

2026 NERTF Seminar Selections — Tuesday, March 3, 2026

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Job Title: _____

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1. Boosting Turf Resilience with Soil Surfactant Technology

Instructor: Dr. Mike Fidanza, Penn State Univ. Berks, Dr. Stan Kostka, & Tom Malehorn, IGin **1/4-Day Seminar - 0.20 GCSAA Education Points**

1 NE Pest Credit: 3B, 10, Pvt, Cl & DI

8am-10am

2. Nitrogen Fertilizer and Soil N for Cool Season Turfgrass

Instructors: Dr. Beth Guertal, Auburn University **1/2-Day Seminar - 0.35 GCSAA Education Points**

2 NE Pest Credits: 3B, 10, Pvt, Cl & DI

8am-12pm

3. Bunkers: Everything You Ever Wanted to Know and More

Instructor: Mr. Jerry Lemons, Golf Links, Inc and Mr. Adam Moeller, Moeller Consulting **1/2-Day Seminar - 0.35 GCSAA Education Points**

(No Credits)

8am-12pm

4. Golf Course Pesticide Application Optimization Practices and Tips!

Instructors: Dr. Travis Gannon, North Carolina State University **1/2-Day Seminar - 0.35 GCSAA Education Points**

4 NE Pest Credits: 3B, 10, Pvt, Cl & DI

8am-12pm

5. Tips to Build a Weed Control Program for Your Facility

Instructors: Dr. Matt Elmore, Rutgers University **1/4 -Day Seminar - 0.20 GCSAA Education Points**

2 NE Pest Credits: 3B, 10, Pvt, Cl & DI

10am-12pm

6. ABC's of Irrigation System Design

Instructor: Mr. Ashley Wilkinson, GT Irrigation, Inc. **1/4-Day Seminar - 0.20 GCSAA Education Points**

(No Credits)

10am-12pm

7. Using Bio-Control Options for Turfgrass Insect Pest Management

Instructor: Dr. Olga Kostromytska, UMass & Dr. Kyle Wickings, Cornell University **1/4 -Day Seminar - 0.20 GCSAA Education Points**

2 NE Pest Credit: 3B, 10, Pvt, Cl & DI

1pm-3pm

8. ABC's of Fungicide Programming

Instructor: Dr. John Inguagiato, UConn **1/4-Day Seminar - 0.20 GCSAA Education Points**

2 NE Pest Credits: 3B, 10, Pvt, Cl & DI

1pm-3pm

9. Golf Course Pond Management

Instructor: Mr. Eugene Braig, Ohio State University Extension **1/4 -Day Seminar - 0.20 GCSAA Education Points**

2 NE Pest Credits: 3B, 10, Pvt, Cl & DI & 2-5A

1pm-3pm

10. Time and Priority Management

Instructor: Ms. Sadie Rosethorn, Sadie Rosethorn Consulting **1/4-Day Seminar - 0.20 GCSAA Education Points**

(No Credits)

3pm-5pm

11. Soil and Water Science for Turfgrass-The Basics

Instructor: Dr. Beth Guertal, Auburn University **1/4-Day Seminar - 0.20 GCSAA Education Points**

2 NE Pest Credits: 3B, 10, Pvt, Cl & DI

3pm-5pm

12. Chain Saw Safety Training

Instructor: Mr. Chris Chiles, Forest Application Training, LLC **1/4-Day Seminar - 0.20 GCSAA Education Points**

(No Credits)

3pm-5pm

13. 2026 Cemetery Management Seminar

Instructors: Many Speakers and Topics concerning Cemetery Management. **8-hr Seminar- (Includes lunch)**

*Pesticide Re-certification credits have been requested for all qualified seminars from NY & NJ. Credits will be available at the seminar where approved (See descriptions)

8-hour Seminar: 13 (Includes Lunch).....All-Day seminar.... Seminar Price: \$250 each/\$275 (after 2/20)

1/2-Day Seminar(s): 2, 3, 4.....4 hr. seminars..... Seminar Price: \$130 each/\$145 (after 2/20)

1/4-Day Seminar(s): 1, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 122 hr. seminars..... Seminar Price: \$75 each/\$90 (after 2/20)

*Lunch is included when you register for a full 8-hour day of seminar(s). If not, then Lunch can be added; see below.

Please **Circle** Seminar Selection(s) here: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13

If you would like to add lunch, then please circle to add lunch for an additional \$35: **LUNCH** \$40 after 2/20

Note: Check times when selecting seminars; seminars must not overlap. Total for Seminar(s) & Lunch*: \$ _____

Payment method: Make checks payable to: **NERTF** and send form to **NERTF Seminars, 1272 West Main Road, Green #3, Middletown, RI 02842**.

If paying by credit card, you can also register directly online at www.nertf.org. For more info call: 401-841-5490. Purchase orders are available online.

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1. Boosting Turf Resilience with Soil Surfactant Technology	1 NE Pest Credit 3B, 10, Pvt, CL & DL	8am-10am
Instructors: Dr. Michael Fidanza, Penn State, Dr. Stan Kostka, Penn State, & Mr. Tom Malehorn, IGin.	1/4-Day Seminar - 0.20 GCSAA Education Points	
Today's surfactants do more than fix dry spots. This seminar dives into how modern soil surfactants technologies impact water movement, nutrient uptake, and turf resilience under stress. Learn from global case studies and discover how these tools improve playability, reduce inputs and support healthier turf in the rootzone on up!		
2. Nitrogen Fertilizer and Soil N for Cool Season Turfgrass	2 NE Pest Credits: 3B, 10, Pvt, CL & DL	8am-12pm
Instructors: Dr. Beth Guertal, Auburn University (Retired)	1/4-Day Seminar - 0.35 GCSAA Education Points	
How does nitrogen work in cool season systems? Where does your applied N go? How long does it take for the N to be plant available. Dr. Guertal will cover the ins and outs of N in the turf-soil system and discuss how various N fertilizers can affect results. Rates, Sources and timing will all get a mention too!		
3. Bunkers: Everything You Ever Wanted to Know and More	No NE Pest Credits	8am-12pm
Instructors: Mr. Jerry Lemons, Golf Links, Inc. & Mr. Adam Moeller, Moeller Consulting	1/4-Day Seminar - 0.35 GCSAA Education Points	
The seminar will cover additional details on bunker renovation and construction. With course bunkers being a significant expense, learn a better understanding of methods to extend the life of this highly visible course feature. Learn new options in bunker construction, costs, and maintenance. Understand when different methods should be considered and how to maximize bunker performance while taking your budget into consideration.		
4. Golf Course Pesticide Application Optimization Practices and Tips	4 NE Pest Credits: 3B, 10, Pvt, CL & DL	8am-12pm
Instructors: Dr. Travis Gannon, North Carolina State University	1/4-Day Seminar - 0.35 GCSAA Education Points	
We are constantly asked why pesticides do not work to the level expected. Many times, human error is involved in terms of misapplication timing, application method, not understanding how a particular Pesticide is designed to work, or just using the wrong pesticide. This seminar will cover pre and post emergence herbicides, how they are supposed to work, and understand reasons they might not work as expected. We will also cover herbicide resistance, its occurrence and what measures can be taken to avoid or manage existing resistant weed biotypes.		
5. Tips to Build a Weed Control Program for Your Facility	2 NE Pest Credits: 3B, 10, Pvt, CL & DL	10am-12pm
Instructor: Dr. Matt Elmore, Rutgers University	1/4-Day Seminar - 0.20 GCSAA Education Points	
This presentation will cover strategies for building an effective, integrated weed control program for golf course turf. Focus will be on managing annual bluegrass, goosegrass, crabgrass, and other common turf weeds using a combination of herbicide programs and cultural practices. Topics include selecting and timing pre- and postemergence herbicides, preventing resistance development, and optimizing mowing, fertility, and irrigation to favor desirable turf species. Emphasis will be placed on evidence-based, sustainable approaches that balance performance, cost, and environmental stewardship.		
6. ABC's of Irrigation System Design	No NE Pest Credits	10am-12pm
Instructor: Mr. Ashley Wilkinson, GT Irrigation, Inc.	1/4-Day Seminar - 0.20 GCSAA Education Points	
Among the biggest projects any turf manager may undertake will be a new irrigation system. Learn the basic interaction that should be assed prior to undertaking an irrigation renovation project and how the superintendent's input could be crucial to a project's success. Topics will include design strategies, communication and piping techniques and various pump station setups that are prevalent in modern system installations.		
7. Using Bio-Control Options for Turfgrass Insect Pest Management	2 NE Pest Credits: 3B, 10, Pvt, CL & DL	1pm-3pm
Instructors: Dr. Olga Kostromytska, UMass & Dr. Kyle Wickings, Cornell University	1/4 -Day Seminar - 0.20 GCSAA Education Points	
The seminar will give an overview of the recent research on use of biorational and biological control options to manage turfgrass insects. Available options, their efficacy against the major turfgrass insect pests, the biotic and abiotic factors affecting their efficacy will be discussed. There is much ongoing research concerning Bio-Controls in turfgrass management and their benefits to the industry and the environment. The essential recommendations on obtaining, storage and application of the biologicals will be presented as well as overview of the market and available products. In addition, the information on identification, conservation and role of the naturally occurring pathogen, predators and parasitoids in the managed turfgrass system will be discussed.		
8. ABC's of Fungicide Programming	2 NE Pest Credits: 3B, 10, Pvt, CL & DL	1pm-3pm
Instructor: Dr. John Inguaggiato, UConn	1/4 -Day Seminar - 0.20 GCSAA Education Points	
There are so many options in the industry to combat pathological challenges. Old, new and improved products fill the market and may confuse your plans for the upcoming growing season. This seminar will help attendees build their own season-long site-specific fungicide programs. Does product selection make a difference in your success. Will best management practices make fungicide applications more effective? Discussion will involve these ideas, the different products, and their benefits for the challenges you might have on your golf course. This Seminar will discuss program considerations including disease prevalence, disease habits, product efficacy, application tips, timing and environmental impact.		
9. Golf Course Pond Management	2 NE Pest Credits: 3B, 10, Pvt, CL & DL & 1-5A	1pm-3pm
Instructor: Mr. Eugene Braig, Ohio State University Extension	1/4 -Day Seminar - 0.20 GCSAA Education Points	
Most golf courses have water bodies and features adding to aesthetics and a higher playability value. Some of these features have a functional value of being the water reservoir serving the needs of the golf course irrigation system. Managing golf courses includes managing the maintenance of these water bodies and all life that is within and around them. What types of options do managers have to treat and protect these unique features. How to keep contaminants out? Dr. Eugene Braig will share insights on what golf courses should be concerned with when managing ponds and streams on their course and how to keep ponds clean, healthy and esthetically pleasing.		
10. Time and Priority Management	No NE Pest Credits	3pm-5pm
Instructors: Ms. Sadie Rosethorn, Sadie Rosethorn Consulting	1/4 -Day Seminar - 0.20 GCSAA Education Points	
In this ever-changing world, achieving and maintaining success requires us to constantly adapt, reprioritize, and re-organize to realize success. Exceptional Time and priority management skills are essential to control workloads, improve productivity, and insure we are laser-focused on the efforts that have the greatest impacts on achieving our desired outcomes. In this experimental workshop participants will explore crucial time management and prioritization strategies enabling them to maintain focus on critical business objectives and optimize performance by effectively planning and scheduling work, managing interruptions and staying organized.		
11. Soil and Water Science for Turfgrass: The Basics	2 NE Pest Credit: 3B, 10, Pvt, CL & DL	3pm-5pm
Instructor: Dr. Beth Guertal, Auburn University	1/4 -Day Seminar - 0.20 GCSAA Education Points	
There are a bunch of terms out there in Soil and water science: EC, pH, CEC, cations...What's it all mean? Which tests show what? How can you use all that information to better understand your turf? In a fast two hours we will define things, show results from soil and water tests, and talk about what's good and bad with such data. What is the bottom line? To improve how well managers understand soil and water and their relationships when growing turf.		
12. Chain Saw Safety Training	No NE Pest Credits	3pm-5pm
Instructor: Mr. Chris Chiles, Forest Application Training, LLC	1/4 -Day Seminar - 0.20 GCSAA Education Points	
Operating a chainsaw safely requires understanding of a chainsaw's design, knowing proper wood cutting techniques and hazards, applying common sense and being aware of those around you. Chris will share his many years of chainsaw operation experience, knowledge of liability issues, the proper techniques of operation, safety, and maintenance. Learn to be a seasoned chainsaw safety instructor to train others on your maintenance crew how to safely operate.		
13. 2026 Cemetery Management Seminar (Includes Lunch)	3 NE Credits 3B, 10, Pvt, CL & DL & 1-3A	8am-5pm
Instructor(s): 8-1hr Instructors	Possible GCSAA Credits	
Several speakers have been invited to participate. Mr. Jason Lanier, UMass Amherst Ext., Ms. Nicole Bell, UMass Amherst Ext., Dr. Matt Elmore, Rutgers U., Dr. Scott McElroy, Auburn U., and Dr. Evan Mascitti, UMass., Ms. Sadie Rosethorn, Sadie Rosethorn Consulting, Mr. Bill Logan, Urban Arborists, Inc., Ms. Neela Wickremesinghe, Green-Wood Cemetery and Mr. Greg Melville, Author. All speakers will be talking on related cemetery maintenance and management issues. (See brochure for topics)		