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An afterglow of success brightens up Massachusetts Turf Conference officials

Jim Conant, in sports terms, was “in the zone”. As the happy faces spilled over into the nooks and crannies of the Boston Marriott Copley Place Hotel at the height of the 65th Massachusetts Turfgrass Conference, he sighed “this means we did the right thing.”

Conant, co-chairman of the conference under the sponsorship of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of New England, proved to be an echo maker among his colleagues. They had been under the gun, so to speak, for moving the conference and trade show to Boston after a lengthy stay in and around Springfield.

Bob DiRico, who shares co-chairman duties with Conant, was even more upbeat about the results of the event, which was staged in the dead of winter (January) under the threat of snowstorms at the break of every dawn. “We found out Boston is *the* place,” DiRico beamed. “Now that we know this is where the conference belongs, the sky’s the limit.”

For the record, the conference drew in excess of 1,500 practitioners in the turf field. Turf talk filled the Marriott’s seminar rooms and informal conversational spots for three days and nights. Despite the date on the calendar, the growing season was in full swing.

Conference chairman Edward “Chip” Brearley, the leader in the successful attempt to effect a change of venue for the event, was just as positive as his cohorts over the favorable reaction to the new site. Yet, he admitted he had experienced a few anxious moments because of the vagaries of the weather.

“The way this winter was going, I wasn’t sure whether to spend my waking hours lighting church candles or making novenas,” Chip chortled. “Don’t forget conferences scheduled in Maryland and Pennsylvania the week before ours were snowed out. So, we were right feeling a little antsy as the days of our conference closed in on us.”

Over the conference’s stay, all GCSANE officials agreed the program of speakers was superior to or equal to any other presented. “That’s all I heard from people making the conference,” DiRico noted. “The first thing most of them commented on was how strong the educational side of the event was. The national speakers were top notch, and I think the site had something to do with it.

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Conference Committee Chairman **Chip Brearley** (below) kicks off the educational program, which featured **Paul Latshaw** (right) of Congressional C.C. and GCSAA President **Gary Grigg**.



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The idea of an opportunity for a speaker and his family to spend a few days in Boston certainly is a lure for a better seminar session."

Association treasurer Bob Ruzsala, whose wife Denise serves as the venture's executive secretary, reminded the well-wishers that part of the conference's past had much to do with the present success, since one of the highlights was a reception honoring Dr. Joseph Troll and Lonnie Troll for their 36 years of conference steering. Alas, it was Joe and Lonnie who kept the conference running on all cylinders for all those growing-up years.

"Part of the reason for the way things turned out in what has to be our infant promotion year is the respect and admiration for Joe and Lonnie that people displayed by coming out to honor them," Ruzsala said. "This (conference) was like another child to them. They gave it life and sustained that life for so long. There were people from all over at the reception, some very big names, too. It just blended into the overall success feeling we had."

DiRico, probably the most confident of the promoting team, was quick to note that the conference was not without its drawbacks.

"That's drawback, not setback," he cautioned. "The one snag was the tight quarters for the trade show. By the time this article's in print we will have addressed that portion of the conference and rectified it.

"Which means that we don't intend to dwell on the satisfactory feeling we all have for supporting the change of sites. We're already looking ahead to next year and our second try in Boston. What we're striving for is improvement in all areas. We don't want this conference to be just 'good', we want it to be the 'best'."

With that in mind, Brearley has set his sights on making this the start of a new era in the presentation of the conference and maintaining the continuity of excellence established by Joe and Lonnie Troll.

"I want all of our members to be aware of the fact that Joe's promotional agenda always was based on upgrading the conference from year to year," Chip explained. "We're keeping that agenda in the same mode. What we'd like to do is lift the Mass. event to the next level where it becomes a major regional show, not something localized. We want all of New

England and surrounding areas to feel this is their conference. Switching from Springfield to Boston is the start of that rise. Now it's up to us to get it soaring."

What Brearley and others on the command deck are most buoyed by is the fact that this year's conference didn't prosper because of the novelty factor. Even before the stakes were pulled up in Springfield, companies were ready to sign on for next year's trade show. According to Denise Ruzsala, the line was starting to form on the right in that respect.

"I think all of us have to look at this year as a learning experience," Conant added. "There are a few minor problems to correct, like making direction to the hotel clearer, finding alternative parking facilities, and perhaps arranging outside interest ventures for convention goers. Regardless, we have found ourselves a solid base of operations in Boston. Above everything, we now know this (Boston) is where we belong. Bigger and better things are sure to follow."

The conference team's afterglow, then, is understandable, and may very well be an eternal flame.

GERRY FINN

Calendar

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| March 14 | USGA Regional Conference
The International
Bolton, Mass. |
| March 16 | MGA Spring Conference
Newton Marriott
Newton, Mass. |
| March 18 | GCSANE Monthly Meeting
Franklin Country Club
Franklin, Mass. |
| April 18 | GCSANE Joint Meeting
with GCMA of Cape Cod
Hyannis Golf Club
Hyannis, Mass. |
| April 30 | Pro-Superintendent-Media
Tournament
Sterling Country Club
Sterling, Mass. |
| Oct. 23 | Shanahan Memorial
Pro-Supt. Tournament
Willowbend Club
Cotuit, Mass. |
| Jan. 13-15,
1997 | Mass. Turf Conference
Hynes Convention Center
Boston, Mass. |

The Super Speaks Out

This month's question:

What is your reaction to the staging of the Massachusetts Turf Conference in Boston instead of Springfield?

Ron Milenski, International Golf Club: "I'm in the middle as far as location goes, or 45 minutes from Springfield and likewise from Boston. Therefore, that part of the convenience angle is split down the middle.

"However, I have to say that moving to Boston is a plus as far as I'm concerned just because of the two cities and the two sites of the conference proper.

"There is no comparison of the two facilities. The Boston Marriott was first class all the way, whereas I'm afraid Springfield let its facility get out of hand a little. So, it probably was a case of new versus the old.

"I'm always interested in the educational aspects of a turf conference and this one was outstanding. The trade show was a little tight for room, but it also made for a more intimate setting. Parking also was no bother for me. I paid \$15, which I think is cheap for Boston.

"Overall, I like the change of sites. This one (Boston) is more attractive, and in the long run is easier for more people to attend. Springfield had its day. Now let Boston get a try at improvement, which I think it will do without any trouble."

Dave Barber, Wellesley Country Club: "I'm all for the change even though I had some great times when the conference was in Springfield.

"To me, this was the right moment to make the move to a bigger and more attractive city like Boston. Let's face it. Boston has everything Springfield doesn't. It's two different worlds.

"A lot of people noticed the close quarters for the trade show and I admit it was a little tight. But I also noticed that the atmosphere made for more opportunity to rub elbows with people I'd otherwise have had to encounter with only a brief hello and goodbye rather than constructive conversation.

"Overall, the change hit the spot, from the highlight of the reception for Joe and

Lonnie Troll to the outstanding speakers program. Let's face it. It was time to move and Boston was the place to move to."

Jack Cronin, R. F. Morse & Son, Inc.: "I don't think most people realize that this was a first-time operation of a gigantic event by one group and one leader, Chip Brearley (conference chairman). In that regard, I'd have to say the job Chip and his team did was over and above all of my expectations.

"The thought of driving into the hotel, dropping everything and staying three days and nights in the same site still dazzles me. If that's not an example of convenience, I don't know what is.

"The question of moving the conference from Springfield to Boston was answered in the realization that this event has grown to such a proportion that it deserves to be held in a big city like Boston. The atmosphere was very professional. The presentation on all sides was world-class.

"Sure, there were a few problems relating to the trade show facilities, but they were worked out one way or another. In fact, the participating companies were invited to take part in discussions relating to those problems right after the conclusion of the conference.

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Wellesley C.C.**

"As for Boston, I've traveled over the country, and as a convention city Boston takes a back seat to no one. The GCSANE has to be commended for making this move. And the way it handled the promotion . . . top shelf all the way."

Bill Zuraw, Crumpin-Fox Club: "I have to admit that the commute factor prevented me from giving the Boston trip an all-out effort. However, I did manage to take in a few hours of the conference's final day and also brought one member of my crew with me.

"Since my visit was a short one, I didn't have a chance to get a full overview of the situation. I did take in a seminar session and was impressed to the point that I'm planning to give the conference a two-day shot next year with an overnighter at the hotel.

"The travel distance dictated how I would handle the turf show this year, since it's a matter of driving less than an hour to Springfield and over two to Boston. In a word, I prefer Springfield.

"But I'm willing to give the Boston trip more of a chance. The educational value of the conference leads me to believe that maybe the inconvenience of extended travel will be offset by what I gain in a full attendance experience in Boston."

Charles Passios, Hyannisport Golf Club: "First, let me say that I always thought Springfield treated us well in hosting the turf conference and trade show. I can't knock that city.

"However, moving the conference to Boston presents superintendents and the turgrass industry a good opportunity to experience this educational venture under ideal convention conditions.

"I took six staff members to the Boston show and everyone came away from it fully satisfied with the time spent in seminars and in the exhibition hall. We even stayed at the hotel which made the overall experience even more convenient.

"There's no doubt the difference in the two cities makes the difference in the quality of taking advantage of a turf conference and equipment show. Boston is a world-class city and since we strive for the best in all aspects of our profession, it's the place where the conference should be. Period."

GERRY FINN

President's Message

A Message from the President

Fellow Members,

As I am sure you have already realized, this issue of the newsletter has been dedicated to highlighting the Mass. Turf Conference and Trade Show. I would like to take this opportunity to comment on some issues past, present, and in the future concerning this endeavor.

One year ago the board of directors of GCSANE met with the directors of the Mass. Turf and Lawngrass Association at

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which time the decision was made that GCSANE would assume leadership of the conference. Contingent upon that decision was that the conference would move to Boston. A conference committee was formed and had 10 months to plan and execute. Through much hard work and dedication, a highly successful conference and trade show was produced. Chip Brearley and Jim Conant, co-chairmen, did an outstanding job. They had the responsibility of contracts, registration, programs, trade show setup, banquet, advertisement, and above all, they were sounding boards for any problems that would arise. Mary Owen headed up the speaker program, assembled a star-studded committee, and the results were nothing less than spectacular. Denise Ruszala dedicated her spare time to coordinating the vendor registrations. Jeff Brown, from the NHGCSA, was called upon to assist in the audio-visual department, and we commend him for a job well done. And of course, behind the scenes, supporting us through it all, Lonnie and Joe.

Presently, the decision has been made to move across the street to the Hynes Auditorium. This move will not only satisfy vendor concern about size of the trade show floor, but also allows us to immediately grow the trade show after only

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President, GCSANE**

one year. A discounted room rate is now being negotiated with the same hotel, the Marriott Copley Place. The scenario remains the same, every facet of the event remains under one roof, with a world class shopping mall and restaurants inclusive. Speaker presentations are being developed that not only interest the golf industry but also lawn care, sports turf, parks, cemeteries, and mechanics that service these industries. Much work lies ahead and the committee enthusiastically accepts the challenge.

As previously stated, the Mass. Turf Conference and Trade Show, after only one year in Boston, has grown. The mission that lies ahead is for continued expansion and improvement. As the industry has exploded, the need for education is foremost. Following the example set by Joe Troll, we are dedicated to supplying a first-class product to meet the needs of our members.

In closing, none of this could happen without the support of the attendees. We look forward to your continued support, as well as any comments or suggestions. Mark your calendars for January 13, 14, and 15, 1997!

Sincerely,
**Robert DiRico, CGCS
President, GCSANE**

GCSANE News Notes

GCSANE announces contest to name monthly newsletter

As mentioned in the February issue, this publication will receive a name. You, the members, will be the ones to give it a title. The reward for your originality will be \$100 towards a dinner for two at the restaurant of your choice. To be eligible for this contest, you must be a GCSANE member and not involved with the production of the newsletter or on the committee to select the new title. The newsletter name selection committee will be Daryn Brown, Roger Brink, Glen LaChappelle, Bob DiRico, and Jim Conant.

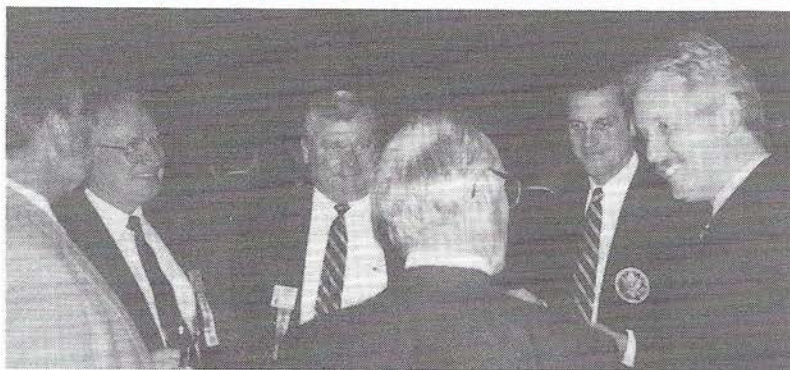
There must be a minimum of 6 entries or the contest will be cancelled. Members will be notified if they submit an entry

that is the name of an existing chapter publication. Judges will not be told who submitted a certain entry until a winner has been declared. If there are duplicate entries (two members entering the same name), the entry received first will have precedence.

Come on, folks! This is an easy way to get a night out from the kids without shell-ing out a cent! Put on your thinking caps and give us a title we can be proud of.

Entries should be mailed or faxed to: Michael Nagle, Worcester Country Club, 2 Rice St., Worcester, Mass. 01606 (Fax: 508-856-7170). The deadline is April 30, 1996.

Many familiar faces at reception honoring Joe & Lonnie Troll



... but there just wasn't enough food!



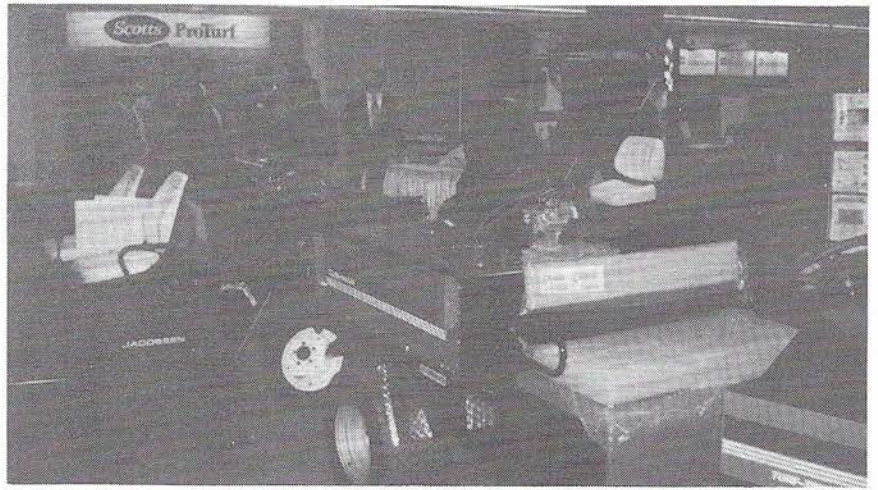
Trolls honored for longtime commitment to Massachusetts Turf Conference & Show



Among the honors bestowed on **Joe and Lonnie Troll** were presentations made by **Chip Brearley** (left, at podium) on behalf of the GCSANE, **Mike Wallace** (below left, at podium) from the GCSAA, and **Paul White** (below, with the Trolls) of the Canadian GCSA. In the center photo is U. of Mass. Chancellor **David Scott** with the Trolls and their plaques of recognition from UMass for their longtime commitment to the Mass. Turf Conference & Show.



Show floor a busy place for exhibitors & conference attendees



GCSAA News

GCSAA's "Par for the Course" TV show returns to ESPN for the 1996 season

"Par for the Course", the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America's (GCSAA) television program, will return to ESPN in 1996. The show, which presents a look at the world of golf and its beauty, was renewed by ESPN after a successful inaugural year on America's Total Sports Network.

Twenty-five original, half-hour episodes of Par for the Course will air weekly on Sunday mornings at 7:30 Eastern, beginning March 10. GCSAA feature segments, which ran during ESPN-televised golf tournaments, also will return in 1996.

"We are delighted to bring 'Par for the Course' back to the viewing public through ESPN," GCSAA President Gary Grigg, CGCS, said. "Over the first two years of 'Par for the Course,' we strived to educate and entertain viewers about what GCSAA and its members mean to the game of golf. We will continue in that direction in 1996."

Every week "Par for the Course" will bring viewers a fast-paced look at the world of golf. Each episode will contain informative and entertaining stories and will feature news items and business trends in the world of golf, interviews with golf's movers and shakers, visits to great places to play golf, playing tips from expert teaching professionals, tournament preparations and lawn care tips from professional superintendents, golf history, and other points of interest.

"Par for the Course" will run on ESPN every Sunday from March 10 through Aug. 25. ESPN is currently available in more than 65 million households throughout the United States. In addition to the regular Sunday airings, "Par for the Course" will run five bonus times on weekday afternoons.

"Par for the Course" episodes will also be re-run weekday evenings on ESPN2, which currently reaches more than 25 million U.S. households. The show will be delivered via satellite to ESPN International affiliates as well. ESPN International currently reaches more than

80 million households across the globe. Air dates and times for the ESPN2 and ESPN International showings have yet to be announced by the network.

ESPN aired 31 original episodes of "Par for the Course" in 1995, running from Jan. 1 through Dec. 17. "Par for the Course" originally debuted in 1994, airing 13 episodes on Prime and its regional affiliates.

Veteran sportscaster Duke Frye will return as host of "Par for the Course," and GCSAA Media Relations & Video Services Manager Scott Smith returns as producer of the show. The Scotts Company is the

presenting sponsor of "Par for the Course," and The Toro Company is the supporting sponsor.

Creative Communications of Kansas City and Great Plains Television will continue to provide production and post-production facilities for the show. Among Creative Communications' other clients are the Kansas City Royals, for which the company produces a pre-game show called "The Diamond Report." Great Plains produces "Body Shaping" and other exercise programs for ESPN. Both companies have been involved with "Par for the Course" since its inception.

GCSAA News

GCSAA environmental award for leadership goes to USGA

The United States Golf Association (USGA) has received the 1996 President's Award for Environmental Leadership from the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America.

The recipient is chosen by the GCSAA board of directors based on exceptional environmental contributions to the game of golf - contributions that further exemplify the golf course superintendent's image as steward of the land.

"With the serious challenges facing the game today, the entire industry is indebted to the United States Golf Association for its commitment to producing hard data regarding the environmental impact of golf and golf course management practices," said GCSAA President Gary T. Grigg, CGCS, Royal Poinciana Golf Club, Naples, Fla.

"We're delighted the GCSAA has taken this opportunity to acknowledge the USGA's consistent efforts to promote sound environmental stewardship," said Thomas W. Chisholm, chairman, USGA Green Section Committee. "It's always

gratifying to have respect of your peers in any industry, and golf is no exception."

Created in 1991, the award was presented in 1991 to Cape Cod Study Participants, Bass River Country Club, Eastward Ho! Country Club, Falmouth Country Club, and Hyannisport Club; in 1993 to Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program Partners, the Audubon Society of New York State, and the United States Golf Association; and in 1995 to William Timothy Hiers, CGCS, Collier's Reserve in Naples, Fla.

The award was presented at the Environmental General Session, Thursday, Feb. 8., 1996, at GCSAA's 67th International Golf Course Conference & Show in Orlando, Fla. In addition to conducting 13 national championships each year, the USGA funds turfgrass and environmental research; provides course rating and handicapping systems; tests golf equipment for conformity to rules; preserves the game's history; and, in cooperation with the Royal & Ancient G.C. of St. Andrews, Scotland, writes and interprets the Rules of Golf.



Troll-Dickinson Scholarship recipients

Dean Robertson (left) and Bob DiRico (right) flank the four Troll-Dickinson Scholarship recipients: (left to right) David Brinkerhoff, Gilbert Bach, James Terenzio, and Anthony Pena.

DIVOT DRIFT...announcements...educational seminars...job opportunities ...tournament results...and miscellaneous items of interest to the membership.

MEMBERSHIP

Welcome New Members: Carl Teschki, Assistant, Amherst Golf Club, Amherst, Mass.

Proposed for Membership: Michael S. Gunn, Regular, Wahconah C.C., Dalton, Mass.; Russell Heller, Assistant, Andover C.C., Andover, Mass.; Michael Kroian, Affiliate, Pro-Lawn, Inc., W. Greenwich, R.I.; and Brian Linehan, Associate, Furnace Brook G.C., Quincy, Mass.

INFORMATION

David Kahrman of the Thompson Club is recovering from recent back surgery. We send him our best "Get Well" wishes.

If you purchase at least \$2000 from Ciba Turf and Ornamental Products between October 1, 1995 and September 30, 1996, please use the enclosed "On the Green" form to designate donations to the GCSANE. We can use these donations for our Scholarship & Benevolence or Turf Research Funds. Please be sure to complete and send this form in with the appropriate invoices by October 18, 1996.

Congratulations John Kotoski & John Petraitis. John Kotarski won 1st net in the 5th Flight, and John Petraitis took 1st net in the Super Senior Division at the 1996 GCSAA Golf Championships in Florida. Apparently, this year there was an advantage being from the North when players had to tee it up in freezing temperatures!

We have changed the format of our newsletter beginning with this month's issue. We've made a few additions and deletions and hopefully made it more eye-catching and readable. Any observations, suggestions, praise, constructive criticisms, etc. will be gratefully received.

Time constraints, especially in the summer months, make the job of putting together an informative and interesting publication very difficult. This probably sounds like a broken record, but I will very happily accept any articles written by members (course reconstruction, new course construction, new maintenance ideas, etc.), letters to the editor, or suggestions for feature articles and/or "Super Speaks Out" columns for printing in our newsletter. Items for "Divot Drift" concerning births, marriages, new job positions, recuperations, etc. of our members will also be gratefully accepted. You can phone or fax me (508-856-7170) with any of this information.

We have had a number of businesses join the GCSANE during the past year. For those not aware, we will print a onetime Friend of the Association profile for those new members. This is free advertising that consists of 2-4 paragraphs detailing products or services, a brief history of the business, the name of a contact person, and phone/fax numbers. It's a great way to introduce yourself to our association. You can use the new fax number for our association (617-893-6137) to send us your profile.

Water skiing, anyone? Congratulations to Dick Zepp, CGCS, who won the grand prize in the 18-hole challenge at the GCSAA trade show in Orlando - a Regal Valanti 182SE Mercruiser Sportboat.

The Mass Pesticide Use Report forms have arrived. They must be completed and sent back by March 31, 1996.

Congratulations to Finance Chairman Jim Conant and his wife Lynn on the birth of their son Josh on Jan. 16.

Congratulations to Heather and Brian King on the birth of their son Trent, born on Jan. 19.

MEETING NOTES

A "Thank You" to Dave Barber and the folks at Wellesley C.C. for their hospitality hosting the February GCSANE monthly meeting

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Golf Course Superintendent, Glen Ellen Country Club, Millis, Mass. Send resumes to Lisa Wohlleib, General Manager, Glen Ellen C.C., 84 Orchard St., Millis, MA 02054. The deadline is March 30, 1996.

Assistant Superintendent, Wayland C.C., Wayland, Mass. Year round, offering salary plus benefits. Minimum requirements are eight-week turf certificate, Mass. pesticide license, and three years experience. Send resumes to Scott Merrill, Wayland C.C., 121 Old Sudbury Road, Wayland, MA 01778.

EQUIPMENT FOR SALE

1973 Jacobsen F-10 - \$2500, 1987 Jacobsen F-10 - \$4000 (or \$6000 for both); Vicon PTO 3-pt. hitch spreader - \$1500; Giant Vac leaf vacuum - \$2500. Will trade for walking greens mowers. Call Michael Luccini, Brookmeadow C.C. at 617-821-4654.

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Meet host superintendent Gary Luccini, Franklin C.C.

Our host for the March GCSANE Monthly Meeting is Gary Luccini. He and Franklin C.C. have hosted a great number of our meetings in the past and we are very grateful for their hospitality. Gary has been the golf course superintendent at the Franklin Country Club since 1970. He is a 1962 graduate of the Stockbridge School of Agriculture. Gary worked as Bob



Mucciaroni's assistant at the Dedham Country and Polo Club for five years following his Stockbridge education.

Gary then worked in the golf course construction field, helping to build Pine Oaks Country Club in Easton, Mass. in the mid-1960s. From there, he climbed on-board at Franklin C.C., and has remained there in his present position. In 1989, however, he got back into the construction phase of the business "part-time". Gary served as a consultant to the Hale Irwin Golf Services company during construction of the New England Country Club in Bellingham, Mass.

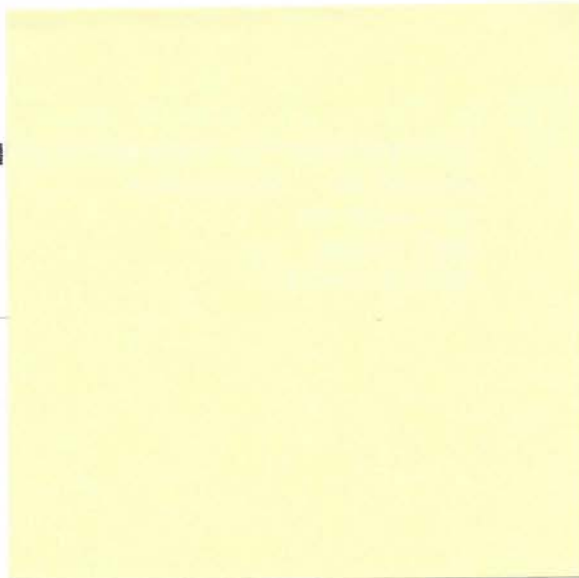
Golf course management seems to be in the Luccini blood. Gary's sons Michael and Brian are both working in our field and both are GCSANE members. Michael

(age 26) is the golf course superintendent of the Brookmeadow Country Club in Canton, Mass., and Brian (age 25) is Dave Barber's assistant at the Wellesley Country Club. Gary and his bride of 27 years, Kathy, also have two daughters, Cheryl (23), and Beth (17).

The "Bear", as Gary is known, enjoys auto racing (especially NASCAR) and hockey (Don Cherry is the patron saint, right, Gary?). He also is a very competitive golfer, as we all know. Gary and his partner, Ken Mooradian, are a formidable pair, both in stature and golfing ability, when they're in a best-ball tournament.

We all look forward to the March 18 GCSANE meeting at Franklin.

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