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It's "back to work" for Tony Caranci after receiving GCSANE service award

Reality always has walked hand-in-hand with Tony Caranci. You also can throw in humility as one of reality's accomplices.

After receiving the Distinguished Service Award from the Golf Course Superintendents Association of New England at last month's Massachusetts Turf Conference in Boston, the 41-year Ledgemont Country Club superintendent



Tony Caranci is presented the GCSANE Distinguished Service Award by president Robert DiRico at the Mass. Turf Conference.

For example, Tony has traversed the administrative mountains of both the Golf Course Superintendents Association of New England and the Rhode Island Golf Course Superintendents Association. He rose through the ranks in both groups, holding the position of president with the RIGCSA in 1957 and with the GCSANE in 1968-1969. Since then his input in the affairs of those two associations has been invaluable.

That 50-year career has spun off some interesting anecdotes.

"Like the time I was replaced by my father. Which probably makes my dad (Antonio) the only father ever to succeed his son in the golf course superintendents business."

The unusual turn of events came at the dawning of Tony's decision to make

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February Meeting

Date: Tuesday, February 25, 1997

Location: Blue Hills Country Club, Canton, Mass.

Host Superintendent: Vincent A. Iacono

Schedule:

- 8:30 a.m. Board Meeting
- 11:30 a.m. Regular Meeting
- 12:00 noon Lunch
- 1:00 p.m. Education

Education: Mark Tobin, president of Hartney Graymount Tree & Landscaping will speak about improved methods of tree pruning and care. Mr. Tobin is a past president of the Massachusetts Arborists Association.

Cost: \$20.00.

Proper dress required at all GCSANE meetings.

Reservations required.

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You must pay by check – no cash!

Make checks payable to GCSANE.

If there is a snow emergency on the date of the meeting, call 1-800-833-4451 for information.

Directions: Rte. 128 to Rte. 138 south (Exit 2A). Go approximately one mile on Rte. 138 and bear right onto Washington Street. Go approximately one mile and you will see a sign for Blue Hills. Go right onto Pecunit Street. The Club is ¼ mile on the left. The drive takes approximately 25 minutes from Boston.

quipped, "This honor is great, I'm overwhelmed; now, back to work."

Such sincere yet predictable reaction to one of his profession's highest honors is typical fare for Tony, who described his 50-year addiction to the superintendent's field as one coming from someone who "couldn't be that stupid."

However, retracing the steps of that half-century of service often finds Tony stumbling over occasional obstacles of emotion. "What can I really say about this (Service Award) honor? Is there any other recognition more significant than to be recognized by your peers? This caps everything in my career. I'm so appreciative of this moment."

Those 50 years in the golf business deserve raves and review because, after all, Tony is one of the profession's members with that certain magical touch and unselfish dedication to its membership.

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turf growing and taming his life's work. The time was 1950, and Tony was into his second year as superintendent at the Louisquisset Country Club in North Providence. But the Korean Conflict interrupted what had blossomed into a beautiful friendship between Tony and Louisquisset C.C.

"My father, who had worked around golf courses, and had also been police chief in North Providence, said he'd hold the job for me while I went to Korea," Tony disclosed. "Well, that turned out to be two years. Even so, the job was still there when I returned, and dad handed it back to me. My father? We looked around and got him a spot in Warwick."

Even before Tony hooked on as head superintendent at Louisquisset C.C. he had established roots there. His family lived near the second hole and Tony spent a lot of time on the course, learning the turf business and playing the game under the guidance of the man who was to become his role model, Louisquisset superintendent Pat Tameo.

Once Tony became established as a superintendent, he repaid Tameo and other veterans of the profession with untold and unabashed displays of friendship and devotion. When Pat Tameo and another venerable superintendent, Steve Gharabedian, became incapacitated by illness, Tony would escort them to association meetings and other related functions. As a result, a once finely-tuned golf game deserted Tony, but to him it was a small price.

"I was a pretty good player until I stopped playing at summer meetings. Guys like Pat and Steve needed me. There really wasn't any choice. I also felt better all around. I loved those guys."

Caranci remained at Louisquisset until 1956 when the folks at Ledgemont came looking for expertise to bring their course out of the dark ages. The quest ended at Tony's domain where his reputation for turning out consistently top-conditioned playing fields had spread through the area.

Forty-one years later Tony still looks at Ledgemont as "a fabulous golf course with fabulous members." He suits up every day in executive garb and oversees a flawless production. "My members tell me they're proud of their course. That's all I need to know," Tony remarked.

After 25 years of nurturing Ledgemont C.C., Tony was informed that the club was throwing a party for him to mark the silver anniversary occasion. Tony, however, was suspicious.

"I thought, 'hey, this is their way of easing me out gently,'" Tony told. "they were going to dump me. I was all wrong! My whole family was there (wife Millie, daughters Patty and Maria). The mayor came, there was a note from the governor. Then, when they called on me, the club president slipped an envelope in my hand and told me not to open it until I got home. When I finally got to see what was in it, I gasped. A check for \$5,000 and a note . . . 'Tony take your wife out to dinner'. What a membership!"

Tony has earned plaudits on and away from the course. He served six years as a Republican city councillor in Democratic hotbed North Providence, and once ran for mayor. "I lost because I was a crusader, and that's no place for a crusader," Tony sassed.

Now 66, Tony doesn't even scent retirement. "I'm not ready yet," he says of stepping into what to him is an unknown world. "I still put in a day's work. As long as I can do the job, I'm staying right here. I love it here. When I drive to work, I can't wait to get there. That's a nice feeling."

GERRY FINN

Calendar

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| Feb. 6-12, 1997 | 68th GCSAA International Golf Course Conference and Show
Las Vegas, Nevada |
| February 25 | GCSANE Monthly Meeting
Blue Hills Country Club
Canton, Mass. |
| March 5 | Calibration & Safety of Pesticide Application Equipment
GCSAA Seminar
Rockport, Maine |
| March 6 & 7 | Plant Nutrition & Fertilizers
GCSAA Seminar
Farmington, Conn. |
| March 10 | GCSANE Monthly Meeting
Dean Junior College
Franklin, Mass. |
| March 18 | Turfgrass Ecology
GCSAA Seminar
Syracuse, N.Y. |

The Super Speaks Out

This month we pose the question to some of our affiliate members: What's your feeling on the change this year of the Massachusetts Turf Conference to Hynes Auditorium, and the prospect of consolidating all conferences into the first regional presentation next year in Providence?

John Ferry, Turf Products Corporation:

"True, it was a little confining last year at the Mass. Conference, but we had no major problems. However, the move to a larger exhibition hall this year was a plus. We took more booths. It definitely was an improvement.

"Regardless, I'm really impressed with what is about to happen in 1998. One show, encompassing all others, is really the way to go. It will be a big boost for the purpose of the show which is to raise money for turf research. Because it will attract more people, a large variety of equipment, and probably an elite list of speakers, the move to go regional makes a lot of sense.

"We're familiar with the Providence setup and everything about it makes it much easier for the exhibitors and show attendees. I think it's a fairly new building, only four or five years old. We still have to put up with big city traffic, but as I have experienced it, the in-and-out time is not a drawback. I'm really looking forward to concentrating on one regional show. It should be a winner."

Mike Cornicelli, A-OK Turf Equipment:

"I'll just put it on the line when answering the question. As far as I'm concerned, last year the Mass. Turf Conference in Boston was a waste of time. The hall was like a congested parking garage. I couldn't do much with my equipment. I was stymied and had to rely on literature to get my sales points across.

"This year was a welcome change because of the size of the exhibition hall, though the rush hour traffic in Boston is still tough.

"I'm really excited about the future of the conference. I believe the superinten-

dents have made the best decision . . . lumping all the shows into one large regional event. I'm sure a lot of thought went into their decision and hopefully the one-show deal will be around for a long time.

"The Providence connection is a definite plus for me because I live in Coventry, about 20 miles away. I'm familiar with the new venue. It's got all the right things. No problems getting in and out. Everything is just suited for this type of show.

Don't get me wrong. I've always supported all the associations, even though the expense of several shows isn't something I like to think of. I'm also happy with the change from January to March in '98. Now, that makes sense. The possibility of two feet of snow looming in March isn't that high. I like the idea of looking out the window during a show and seeing something other than an imitation of the Klondike.

Kevin Lyons, Turf Specialty Inc.:

"I think we're going forward by steps here in that last year in Boston was the first step to improvement. This year's switch to the Hynes picks up the beat and next year everything falls into place with the move to a regional format at a site that fills the needs of all concerned.

"Last year when the Mass. Conference moved from Springfield to Boston, it was something of an improvement. However, from an exhibitor's standpoint, the arrangement left a little to be desired because of the space confinements as well as accessibility.

"The Hynes venture was a step in the right direction because it did free up exhibition space somewhat. I'm glad it

was only temporary and the ultimate change becomes a reality with the regional format next year in Providence.

"As for the accommodations in Providence, they're great. The ability for us to get into the facility, set up our booth and after the show break down the exhibit and get out, is a breeze. That's an improvement I know will be appreciated by many exhibitors.

"The regional concept crowns all changes in the conference. It's going to mean less man-hours, and less expense all around. The real positive is that the main purpose of the show (raising research funds) will be served best. Raising more money with one instead of three or four shows makes sense. It's the way to go for both sides, exhibitors and producers."

Bob Brown, Sawtelle Brothers Inc.:

"I think that last year's problems, if any, were the result of the show going through growing pains. Moving from Springfield to Boston had to have some flaws, and one was the exhibition hall size. That was relieved somewhat this year. Hey, it wasn't life threatening.

"However, after all is tried, said, and done, I think we've come to the conclusion that one regional show will turn out to be the best move ever made. I have only one word for the regional concept - awesome!

"The past has proven that multiple shows are expensive for everyone. It just puts a burden on every aspect of the presentation. I know that it gradually evolves into a pick and choose effort for many exhibitors. Frankly, not everyone makes it to every show.

"In the end analyses by all concerned, saving money is not the main thrust to a regional setup. What regional mentality does is capture the turf industries of the whole New England market. We're going to have better speakers, more of them, in fact; we're going to streamline the exhibition phase of the show; and last but not least, more research money is going to be raised because of the impact regional thinking has on the overall picture.

I'm amazed that something like this is finally coming together. I congratulate the presenters (superintendents) for the energy, excitement, and electricity I feel about the new concept. It's quality-plus."

GERRY FINN

GCSAA News

New England superintendent Ken Lallier wins GCSAA's Leo Feser Award for '96

Kenneth Lallier, CGCS, property manager at The Quechee Club in Quechee, Vt., will be presented the Leo Feser Award for his article, "Capital budgets: Let me hear you justify," published in the September issue of GCM. The publications committee bestows this annual honor for the most outstanding superintendent-authored article that best serves the interests of golf course superintendents and the golf course management industry.

Articles are eligible if they have been published in the magazine from November of the previous year through October, and are written by a Class AA, A or B member. In addition to being recognized at the Opening Session, the award winner's name is engraved on a plaque displayed at GCSAA headquarters.

Lallier's article, which was a collaboration between himself and the club's golf/green committee chairman, Stephen Magno, outlines the process The Quechee Club went through to develop a consistent capital replacement program.

"The challenge facing The Quechee Club management team and the board of trustees was to develop a system to prioritize club-wide capital replacement and improvement needs," Lallier writes. "With many different amenities, each with its own representing committee, the annual capital requests consistently grew beyond budget constraints . . ."

Lallier says the process was so successful because the focus was on education and cooperation - education for the committee members charged with developing the program and cooperation among committee members representing the various club amenities, which included good food and beverage, skiing, tennis, and recreation.

The committee toured the facilities to review the equipment, compared operations to regional averages and similar facility, compared equipment inventories with the similar facility, and ultimately developed a list of recommendations for replacement of golf course equipment over three years.

"Overall, there's a much improved understanding of and support for the golf operation. The end results produced comprehensive plans developed with significant member input and supported with clearly understandable data," Lallier writes.

A GCSAA member for 15 years and a graduate of the University of Massachusetts turfgrass management program, Lallier has been at The Quechee Club for 91/2 years. He also served as superintendent at Acoaxet Club in Westport Harbor, Mass.

"It's my first article that I submitted to the magazine," Lallier says. "I thought it was good, but I didn't know it was that good."

It's a problem superintendents face: finding capital and justifying capital expenses. It was a great idea - it worked great for me and I wanted to share it with my fellow superintendents so they could hopefully get some benefit out of it as well.

The publications committee judges all entries for impact (lasting value, innovativeness, comprehensiveness, practicality, and readability). The award is named for the man who single-handedly kept the association's magazine going during the Depression and conceived the idea of recognizing an article written by an active member.

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UMass Extension News

UMass Extension offers workshops for Pesticide Recertification training

Listed below is a schedule of pesticide recertification training workshops offered by the University of Massachusetts Extension. If you have any questions about these workshops, please call the Pesticide Education office between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Mon.-Fri., at (413) 545-1044.

Workshops will be held in eight locations throughout the state: Amherst, East Wareham, Northampton, Waltham, Dartmouth, Kingston, Plymouth, and Worcester.

These workshops are designed to provide both licensed and certified applicators with current information regarding the safe and effective use of pesticides. Applicators can gain contact hours towards recertification in addition to a current understanding of pesticide issues and their responsibilities as pesticide applicators in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Please note: Some workshops will not be appropriate for all categories of licenses. Refer to workshop descriptions in the UMass Extension's Massachusetts Pesticide News.

The schedule is as follows:

Feb 6	a.m.	Pesticide/Health Effects	(Wal)
Feb 6	p.m.	Respirator Fit Test	(Wal)
Feb 10	p.m.	Respirator Fit Test	(E. War.)
Feb 12	a.m.	Wetlands, Etc.	(Worc)
Feb 12	p.m.	Hazardous Materials	(Worc)
Feb 14	a.m.	Laws & Regulations	(Worc)
Feb 14	p.m.	Hanta Virus, Etc.	(Worc)
Feb 18	a.m.	Pesticides & WWW	(Dartm)
Feb 19	a.m.	Respirator Fit Test	(Amh)
Feb 19	p.m.	EPA Worker Protection	(Amh)
Feb 20	a.m.	Respirator Fit Test	(Wal)
Feb 24	a.m.	Label & MSDS	(Amh)
Feb 24	p.m.	EPA Worker Protection	(Worc)
Feb 24	p.m.	Respirator Fit Test	(Worc)
Feb 25	a.m.	Label & MSDS	(Amh)
Feb 25	p.m.	Pesticide/Health Effects	(Amh)
Feb 26	a.m.	Label & MSDS	(Plym)
Feb 26	p.m.	Wetlands, Etc.	(Plym)
Feb 28	a.m.	Respirator Fit Test	(Amh)
Mar 3	a.m.	Computers for Farmers	(Amh)
Mar 4	a.m.	Label & MSDS	(Wal)
Mar 4	p.m.	Hanta Virus, Etc.	(Wal)
Mar 5	a.m.	Computers for Farmers	(Dartm)
Mar 6	a.m.	Laws & Regulations	(Wal)
Mar 6	p.m.	Hazardous Materials	(Wal)
Mar 10		ROW Conference	(Marlboro)
Mar 13	a.m.	Respirator Fit Test	(E. War)
Mar 18	a.m.	Laws & Regulations	(King)
Mar 18	p.m.	Pesticide/Health Effects	(King)
Mar 20	a.m.	Laws & Regulations	(Amh)
Mar 20	p.m.	Pesticides & WWW	(Amh)
Mar 21	p.m.	Computers for Farmers	(Amh)

GCSANE News

“Remember when . . . ?” - A new feature begins

This marks the debut of a new feature. *Remember when?* retraces some of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of New England's steps, recalling some of the group's significant events and individuals along the way.

25 years ago

More than 3,000 members of the GCSA converged on Cincinnati for the 43rd annual International Turfgrass Confer-

ence and Show. New England had a prominent part in the proceedings in the status and person of GCSANE's Dick Blake as outgoing president of the national group. Blake was prepared to slip back into the vast membership of the GCSAA after a one-year term during which he put the national association into an upgrade mode in the direction of sportwide acclaim and respect.

15 years ago

Brian Cowan took a hand-off from outgoing GCSANE president Ron Kirkman and gavelled the group's February 1982 meeting to order. Among the more interesting announcements on that agenda was a reminder that sectional superintendents would be in the national spotlight in the presentation of four top tournaments in the New England area. They are the PGA Seniors at Marlboro C.C. (Glenn Ackley), the LPGA Classic at Ferncroft (Paul Johnson), the PGA Tour at Pleasant Valley C.C. (Noel Fongellaz), and the U.S. Amateur Championship at The Country Club (Pete Coste).

5 years ago

GCSANE president Steve Chiavaroli proved himself an accurate pundit in his monthly message to members via The Newsletter. Included in the compelling text, stressing a concentrated effort to get members solidly behind the Turf Research Fund, was the thought that the GCSANE was becoming more and more involved in the planning of the Massachusetts Turf and Lawngrass Conference and may be soon totally responsible for the annual event. "This venture will take much planning and dedication by our members in the years to come, and the road for this association looks challenging and rewarding," Chiavaroli wrote.

GERRY FINN**Friend of the Association Profile**

Meet Landmark Construction, Beverly, Mass.

Landmark Construction (Beverly, Mass.) was founded in 1986 and has pursued a mission of excellence in the field of site work and landscape construction. Initial efforts in the golf course industry have centered around cart paths, drainage, irrigation, and shaping of tees and bunkers.

Landscape Construction, planning, and development includes a staff of first-class woodworkers for the construction of retaining walls and staircases. Railroad tie work with complex details is a specialty.

Although Landmark Construction has been involved in site work for many projects, including the "Big-Dig" and Third Harbor Tunnel, owners Dan Champion and Kevin Clark have made a commitment to focus specifically on the golf course part of their business in the future.

Dan Champion says: "The reason for our total commitment at this time is based on the recent increased interest in the game of golf and the need for quality work in the industry. We believe we can fill a void in the industry with top quality construction focusing on golf course restoration projects.

"Not everyone in the construction business can provide the special considerations required by the industry's top professional superintendents. We feel Landmark fits into this environment well and brings to the table a bright new face in future golf course restoration projects."

Landmark Construction looks forward to many years of service in the golf course restoration business.

The Massachusetts Turf Conference

Hynes Convention Center, Boston, Mass.
January 13-15, 1997



Troll-Dickinson Scholarship recipients. Pictured above are (l. to r.) Dr. Joseph Troll with scholarship recipients John McShane, Mathew Barratt, Jonathan Burke, and Jared Viarengo. Not shown is recipient Chad Esposito.



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

MEMBERSHIP

Proposed for Membership: Brian Skinner, Asst., Bellevue Golf Course, Melrose, Mass.; Matthew Grady, Regular, Groton Country Club, Groton, Mass.; Scott Gabrielson, Regular, New England Country Club, Bellingham, Mass.; Greg Mackintosh, Regular, Tara Hyannis, Hyannis, Mass.; Bay State Organic, Friend, Charlestown, Mass.

Welcome New Members: Leonard F. Curtin, Lexington Golf Club, Lexington, Mass.

INFORMATION

Our apologies to Turf Products Corporation, which was a generous donor towards the GCSANE Christmas Party, but was not mentioned in last month's pictorial.

The GCSANE, together with other regional chapters, will have a hospitality suite in the Skyview Room at Bally's Hotel from 5:30 -7:30 p.m. on Sunday, February 9.

Kip Tyler hits the speaking circuit. Kip Tyler has been a guest speaker at several conferences in the past year. His presentation "Bunker Restoration at Salem Country Club" describes the chronological steps taken to return the bunkers back to their original form. This Donald Ross course built in 1922 will be the site of the 2001 Senior Tour Open. Kip spoke at two USGA seminars in the spring of '96, and at the Penn State Turf Conference, State College, Pa., last fall. He'll be speaking March 3, 1997, at The Canadian International Turfgrass Conference, Montreal, Quebec.

Inside Golf Magazine: In the Feb. 1997 issue Pat Kriksceonaitis and the Essex County Club are the subject of a feature: "The Greenkeeper of Essex County". Did you know Donald Ross worked and lived at the Essex County Club for three years?!

Interested in purchasing Turf Diseases: Diagnosis and Management CD-ROM? The association is looking into purchasing ten or more copies at a 30% discount on the list price of \$295. If we get enough interest we can save \$88.50 a copy. Call (800) 833-4451 and specify IBM or Mac.

MEETING NOTES

Thank you, Trustees John T. Hassett, Scott Reynolds, and Charles T. Passios, for your dedication while serving on the board of directors of the GCSANE. Their time and effort has assisted the entire membership in the betterment of this association and its future goals.

A special thanks to all who helped in the success of the Massachusetts Turf Conference & Trade Show! *Conference Management Committee:* Ed-

ward Brearley, Chairman, Dahn Tibbett Professional Golf Services; Mary Owen, Educational Chairperson, University of Massachusetts Extension Service; Denise Ruzsala, Administrative Secretary; Dr. Joseph Troll, Professor Emeritus, University of Massachusetts; James Conant, CGCS, Kings Way G.C.; Robert DiRico, CGCS, Brae Burn C.C.; *Committee:* Robert Chalifour, CGCS, Shennecossett G.C.; Donald Hearn, CGCS, Weston G.C.; Bernard Keohan, Harvard University; Charles Passios, CGCS, Nantucket GC; William Spence, The Country Club; Jack Schmidgall, Town of Danvers; Robert Ruzsala, Hickory Ridge C.C.; *Session Chairman:* Thomas Colombo, CGCS, New Seabury C.C.; Jim Berardo, President New England Sports Turf Managers Association; Steve Lucas, President, Golf Course Mechanics Association; Philip Neaton, President, Connecticut Association of Golf Course Superintendents; James Connelly, Massachusetts Association of Lawn Care Professionals; Michael Iacono, CGCS, Pine Brook C.C.; and Charles Mruk, Massachusetts Turf & Lawngrass Association.

Congratulations go out to the following members on receiving their 25-year pins for the GCSANE: Henry Coffin, Sankaty Head G.C.; Robert F. Connolly, Woburn C.C.; John Paul Jones, Royal Crest C.C.; and Francis Murphy, Country Club of Halifax.

A thank you to Robert DiRico, CGCS, and the entire staff at Brae Burn C.C. For hosting the GCSANE annual meeting in January.

Congratulations to the GCSANE Scholarship award (presented by Jack Hassett) recipients: Adrienne Lee Chiavaroli (Thomas Schofield Award); Travis Anderson, Tara Carlson, Elizabeth Derby, and Beth Mooradian. **Congratulations** to the recipients of the AgroEvo Awards (presented by Dave Sylvester): Christopher Donato and Edward Olsen. **Congratulations** to the Troll/Dickenson Award recipients (presented by Dean Robertson): Jonathan Burke, Allston, Mass.; Chad R. Esposito, Woodbridge, Conn.; John B. McShane III, Poultney, Vt.; Mathew Barratt, Rochester, Mass.; Jared B. Viarengo, Sherman, Conn.

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Golf Course Superintendent. Portland Country Club is a traditional Donald Ross designed, 18-hole private country club. Candidates should have a strong background in turfgrass management and a minimum of 5 years experience as a golf course superintendent or assistant superintendent. Candidates should have experience with an automated irrigation system. Deadline for resumes is January 31, 1997. Send resumes to: Joe Pierce, Portland C.C., 11 Foreside Rd., Falmouth Foreside, ME 04105.

Golf Course Superintendent. Bear Hill Golf Course is a 9-hole private club. Preferred candi-

dates will have an advanced knowledge of agronomy, five years golf course experience, minimum two years as an assistant superintendent, and good supervisory and communication skills. Send resume to: Tom McHugh, Bear Hill Golf Club, 2 North Street, Stoneham, MA 02180.

Golf Course Superintendent. Alpine Country Club is 18-hole private club. Qualified applicants need a degree in turf management, 2 years minimum, four years preferred; and 5 years experience at a golf facility. Salary range: \$45-50,000, commensurate with experience. Health insurance, vehicle, and GCSAA included in competitive benefit package. Forward resume and cover letter by 2/7/97 to: Search Committee, Alpine C.C., 251 Pippin Orchard Rd., Cranston, RI 02921.

Golf Course Superintendent. Lost Brook Golf Club, Norwood, Mass. Candidates must have a strong background in turfgrass management, with a minimum of 3 years experience as an assistant superintendent. A competitive compensation and benefits package is offered. Please send resume to: William J. Harrison, New England Golf Corporation, 295 University Ave., Westwood, MA 02090.

Golf Course Superintendent. Province Lake Golf Course, Parsonfield, Maine. Candidates should have a strong background in turfgrass management, construction experience, irrigation systems, and machinery maintenance. They should have a minimum of 5 years experience as a superintendent or assistant superintendent. Send resume to: Ralph Goudreau, General Manager, P. O. Box 147, South Effingham, NH 03882.

Assistant Superintendent. Bass Rocks is a 18-hole private golf course. Minimum qualifications: 2 year degree in turf management, 2 years experience in golf course management, and a Mass. pesticide applicator's license. Send resume to: Bob Shea, Bass Rocks G.C., P.O. Box 303, Gloucester, MA 01930, phone: (508) 283-7571.

Assistant Superintendent. Lexington Golf Club, Lexington, Mass. Requirements for the position: minimum of 2 year degree in turfgrass management and 3 years on-course experience. Winter school may be substituted with 5 years on-course experience. Compensation package: \$22-24,000 annual salary plus a competitive benefits package. Send resume to: Lexington G.C., 55 Hill St., P. O. Box 177, Lexington, MA 02173, c/o Supt. Leonard F. Curtin, (617) 862-5167.

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It's "back to work" for Tony Caranci after receiving GCSANE service award

Reality always has walked hand-in-hand with Tony Caranci. You also can throw in humility as one of reality's accomplices.

After receiving the Distinguished Service Award from the Golf Course Superintendents Association of New England at last month's Massachusetts Turf Conference in Boston, the 41-year Ledgemont Country Club superintendent



Tony Caranci is presented the GCSANE Distinguished Service Award by president Robert DiRico at the Mass. Turf Conference.

For example, Tony has traversed the administrative mountains of both the Golf Course Superintendents Association of New England and the Rhode Island Golf Course Superintendents Association. He rose through the ranks in both groups, holding the position of president with the RIGCSA in 1957 and with the GCSANE in 1968-1969. Since then his input in the affairs of those two associations has been invaluable.

That 50-year career has spun off some interesting anecdotes.

"Like the time I was replaced by my father. Which probably makes my dad (Antonio) the only father ever to succeed his son in the golf course superintendents business."

The unusual turn of events came at the dawning of Tony's decision to make

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February Meeting

Date: Tuesday, February 25, 1997
Location: Blue Hills Country Club, Canton, Mass.
Host Superintendent: Vincent A. Iacono

Schedule:
8:30 a.m. Board Meeting
11:30 a.m. Regular Meeting
12:00 noon Lunch
1:00 p.m. Education

Education: Mark Tobin, president of Hartney Graymount Tree & Landscaping will speak about improved methods of tree pruning and care. Mr. Tobin is a past president of the Massachusetts Arborists Association.

Cost: \$20.00.

Proper dress required at all GCSANE meetings.

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Directions: Rte. 128 to Rte. 138 south (Exit 2A). Go approximately one mile on Rte. 138 and bear right onto Washington Street. Go approximately one mile and you will see a sign for Blue Hills. Go right onto Pecunit Street. The Club is ¼ mile on the left. The drive takes approximately 25 minutes from Boston.

quipped, "This honor is great, I'm overwhelmed; now, back to work."

Such sincere yet predictable reaction to one of his profession's highest honors is typical fare for Tony, who described his 50-year addiction to the superintendent's field as one coming from someone who "couldn't be that stupid."

However, retracing the steps of that half-century of service often finds Tony stumbling over occasional obstacles of emotion. "What can I really say about this (Service Award) honor? Is there any other recognition more significant than to be recognized by your peers? This caps everything in my career. I'm so appreciative of this moment."

Those 50 years in the golf business deserve raves and review because, after all, Tony is one of the profession's members with that certain magical touch and unselfish dedication to its membership.

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