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Dear New England Golf Course Superintendent,

Congratulations on making it through one tough growing season! You have done the best that you could, and are better for it. As the saying goes, "A calm sea does not produce a skilled sailor." What challenges will 2011 bring? Turfgrass research will help you be prepared.

The NERTRT purpose is to generate turfgrass research funding, challenge researchers to solve turfgrass problems, and to then communicate information back to you for your use. Enclosed is our 7th issue of New England Turf News that includes some reporting on research funded by the NERTF and some information on new areas of research at our New England Institutions that are involved in the turfgrass industry. In 2010, the NERTF funded more than \$112,000 of research in New England and since 2000, more than \$1.3M has been distributed by the foundation in total.

We hope to keep up this pace, and this is why we are asking each club to partner with the NERTRT and to fund \$100 of research. The NERTRT has been set up to raise additional funds for turf research through donations, auctions and other non-profit activities. These funds go 100% into turf research and education for the benefit of everyone in the industry. We also invite you to share two of your most frustrating agronomic challenges, ideas or concerns about managing grass that you would like to see researched.

Please, help us continue to fund turfgrass research here in New England by partnering your club with the NERTRT today!

Sincerely,

New England Regional Turfgrass Research Trust (NERTRT)

Gary J. Sykes, Executive Director

New England Regional Turfgrass Research Trust

Please include us as a **Turf Research Partner** for \$100.00.

Club Name: _____

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City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Contact Person: _____ Position: _____

It is very important that you suggest research topics that will be relayed each year to the turfgrass researchers here in New England. Be as specific as you can. The deadline will be June 1st, 2011 for the next call for proposals.

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Please make payable to: **New England Regional Turfgrass Research Trust (NERTRT)**

Please send payments to the following address:

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**Thank you for supporting Turfgrass Research, the Game of
Golf and the Environment!**