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A satisfied Henry Coffin finds quiet closure to his 55-year adventure at Sankaty Head G.C.

Last October the venerable lead superintendent at Sankaty Head Golf Club, a 500-member layout on Nantucket Island, moseyed on over to the maintenance barn, handed its keys to assistant Chris Ryder and point-blanked, “see you around; I’m goin’ fishin’.”

In as unceremonious a moment as that, Coffin’s 55-year adventure, spent romancing if turf, came to an end. He had just turned 65 and figured it was just about time to stop spreading and smelling the fertilizer. “I had no ax to grind with anyone,” Coffin said in a recent chat with *The Newsletter*. “I was leaving the course in good shape, better than it was when I took over in 1979. I just decided it was time to do other things.”

Which Henry says, he isn’t about to pack it in and challenge the world record for rocking chair workouts. “Right now I’m into subdividing some nice land I own,” Coffin revealed. “I mean, it’s a dream location . . . 30 acres nestled between the two best golf clubs in the country, Sankaty Head and the Nantucket Golf Club. Maybe

I’ll sell a couple of the lots and give the rest to the kids. I’m not really sure where this is going to lead me.”

Henry’s been a homebody most of his life. His family and Nantucket have been working as a team for well over a century. He was born there, in Siasconset, one of 12 towns on the island. In fact, the Coffins have owned and operated Nantucket’s only public course, the Siasconset Golf Club, for almost all of its 99-year existence. Fittingly, it was there that Henry cut his golf course maintenance teeth.

“My brother, Robert, runs the place these days,” Henry told. “By the way, I’m Henry the Third. My father, Henry, Jr. was in charge before we kids were ready to step in for him. I was 10-years-old when I started raking traps, mowing greens and doing all the other little things people do when they’re getting their feet wet in this business. So, that makes it a 55-year run for me.”

The influence of the 9-hole, Coffin-operated Siasconset spread is telling. When founders of the high-end, exclusive Nantucket Golf Club sought legal clearance to establish that majestic setting, town fathers stipulated they lease the public course to preserve it and ensure its continuity. They wanted to make sure residents always would have a place to play without having to join a private club. Naturally, the Coffin family was included in the deal as course operators.

Henry doesn’t mind comparing the fancy Nantucket layout with his favorite, Sankaty Head. They’re neighbors; coincidentally separated by the land he’s developing. However, the topography of the two courses differs.

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Henry Coffin

“They’re two different playing experiences,” Henry noted. “Nantucket is flat. It’s a good walker’s course. Sankaty Head is more of a rolling place, with some hills. Another thing about the little course, Siasconset, and the Nantucket course, is that you seldom see a golf cart around. They’re allowed only because of medical reasons.”

Since Ryder replaced him as top turf man at Sankaty Head, Coffin can relax when recalling the oddball asides to maintaining a course he groomed for 22 years. Most of the unusual circumstances surfaced because of the huge difference in cost of living between the island and the mainland.

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**Henry Coffin
Needham G.C.**

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"I want to give you an example of how things have rocketed here in the way of expenses," Henry flapped. "Remember when we talked about 10 years ago (actually it was nine)? The average real estate transfer ran close to \$400,000. Today that figure has doubled. There's just so much land on an island. Once it's at capacity the price can't go anywhere but up."

"Anyway, what fits in with houses costing around \$800,000 is the cost of moving goods. I mean from the mainland to the island. When I was the superintendent at Sankaty Head, the numbers were mind-boggling. In many cases, I paid more for bringing over equipment and material than I did for those items themselves. It was quite a stretch to keep the course in top condition."

Coffin has only fond memories of his association with golf itself, but tells a funny story about himself as a player. "Yeah, I think these days I play about once every 10 years," he chortled. "Why? Because I used to run a driving range. I'd be doing nothing around the place, so I started hitting balls to pass the time. Well, I got so sick of hitting 'em, I didn't care if I ever picked up another golf club."

Funny thing, even though he was brought up on a golf course, Coffin once toyed with the idea of making do with another career. "I was interested in building things," he explained. "So, I studied architecture for a while. But I couldn't get golf out of my system. I went up to Stockbridge, came out and spent 10 years at Indian Meadow and another two at the old Chestnut Hill Country Club. Then, when

Sankaty Head offered me the job here, I high-tailed it back home. So, I came full circle.

Once Henry gets through with his sub-division chores, he and his wife, Cynthia, aren't sure what they'll do or where they'll settle. They have three children (Laura, Larry, Sheila) and have thought of buying a home on the mainland as a base of operations.

"Sometimes, living here is like being on a military base," Henry cracked. "You feel isolated . . . trapped. The fog, the storms. Sometimes you don't see a boat or plane for days. But the island's been good to me, to us. You never know, though, maybe I'll join one of the clubs and start playing golf again. I've got plenty of time on my hands. I'm looking forward to it."

GERRY FINN

CALENDAR . . .

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| June 10 | GCSANE Monthly Meeting
Joint Meeting with Cape Cod
Indian Pond G.C.
Kingston, Mass.
Supt. - Tom Harrington |
| | Superintendent Roundtable:
Moss & Pearlwort -
Causes & Control
Superintendent Speakers:
Lianne Larson, White Cliffs C.C.
Bob Matthews, CGCS, Marshfield C.C.
Paul Miller, CGCS, Nashawtuc C.C. |
| July 15 | GCSANE Monthly Meeting
Joint Meeting with Rhode Island
Fall River C.C.
Fall River, Mass.
Supt. - Tom Ohlson, CGCS |
| August 19 | GCSANE Monthly Meeting
Individual Championship
Blue Hill Country Club
Canton, Mass.
Supt. - Vincent Iacono |
| Sept. 23 | GCSANE Monthly Meeting
Supt./Club Official Tournament
Wellesley C.C.
Wellesley, Mass.
Supt. - David Barber, CGCS |
| Oct. 7 | GCSANE Monthly Meeting
Team-of-Two Championship
The Ranch G.C.
Southwick, Mass.
Supt. - Mike Stachowicz |
| Nov. 4 | GCSANE Monthly Meeting
Nine-Hole Meeting
Whitinsville G.C.
Whitinsville, Mass.
Supt. - Paul Wilson |

The Super Speaks Out

This month's question: *With warnings of severe drought conditions descending on the golf course superintendent, how do wetting agents fit into your maintenance program?*

Drew Cummins, Golf Club of Avon:

"The drought scare, even though we've had some rain recently, remains a reality. The water tables in our area have been very low going into spring and the golf season. Therefore, I'm planning to combat it with the same overall program I've initiated here since I arrived four years ago.

"There are several ways to apply wetting agents. I apply them through an injection system and through a sprayer. I go by the results, and the injection system (injecting wetting agents into the irrigation system) has proven the most effective.

"My application schedule is simple: start using wetting agents in June and continue the practice through August. Of course, I anticipate the conditions will dictate more use of wetting agents than in the past.

"I've always thought that wetting agents actually treat the water more than the soil. They break the tensions of the water, producing a lower rate of contact with the soil to make for a more balanced application and one that has a longer lasting effect.

"As for the severity of the drought, I think June will be the key month. By then we'll know whether we're going to need a vigorous dependence on wetting agents in order to give our members the kind of conditions they expect.

"Along those lines, I've been in constant touch with our members on the possibility that the state could institute restrictions on the use of water. I've heard that New Jersey has restrictions in place, so I'm keeping my fingers crossed in hopes Connecticut doesn't follow suit. In the meantime, I communicate with my members in the club's monthly newsletter, keeping them up to date on the latest developments."

Steve Gregg, Milton-Hoosic Club:

"When it comes to wetting agents, I rely on several different products to get me through the season. This year I will be trying new products on my tees and fairways and continuing with the program I had success with last season on my greens.

"I use Cascade Plus on my greens for season long control of localized dry spot.

This is a 16 oz. per 1000 ft.² product that I apply with a boom sprayer in two 8-oz. applications two weeks apart. Last summer, I had very few areas of LDS, and they were easily managed through hand watering.

THE SUPER SPEAKS

"Last year, we didn't use wetting agents on our fairways, but you can be sure we will this year. With single row irrigation, it is impossible for me to keep the edges of the fairways moist without over-watering the middles. This year, I will use Tri-Cure at 6-oz. per 1000 ft.² applied monthly in June, July and August. I am confident that the results will be much improved over last summer, with less wilting and less syringing during the day. I have considered the possibility of injectable wetting agents for my pump house, but single row design and less than stellar coverage preclude me from trying that at this time."

"This year, I will be experimenting with a granular wetting agent on my tees. Our total area of teeing surfaces is less than an acre, with many of the tee boxes being small and difficult to spray. So granular Primer, applied at 2 bags per acre per month, June through August, should be a perfect fit.

"Naturally, I am concerned about our state's low water levels and the possibility of facing water restrictions this summer. However, we have our own well that is just three years old, which provides us with the capacity to pump about 300 gallons per minute. Unless our well runs dry, we should be in good shape, even if this turns out to be an extremely dry summer."

Jeff Corcoran, Weston Golf Club: "I've always gone into the golf season with an attitude that no matter what, severe drought conditions or not, the question of irrigating the golf course effectively is always a concern.

"At the moment we don't have too much to worry about regarding source of water. We have well water, we haven't nor do not expect to use town water. However, we're also aware that there

always is the possibility of water-use restrictions. But we'll cross that bridge when and if we come to it. Really, it's a matter of balancing use of water and staying within practical limit of it.

"Wetting agents have been around for quite a while and they're a big help making sure conditioning programs run smoothly. Frankly, I'd like to be able to inject wetting agents into my irrigation system but the system has seen better days and is not conducive to an injection method. I'm also happy to say a new irrigation system is in the works.

"In the meantime, I have to rely on spraying to apply wetting agents. This means a lot of things, mostly that you have to stay on top of it. It also means that I have to set up a manpower schedule to accommodate the fact we can't use the injection method.

"So, it'll be a hands-on application on greens, tees, and fairways. Even sprayers will have to be monitored. Some strain to avoid dry spots, so, as I said, we'll have to stay on top of it until we're able to inject the agents into the irrigation system.

"Regardless, concern about irrigation is a key to conditioning whether our water supplies come up dry or not. Wetting agents are a part of the solution but not the solution itself."

Michael Varkonyi, Potowomut Golf Club: "When I first became a superintendent, I was not an avid wetting agent fan/user. Our method of application at that time was to apply it through our sprayer. I did not have the time, mainly because of the lack of compatibility with numerous pesticides with the wetting agents. I tried to minimize the number of times we sprayed by tank mixing as many products as possible. We would apply it on greens, but for fairways and tees, they were left 'out to dry.' Six years ago I took over a course with an injection system that had been installed, but never functioned. That first year, I was able to get the system up and running. I used it occasionally, but was not religious about it. During a drought stress period I saw several

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President reports on season's first golf meeting, Ouimet marathon, GCSAA, & 4-ball tournament

What a great turnout for our first golf meeting of the 2002 season. Almost 75 people attended and it is gratifying to see such great support. Terry Bastian of Wild-flowers presented an array of thought-provoking ideas regarding our involvement with environmental issues. And many thanks to the Darling and Pedel families, owners of Juniper Hill G.C. for the wonderful hospitality.

Tom Ackley, CGCS, had the course in marvelous early season condition. Congratulations to those who finished 18 holes in such inclement weather. Tom, I guess if we superintendents need rain, we just need to schedule a meeting at your course. This is the second rainy day in three times you've hosted a meeting in the last few years!

Michael Hermanson will chair the Ouimet Golf Marathon fund-raiser this year. Dick Duggan will again play in the event representing GCSANE. You all remember how Dick set a Marathon record last year by playing 612 holes of golf that day! So when

the members of the Ouimet Committee call for your support, please respond with a generous donation. The Ouimet Fund is a wonderful golf charity awarding college scholarships to young men and women who serve our industry. Many students who work on maintenance staffs have received these scholarships over the years, and this is a way we can support those students who provide valuable staffing at our operations.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

On April 26 Michael Iacono and the Strategic Planning Committee met with Chuck Borman, CEO of the GCSAA. The session is the beginning of a process we hope will provide a clear direction for the association in terms of immediate, mid-range, and long-term goals. Much work was done on refining a clear and concise mission statement. This was followed by efforts to develop goals that support the mission

statement, and strategies to implement those goals. Much is still in the formative stages, and when we finalize the effort, we will discuss the ideas as a membership. Our hope is to finish with a clear picture of how our association will look, serve its members, and serve golf in our area. We need to continue to be a major component in the golf industry that is responsive to the needs of our members. And in serving our membership we benefit the entire game.

And "the games have begun" with the Gary Luccini Memorial 4-Ball tournament. Many thanks to Bob Healy for arranging the event. It's a lot of work, time, and effort.

I for one, really enjoy the match play format and getting out to other golf courses. I don't think I've ever played a course where I didn't notice something that might be useful at my own job. And of course thanks to the many members of our association who host these matches.

Jim Fitzroy
President, GCSANE

A letter of rebuttal from former Newsletter editor Ron Kirkman

Dear Mr. Crimmings,

I wish to rebut a paragraph from the front page of the April issue in *The Newsletter*. It falls under the heading of "Russ Heller joins fraternity of 'retired' editors who left their personal stamp on the *Newsletter*."

In paragraph six it states, "We even had a self-appointed writer-in-waiting in Ron Kirkman, whose flair for saying something in 100 words when only five would do was the talk of *The Newsletter* row. His was an admirable albeit futile effort."

If you know your vocabulary it translates: His was an admirable although useless effort. If *The Newsletter* were only intended for golf course superintendents, I wouldn't be concerned about this negative reference and banter. However, *The Newsletter* not only targets superintendents but club officials and others as well.

For the record, Doug Johnson was *Newsletter* editor from January 1982 through January 1985. Michael Nagle and Michael Hannigan were *Newsletter* editor and chairman from February 1985 through

February 1986. When these two gentlemen left the board of directors searched in vain for someone to anchor *The Newsletter* editor position.

TO THE EDITOR

At the persistent request of the president, Mr. David Barber, to keep *The Newsletter* going, I accepted the challenge in March of 1986. As you well know we were then in the third month since elections. You should also realize this was a most difficult time to be involved in a new position as *Newsletter* editor.

No doubt I made plenty of mistakes. However, I put my heart and soul into this new endeavor and gave it my best effort. We used to mail out a little over 500 newsletters per month. My family and I would fold, stamp, and staple each one. I'm sure it is accomplished in a different manner today. I might add, we only missed two deadlines

from March 1986 through January 1990. *The Newsletter* was always on time.

In 1987, a Special Citation was presented to this writer from Mr. William R. Roberts, GCSAA Communications Chairman and GCSAA President, Donald Hearn for contributing to the Association and the Golf Course Superintendents Profession by serving as a Chapter Newsletter Editor.

In 1988, the Newsletter Editor Award was presented to this writer for "Best Editorial Content" from GCSAA for articles written on tri-plex mowing of fairways. If memory serves me correctly, no equal or higher award has been presented to GCSANE in the history of *The Newsletter*.

I do feel in my tenure as GCSANE Newsletter Editor I put in a little more than an "Admirable albeit futile (useless) effort."

Sorry I couldn't keep this to 100 words or less.

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Former Newsletter Editor



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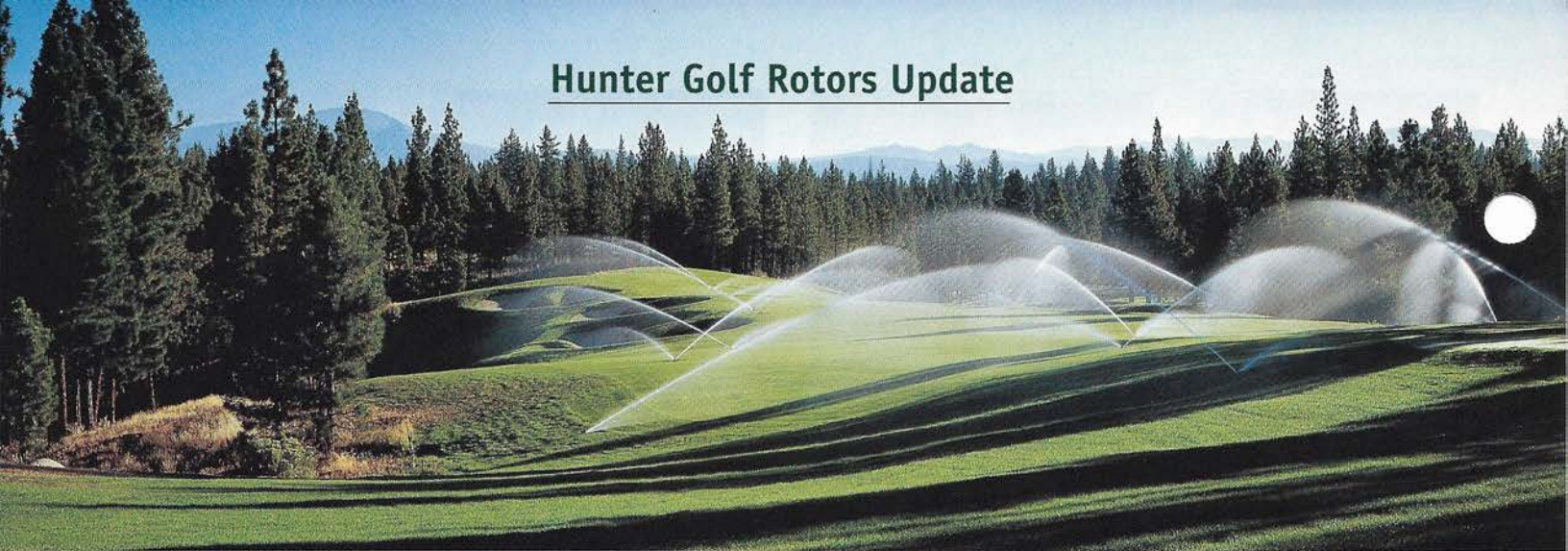
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- 8:00-9:00** Registration - Trade Show - Equipment Demonstrations*
- 9:00** Welcome
- 9:15-11:15** Research Presentations
- Update on the Snow Mold Project
 - 2000 National Kentucky Bluegrass Variety Trial
 - Life after Dursban: What Are Our Options Now?
 - Annual Bluegrass Weevils: What Are They Up To?
 - Management of Application Strategies to Minimize Pesticide Exposure to Golfers
 - Best Management of Post-Application Irrigation on Turf to Minimize Exposure to Volatile and Foliar Pesticide Residues
 - The Effects of Reinforcement Materials on Water Infiltration, Wear Tolerance, and Playing Quality of Sports Fields
- 11:15-11:30** Open Forum with UMass Faculty and Jim Skorulski, USGA Green Section Agronomist
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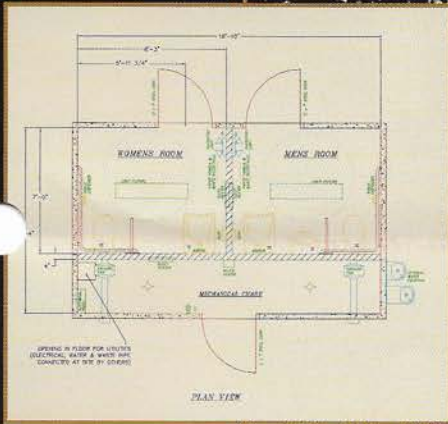
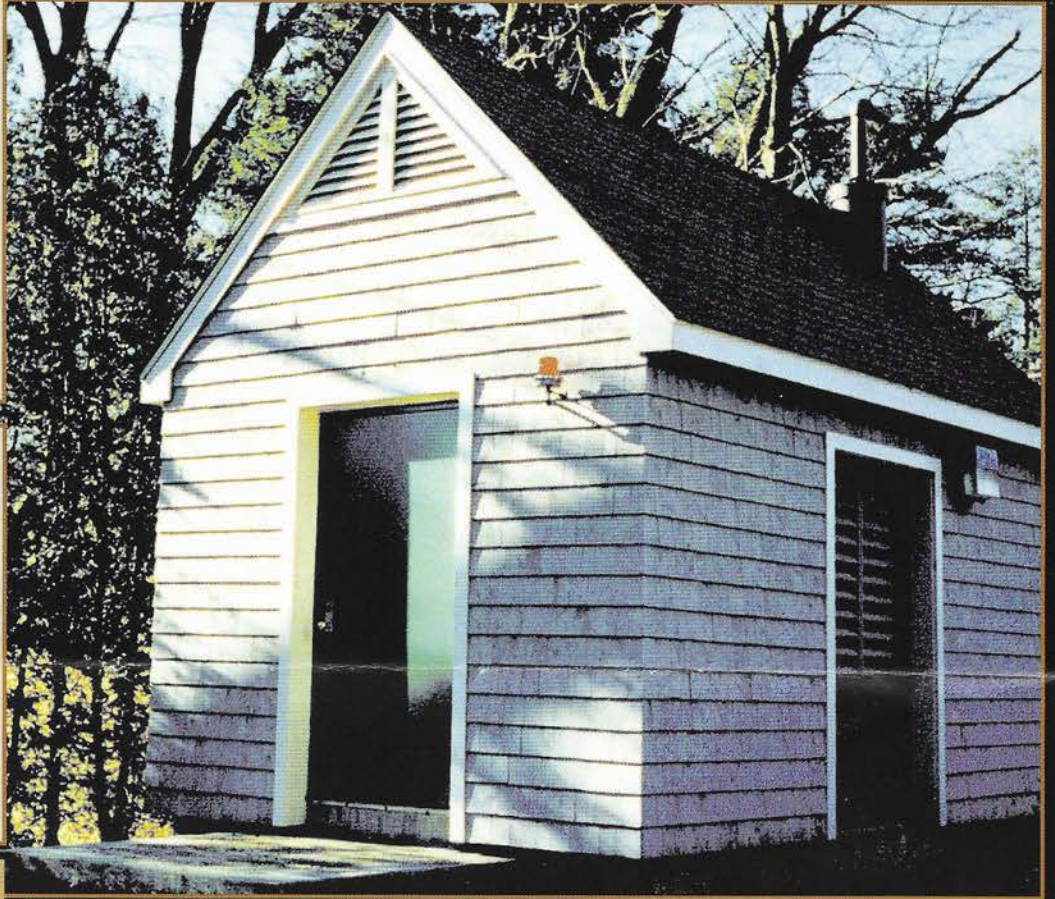
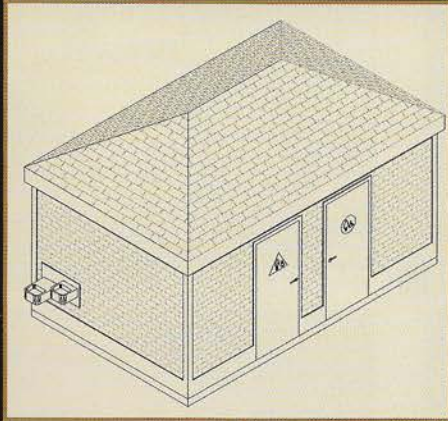
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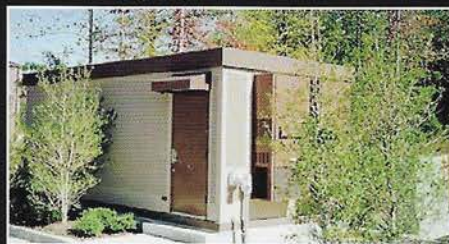
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“Remember When?” feature returns to Newsletter, offering a glimpse of people & events of GCSANE’s past

This month *The Newsletter* revives a sleeping feature, “Remember When?” which chronicles events and individuals from the association’s past.

25 years ago

Our meeting at Eastward Ho! Country Club was a great start for the outdoor season, thanks to our host superintendent, Brian Cowan and the rest of the fine and accommodating Eastward Ho! staff.

Team play was on the menu for golf, where gross honors (74) were collected by a threesome of Mel O’Kelley, Len Blodgett, and Bob Mucciarone. Bruce Carlson, Jim Fitzroy, Nary Sperandio, and Allan Cumps put their best shots together for a winning net 58. Next at 62 was the quartet of Larry Bunn, Max Mierzwa, Tony DeBettencourt, and Brian Cowan. Logging a third place 63 was the combination of Steve Kristof, Joe Rybka, Steve Butler, and Bob Johnson.

Richard Duggan received a Tuco Turf scholarship for 1977. Richard is senior at Stockbridge School of Agriculture and worked for Nary Sperandio at the Concord C.C. William Fiore, also a senior at Stockbridge, received a Tuco scholarship. Fiore is a native of Springfield, Vermont.

Congratulations to George Machado of Woonsocket C.C. and Richard Zepp of Whitinsville G.C. They were voted in as associate members of GCSANE as part of the Eastward Ho! meeting.

Here is an interesting tidbit from the national sports scene. All-time home-run king Hank Aaron shakes his head in disagreement every time he hears that golf is an easy game. He says it took him 17 years in baseball to get 3,000 hits and just one week on the golf course to surpass that figure.

Our next meeting at the Woonsocket C.C. will feature recognition for long, productive careers when Ed Phinney and John Latvis are honored as 50-year members of the golf course community.

15 years ago

Newsletter Chairman Ron Kirkman had an interesting request recently. He received a letter from 17-year MGA Executive Committee member George Cohen, asking that his name remain on our publications mailing list, even though Cohen had “retired”

from his MGA post. In his letter Cohen noted how the professionalism of the golf course superintendent had grown leaps and bounds. “I can remember when the superintendent was the ‘greenskeeper’ and nothing more than a guy with a rake in his

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hand and hope in his heart that whatever he was doing in matter of maintaining the course was right. Frankly, the man mowing the grass and fertilizing the fairways was not much more than a laborer. Today, that same man is a technician and businessman of the highest order. I think the profession should be proud of itself.”

The first outdoor meeting of the year turned out to be a snow job. Yes, it rained . . . and snowed at Blue Hill C.C. The weather prevented even the bravest of

Cost Davis, former superintendent, dies at age 52

Cost Davis, former superintendent at Cranberry Valley Golf Course in Harwich, Mass., died of natural causes on March 14, 2002. He was 52 years old.

Cost grew up in Bangor, Maine and worked on courses there as well as having his own golf business. He loved golf in his younger years and was an accomplished amateur player. Eventually he reached a weight of 435 pounds and could no longer play. A stomach reduction operation a couple of years ago helped bring him down to 185 pounds! Heart attacks and severe arthritis often limited his ability to work in recent years.

Cost enjoyed trips to Augusta National, St. Andrews in Scotland, and many other places. He liked his cats and he enjoyed the many friends that he made in the golf industry.

We will miss his unique sense of humor and his friendship.

**Ed Nash, Superintendent
Bass River G.C.**

souls to play this fine golf course. However, host superintendent Dave Barber promises he’ll have us back soon to test our skills from those new Cornish-Silva bunkers.

Nick Commuso, assistant superintendent at The International, was presented his 25-year pin at the April meeting.

5 years ago

Outgoing GCSANE Trustees Jack Hasset, Scott Reynolds, and Charles Passios were given a round of applause for a job well done during the association’s last meeting. Congratulations also were in order for new member Len Curtin of the Lexington G.C..

While appreciation nods were presented, one of the most meaningful went to Edward “Chip” Brearley’s way for his staunch resolve and chairmanship of the committee that orchestrated the transitional version of the Mass. Turf Conference & Trade Show.

Twenty-five year pins for distinguished GCSANE members were on last month’s agenda. They went to Henry Coffin, Sankaty Head G.C.; Robert Connolly, Woburn G.C.; John Paul Jones, Royal Crest C.C., and Francis Murphy, C.C. of Halifax.

The February issue of *Golf Magazine* had an interesting feature on the man who tends to the grooming responsibilities at the Essex C.C. Pat Kriksceonaitis is the subject of the article that also reveals legendary golf course architect Donald Ross worked and lived at Essex Country Club for three years.

GERRY FINN

“I can remember when the superintendent was ‘the greenskeeper’ and nothing more than a guy with a rake in his hand and hope in his heart . . .”

George Cohen, 1987

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

MEMBERSHIP

Proposed for Membership: Greg Barker, Superintendent, New England Country Club; Arik Carlson, Superintendent, The Patterson Club, Fairfield, Conn.; Matthew Kowal, Assistant Superintendent, Franconia Golf Club; Rotondo Precast, Friend, Avon, Conn.; Bob Anania, Affiliate, Rotondo Precast; Harvard Golf Partners, Friend, Harvard, Mass.; Bob Piantedosi, Affiliate, Harvard Golf Partners; Joe Trosky, Affiliate, Northern Nurseries.

Welcome New Members: Ben Neuman, Superintendent, Swanson Meadows Golf Club; Michael Guiney, Assistant Superintendent, Wayland Country Club; John Rourke, Assistant Superintendent, Poquoy Brook Golf Club; Stephen O'Brien, Assistant Superintendent, Salem Country Club; Jim McCabe, Honorary, The Boston Globe; Joe Gordon, Honorary, Boston Herald; Ciccarelli Landscaping, Friend; Winding Brook Turf Farm, Friend; Norfolk Power Equipment, Friend.

INFORMATION

Thank you to Tom Ackley, CGCS, and all the staff at Juniper Hill G.C. for hosting the April meeting.

Kevin Corvino, formerly assistant superintendent at Charles River C.C., is now superintendent at Fresh Pond G.C.

Sterling Golf Management has signed a lease to operate the Shaddock G.C. as of April 20, 2002.

POSITION OPENINGS

Superintendent. Kingswood Golf Club is a 18-hole semi-private course in Wolfeboro, N.H. Qualifications include superintendent or assistant experience, proven success in staff management, experience in communicating and working with a board of directors, and experience with irrigation systems. A degree in turf management is a plus. Must have or obtain a N.H. pesticide license. Send resume to: Kingswood Golf Club, P. O. Box 687, Wolfeboro, NH 03894; fax: (603) 569-3561; E-mail: kgc@worldpath.net.

Superintendent. Rowley Country Club, Rowley, Mass., is a 9-hole course built in 1971. Phil Wogan was the architect of this championship layout, considered by many to be among the best 9-hole golf tracks in New England and ranked in the top-10 most challenging in the state. The site includes a golf course, pro-shop, practice area, maintenance facility, and clubhouse. Preferred qualifications include three years experience as assistant; two years of education in agronomy;

pathology; fertilization / pesticide / herbicide application; turf management; course construction / maintenance / landscape design; three years supervisory experience; and current Mass. pesticide license. Individual must be highly-motivated and detail oriented. Salary/wages commensurate with experience. Benefits include bonus, winter vacation, 60% employer-paid health insurance, dues for local/national associations, expenses for local turf conferences/seminars, and golfing privileges. Deadline immediate. E-mail resume and three references to brijosodowd@aol.com or mail to: Brian O'Dowd, Director of Golf, Rowley Country Club, 235 Dodge Road, Rowley, MA 01833.

First Assistant Superintendent/Mechanic. Whitinsville Golf Club, Whitinsville, Mass. is a 9-hole Donald Ross golf course built in 1925. Individuals should have knowledge of pesticide application, crew supervision, and equipment maintenance. Whitinsville is currently in the process of planning an irrigation upgrade. Applicant must have a minimum of three years as an assistant or foreman. Comprehensive benefit package is offered. Position is open until filled. Send resume to: Paul Wilson, Superintendent, Whitinsville Golf Club, P.O. Box 128, 179 Fletcher Street, Whitinsville, MA 01588.

Second Assistant Superintendent. Haverhill Country Club, Haverhill, Mass., is a private 18-hole country club built in 1925 by Wayne Stiles. Haverhill is one of the sites for the 2002 MGA Amateur qualifying round. Duties: employee training/ supervision, chemical spraying, fertilizer applications, and maintenance of a Toro network 8000 irrigation system. Qualifications include a two-year degree in turfgrass management or comparable experience; at least two years of golf course experience; a working knowledge of an irrigation system; and willingness to obtain a Mass. pesticide license within three months. Compensation commensurate with experience. Excellent benefits and 401k. Position is open until filled. Send resume to: Matt Behl, Supt., Haverhill Country Club, Brickett Lane, Haverhill, MA 01861.

(2) 2nd Assistant Superintendents. Blue Hill Country Club, Canton, Mass., offers an excellent opportunity, with year-round employment on a 27-hole course. Individuals should be motivated, willing to learn, have golf course experience (or college experience), and be willing to obtain a Mass. pesticide license. Compensation commensurate with experience. Benefits include health/life insurance, 401k, vacation, dues for local association, and conferences/shows. Position is open until filled. Send resume to: Vincent Iacono, Golf Course Supt., Blue Hill Country Club, 23 Pecunit Street, Canton, MA 02021.

2nd Assistant Superintendent. Pine Brook Country Club, Weston, Mass., is a private 18-hole golf course in the metropolitan Boston area. Designed in 1924 by Stiles and Van Cleek, Pine Brook sits just minutes away from the Mass Pike and Rte. 95. Individual should possess a desire to excel. Education required depends on experience. Individual must be self-motivated and able to work long hours. A team player is a must. Responsibilities include: supervising crew and implementing daily schedule, course setup, plant protectant applications, record keeping, scouting, and irrigation system maintenance. Salary or wages commensurate with experience. Also included are paid winter vacations, 90% employer-paid health insurance, 401k, dues for local/national associations, expenses for local turf conference/seminars, and golfing privileges. Position is open until filled. Please send resume to: Michael V. Iacono, CGCS, Pine Brook Country Club, 42 Newton Street, Weston, MA 02493.

Golf Course Irrigation Technician/2nd Assistant Superintendent. Dedham Country and Polo Club, Dedham, Mass., is a private 18-hole club that opened in 1920 with Bent/poa greens, tees and fairways. The club seeks a highly motivated individual to maintain a Toro Network 8000 irrigation system and assist in daily operation of the golf course. Salary is negotiable on basis of experience and qualifications. Also included are health/dental insurance, 401k plan, paid vacation, association dues, and golfing privileges. Position will remain open until filled. Send resume to: David J. Ferrantino, Director of Golf Course and Grounds Operations, The Dedham Country and Polo Club, 124 Country Club Road, Dedham, MA 02027.

Spray Technician/2nd Assistant Course Manager. Cape Cod National Golf Club, Brewster/Harwich, Mass., is a privately-owned private club that opened in 1998. Greens are L-93 with tees/fairways being a 50/50 blend of L-93 and Pennlinks. The irrigation system is Rainbird with Nimbus software. Responsibilities include fertilizer/pesticide application, general course maintenance, irrigation system maintenance, project supervision, and recordkeeping. Qualifications include a two-year degree in turf (four-year degree preferred), a Mass. pesticide license (with a minimum of one year of regular pesticide application), and three years of golf course management experience. Compensation includes competitive yearly salary, health benefits after six months, retirement plan after one year, vacation, and dues paid for professional association and local conferences. Position will remain open until filled. Send resume to: Steven Cadenelli, CGCS, Cape Cod National Golf Club, P.O. Box 1615, Harwich, MA 02645; or E-mail: sgccng@prodigy.net.

Meet host superintendent Tom Harrington, Indian Pond C.C.

The June meeting of the GCSANE is a joint meeting with the Golf Course Managers Association of Cape Cod. GCSANE is hosting the tournament, and we will get to visit one of the newer clubs in the region. Tom Harrington will be our host at Indian Pond C.C., Kingston, Mass.

Tom has been superintendent at Indian Pond C.C. for three years. The course is in its second full year of operation. Previous to joining Indian Pond, Tom gained 11 years

of experience working with Manuel Francis at Green Harbor G.C. in Marshfield, Mass. Tom has participated in environmental

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management programs at Indian Pond, including Golf Course Development and IPM.

Indian Pond, a private, 18-hole championship course, is a par-72 with 28 acres of fairway and 40 acres of rough, and was

designed by an architectural firm based in northern California. It is part of the Indian Pond Estates community, which is developing approximately 325 home sites.

Tom and his wife Nicola have been married for 13 years. They reside in Kingston, Mass. and have two children, Angela (6) and Liam (2). When Tom is not working diligently on the golf course, he enjoys playing golf and spending time with his family.

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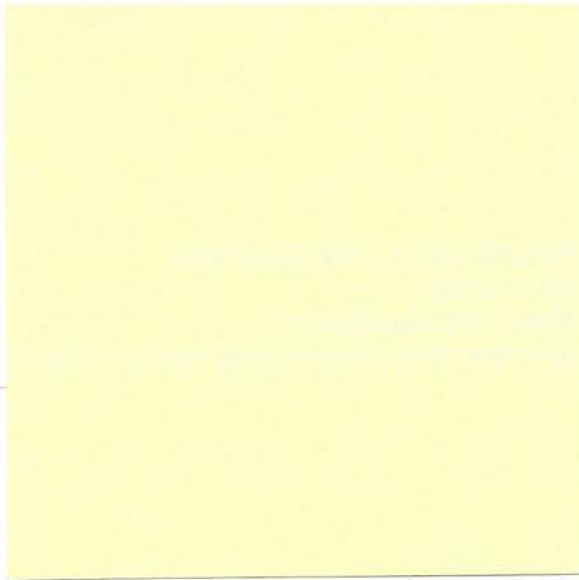
irrigation laterals (where native soil had been replaced by sand topdressing) burn. The fairways were not under the same stress and I didn't have manpower to hand syringe these lines. The second year when I began using the system early and on a set schedule, we experienced similar drought stress, but the laterals did not burn.

"I have been diligent about using it ever since. I will never be without an injection system for wetting agents. It is the first thing I ordered when I took over at Potowomut G.C. I installed it a few weeks ago, and when the time comes, I will be letting it fly.

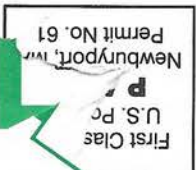
"Since I have made a free pitch for all the injection system distributors, let me make a pitch for those who just sell wetting agents. I have injected six different types

of wetting agents. All had success. There were no noticeable differences between them. I do not have any stock in any of those companies, but I can not stress enough to everyone who does not own an injection system: BUY one. There are many different reasons that courses need wetting agents and I can't think of an easier method of application. It is a 'No Brainer.'"

Gerry Finn contributed two interviews this month.



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