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Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax

2009

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Internal Revenue Service

Under section 501(c), 527, or 4947(a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code
(except black lung benefit trust or private foundation)
▶ Sponsoring organizations of donor advised funds and controlling organizations as defined in section 512(b)(13) must file Form 990. All other organizations with gross receipts less than \$500,000 and total assets less than \$1,250,000 at the end of the year may use this form.
▶ The organization may have to use a copy of this return to satisfy state reporting requirements.

A For the 2009 calendar year, or tax year beginning , 2009, and ending , 20

B Check if applicable: <input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Name change <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Terminated <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Application pending	Please use IRS label or print or type. See Specific Instructions.	C Name of organization, number and street, city, town, state, and ZIP code NEW ENGLAND REGIONAL TURFGRASS RESEARCH TRUST 1272 WEST MAIN ROAD Middletown RI 02842	D Employer identification number 05-6126914
			E Telephone number 401-841-5490
			F Group Exemption Number ▶

• Section 501(c)(3) organizations and 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts must attach a completed Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ).

G Accounting method. ☒ Cash ☐ Accrual
Other (specify) ▶

I Website: ▶

J Tax-exempt status (check only one) - ☒ 501(c)(3) (insert no.) 4947(a)(1) or 527

H Check ☐ if the organization is not required to attach Sch. B (Form 990, 990-EZ, or 990-PF)

K Check ☐ if the organization is not a section 509(a)(3) supporting organization and its gross receipts are normally not more than \$25,000.

A return is not required, but if the organization chooses to file a return, be sure to file a complete return.

L Add lines 5b, 6b, and 7b, to line 9 to determine gross receipts. If \$500,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ. ▶ \$ 21,383.

Part I Revenue, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances (See the instructions.)

Revenue	1	Contributions, gifts, grants, and similar amounts received	1	1,600.
	2	Program service revenue including government fees and contracts	2	
	3	Membership dues and assessments	3	
	4	Investment income	4	798.
	5a	Gross amount from sale of assets other than inventory	5a	
	5b	Less: cost or other basis and sales expenses	5b	
	5c	Gain or (loss) from sale of assets other than inventory (Subtract line 5b from line 5a)	5c	
	6	Special events and activities (complete applicable parts of Schedule G). If any amount is from gaming, check here <input type="checkbox"/>		
	6a	Gross revenue (not including \$ of contributions reported on line 1)	6a	18,985.
Expenses	6b	Less: direct expenses other than fundraising expenses	6b	90.
	6c	Net income or (loss) from special events and activities (Subtract line 6b from line 6a)	6c	18,895.
	7a	Gross sales of inventory, less returns and allowances	7a	
	7b	Less: cost of goods sold	7b	
	7c	Gross profit or (loss) from sales of inventory (Subtract line 7b from line 7a)	7c	
	8	Other revenue (describe ▶)	8	
	9	Total revenue. Add lines 1, 2, 3, 4, 5c, 6c, 7c, and 8	9	21,293.
	10	Grants and similar amounts paid (attach schedule)	10	18,582.
	11	Benefits paid to or for members	11	
Net Assets	12	Salaries, other compensation, and employee benefits	12	
	13	Professional fees and other payments to independent contractors	13	
	14	Occupancy, rent, utilities, and maintenance	14	
	15	Printing, publications, postage, and shipping	15	
	16	Other expenses (describe ▶ SEE STMT)	16	205.
	17	Total expenses. Add lines 10 through 16	17	18,787.
	18	Excess or (deficit) for the year (Subtract line 17 from line 9)	18	2,506.
	19	Net assets or fund balances at beginning of year (from line 27, column (A)) (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)	19	90,334.
	20	Other changes in net assets or fund balances (attach explanation)	20	(2,293.)
21	Net assets or fund balances at end of year. Combine lines 18 through 20	21	90,547.	

Part II Balance Sheets. If Total assets on line 25, column (B) are \$1,250,000 or more, file Form 990 instead of Form 990-EZ.

(See the instructions for Part II.)

	(A) Beginning of year	(B) End of year
22 Cash, savings, and investments	90,334.	22 90,547.
23 Land and buildings		23
24 Other assets (describe ▶)		24
25 Total assets	90,334.	25 90,547.
26 Total liabilities (describe ▶)		26
27 Net assets or fund balances (line 27 of column (B) must agree with line 21)	90,334.	27 90,547.

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Part V Other Information (Note the statement requirements in the instructions for Part V.)

	Yes	No
33 Did the organization engage in any activity not previously reported to the IRS? If "Yes," attach a detailed description of each activity	33	X
34 Were any changes made to the organizing or governing documents? If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the changes	34	X
35 If the organization had income from business activities, such as those reported on lines 2, 6a, and 7a (among others), but not reported on Form 990-T, attach a statement explaining why the organization did not report the income on Form 990-T.		
a Did the organization have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more or was it subject to section 6033(e) notice, reporting, and proxy tax requirements?	35a	X
b If "Yes," has it filed a tax return on Form 990-T for this year?	35b	
36 Did the organization undergo a liquidation, dissolution, termination, or substantial contraction during the year? If "Yes," complete applicable parts of Schedule N	36	X
37a Enter amount of political expenditures, direct or indirect, as described in the instructions	37a	0
b Did the organization file Form 1120-POL for this year?	37b	
38a Did the organization borrow from, or make any loans to, any officer, director, trustee, or key employee were any such loans made in a prior year and still outstanding at the end of the period covered by this return?	38a	X
b If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part II and enter the total amount involved	38b	
39 Section 501(c)(7) organizations. Enter:		
a Initiation fees and capital contributions included on line 9	39a	
b Gross receipts, included on line 9, for public use of club facilities	39b	
40a Section 501(c)(3) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on the organization during the year under: section 4911; section 4912; section 4955		
b Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Did the organization engage in any section 4958 excess benefit transaction during the year or is it aware that it engaged in an excess benefit transaction with a disqualified person in a prior year, and that the transaction has not been reported on any of the organization's prior Forms 990 or 990-EZ? If "Yes," complete Schedule L, Part I	40b	X
c Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Enter amount of tax imposed on organization managers or disqualified persons during the year under sections 4912, 4955, and 4958		
d Section 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) organizations. Enter amount of tax on line 40c reimbursed by the organization		
e All organizations. At any time during the tax year, was the organization a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction? If "Yes," complete Form 8886-T	40e	X
41 List the states with which a copy of this return is filed		RI
42a The organization's books are in care of		GARY J SYKES
Located at		52 PEAR STREET PORTSMOUTH RI Portsmouth
Telephone no.		401-841-5490
ZIP + 4		02871
b At any time during the calendar year, did the organization have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a financial account in a foreign country (such as a bank account, securities account, or other financial account)?	42b	X
If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country:		
See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for Form TD F 90-22.1, Report of Foreign Bank and Financial Accounts.		
c At any time during the calendar year, did the organization maintain an office outside of the U.S.?	42c	X
If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country:		
43 Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-EZ in lieu of Form 1041 - Check here and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the tax year	43	
44 Did the organization maintain any donor advised funds? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ	44	X
45 Is any related organization a controlled entity of the organization within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," Form 990 must be completed instead of Form 990-EZ	45	X

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Part VI Section 501(c)(3) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts only.

All section

501(c)(3) organizations and section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts must answer questions 46 - 49b and complete the tables for lines 50 and 51.

- 46 Did the organization engage in direct or indirect political campaign activities on behalf of or in opposition to candidates for public office? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part I **46** ☐ Yes ☒ No
- 47 Did the organization engage in lobbying activities? If "Yes," complete Schedule C, Part II **47** ☐ Yes ☒ No
- 48 Is the organization a school as described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii)? If "Yes," complete Schedule E **48** ☐ Yes ☒ No
- 49a Did the organization make any transfers to an exempt non-charitable related organization? **49a** ☐ Yes ☒ No
- b If "Yes," was the related organization a section 527 organization? **49b** ☐ Yes ☒ No
- 50 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated employees (other than officers, directors, trustees and key employees) who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None."

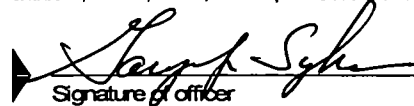
(a) Name and address of each employee paid more than \$100,000	(b) Title and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans & deferred compensation	(e) Expense account and other allowances
NONE				

f Total number of other employees paid over \$100,000 ▶

- 51 Complete this table for the organization's five highest compensated independent contractors who each received more than \$100,000 of compensation from the organization. If there is none, enter "None."

(a) Name and address of each independent contractor paid more than \$100,000	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
NONE		

d Total number of other independent contractors each receiving over \$100,000 ▶

Sign Here	Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete. Declaration of preparer (other than officer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge.			
	 Signature of officer GARY SYKES Type or print name and title		Date 05/11/2010 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	
Paid Preparer's Use Only	Preparer's signature	WILLIAM J. FLYNN CPA	Date	05/09/2010
	Firm's name (or yours if self-employed), address, and ZIP + 4	FLYNN FINANCIAL GROUP INC 1120 AQUIDNECK AVENUE MIDDLETOWN RI 02842-	Check if self-employed	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Preparer's identifying no. (See instr.)	P00112104	Preparer's identifying no. (See instr.)	P00112104
			Phone no.	401-846-6767
May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown above? See instructions ▶ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No				

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SCHEDULE A
(Form 990 or 990-EZ)

Department of the Treasury
Internal Revenue Service

Public Charity Status and Public Support
Complete if the organization is a section 501(c)(3) organization or a section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts.
▶ Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ. ▶ See separate instructions.

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Name of the organization

NEW ENGLAND REGIONAL TURFGRASS

Employer identification number

05-6126914

Part I Reason for Public Charity Status (All organizations must complete this part.) See instructions

The organization is not a private foundation because it is: (For lines 1 through 11, check only one box.)

- 1 ☐ A church, convention of churches, or association of churches described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(i).
- 2 ☐ A school described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(ii). (Attach Schedule E.)
- 3 ☐ A hospital or a cooperative hospital service organization described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii).
- 4 ☐ A medical research organization operated in conjunction with a hospital described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(iii). Enter the hospital's name, city, and state: _____
- 5 ☐ An organization operated for the benefit of a college or university owned or operated by a governmental unit described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(iv). (Complete Part II.)
- 6 ☐ A federal, state, or local government or governmental unit described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(v).
- 7 ☐ An organization that normally receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or from the general public described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi). (Complete Part II.)
- 8 ☐ A community trust described in section 170(b)(1)(A)(vi). (Complete Part II.)
- 9 ☒ An organization that normally receives (1) more than 33 1/3 % of its support from contributions, membership fees, and gross receipts from activities related to its exempt functions - subject to certain exceptions, and (2) no more than 33 1/3 % of its support from gross investment income and unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 tax) from businesses acquired by the organization after June 30, 1975. See section 509(a)(2). (Complete Part III.)
- 10 ☐ An organization organized and operated exclusively to test for public safety. See section 509(a)(4).
- 11 ☐ An organization organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of, to perform the functions of, or to carry out the purposes of one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2). See section 509(a)(3). Check the box that describes the type of supporting organization and complete lines 11e through 11h.
- a ☐ Type I b ☐ Type II c ☐ Type III - Functionally integrated d ☐ Type III - Other

e ☐ By checking this box, I certify that the organization is not controlled directly or indirectly by one or more disqualified persons other than foundation managers and other than one or more publicly supported organizations described in section 509(a)(1) or section 509(a)(2).

f If the organization received a written determination from the IRS that it is a Type I, Type II or Type III supporting organization, check this box ☐

g Since August 17, 2006, has the organization accepted any gift or contribution from any of the following persons?

(i) A person who directly or indirectly controls, either alone or together with persons described in (ii)

and (iii) below, the governing body of the supported organization? ☐

(ii) A family member of a person described in (i) above? ☐

(iii) A 35% controlled entity of a person described in (i) or (ii) above? ☐

	Yes	No
11g(i)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11g(ii)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11g(iii)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

h Provide the following information about the supported organization(s).

(i) Name of supported organization	(ii) EIN	(iii) Type of organization (described on lines 1-9 above or IRC section (see Instructions))	(iv) Is the organization in col (i) listed in your governing document?		(v) Did you notify the organization in col (i) of your support?		(vi) Is the organization in col. (i) organized in the U.S.?		(vii) Amount of support
			Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	
Total									

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Schedule A (Form 990 or 990-EZ) 2009

Part III Support Schedule for Organizations Described in Section 509(a)(2)

(Complete only if you checked the box on line 9 of Part I.)

Section A. Public Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(f) Total
1 Gifts, grants, contributions, and membership fees received. (Do not include any "unusual grants.")	9045.	7000.	4400.	450.	1600.	22495.
2 Gross receipts from admissions, merchandise sold or services performed, or facilities furnished in any activity that is related to the organization's tax-exempt purpose	11935.	19027.	22634.	23244.		76840.
3 Gross receipts from activities that are not an unrelated trade or business under section 513						
4 Tax revenues levied for the organization's benefit and either paid to or expended on its behalf						
5 The value of services or facilities furnished by a governmental unit to the organization without charge						
6 Total. Add lines 1 through 5	20980.	26027.	27034.	23694.	1600.	99335.
7a Amounts included on lines 1, 2, and 3 received from disqualified persons						
b Amounts included on lines 2 and 3 received from other than disqualified persons that exceed the greater of \$5,000 or 1% of the amount on line 13 for the year						
c Add lines 7a and 7b						
8 Public support (Subtract line 7c from line 6)						99335.

Section B. Total Support

Calendar year (or fiscal year beginning in) ▶	(a) 2005	(b) 2006	(c) 2007	(d) 2008	(e) 2009	(f) Total
9 Amounts from line 6	20980.	26027.	27034.	23694.	1600.	99335.
10a Gross income from interest, dividends, payments received on securities loans, rents, royalties and income from similar sources	1677.	1520.	4352.	2183.		9732.
b Unrelated business taxable income (less section 511 taxes) from businesses acquired after June 30, 1975						
c Add lines 10a and 10b	1677.	1520.	4352.	2183.		9732.
11 Net income from unrelated business activities not included in line 10b, whether or not the business is regularly carried on						
12 Other income. Do not include gain or loss from the sale of capital assets (Explain in Part IV.)				137.		137.
13 Total support. (Add lines 9, 10c, 11, & 12.)	22657.	27547.	31386.	26014.	1600.	109204.

14 First five years. If the Form 990 is for the organization's first, second, third, fourth, or fifth tax year as a section 501(c)(3) organization, check this box and stop here ☐

Section C. Computation of Public Support Percentage

15 Public support percentage for 2009 (line 8, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	15	90.96 %
16 Public support percentage from 2008 Schedule A, Part III, line 15	16	90.83 %

Section D. Computation of Investment Income Percentage

17 Investment income percentage for 2009 (line 10c, column (f) divided by line 13, column (f))	17	8.91 %
18 Investment income percentage from 2008 Schedule A, Part III, line 17	18	9.04 %

19a 33 1/3 % support tests - 2009. If the organization did not check the box on line 14, and line 15 is more than 33 1/3 %, and line 17 is not more than 33 1/3 %, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ☒

b 33 1/3 % support tests - 2008. If the organization did not check a box on line 14 or line 19a, and line 16 is more than 33 1/3 %, and line 18 is not more than 33 1/3 %, check this box and stop here. The organization qualifies as a publicly supported organization ☐

20 Private foundation. If the organization did not check a box on line 14, 19a, or 19b, check this box and see instructions ☐

Part IV

Supplemental Information. Complete this part to provide the explanation required by Part II, line 10; Part II, line 17a or 17b, or Part III, line 12. Provide any other additional information. (see instructions)

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Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, lines 17, 18, or 19, or if the organization entered more than \$15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a.

▶ **Attach to Form 990 or Form 990-EZ**

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Name of the organization

NEW ENGLAND REGIONAL TURFGRASS

Employer identification number

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Part I

Fundraising Activities. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 17.

- 1** Indicate whether the organization raised funds through any of the following activities. Check all that apply.

- | | | | | | |
|---|--------------------------|----------------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| a | <input type="checkbox"/> | Mail solicitations | e | <input type="checkbox"/> | Solicitation of non-government grants |
| b | <input type="checkbox"/> | Internet and email solicitations | f | <input type="checkbox"/> | Solicitation of government grants |
| c | <input type="checkbox"/> | Phone solicitations | g | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Special fundraising events |
| d | <input type="checkbox"/> | In-person solicitations | | | |

- 2a Did the organization have a written or oral agreement with any individual (including officers, directors, trustees or key employees listed in Form 990, Part VII) or entity in connection with professional fundraising services? ☐ Yes ☒ No

- b If "Yes," list the ten highest paid individuals or entities (fundraisers) pursuant to agreements under which the fundraiser is to be compensated at least \$5,000 by the organization. Form 990-EZ filers are not required to complete this table.

(i) Name of individual or entity (fundraiser)	(ii) Activity	(iii) Did fund- raiser have custody or control of contributions?		(iv) Gross receipts from activity	(v) Amount paid to (or retained by) fundraiser listed in col. (i)	(vi) Amount paid to (or retained by) organization
		Yes	No			
Total						

- 3** List all states in which the organization is registered or licensed to solicit funds or has been notified it is exempt from registration or licensing.

Part II

Fundraising Events. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 18, or reported more than \$15,000 on Form 990-EZ, line 6a. List events with gross receipts greater than \$5,000.

		(a) Event #1	(b) Event #2	(c) Other Events	(d) Total Events
		AUCTIONS			
		(event type)	(event type)	(total number)	(Add col. (a) through col. (c))
Revenue	1 Gross receipts	18,985.			18,985.
	2 Less: (Charitable contributions)				
	3 Gross revenue (line 1 minus line 2)	18,985.			18,985.
Direct Expenses	4 Cash prizes				
	5 Non-cash prizes				
	6 Rent/facility costs				
	7 Food and beverages				
	8 Entertainment				
	9 Other direct expenses				
	10 Direct expense summary. Add lines 4 through 9 in column (d)				
	11 Net income summary. Combine lines 3 and 10 in column (d)				18,985.

Part III

Gaming. Complete if the organization answered "Yes" to Form 990, Part IV, line 19, or reported more than \$15,000 on Form 990-EZ line 6a.

		(a) Bingo	(b) Pull tabs/Instant bingo/progressive bingo	(c) Other gaming	(d) Total gaming (Add col. (a) through col. (c))
Revenue	1 Gross revenue				
Direct Expenses	2 Cash prizes				
	3 Non-cash prizes				
	4 Rent/facility costs				
	5 Other direct expenses				
	6 Volunteer labor	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes 0.0% <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes 0.0% <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes 0.0% <input type="checkbox"/> No	
	7 Direct expense summary. Add lines 2 through 5 in column (d)				
	8 Net gaming income summary. Combine lines 1 and 7 in column (d)				

	Yes	No
9 Enter the state(s) in which the organization operates gaming activities: _____		
a Is the organization licensed to operate gaming activities in each of these states?	9a	X
b If "No," Explain: _____		
10a Were any of the organization's gaming licenses revoked, suspended or terminated during the tax year?	10a	X
b If "Yes," Explain: _____		
11 Does the organization operate gaming activities with nonmembers?	11	X
12 Is the organization a grantor, beneficiary or trustee of a trust or a member of a partnership or other entity formed to administer charitable gaming?	12	X

Yes No

13 Indicate the percentage of gaming activity operated in

a The organization's facility	13a	0.00 %
b An outside facility	13b	0.00 %

14 Provide the name and address of the person who prepares the organization's gaming/special events books and records:

Name ▶ _____

Address ▶ _____

15a Does the organization have a contract with a third party from whom the organization receives gaming revenue?.....

15a Yes No X

b If "Yes," enter the amount of gaming revenue received by the organization ▶ \$ _____ and the amount of gaming revenue retained by the third party ▶ \$ _____.

c If "Yes," enter name and address:

Name ▶ _____

Address ▶ _____

16 Gaming manager information:

Name ▶ _____

Gaming manager compensation ▶ \$ _____

Description of services provided ▶ _____

☐ Director/officer☐ Employee☐ Independent contractor

17 Mandatory distributions:

a Is the organization required under state law to make charitable distributions from the gaming proceeds to retain the state gaming license?

17a Yes No X

b Enter the amount of distributions required under state law distributed to other exempt organizations or spent in the organization's own exempt activities during the tax year ▶ \$ _____