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At Cyprian Keyes, noted for its junior development, Dick Zepp makes time for teaching as well as for turf

By Dave Nordman

Kids and championship golf courses usually go together like oil and water.

Not so at Cyprian Keyes Golf Club, a 27-hole public layout, located on East Temple Street in Boylston, Mass., just a well-struck 3-iron or so north of Worcester.

Cyprian Keyes, which opened in 1997, welcomes young golfers with open arms. In fact, last year it was recognized by the editors of *Golf Digest* as the best golf course in the country for junior development.

And while golf pros Terry and John O'Hara are busy teaching the proper swing, stance and grip, director of maintenance Dick Zepp, CGCS, keeps busy as well, orientating youngsters on proper golf etiquette.

After all, like all golf course superintendents, it's in his best interest.

"I try to get involved with the junior golf program," said Zepp, a longtime GCSANE member who has been at Cyprian Keyes since before its opening. "It's important to teach kids how to replace divots, fix ball marks, and rake traps. It pays off in the long run. But we're good natured about it. We try to make it a positive, learning experience for them."

During a recent school vacation week, Zepp made it a point to set aside a few hours a day out of his hectic schedule to ride around the golf course, offering advice to junior golfers while stressing some do's and don'ts.

"If a kid has his bag on the green, I'll tell him why we don't do that," Zepp said.

The way he sees it, kids want to learn, and he'll do anything for them, except maybe take the collared shirt off his back. "They respond very well," Zepp said. "Junior golf is an important part of what we do here."

While Cyprian Keyes' 18-hole championship course measures 6,871 yards from the tips, the par-3 course is a much less intimidating 1,260 yards, perfect for those beginners and juniors.

Zepp is quick to point out that while the par-3 course is noticeably easier – holes range from 115-165 yards – the same architects (Cornish, Silva, & Mungeam) built both courses. And Zepp and his staff of five full-time, year-round employees, plus 22 seasonal and summer employees, groom both courses with the same TLC.

"We care for all 27 holes exactly the same," Zepp said. "Some would expect that we would give more attention to the 18-hole course, but we don't. We take pride in having one of the best nine-hole, par-3 courses around."

Zepp was the superintendent at one of the region's best private nine-hole courses, Donald Ross-designed Whitinsville Golf Club, for 21 years before making the move to Cyprian Keyes.

The courses are much different, but Zepp's approach remains the same.

While Whitinsville caters to a small membership, Cyprian Keyes advertises private club conditions to the public at reasonable rates. It's Zepp's job to

make sure the bentgrass tees, greens, and fairways are up to snuff – even after thousands of rounds.

"I think we offer a pretty good product," he said.

In addition to the 230-acre golf course, Zepp is also responsible for upkeep of a double-ended driving range, practice greens, and bunkers, as well as an expansive, colonial-style clubhouse.

"There's a tremendous amount of pressure," Zepp said. But not from course owners Bob and Liz Frem. "It's all self-imposed," he admits.

Keeping any course in tip-top shape is difficult. Keeping Cyprian Keyes in shape presents its own set of challenges, starting with the rocky land-

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scape. The terrain is typical of newer New England courses.

Zepp is reminded of this every time he digs a drainage ditch or tackles an irrigation project. "You don't have to dig very far to find rock," he said.

Zepp must also be mindful of Cyprian Keyes' acres of "environmentally sensitive" areas, working closely with the Boylston Conservation Commission to ensure the protection of these wetlands.

Zepp is thankful Cyprian Keyes is not located in a Zone 2 wellhead protection area – a recharge area for the town's public water supply is located just down the street – so his crew is allowed to clear brush and trim tree branches during the winter months when the wetlands are frozen over.

"We're not restricted in what (type of chemicals) we can use," Zepp said. "But we're still very careful."

Zepp has also been careful not to disturb Cyprian Keyes' layout, which has been rated by many publications as one of the best in the country. Its narrow, tree-lined fairways – some would call it "target golf" – lure some of the best amateur golfers in the Northeast.

"You're not really hitting to a target," Zepp said. "but it's definitely narrow."

While he is always looking for ways to make the course more playable – Zepp prefers the term "user friendly" – he doesn't want to make the course any easier.

He's taken down some trees that seemed out of place and others that helped improve air flow, but plans to stop there.

"The course is difficult," Zepp said. "But most of our regulars play here because they like the tree-lined fairways. They like the challenge, and we don't want to mess with a good thing." 🌳

CALENDAR . . .

- June 15 **GCSANE Monthly Meeting**
The Meadows at Peabody
Peabody, Mass.
Host: Richard Duggan, CGCS
- June 21 **UMass Turf Research Field Day**
University of Massachusetts
Joseph Troll Turf Research Center
South Deerfield, Mass.
- July 10 **GCSANE Monthly Meeting**
Juniper Hills Golf Course
Northborough, Mass.
Host: Thomas L. Ackley, CGCS
- August 22 **GCSANE Monthly Meeting Individual Championship**
Marlborough Country Club
(permanent yearly site)
Marlborough, Mass.
Host: Kenneth Crimmings, CGCS
- August 23 **URI Turfgrass Field Day**
Skogley Memorial
Turf Research Facility
Kingston, R.I.
Registration: www.uriturf.org
- Sept. 18 **Superintendent / Club Official Tournament**
Winchester Country Club
Winchester, Mass.
Host: Dennis Houle
- Oct. 2 **GCSANE Monthly Meeting**
Vesper Country Club
Tyngsboro, Mass.
Host: Donald E. Hearn, CGCS
- Oct. 23 **Dr. Joseph Troll Turf Education Fundraiser**
Westchester Country Club
Westchester, N.Y.
Host: Joseph Alonzi, CGCS
- Nov. 6 **GCSANE Monthly Meeting 9-Hole Meeting**
Harmon Golf
Rockland, Mass.
Host: Christopher Tufts
- Nov. 15 (Wed.) **GCSAA Seminar**
GPS/GIS Tools for Effective Course Management
Cyprian Keyes Golf Club
Boylston, Mass.
- Nov. 16 (Thurs.) **GCSAA Seminar**
Solving Your Drainage Problems
Cyprian Keyes Golf Club
Boylston, Mass.

UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS TURF RESEARCH FIELD DAY

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21, 2006

To be held rain or shine at the Joseph Troll Turf Research Center, South Deerfield, Massachusetts

8:00-9:00 Registration - Trade Show - Equipment Demonstrations* - Building Tours with Dr. Joe Troll

9:00 Welcoming Remarks

9:15-11:15 Featured Research Presentations:

- Wear Tolerance in Creeping and Velvet Bentgrass
- Differentiating Between the Influence of Wear and Soil Compaction
- Lab Demonstration: A Peek at Nematodes
- Tracking Growing Degree Days for Crabgrass Phenology
- New Options for Grub and Surface Insect Management in Turf
- Managing Pesticide Exposure from Treated Turf

11:15-11:45 Turf Diagnostics Report & Open Forum with the UMass Turf Team

11:45 Lunch - Trade Show - Equipment Demonstrations*

Following Lunch: Massachusetts Association of Lawn Care Professionals Monthly Meeting
UMass Turf Program Advisory Board Meeting

* VENDOR/EXHIBITORS – Equipment demonstrations must be arranged in advance with Thom Griffin, (413) 665-4360.

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For more information contact: Jason Lanier at (413) 545-2965, Mary Owen at (508) 892-0382, or e-mail fieldday@umassturf.org

REGISTRATION FORM

Pre-registration deadline: June 20, 2006. Return this form (with your check payable to *University of Massachusetts*) to: **Turf Field Day, UMass Extension, French Hall, 230 Stockbridge Road, Amherst, MA 01003.** * Municipalities may register using a PR# or PO# and faxing those registrations to (413) 577-1620.

FOR ATTENDEES:

_____ attendees @ \$45 each* = \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED = \$ _____

FOR VENDORS/EXHIBITORS:

Vendor/Exhibitor registration** = \$ 150
_____ additional lunches @ \$15 each = \$ _____
TOTAL ENCLOSED = \$ _____

*Attendees: \$5 additional charge for on-site registration June 21. Morning coffee & lunch is included in the registration fee.

**VENDORS/EXHIBITORS: Fee includes 2 lunches, a table, and two chairs. Additional lunches are extra. You may set up after 6 a.m. on June 21. If there are any special requirements, or if you wish to set up June 20, please contact Thom Griffin at (413) 665-4360.

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UMASS TURF RESEARCH FIELD DAY 2006

Wednesday, June 21, 2006
Joseph Troll Turf Research Center
South Deerfield, Massachusetts

From the North: From Route 91 take exit 25. Turn left onto Route 116. Follow 116 South to River Road (on the left just before the Connecticut River bridge). Turn left onto River Road. The Center is on the corner of Route 116 and River Road.

From the South: From Route 91 take Exit 24. Turn right onto Route 5 North. Turn right onto Route 116. Follow Route 116 to River Road (on the left just before the Connecticut River Bridge). Turn left onto River Road. The Center is on the corner of Route 116 and River Road.

Turf managers and their associates from across the Northeast Region are invited to attend University of Massachusetts Turf Research Field Day on Wednesday, June 21, 2006. As always, this year's event will be held at the recently dedicated Joseph Troll Turfgrass Research Center on River Road in South Deerfield, Massachusetts. Please join us for an update on ongoing improvements to the Center, and to see our brand new teaching, research, and maintenance building.



As always, attendees will have the opportunity to meet the researchers and educators of the UMass Turf Team, and to hear about and *see* current turf research underway at UMass. Several ongoing studies will be highlighted at Field Day, including an array of National Turfgrass Evaluation Program (NTEP) trials. The half-day agenda will include a trade show, and Green Industry vendors and exhibitors will be on hand.

QUESTIONS ABOUT FIELD DAY 2006? E-Mail fieldday@umassturf.org

Support the UMass Turf Program with your presence at Turf Field Day 2006! Come to learn about cutting-edge turf research, network with colleagues, and meet with vendors. Join Dr. Joe Troll for tours of the facility named in his honor. Pesticide recertification contact hours will be available for all New England states. Morning coffee and barbecue lunch are included in the price of registration. For additional information, including attendee/exhibitor registration information, please refer to the reverse side of this sheet. → →

Visit our web site for further UMass Turf Research Field Day information, as well as information on:

- **Winter School for Turf Managers** – Intensive 7 week short-course held annually in January – February. Application materials for the 2007 session will be available in July.
- **Diagnostic Services** – A wide range of turf diagnostic services is available from UMass, including disease diagnosis, nematode assay, turf insect identification, and weed identification.
- How to sign up for the **free TurfTalk e-mail list**, with timely turf **Management Updates**.

<http://www.umassturf.org>

GCSANE president sees the ideal formula at April meeting: A little golf, a little shop talk, and a good bit of camaraderie

Welcome to spring. As the trees are trying to leaf out the different colors of



green are spectacular. Everyday there is a change in the scenery. With the low rainfall the past month it's firm and fast on the links. I've never watered in April as much as I have this year. Every year

presents its own challenges, and this year is starting out on its own course. Hold on for the ride.

The April meeting with the Cape association was very well-attended – over 100 people. Mr. Small had the course in great shape. Afterwards there was a short meeting followed by a discussion on bringing the turf out of winter, led by Tom Brodeur and Jim Medeiros, CGCS. It was a great start to our summer season; a little golf, a little shop talk, and a good bit of camaraderie.

The June meeting at The Meadows in Peabody will be hosted by Dick Duggan, CGCS, and will follow a similar format.

We are trying to put together a session on the recent happenings at the D.E.P. and their management of the water use permits in stressed basins. There has

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been a recent court ruling which gives the department a stronger position in allocating the resource. When the speakers are confirmed I'll let you know the details, so plan on attending.

Several years ago the board requested a website for our association. Russ Heller, CGCS, was brave enough to enter uncharted waters and got us up and running. After a few years of learning and getting comfortable with

this technology it was requested to "bring it to the next level" (gotta love that phrase). Russ had taken on new responsibilities and the project was handed to Mike Luccini, CGCS. Mike and his committee brought a strong proposal to the board last month to upgrade the web site and the board approved. You'll hear more on this exciting news next month.

There has been a lot happening at the state university (UMass). The plant physiologist position has been filled by Dr. Michele DaCosta. The plant pathologist position will be filled shortly. Another sign of new life is the rejuvenated Turf Club. This past month, six university students applied for membership in our association. A little show of support should help continue the progress at the university. It would be great to see a good showing by the golf industry at the Turf Field Day in South Deerfield on June 21.

That's all for now. Time to play catch with the kids.

Sincerely,
Pat Kriksceonaitis
President, GCSANE

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Joseph Alonzi, CGCS, Host

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and ATG information are available online at
www.alumniturfgroup.com

The field is limited to the first 248 players that sign up.

UMass Board of Trustees awards honorary degree to pioneer superintendent Sherwood A. Moore

By Steve Goodwin,
Associate Dean,
College of Natural Resources
& the Environment,
University of Massachusetts

The University of Massachusetts Amherst has announced that Sherwood A. Moore will receive an honorary degree during the Stockbridge School Commencement on May 27. This recognition, the highest awarded by the university, is the result of a vote by the Board of Trustees. Of course, most of you know the Sherwood "legend" even better than we do, but I thought it would be appropriate to include just a few paragraphs that discuss Sherwood's accomplishments.

Sherwood, a graduate of Northampton High School, began training for his career in 1934 in the Stockbridge School of Agriculture (of the then Massachusetts Agricultural College). He was an early participant in the Winter School for Greenskeepers and Golf Course Foremen. The program, which was the first of its kind in the nation, continues at the University of Massachusetts-Amherst to this day.

Many of his colleagues refer to Sherwood as being "the first superintendent." He served in this role at several golf courses, including the fabled Winged Foot in Mamaroneck, N.Y. He prepared Winged Foot for the U. S. Open in 1959 and 1984, and also for the U. S. Senior Open in 1980.

Dr. Cleve Willis (left), Dean of the College of Natural Resources & the Environment, at the University of Massachusetts, and honorary degree recipient Sherwood A. Moore. UMass honors the pioneer golf course superintendent, pest management innovator, educator, and spokesman for the profession at its Stockbridge, Mass. commencement on May 27.



Within the industry, Sherwood has been an innovator of pest management techniques and the use of new equipment. Sherwood served the turf management industry as an articulate spokesman and a dedicated educator, having written many articles and mentored some of the best superintendents on the nation's courses today. He led the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America in 1962 as its President.

In 1987, Sherwood received the Green Section Award, the highest recognition bestowed for turfgrass management by the United States Golf Association. In 1990, he received the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America's most prestigious honor, the Old Tom Morris Award. Sherwood is one of only two golf course superintendents that have been so honored. Other distin-

guished recipients include former president Gerald Ford (1985), Bob Hope (1984), and Byron Nelson (1994).

Sherwood has long been a friend of the College of Natural Resources and the Environment and of the University of Massachusetts. In recent years, his voice has been instrumental in generating enthusiasm for the reinvigoration of the UMass Turf Program.

I know you will want to join us in passing on congratulations to Sherwood for this thoroughly deserved honor. 🏌️

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As we all know, gasoline was recently converted from an MBTE-based product to a 10% ethanol product. In terms of background, gasoline with 10% ethanol has been marketed successfully

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over 20 years. In some states (Minnesota, New York, Connecticut, and California), virtually all of the gasoline contains ethanol. Experience elsewhere in the United States has shown that problems can be minimal to non-existent if tank owners pay careful attention to a few housekeeping details.

A well-maintained tank with no water and a final filter used on the dispensing hose can generally be filled with an ethanol blend with no special preparation. A tank containing water must have the water removed before filling. Any water problems must be identified and remedied. Once the changeover is made on a sound tank, the gasoline in your tanks should remain clean and dry with proper driveway drainage and good housekeeping practices.

It is recommended to fill 80% of the tank capacity on the first delivery of ethanol blended gasoline. After the initial delivery, it is recommended that operators dispense a few gallons of product through each dispenser to ensure that it is clear and bright and not cloudy. It is further suggested to top off the tank 7-to-10 days after the initial delivery. The reason for this is to allow the solvent effect of the ethanol to loosen any sediment or varnish type deposits from the sides and upper portions of the tank during a time frame when everyone is aware of the conversion. Check pump flow rates and replace filters if necessary.

During the first 48 hours after delivery, tanks should be tested for water bottoms and/or phase separation once every eight hours using a tank gauge

stick and the appropriate water detection paste, even if the unit is equipped with an automatic inventory measurement system and water detector alarms, as these devices are usually not able to detect water levels under 1". Be sure the detection paste used is approved for ethanol blended fuels.

Gasoline/ethanol blends will pick up and remove trace levels of water from the system, thus eliminating water build-up in properly maintained tanks. To

Once you have completed the initial conversion period, there should be no difference in day-to-day operations except for checking for water on a daily basis.

catch any new intrusions early, daily water monitoring is recommended.

Keeping water out of your gasoline storage tanks is very important. Review your tank's history of water accumulation and removal. If a tank has a history of needing water removal, you must identify and eliminate the conditions that allowed water entry. If 50 gallons of water were mixed with 10,000 gallons of gasoline, it would likely result in nearly 1,000 gallons of off-spec product, hazardous waste disposal costs, and lost revenues while the tank is off-line.

The introduction of approximately 0.5% water (50 gallons in a full 10,000-gallon tank) may cause the product to separate into two phases. The upper phase is primarily gasoline. The lower phase is about 70° ethanol, 20% water, and 10% hydrocarbons, and it is not suitable as fuel. Since product is pumped from the bottom of the tank, it is this mixture that would be pumped to the dispenser. A final dispenser fuel filter

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Looking to network with industry professionals, rejuvenated UMass-Stockbridge Turf Club partners with Cherry Hill G.C.

The UMass-Stockbridge Turf Club recently completed construction of a new tee box for the fourth hole at Cherry Hill Golf Course. A collaborative effort between Dan Engstrom, the golf course superintendent, and students from the University of Massachusetts and Stockbridge School of Agriculture helped make this possible.

In a rural New England setting among rolling hills and natural wetlands, Cherry Hill is a public, 9-hole course located in Amherst, Mass. The golf course is only two miles from campus and serves as a recreation facility for many university students. Because of the heavy traffic sustained to their tee boxes, the overall turf quality on some of their tees has declined. Therefore, the idea to renovate some of their existing tee boxes was made. Soil and sod was

made available by the golf course and labor was provided by the students.

"The Turf Club is always trying to find ways to integrate with the industry and we believe we have found a strong partner in Dan Engstrom and Cherry Hill Golf Course," said Pat Folan, President of the Turf Club. "Efforts like this will help sustain the viability of the Turf Club and will, in turn, benefit a local course."

The Turf Club was rejuvenated in the spring of 2005 and currently has 16 members. In addition to the construc-

tion projects at Cherry Hill Golf Course, the Turf Club has maintained one of the baseball facilities on campus, has recently visited Fenway Park for a field trip, and has many more projects on the table. The club's goal is to network with fellow students and industry professionals in an effort to become further involved with the turfgrass industry.

For more information about the Turf Club visit <http://www.freewebs.com/umassturfclub/>.

UMass-Stockbridge Press Release

GCSANE Family Night Out

**Wednesday, August 30, 2006
Campanelli Stadium
One Fineberg Way
Brockton, Mass.**

The Brockton Rox play in the Canadian-American Association of Professional Baseball. Visit with KO, the Rox Mascot and enjoy a night out with your family. The Rox picnic pavilion is located over the right field wall. Enjoy a pre-game, all-you-can-eat cookout with your family and friends and a night out at the ballpark.

Rox Picnic Menu. Enjoy the great taste of an all-American cuisine including hot dogs, hamburgers, BBQ chicken, potato salad, baked beans, cookies, tea, and lemonade.

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6:05 pmGates open & picnic begins
7:05 pmRox vs. Worcester Tornadoes

Cost:

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**Pat Daly
Framingham Country Club
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Above, the UMass-Stockbridge Turf Club tours Fenway Park in Boston, Mass. In addition to the construction projects at Cherry Hill G.C., the 16-member Turf Club maintains one of the baseball facilities on the campus. The goal of the club is to network with students and industry professionals to become more involved in the turfgrass industry.

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by George Pennington,
The Marlborough Enterprise

Time to clean the clubs and stock up on golf balls, the spring season is well underway at the Marlborough Country Club.

The golf course, which opened for the 94th time last month, is far different from the nine-hole course Wayne E. Stiles designed almost a century ago after apple trees were cleared from the 65-acre plot.

Nine more holes, now the front nine, designed by Geoffrey Cornish, were added in 1970 completing the 18-hole golf course.

After a long winter, golfers couldn't wait to get out and play a round or two. Behind the scenes, course superintendent Ken Crimmings and his staff put in many hours to make sure things are top notch.

The crew raked the 27 acres of tees, fairways and greens and 30 acres of rough areas. They had to remove every downed tree branch, leaf, and twig.

Using sophisticated and expensive mowing machines, staff members keep the greens trimmed with technological precision. For the most part, spring cleanup was accomplished with a chainsaw and a rake. Other basic tools such as tarps are used to adjust soil temperatures and moisture levels. Seed won't take and cups cannot be cut into a green still holding frost.

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"People might be surprised by the expenses involved with managing the course," said Crimmings. "We have three mowers for the greens that cost \$24,000 apiece, and three fairway mowers that cost \$49,000 each."

These mowers run for four hours at a time, three times a week. There is a computerized irrigation system with 350 sprinklers. Radio controls for each sprinkler can be set to adjust watering for slope and firmness of soil for cycled soaking, 90 percent of which occurs at night.

Crimmings, a graduate of UMass Winter School for Turf Management, uses the school to test soil samples and to train staff.

Helping Crimmings at the course are assistant superintendent Tim Crane, second assistant Jeremy Galvin, and Lee Jordan, who has been the mechanic at Marlborough Country Club for the past 15 years.

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paths, repairing stone walls and replacing old or damaged drainage pipes.

The north branch of Mowry Brook runs through and under parts of the front nine, and the Mowry Brook runs under fairways on the back nine. Replacing culverts means digging up fairways and since the work should be done when the flow of water is at its

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New England Regional Turfgrass Foundation director issues a region-wide 'call to fund' turfgrass research

By Gary Sykes,
Executive Director, NERTF

Turfgrass research, whether it is done on a university or out of necessity on a hunch, continues to fuel the progress of the turfgrass industry. Recently, I read an article in the USGA Greens Record that quoted Ken Blanchard, "Praise Progress. It's a moving target." This suggests if we praise progress, we then encourage more progress. When a new worker is making a real effort to keep their lines straight and shows improvement, then a private praise conveys that their efforts are appreciated. This positive reinforcement will pay dividends in many areas of that worker's job performance, and if instituted throughout the workforce, the entire crew will be affected.

Over the last nine years since the footings of the New England Regional Turfgrass Foundation were first set in

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place, the foundation has contracted to fund 24 research, education, and building projects, some through the year 2009, worth in total more than \$900,000 to expand the "progress" of the turfgrass industry here in the New England region. This includes two new projects on Anthracnose (Mitkowski, URI) and Dollar Spot (Kaminski, UConn) starting in 2006. The turfgrass conference and show has generated most of the funding made available for these projects. In the meantime, an endowment has been created and is building toward the goal of \$1,000,000 to supply an added secured funding source for further funding expansion. These things do take time to be put in place, and economic pressures on the turfgrass show have slowed the amount of investment-building that the foundation is capable of.

Hence, a call to fund! Each year the New England Regional Turfgrass Research Trust, which is a separate appendage of the foundation, sends a newsletter to each golf course to report on the state of N.E. turfgrass research and includes some research progress reporting. Along with this newsletter is an invitation to submit to your turf maintenance budget or club to donate \$200 toward funding turfgrass research

in New England. With the size of most budgets in New England, we would hope many if not all clubs would participate in this program each year. As we stated in the past, a course entertaining 20,000 rounds would invest one cent per round; 40,000 rounds would mean a half-cent per round. Understandably, \$200 doesn't fund much research, but \$200 multiplied by 400, 500 or even more clubs could greatly accelerate the process. A second point that I like to suggest: This is an opportunity to shuttle funding from the "end-user," the golfer who enjoys the greatest benefits each day.

We need to mobilize this effort! Remember this: The conditions of today came from the research of yesterday, so today's research is just as important to ensure better conditions for tomorrow!

Once again, thank you for all your interest and input in where the turfgrass industry in New England is headed. It is important that we all stay involved. Taking the time and money to donate to the NERTRT is well spent, and will help to keep our industry in motion in the right direction. If you by chance "round-filed" the contribution form, another may be obtained by visiting our web site at www.nertf.org (the NERTRT section), or call my office at (401) 841-5490. Please consider getting your club involved in this important funding opportunity. We need to mobilize this effort! Remember this: The conditions of today came from the research of yesterday, so today's research is just as important to ensure better conditions for tomorrow! 🌱

GCSANE scholarship applications available

The GCSANE Scholarship Awards offer educational aid to the spouse, children and grandchildren of all GCSANE members. Scholarships are awarded annually with the outstanding applicant receiving the Thomas Schofield Memorial Scholarship.

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Applications will be reviewed by a committee of seven GCSANE members. All decisions of the committee will be final. Applicants will be notified by mail of their status by August 15 of the year submitted.

To receive an application and the eligibility requirements, please contact Ron Dobosz, Scholarship & Benevolence Chairperson, 413-589-9487 or e-mail: rdobosz111@aol.com.

Scholarship applications must be postmarked by July 1 of the year submitted. 🌱

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A glowing newspaper profile puts Marlborough C.C. in the spotlight

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lowest, golfers will probably be using the course when the new pipes, which are already on-site, go underground.

The Conservation Commission has approved the proposed work to be done within 100 feet of the abundant wetlands, and permits are being issued.

"Ken (Crimmings) manages one of the most green golf courses I know of," said Conservation Commission officer Pricilla Ryder. "Not just green, but environmentally green. After putting up houses on the course to attract bluebirds, the DPW followed suit, and along with the local Boy Scout troop, built and installed bluebird houses in the fields around Ghiloni Park. What a good idea!"

Crimmings is looking forward to Norm Nelson coming back every week this season to keep track of the nesting birds, count eggs, and to promote the population of attractive songbirds to the area. Also returning to the staff for the warmer months will be gardener Diane Doherty, who keeps the 17 flowerbeds on the grounds filled with colors of spring, summer and fall.

Excellent course conditions are expected for the coming summer season.

'Housekeeping details' key to efficient use of ethanol-based gasoline

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designed to detect and stop phase-separated product from being dispensed to vehicles is highly recommended.

It is also recommended that each retail pump or dispenser be fitted with a 10 micron "water sorb" filter. Filters listed for use with gasoline-ethanol blends should be obtained prior to delivery of the blend, for installation at first delivery.

Once you have completed the initial conversion period, there should be no difference in day-to-day operations except for checking for water on a daily basis. However, if you are still experiencing problems and/or you have any questions regarding the use of ethanol blended gasoline, you should contact your fuel distributor. ■

A border collie, "Whisp," keeps the fairways relatively free of geese, and since the water hazards are not very large, the geese are not attracted to them.

Some of the water hazards are deep though. Don't forget to stock up on golf balls.

Marlborough Country Club on Concord Road is a semi-private golf course that is open to the public Mondays and Tuesdays and offers a

venue for corporate and charity functions. A clubhouse restaurant is also open to the public and is the oldest established restaurant in Marlborough. For more information call 508-485-1660. ■

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

MEMBERSHIP

Welcome New Members: Ryan M. Anderson, Assistant Superintendent, Brockton C.C. Brockton, Mass.; Justin E. Bousquet, Superintendent, Brockton C.C., Brockton Mass.; and Eric Hagenstein, Affiliate, Allens Seed Store, Exeter, R.I.

Proposed for Membership: Pat Folan, Student, UMass-Amherst; Joseph T. Gikis, Student, UMass-Amherst; Stephen Hicks, Student UMass-Amherst; Lindsey Hoffman, Student UMass-Amherst; John Mills, Assistant, Nantucket G.C., Nantucket, Mass.; Marc Mimmo, Student, UMass-Amherst; Ethan M. Tease, Assistant, Woodland G.C., Auburndale Mass.; Keith J. Tortorella, Affiliate Country Club Enterprises, Wareham, Mass.; and Daniel Vetere, Student, UMass-Amherst.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our condolences are extended to Matt Marrone and his family after the recent passing of their daughter, Emma.

Condolences go to Bob Goglia and family on the recent passing of Bob's mother Ella Mae Goglia.

Condolences go to the Bruni family on the passing of Peter Bruni after a long illness. Peter was the assistant superintendent at Essex C.C.

MEMBERS ON THE MOVE

Congratulations to Matt Ponte as he is promoted from assistant superintendent to superintendent at Easton Country Club.

Congratulations to Jeff Houde as he leaves Furnace Brook to accept a sales representative position with Tom Irwin, Inc.

Congratulations to Bruce Chapman as he leaves UAP to accept a territory manager position with Barenburg USA.

Congratulations to John Lenhart as he devotes his full-time attention to New England Lawn & Golf, the New England distributor of Bernhard Company products.

GCSANE NEWS

Chris Albrecht of Ipswich Country Club was recently featured in the "Ask the Super" section of North Shore Golf magazine. Chris explained the need for aeration and the programs he follows.

Please note that the June meeting date on the calendar was incorrect last month. The correct date is June 15 at The Meadows at Peabody.

Request for Club Newsletter Articles. We all have to sit down every month to write articles for our club's newsletter, and it gets harder and harder to get inventive. If anyone is interested in e-mailing copies of their best articles to get printed in GCSANE's *Newsletter*, please send them to Mark Gagne, Editor, at mgagne@walpolecc.com, or Julie Heston, Business Manager, at jheston@verizon.net. This would be helpful to other superintendents as they search for ideas for their own club newsletters.

GOLF RESULTS

April 27, 2006

**Joint Meeting with
Golf Course Managers
Association of Cape Cod**

Olde Scotland Links
Bridgewater, Mass.

1st place: Jim Small, Joe Felicetti, Ron Dobosz, & Tom Rioux

2nd Place: Darin Eddy, John Bresnahan, Keith Tortorella, & Rich Gagnon

3rd Place: Jeff Stouffer, Mary Armstrong, Melvin O'Kelly, & Greg Misodoulakis

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Assistant Superintendent, Easton Country Club, South Easton, Mass. Easton C.C. is an 18-hole semi-private club located 30 miles south of Boston, just off Rte. 24. Applicants should have a A.S. or equivalent degree in turfgrass management. Applicants should have some experience with course equipment, mechanics, and repairs. Applicants should have a working knowledge of course set-up, daily mowing, and irrigation. Must have a Mass. Pesticide applicator's license. Must be willing to work weekends and holidays. Wage is commensurate with experience. Benefits include 50% health insurance, vacation, work clothing, local & national dues, local seminars, and golf privileges. Please send resume to: Matt Ponte, Superintendent, Easton C.C., P.O. Box 257, South Easton, MA 02375; or fax to 508-230-8917.

Assistant Superintendent, Nashua Country Club, Nashua, N.H. Nashua C.C. is a private 18-hole club in Southern New Hampshire. N.C.C. is slated for a complete greens renovation in September 2006. Applicant should have a minimum of a two-year degree in turf management. Experience should include a minimum of three years on a golf course. Applicant must have experience in staff supervision, control products, application, and irrigation. Candidate must be willing to obtain a N.H. Pesticide License. Salary is commensurate with experience, with a competitive benefits package. Please send resume to: Barrie Robertson, Superintendent, Nashua Country Club, 25 Fairway Street, Nashua, NH 03060; e-mail: superintendent@nashuacountryclub.com.

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