases to *put the throttle down*; first dollar spot, then as temperatures rise Brown Patch and when temps rise further Pythium blight. Therefore, any ability to promote drying on high value turf will help suppress pathogens. It is wise to maintain active but not excessive growth as warmer pathogens are worsened with higher growth rates. ▲



RIGCSA Member News

Welcome New Members:

Kyle Mast, Assistant Superintendent,
Pt. Judith Country Club

Mark Oliveira, Affiliate, New England Golf Cars

Paul Rusiloski, Affiliate, SiteOne Landscape Supply

Our condolences go out to **Ed Walsh** and family on the passing of Ed's wife, **Mary Grace Walsh**, who passed away on Thursday, June 6, 2019. Ed Walsh is a former RIGCSA member and retired from the superintendent position at Shelter Harbor Golf Club in 2010.

Our condolences go out to the family of **David Masterson**, former superintendent at Ledgemont Country Club, who passed away on June 19th after battling pancreatic cancer. David became a member of the RIGCSA in 2018.

Congratulations to **Jim Skorulski** who recently retired from the USGA after serving as the Northeast Agronomist since 1989. Thank you to Jim for all his expertise and assistance over the years.

Congratulations to **John LeClair**, CGCS GCSAA certified golf course superintendent at Poquoy Brook Golf Club who has recently completed the renewal process for maintaining his status as a Certified Golf Course Superintendent (CGCS) with the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA).

Congratulations to **Shaun and Stephanie Marcellus** on the recent birth of their daughter.

The RIGCSA has added a new membership classification to allow mechanics/equipment technicians to join the RIGCSA. Please contact Julie Heston for more information (401) 934-7660 or jheston@verizon.net.

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Meeting Calendar:

Tuesday, August 20

Reservation Golf Club (Stress Buster Day)

Tuesday, September 17

Foxborough Country Club (Championship – NE Champs Qualifier)

Tuesday, October 1

Fall River Country Club (Scholarship & Research Tournament)

Monday, October 28

Newport Country Club (Superintendent/Assistants Tournament)

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