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GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENTS ASSOCIATION



2018 DSA Recipients By Michelle Maltais



At this year's March meeting (held at New Bedford CC), the RIGCSA awarded two Distinguished Service Awards to recipients Jerry Noons and Dave Wallace. The prestigious award is given to members that have exemplified contributions to the RIGCSA as well as the game of golf and the profession. Dave Wallace who was on vacation at the time of the ceremony will be honored at the May meeting. I was able to interview Jerry Noons who was in attendance to receive his award.

Jeremy Andrew Noons (known to all of us as Jerry) grew up the youngest of four siblings. "The only person who ever called me Jeremy was my mother, and if I heard the 'Andrew' I knew I was in trouble," laughed Jerry. A native of Rehoboth, MA Jerry attended Dighton-Rehoboth High School and was brought up with a farming background and love for horses. Having owned horses for over 20 years he still drives horses for seasonal hayrides at many local farms in the Rehoboth area. Jerry's transportation evolved from horses to cars. His first car a green 1975 four door Chevy Nova was nicknamed 'Godzilla.' These days Jerry drives a Jeep Wrangler and prays for favorable weather so he can take the top off.

"My first exposure to the golf industry was in high school." While in high school, Jerry worked at some local golf courses. "My first job was at Swansea CC when I was 14, then later at Hidden Hollow CC." After graduating high school, Jerry enlisted with the United States Air Force and worked as a crew chief on F15's. After serving his country for 4 years he accepted a position at Rhode Island CC. Eventually he would go on to work at Fall River CC and Acoaxet GC before becoming the superintendent at Reservation GC in Mattapoisett. In 2008 Jerry accepted a Superintendent's position at The Back 9 Club in Lakeville MA.

Previously called Heritage Hills CC, Jerry helped revitalize the abandoned golf course and transform the Back 9 Club into what it is today. Continuous projects and endless improvements have kept Jerry busy transforming the club. "It really has come a long way in the past 10 years I've been here." His favorite time of day is early morning when the sun comes up and nature comes alive. When I asked him what challenges he faces today as a superintendent that wasn't prevalent when he started, he quickly responded "Regulations. It's getting harder and harder to do our job effectively with new rules and regulations being implemented every year. You also have the Monday morning armchair golfers who think they know how to do your job because they 'Googled' something on the Internet."

When he's not busy working or improving his golf game, he likes to take his Harley Davidson out for a ride (weather permitting) or sit back and play his guitar after his favorite meal of a juicy steak paired with a Guinness. His suppressed desire has always been to play The Old Course at St Andrews. "It's on my bucket list," he said. The most memorable round of golf he's ever played has been at Winged Foot GC but the best round he's ever had was when he shot par at his old course Reservation GC.

All in all, Jerry admits he's enjoyed the industry and all the challenges it brings. He's served on various committees and has worn many hats on the RIGCSA Board including Presidency. Jerry and his wife Michelle of 25 years live in Swansea MA and have a cat named 'Tinkerbell'. "It's a good thing I don't have any neighbors that live nearby, they don't have to listen to me shouting 'Tinkerbell' when I call the cat in for the night."

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President's Message

Dear Members,

Well it looks like we are going to go from winter to summer with very little spring weather but, down by the water, we are used to this.

The golf season kicked off with the Rhode Island Turf Grass Foundation golf tournament and I would like to thank the members of this association for supporting this event. The tournament was held at a wonderful venue and I wish the RITF future success.

The golf schedule is complete and once again we have many wonderful golf courses to visit. I encourage everyone to attend as many meetings as they can. I promise you will get a lot out of it whether it be seeing other golf courses or just talking and spending some time with your colleagues. For this great association to remain successful in the future it needs the continued support of its members.

Thank you
Chris Coen
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Let's Talk Turf Show not Snow! The 2018 New England Regional Turfgrass Conference and Show

We are getting to be quite a predictor of snow. It seems that wherever we put the show the forecast turns to snow! Snow on the ground is a wonderful thing for a trade show, but snow flying around really gets to everyone's nerves these days. With snow forecasted for Wednesday this year, lots of individuals changed their dates to try to avoid the hazardous driving, and importantly to perform their duties at their facilities. Some never did show up on Wednesday and many who were there, called it early to try to beat the snow to their door at home. We totally understand this reaction. It is part of our industry, like it or not in the northeast. But, the show still went on!

The 21st Annual Education Conference began Monday afternoon and continued Tuesday morning with 14 separate seminars that were very well attended. 14 has

been our largest venue yet and continues to grow in popularity. Following the seminars, Tuesday afternoon included the USGA Education Session and a concurrent Sports Turf Seminar and Equipment Technician Session. These were well attended and then combined for our Keynote Speaker presentation by former Offensive Lineman, Matt Light of the New England Patriots who was sponsored by Bayer. Matt seemed to connect well with the crowd right from the start comparing the life of an Offensive Lineman to the life of a Superintendent or a Grounds Manager. Matt held the audience's attention especially during the Q&A portion answering questions about Tom Brady and Bill Belichick in depth. There was one incident with a heckling Giant's fan that should be reported. As you can see in the photo Matt quickly took full control of the situation! The trade show gates opened at 4:30 and once again the eve-

ning activity on the trade show floor was full of energy and food sponsored by Turf Products Corporation and BASF!

Since the early days of the show, Wednesday has always been our biggest day. Lots of pre-registered and over-nighters combined with many walk-ins converge for the day's events. The day for many years has begun with a warm UMass Alumni and Friends Breakfast. Turfgrass Alumni from all over the northeast can be spotted at this early event. The day's education begins at 9am including 4 different tracks: Golf, Sports Turf, Lawncare/Landscape & Equipment Technicians and will reduce to three tracks in the afternoon. Quality education continues to be the priority for attendees looking for information that could help their upcoming season management decisions. The trade show opens for a full-day from 10-5pm, which gives exhibitors the

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opportunity to have quality time to spend with inquiring attendees and customers. Afternoon education sessions start time is 2 and was well attended. Around 4pm, the auction crowd begins to gather. This year we had a new auctioneer, Kevin Bruneau, from Bruneau & Company. Kevin was energetic, professional and moved the 47-item auction along rapidly. More than \$19K was raised at our 14th annual auction and we thank him and

especially Manny Mihailides, who has been there for every dollar raised in our auction since the beginning. Following the auction, the annual Conference Reception at the Omni opened its doors, sponsored by Harrell's and Syngenta. Another great opportunity to network, renew relationships and meet new industry members. Many use the reception for a staging area to prepare for dinner activities and to keep this great day going!

As we turn to Thursday, the education program kicks-off at 8am and then following, the trade show at 9am for attendees to finish their floor business. After two great days of exhibition, the floor energy is much more subtle....It is easy to sense that the show is just about over. Attendees take advantage of the credits offered in education and the lessor crowds on the show floor. Conversations seem to have a common theme about parting. Good numbers have attended again this year over the three days. Our thanks go out to all attendees for your interest in attending. More thanks go to other sponsorships: Tom Irwin (program), Finch Equipment (Lanyards) Sunbelt Rentals (Driving Range), Atlantic Golf and Turf (9-holes), and Floratine (Morning Refreshments). All these efforts comprise the body and soul of the New England Regional Turfgrass Conference and Show. It all works, because we work together and then the entire industry benefits. Thanks go out to everyone involved and to those who wish they could have been, but were not do to our mutual nemesis, the threat of snow. Our dates for our 22nd show are March 5-7, 2019! We look forward to them, we hope you do too! Have a great Spring, if it ever gets here!



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BMP Press Release

The best management practices (BMP) initiative for golf facilities across New England got a big boost this off-season from the New England Regional Turfgrass Foundation. Plans to utilize universities across the region have come to fruition, and significant funding has been secured from multiple sources.

Many states currently have BMP documents in place, and are utilizing them quite successfully. The Connecticut Association of Golf Course Superintendents effort is being spearheaded by Pete Gorman, the superintendent at Pine Orchard Yacht and Country Club in Branford, Conn., and the vice-president of the Connecticut Association of GCS.

“We want Connecticut to be at the forefront of the BMP project,” said Gorman, whose state includes 179 golf courses. “We want to be a resource for other states and other industries going forward. GCSAA is taking the lead in helping all of us be leaders in best management BMPs, such as water conservation and all environmental topics. It’s a commitment to our profession.”

This Connecticut effort is spreading regionally to include all six other New England states. Scientists from the University of Massachusetts, the University of Connecticut and the University of Rhode Island will be involved in authoring a document highlighting these practices, which have been scientifically proven to be the best ways to manage our facilities. When complete, this BMP guide will be a tool superintendents can use to further their environmental efforts, and to help improve communications with regulators, legislators, and environmental groups about the stewardship efforts of golf course superintendents.

The efforts to create a regional BMP guide received substantial backing this winter when the New England Regional Turfgrass Foundation board of directors approved a grant request designed to fund the university efforts.

Randy Weeks, the golf course superintendent at Lochmere (N.H.) Golf and Country Club and president of the New England Regional Turfgrass Foundation, is enthusiastic about the NERTF’s support for the BMP initiative.

“The NERTF is very excited to be part of the BMP project. The collaboration between all the New England superintendent chapters, the GCSAA, and the New England Regional Turfgrass Foundation is a great example of how coming together can make great things happen.” Weeks said.

Once finalized, the regional BMP guide will be utilized by each of the New England states to develop a state-specific BMP document that will address issues specific to each state.

In addition to the NERTF grants, five of the six New

England states have received funding through GCSAA’s BMP grants program, with hopes of the final state receiving funding this spring. These funds will be critical in crafting the regional scientific document into a state-specific resource and promoting and educating both inside and outside of our industry.

Both your national and local associations are working hard to make this BMP initiative a success. Creating a tool to make an impact at the legislative level, within the environmental arena, and even at your facility is a key to the long-term success and viability for our industry.



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Flatlanders From New Jersey Make a Run at the Nor'easter Cup!

Vermonters get the best of many worlds. Their summers are usually spectacular and just right for golfing, hiking or boating, leading into the colorful leaf-peeper season of the fall. Then followed by the snowiest winters in the United States where you can do anything from snowshoe, ice climb, snowmobile or ski! If you like the outdoors, Vermont is for you! So, you'd expect folks that live in the mountains and get a chance to ski all winter to do well when it comes to sports on boards, which they do! However, there's a new challenger to the winter champions that has been slowly creeping up the leader board the past few winters. The team from the NJ Golf Course Superintendent's Association made a good run at the host team from Vermont at the annual Nor'easter Cup at Killington Ski Resort March 1st, narrowly missing the top place crown!

For the fourth time in a row, the host team from Vermont won the Nor'easter Cup at Killington! This year has been a see-saw year in the mountains with stretches of some great snow skiing followed by mild stretches where all that great snow melts away in a matter of days. This year's race day saw spring like conditions with heavy mash potato snow that made for tough racing! After several racers blistered through the giant slalom course, turns became rutted up fast. No matter, the Vermont team wasted no time in defending their string of victories despite the rough conditions!

This year marked the largest field competing, with ten golf course superintendent associations from the Northeast journeying to Vermont and over 100 superintendents and industry representatives, along with their families coming together for a day of camaraderie, skiing and friendly competition on the slopes of Vermont.

The race was held on Killington's black diamond "Highline" course where the Killington Mountain Race program trains all winter long. After hosting the women's World Cup again, we saw several of the Nor'easter Cup racers taking runs down the steep Super Star trail where the Olympians raced. Let's just say to them, "don't quit your day jobs!" Those ladies have no fear!

It is clear more teams are practicing harder than ever to knock Vermont off their throne, but Vermont continues to have the fastest skiers on the mountain! Not only was Vermont led by the fastest racer on the hill, but they in fact had the top three overall racers. Scott Watelet (25.75 seconds) narrowly edged out fellow teammate Mike Boisbert (25.80 seconds) by just 0.05 seconds and Wes Whitaker was close behind at 26.20 seconds. Along with the fastest male, Vermont also had the fastest female, Wes's sister in fact, Claire Whitaker at 30.71 edging out Barbara Fahey from the Northeastern association. While Vermont owns the downhill skiing category, New Jersey dominated the snowboarding competition with Craig Craft edging out teammate Patrick Quinlan for the top 2 spots.

Each team totaled their fastest three racers and prizes were given out to the fastest overall male and female skiers and boarders! Vermont also successfully defended their title over the Northeastern group in the VT Cup, a rivalry that dates to 1993!

Trophies and prizes were awarded to the "Kings and Queens" of the Mountain as follows:

Fastest Male Skier: Scott Watelet from the VTGCSA
25:75

Fastest Female Skier: Claire Whitaker from the VTGCSA
30:71

Fastest Male Snowboarder: Craig Craft from the NJGCSA
35:27

Fastest Female Snowboarder: No racers

Team breakdown went as follows:

If the skiing and racing did not provide enough excitement for folks, then the Après Ski party at the Wobbly Barn proved a fine ending to a competitive day on the slopes. Support from our generous sponsors helped the folks at Killington provide great food and an open bar for a few hours after skiing. Proving this is the place to be during the winter, Killington provided highly discounted ski passes for the group and affordable pricing on lodging! Make sure to watch for dates for 2019 and join your associates for a great day on the slopes during the off-season!!

As in years past, this event also serves as fundraising opportunity to help support our industry members in times of need. Over the past several years, proceeds from the Nor'easter Ski Day have helped with donations to fellow superintendents in times of need, from medical issues to times of natural disasters. The event has raised thousands of dollars so far and this year we are pleased to have increased that number. If you want to send us a message recommending someone in need, please do so to any of the board members.

We are all fortunate to be associated with such great folks and we encourage all of you to join us next year as we continue to use the event to help our own. Thanks to all that donated so generously and special thanks to Augie Young of Sipcam, who generously donated to our raffle!

Special thanks to Chris Cowan who took some great photographs at the event. Photos of the race day can be viewed at:

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/115230253@N04/sets/72157664643157477/>

The Nor'easter Ski Day was made great because of the over-

whelming support of its sponsors! We would like to thank the following companies for their help in making this event a huge success;

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Special thanks go out to the folks at Syngenta for supplying everyone with great t-shirts that are sure to become collector's items over the years!

Hope to see you next winter on the slopes!!!

Below are the complete race results with the age divisions first and overall list at the end.

For all individual ski results please go to Live Timing Page found here: <http://www.live-timing.com/race2.php?r=186285>

**Age Division Results: (Prizes awarded to top 3 places)
Bracket 30 and Under Skiers: (Best 1 time determined winners)**

Rank	Bib	Name	Team	Class	Best Time
1	70	Mike Boisbert	VT	Skier	25.80
2	54	Wes Whitaker	VT	Skier	26.20
3	57	Alex Daly	New England	Skier	26.23

Bracket 31- 42:

Rank	Bib	Name	Team	Class	Best Time
1	37	Chris Francis	CT	Skier	27.06
2	1	Ken Lockridge	Long Island	Skier	28.67
3	65	Keith Bennett	NJ	Skier	29.23

Bracket 43-54:

Rank	Bib	Name	Team	Class	1st Run	Best Time
1	69	Scott Watelet	VT	Skier	1st Overall	25.75
2	16	Ed Gianni	Cape Cod	Skier		28.29
3	10	Pete Debrusk	NH	Skier		28.30
4	26	Chris Vitali	CT	Skier		28.90

Bracket 55 and older:

Rank	Bib	Name	Team	Class	1st Run	Best Time
1	59	Herb Stevens	RI	Skier		27.90
2	80	Jeff Thrasher	METGCSA	Skier		29.47
3	2	Tim Berge	RI	Skier		30.74

Ladies:

Rank	Bib	Name	Team	Class	1st Run	Best Time
1	55	Claire Whitaker	VT	Skier		30.71
2	7	Barbara Fahey	Northeastern	Skier		36.05

Snowboarders:

Rank	Bib	Name	Team	Class	1st Run	Best Time
1	61	Craig Craft	NJ	Boarder	1st Overall	35.27
2	62	Patrick Quinlan	NJ	Boarder		37.01
3	8	Shane Fahey	Northeastern	Boarder		37.40
4	30	Austin Riggs	Long Island	Boarder		38.06





To be brief, this is a message about the power of a personal note. I have written about the power of using the phrase “thank you” in the past; this is a little different. I have always tried to incorporate the use of such notes, and encourage others to do so too. The notes you will read below are special. They are real, come from an interesting source, and touch on a very important subject to those who received them. Some are very funny, others are very deep in meaning. All are a special way of thanking a golf course superintendent for exposing them to the game of golf, and more specifically, the role of a superintendent.

This year at the Golf Industry Show, several field staff representatives took part in a First Green field trip in conjunction with a GCSAA seminar. It was a great opportunity to participate in another field trip, my third, and see how others operate their student learning curriculums. After the on-site portion of the First Green trip, the group got to meet back at the convention center and hear from a panel of superintendents who have run trips at their facilities recently.

One of those on the panel was Ryan Kraushofer, general manager of Westminster National Golf Course, Westminster, Md. Kraushofer shed light on his course’s success with schools in his county and also noted the benefits he received as a turfgrass professional. Some of those benefits were at the personal level.

Within days after hosting his First Green field trip consisting of fifth graders, Kraushofer was to marry the love of his life. As a thank you, the students who visited had the ability to send their First Green host “Advice for the Newlyweds from a Fifth-Grader.” Kraushofer was kind enough to share some of the personal notes he received from the students. As a reminder, this is marital advice from fifth-graders!

Dear the Kraushofers,
One of the things I recommend is to not talk about grass all the time your wife will get annoyed.

Dear Ryan,
Always make the wife happy. If you are in an argument, if you know you are wrong admit it. If you know you are right, still admit you are wrong. If you have a happy wife you have an easier life.

To Mr. and Mrs. Kraushofer:
Be nice to one another. I know it can be hard but at least try. Also, you should never argue either but if you do, admit it if you are wrong if you don’t it could end in more arguing. You should also go do sports that’s fun and enjoyable unless you are playing

with competitive 5th graders, I should know. Golfing sounds good and where have I heard that before.

Dear Ryan,
Don’t always try to defend yourself. Also, don’t purchase pants without the wife’s consent. Have a good time and always offer to help. Shower her with pedals after the wedding.

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Kraushofer,
Hello. Here is some advice to have a happy life together.

1. Don’t go to sleep angry, if you fight resolve it as quickly as possible
2. Talk about important decisions before making them
3. Forgive each other. Remember that you love each other and that sometimes people make mistakes
4. Don’t use technology during potentially nice moments such as dinner or vacations
5. Remind yourselves how lucky you are!

Dear Ryan,
If you want good advice, keep on reading! (I’ve happened to go to a lot of weddings, so I know a thing or two!) First of all, you should get a 5- to 7-year-old girl to throw the pedals, because everybody will go: awwww! Also, use some breath freshener before you kiss, because if your breath smells bad, it would be awkward (don’t ask why, I just know). Otherwise, I’ll wish you good luck! Hope everything goes well; also, be a happy couple!

Dear Ryan,
Remember some of this advice on your wedding day:

1. Whenever your wife says, do I look good always say yes. Never yeah you look fine always say you look fantastic or gorgeous or wonderful.
2. Tie your shoes. While dancing you don’t want to go face first on the floor. Trust me, it’s very embarrassing...
3. Always listen to your wife. Remember anything you do can ruin a perfect relationship so be the greatest husband you can be.

The one message I’m about to say is directly to Mr. Ryan, make sure you have about the same love for your golf course and your wife. Ok? Make sure to get everyone a gift on Valentine’s Day! A lot of money will go into this and a lot of time will go into this!

Dear Mr. Kraushofer,
You’ve got to make sure to buy the Mrs. lots of shoes. She will be

so happy. I know my mom is happy when my dad gets her flowers. Be sure to keep her happy because the first time you make a mistake, she will be very angry, so keep her very very very very happy!

Dear Mr. Kraushofer,

- Forgive your wife
- Love your wife
- Help your wife
- Party with your wife
- Kiss your wife

These notes were simply a way to say thank you for a school visit to a golf course. If you talk to Kraushofer, you will find that those notes took on a much deeper meaning. In fact, he told me they were some of the best wedding gifts they received, and they shared many of these notes with their guests!

While you hope to convey a message when writing a note of thanks, what may in fact seem simple to you the sender may well have a much deeper and more profound effect on the recipient!

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Agenda:

- 7:30 – 9:15 Registration opens with continental breakfast, Visit with Exhibitors
- 9:15 – 9:30 Welcoming remarks
- 9:30 – 12:00 Guided tour of research plots
- 12:00 – 1:00 Lunch
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2018 Meeting Schedule

**Monday, May 7 - Alpine Country Club
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**Tuesday, June 12 - Pawtucket Country Club
(Member/Member Tournament)**

**Monday, July 9 - Thorny Lea Golf Club
(RHO-COD Cup - joint with GCSACC)**

**August TBA - Reservation Golf Club
(Stress Buster Day)**

**Wednesday, September 12 - Meadow Brook
(Championship - NE Champs Qualifier)**

**Monday, October 1– Warwick Country Club
(S&R Tournament)**

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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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Well wishes go out for continued progress and recovery to Bill Sansone, superintendent at Wellesley Country Club, from his accident this winter.

We wish a speedy recovery to Greg Misodoulakis on his recent surgery.

We are looking for photos of our member's courses for the website. If you would like to have your photo on the website, please email them to Julie at jheston@verizon.net. Also, if you are hosting an event this year, please forward a photo of your course to Julie.

Reminder:

All members can obtain a USGA GHIN number through the RIGCSA. There is no fee for this.

New this year: If you have a GHIN number through the RIGCSA you are eligible to play in RIGA events. You would have to join the RIGA membership program which can be paid online. Everyone who plays in RIGA events has to pay the \$25 RIGA membership fee annually. Please contact Julie Heston if you are interested or for more information.

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