



# THE NEWSLETTER

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## From maintenance to the pro shop, DiRico is "The First Family" of golf

It seems that every which way you look in golf nowadays, there's a DiRico looking back at you. That's from all fronts, whether it's the pro shop or the superintendent's maintenance building. If the name doesn't impart the feeling of the first

family of golf descending on you, numbers don't mean a thing.

At last count (because you never can be sure), there were seven members of the DiRico clan servicing golfers in Massachusetts. If it isn't Bob DiRico putting a spit and polish on the players conditions at Brae Burn Country Club, it is Tom DiRico improving the grip of some frustrated golfing member at the Shaker Farms Country Club.

The DiRicos are, from left to right or in slipshod chronological order: Phil Jr., superintendent at the Hampden Country Club; Tom, head pro at the Shaker Farms Country Club; Danny, head pro at the Franconia Municipal Golf Course; David, head pro at Hampden; Bob, superintendent at the Brae Burn Country Club; Paul Jamrog (first cousin), superintendent at The Orchards Golf Club; and Jimmy, associate pro at the Shaker Farms Country Club.

There had to be a beginning to this form of golfing madness, and it found its way to the doorstep of the late Phil DiRico, Sr. who just happened to get the whole thing going when he and his wife Theresa moved within a half nine-iron shot of the Oxford Country Club in Chicopee Falls.

Phil and Theresa had five sons—Phil Jr., Tom, Danny, David, and Jimmy. Their brother and sister contributed the last two DiRico links addicts, cousins Bob DiRico and Paul Jamrog. Regardless of where they hung their hats, all seven teed it up on golf courses near the family home—at first at Oxford and eventually at the Chicopee Country Club where Phil and Theresa ran the concession stand.

All the younger DiRicos were golfers of assorted talents. According to Paul Jamrog, the measure of their playing abilities dictated which facet of golf each would follow.

To begin with, Tom and Danny were natural swingers. They were among the

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*DiRico cousin Paul Jamrog*

top players in western Massachusetts as juniors, so there never was any question about the direction they were pointed. Each would become a pro, a viable and visible one. Through the years Tom and Danny have won their share of regional and sectional golf events. What's more, they have been very active in the functioning of the PGA's Connecticut section as well as the organizing of its Western Mass. PGA Chapter.

The same background and development applies to David, who was very much the golfer his older brothers were (hockey player, too, since all three made theirs marks in that sport). His decision to join the pro ranks was expected, as was the switchover from amateur status by the youngest of the DiRicos, Jimmy.

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### August Meeting

Tuesday, August 11, 1992  
Rockland G.C., Rockland, Mass.

Host Superintendent  
Eric Newell, CGCS

9:00 a.m. Board Meeting  
No Regular Meeting  
10:00 a.m. Tee Times begin  
(Call in, make a reservation,  
and you will be notified of  
starting time and foursome.)  
3:00 p.m. Barbecue

Reservations Required  
Call by August 3  
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Eric Newell became superintendent at Rockland G.C. in May 1982 after graduating from Stockbridge. Rockland is rated one of the longest par 54 golf courses in the country, with seven holes over 200 yards. A current GCSANE board member, Eric resides in Hanover with his wife Linda, and children Matthew, 8, and Kristin, 4.

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It remained for the "soft-playing" threesome of Phil Jr., Bob DiRico, and Paul Jamrog to break the chain of commitment to the golf pro profession and turn to the golf course superintendent's field as means to making a career.

"No doubt, how you played the game made the big difference in our family," Jamrog broke down the formula for career decisions. "Phil was the oldest and he made an impact on all of us. He sort of set the tone for the so-called 'lesser golfers' of the family. The three of us—Phil, Bobby, and me—were pretty good golfers, but we had our limits.

"However, all of us loved the game and wanted to find some way to become a permanent part of it. Phil took the first step. He never was too serious a golfer, so he hooked on as a member of Max Mierzwa's crew at Chicopee. He must have caught on quick, because he began a series of jobs that moved him around the country. He had some interesting stops, too. He worked jobs in California, came back to Longmeadow, then to Springfield, had a

## Report on pesticide shelf life

*from L.I. Horticulture News*

Leftover pesticides can pose a storage problem. Safety is of course a concern, and all pesticides should be stored locked and out of reach of unauthorized persons.

The question often arises, "How long can I keep my chemicals before they lose effectiveness?" Chemical manufacturers can provide information on ranges of shelf life for pesticides. All companies contacted recommend storing pesticides no longer than two years. Other recommendations are to keep temperatures below 100°F and to not allow liquids to freeze. Extremes of temperature and long storage times can result in decomposition or a percentage loss of activity. Chemicals should be kept in original containers and tightly sealed.

Check stored pesticides regularly, especially if they have been stored over a year. Some pesticides, if stored improperly or for too long, will not mix properly. Watch for the following indications that pesticides may no longer be effective:

**Formulation**

Oil Sprays

Emulsifiable Conc.

Wettable Powders

Dusts and Granules

**Signs of Breakdown**

Sludge forms, solution separates.

Addition of water does not produce a milky solution.

Lumping, powder will not mix with water.

Excessive lumping.

brief fling at Bellevue, and finally settled in Hampden."

It also should be noted that Phil pulled some time at Shaker Farms, at the time Tom was just beginning to spread his wings there as head pro. So, that club had the unusual distinction of having brothers man the two important posts of pro and superintendent.

Meanwhile, Bob DiRico had his career-molding experience in different surroundings. Born and raised in Marlboro, Bob was touched by his relatives from afar. But there was a form of orderly development and refining of his golf course maintenance skills since he followed Phil at Bellevue before taking on the huge responsibilities his job at Brae Burn carries.

Bellevue and the Quaboag Country Club in Munson seem to be drawing points for the DiRico family. Three of the family supers—Phil, Bob DiRico, and Jamrog—pulled separate and coinciding shifts at Bellevue. Three of the family head pros—Tom, David, and Jimmy—each had whirls at Quaboag in that capacity.

Sometimes Jamrog has a hankering to think that perhaps he could have been one of the playing family members and drifted into the head pro business. He only mentioned it because at a very early age he was a medalist in his division in the State Junior Amateur Championship and shared that honor with brother David who won the medal in his flight.

Regardless, the seven golf-minded direct and spinoff members of the DiRico family have become integral parts of their respective professions. They are Massachusetts' first family of golf, serving the state's golfing contingent with a sense of efficiency and integrity that comes from their heritage. Collectively, they've done it all in golf and they aren't done yet.

GERRY FINN

## Calendar

August 11	Rockland G.C. Rockland, Mass. Regular Meeting
August 19	Univ. of Rhode Island Kingstown, R.I. 61st Annual Turfgrass Field Day 8-12 Exhibits 12-1:30 Barbecue 1:30 Tour research plots
Sept. 21	The Orchards G.C. South Hadley, Mass. Member-Member
Oct. 5	Metacomet C.C. Supt.-Club Official



# The Super Speaks Out:

*This month's question: What's the situation at your club or course regarding golf car paths, what kind of material is used to construct them, and how important are they in the overall scheme of conditioning your base of operations?*

**Paul Jamrog, The Orchards Golf Club:** "Golf car paths have become one of our priority items because of the obvious circumstances that come with their heavy use. Since most clubs have committed themselves to raising revenue through rentals, they must realize measures have to be taken to prevent the cars from causing excessive damage to the course."



"I think the general feeling among superintendents is that golf cars are a necessary evil which have to be accepted because of the monetary powers they trigger. In some cases, it's reached a point

where the golf course can't survive without them. Personally, I'm bothered by the fact that they've driven the caddie almost into extinction."

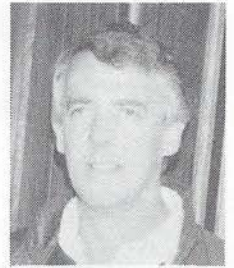
"However, we can't keep moralizing about that factor because the golf car has become a lifeblood addition to club and course operations."

"We're just beginning to get into the path problem at The Orchards and have come up with an idea that seems to please everyone concerned. We take \$2 from each car rental fee and that goes into a path-building fund. So far, it's taken hold to the extent that \$15,000 is available for the building of paths this year."

"The plan here is to preserve the aesthetic value of one of the more picturesque and playable courses in New England with reasonable approaches to construction. We'll use blacktop on slope areas as a safety factor, and stone dust on the level areas. The Orchards is not a course that lends itself to wall-to-wall golf car paths, so we won't go crazy in that direction. I figure we'll have a workable path system

in about five years. We're not rushing into this, but we're not dragging our feet either."

**Paul Johnson, Ferncroft and Colonial Country Club:** "My only lament about revving up our golf car path construction program is that it further signals the end of the caddie. That's sad."



"However, we've come to appreciate the value of having golf car paths as a means to realizing as much revenue from golf car use as we can. That sounds cruel, crass maybe. But that's how life on the golf course goes in these times."

"Our program, which calls for building paths on one or two holes a year, could take as many as ten years to complete. But we're doing it in an orderly manner with an all-hardtop product that's six feet in width. We'll try to deaden the expense, though, by doing our own excavating. Whatever, it's not going to be cheap."

"The job really stems from necessity, seeing that we have a course (Ferncroft) that thrives on outing play. We just can't afford to have occasional golfers running wild over the course and we can't afford to have outings in inclement weather without cars being available."

"Golf car paths are in and we can't ignore their value to the operation of the course. Eventually, they will be built into the golf architect's original plan. For all I know, they probably are now."

## In Memoriam

Robert W. Johnston of Granby, Conn., husband of Bette Johnston, died Thursday, July 9, at St. Francis Hospital and Medical Center. Born in Boston, Mass., he grew up in Concord, Mass., and lived in the East Granby-Granby area for the past eight years. Since 1983 he was the golf course superintendent at the Wampanoag Country Club, West Hartford; was a member of the Connecticut Association of Golf Course Superintendents; the Metropolitan Golf Course Superintendents Association; and the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America. He was a member of the Suffield Country Club. Besides his wife, he leaves two sons, Robert F. Johnston and Brian R. Johnston, both at home; a brother, Reginald Johnston of West Acton, Mass.; and two sisters, Helen Beal of Gloucester, Mass. and Ginger Persson of West Yarmouth, Mass. Memorial donations may be made to the Robert and Brian Johnston Educational Fund, c/o the Windsor Federal Savings & Loan, Bank Street, Granby, CT 06039.

## U. of Mass. Turfgrass Research Field Day

Below, some were prepared for the rainy weather, ... and, above right, others were not! (Photos by Kip Tyler)





# A message from the President

As we approach the halfway point of the 1992 season, I would look back briefly



to acknowledge the superintendents who have hosted a GCSANE related golf meeting. We have been very fortunate to be welcomed by the members of such clubs as Blue Hill C.C., Nashawtuc C.C., Pine Brook C.C., Kittansett Club, and Mt. Pleasant C.C., Boylston. These courses were all in excellent condition and those clubs should be

proud of the playing conditions provided by their superintendents. I would personally say "Great job" to Dave Barber, Paul Miller, Mike Iacono, Lenny Blodgett, and James Beane.

While on the subject of meetings, the newly adopted policy of paying by check at meetings is working out very well. The majority of meeting attendees seem to have no difficulty with the system. Please remember those checkbooks and this process will soon be automatic. It is of tremendous help to the Golf Committee Chairman, Jim Fitzroy, and his committee assistants every month as this committee runs these golf events of 75-100 golfers. What a great job Jim Fitzroy, Rick Tworig, Rick Arzillo, and Larry Anshewitz are doing!

On a different note, the Francis Ouimet Scholarship Fund is in the process of taking over the administration of the funds generated by the Guy Tedesco Scholarship and Research Fund. The Cape Cod T.M.A. will continue to conduct the annual Tournament for fund raising. Ouimet officials

have suggested that they could be of great assistance in helping the Tedesco administratively in determining scholarship, and in helping them promote their golf tournament.

Lastly, the Ouimet Museum Building is currently receiving a considerable facelift. The building is receiving a sizable addition and the entire interior will be redone to better accommodate the business functions of the Ouimet Fund. The Mass. Golf Association and the Woman's Golf Association of Massachusetts...for those who have never visited the Ouimet Museum in Weston, there is much Massachusetts golf history to become acquainted with as you observe the many pictures, plaques, and trophies. By late summer or early fall, when the building is back to normal after renovations, consider dropping by. The MGA and Ouimet people will welcome your visit.

Have a successful second half of this season.

STEPHEN CHIAVAROLI, CGCS

# Triple rinsing of pesticide containers

by Fred Whitford, Coordinator,  
Purdue Pesticide Programs  
(from "Divots", Miami Valley GCSA,  
June 1992)

(Divots Editor's Note: With increasing public concern over pesticide use, professional turf managers need to be even more conscious of pesticide inputs to the environment. Inputs include the obvious applications of pesticides, but also include the less obvious like rinse or wash water. Pesticides may also be introduced to the environment through residues left in the original containers. Professional turf managers must be careful to make sure that all pesticide input into our environment, whether obvious or not, is done responsibly and with great care.)

Pesticide labels direct turf managers to rinse each empty pesticide container, to incorporate the rinse solution back into the spray tank mixture, and to use the product according to the label. The triple rinsing of pesticide containers is a management tool that has weathered the storms of regulatory change for nearly 20 years. When implemented within a pesticide management program, this tried and true method reduces the potential for adverse environmental impact by converting

pesticide containers from hazardous waste to solid waste. Additionally, triple rinsing ensures that all of the pesticide product is incorporated into the tank mixture, ensuring access to the total amount of product purchased and thereby providing the applicator their money's worth.

In an age when professional turf managers are overwhelmed by the explosion of scientific information, positive benefits from simple techniques such as rinsing residues out of pesticide containers are often overlooked. The consequences of not following label directions include monetary loss for each unrinsed container, potential contamination of drinking water by allowing improperly rinsed containers to be placed in a landfill, and legal ramifications from local, state, and federal regulatory officials. The consequences can be averted by taking time to manage containers properly.

Triple rinsing is defined by a 1974 federal regulation as the "flushing of containers three times, each time using a volume of the normal diluent equal to approximately ten percent of the container's capacity, and adding the rinse liquid to the spray mixture". Pesticide labels on metal, plastic, and glass containers refer to this federal definition when directing applicators to triple rinse or the equivalent. The following examples pro-

vide instructions that allow the consolidation of triple rinsing procedure into your pesticide management program.

## Triple Rinsing Protocol

1. The same personal protective clothing worn for mixing pesticide concentrates should be worn during the removal of pesticide residues from the containers.
2. The rinsing should begin immediately after emptying the contents into application equipment. Allowing residues to dry in empty containers for even a few hours reduces the effectiveness of this procedure.
3. Pour the pesticide into your spray solution and hold the container in a vertical position for an additional 30 to 60 seconds prior to the first rinse. This one step greatly enhances your ability to remove the residue during the complete triple rinsing process.
4. Add clean water (or other specified by the label) equal to 10 to 25 percent of the container's volume.
5. The container cap should be properly secured to prevent spillage. Shake or roll the containers so that the interior surfaces will be rinsed.
6. Apply the rinsed solution (rinsate) into your spray mix and allow the container to drain for an additional 30 seconds. This completes the first cycle.
7. Follow the procedures outlined in steps one through six. This completes the second cycle.
8. Repeat steps one through six. A quick visual inspection of the container should indicate a clear rinsate. If the solution appears cloudy or milky, then repeat steps one through six until the water is clear in appearance. If thoroughly rinsed, your obligations for following the label directions for triple rinsing have been fulfilled.
9. If the pesticide is an emulsifiable concentrate (E) or a liquid flowable (LF), a fourth rinse is advisable.
10. The final step is to render all plastic and metal containers unusable by puncturing or crushing.
11. It takes about five minutes to completely remove 99.999% of the active ingredient by triple rinsing.



# Turfgrass nematode studies: The effect of Margosan-O and Nematicur on *Hoplolaimus*

(Editor's Note: This is a continuing series on how our GCSANE research money is being spent.)

by Robert L. Wick,  
Department of Plant Pathology  
University of Massachusetts

(Submitted to the Golf Course Superintendents Association of New England December 30, 1991.)

## The Effect of Margosan-O and Nematicur on *Hoplolaimus*

**Introduction:** Margosan-O is a derivative of the natural botanical, neem oil. It is currently being used as an insecticide for either foliar or drench applications. Margosan works by inhibiting insect molting. Since nematodes are also animals that require molting in order to grow, and since Margosan-O can be applied to soil for insect control, I proposed to test the material on nematodes.

**Methods:** A putting green on The Orchards Golf Club in South Hadley, Massachusetts was chosen for the experiment because of a relatively high population of *Hoplolaimus* nematodes.

The green consisted of a mixture of annual bluegrass and bentgrass. The green is approximately 70 years old, built on native clay soil, with a 3 to 4 inch layer of sandy soil. The layer of sandy soil is the result of topdressing over the years. Mechanical analysis of the top four inches showed it to be 86.1% sand; 9.9% silt; and 4.0% clay. USDA criteria would classify the soil as a loamy coarse sand based on the sand sub-fractions.

Six by six foot plots were established on a level portion of the green. There were three treatments (each treatment replicated six times): a control, Nematicur (37.5 g/36 sq ft) and Margosan-O (125 ml/36 sq ft in 4.5 gal water). This volume of water is a little less than recommended on the label, but as much as a plot would hold. To prevent puddling, it had to be applied in two applications. The rate of Nematicur used in this experiment was equivalent to 2.3 lb/1,000 sq ft.

The Nematicur and the first application of Margosan-O was applied on June 24. Margosan-O was also applied just prior to sampling on July 15, August 7, and August 28 at the 125 ml/36 sq ft rate.

**Results:** Margosan-O did not cause phytotoxicity on any of the plots although the first application resulted in a slightly

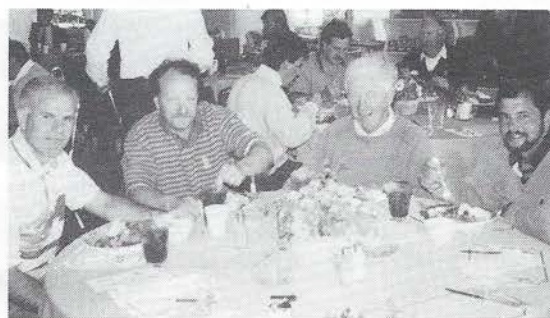
different shade of green the morning after. There were no statistical differences between the Margosan-O plots and the control on any of the sample dates. There was a statistical difference between the Nematicur and the other two treatments on August 28 and September 16. On August 28, the Nematicur treated plots could be differentiated from the other plots by a slightly deeper green color. Since no significant differences between the control and the Margosan-O treatment occurred by September 27, these plots were not sampled again.

**Conclusions:** It is interesting to note that the *Hoplolaimus* population did not fall during the hot, dry month of June as was observed in the other two studies. Margosan-O applied at the label rate four times over the course of the growing season had no effect on the *Hoplolaimus* population. It is possible that a higher rate or other species of nematodes would have resulted in a different outcome. Nematicur effectively reduced populations of *Hoplolaimus* until the end of the study, October 25.

Differences in turf quality were noted when *Hoplolaimus* was about 1,000/100 cc of soil.

## June meeting at the Kittansett Club, Marion, Mass.

Left to right: Some took the challenge to play in difficult conditions. Another foursome decides over iced tea whether to play golf in the rain and wind. At right, what a lunch buffet at the Kittansett Club! (Photos by Kip Tyler)





# With "goose bumps" instead of golden eggs, two writers ponder geese on the golf course

by Ken McEwen, former Green Chmn., Longmeadow (Mass.) C.C.

Have you ever pondered upon the derivation of the expression "loose as a goose"? For me, the answer came quite suddenly and literally with recent arrival of flocks of Canada geese which have settled on the 6th hole of our golf course in the vicinity of the pond, including the green.

There's no denying it, the Canada goose, *Branta Canadensis*, has many admirable qualities. It has even been suggested by some of its admirers that it might more appropriately be designated our "National bird" than the bald eagle. Balderdash!

What has become a real problem in the northeastern section of the United States in recent years has been a change in the migratory habits of Canada geese. Needing access to water for feeding and nesting purposes, as ponds and lakes would freeze over, they would head south; and, during

these flights, in places like the Chesapeake Bay area of Maryland, they were seriously hunted, and their numbers were being significantly decreased. In recent years, however, because of a succession of relatively mild winters, there were more and more areas where the bodies of water did not freeze, such as Cape Cod and Long Island. Also, wise birds that they are, they seemed to realize that they were not the target of hunters in urban and suburban communities. So much for the expression "silly goose". The result has been serious problems in reservoirs and on golf courses.

Now, as the most common geese in North America, the problem is not in what they eat but rather in what they process...in other words, their droppings. Each goose deposits 1/2 lb. of fecal matter per day. Any value these might have as fertilizer is lost, since these droppings tend to be too concentrated in specific areas and are also contaminated with bacte-

ria that tend to foul water and land. In public reservoirs this poses a health problem. Also, their feathers tend to clog the screens of filters. These features obviously impact negatively on many golf courses.

Having reported all this, it would be my recommendation to forget the "National bird" designation and to suggest substituting the Canada goose for the turkey as the "Thanksgiving bird", giving rise to the hope of a happier expression... "Gone goose".

## Ribbon may be a solution

from "The Bull Sheet", March 1992

by John Stephenson, CGCS

Pottawatomic G.C., St. Charles, Ill.

Goose-geese-flocks-herds-gaggles or geoses or other verbs - adjectives - cuss words, etc.

They are a problem on a golf course,  
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## DIVOT DRIFT ...announcements...educational seminars...job opportunities ...tournament results...and miscellaneous items of interest to the membership.

### MEETING RECAP

Our June 1 meeting at Kittansett Club was soggy to say the least. The view from the clubhouse with the wind and rain over the ocean was spectacular. The member-member tournament was postponed until September at The Orchards, but many hardy souls went out and played nine nines and some 18. Thanks to Lenny Blodgett for hosting the event, manager Jim Marqist for a super lunch, and golf pro Tom Shea, Jr.

The June 8 superintendent-chairman tournament at Mt. Pleasant C.C. seemed to have it rain that day everywhere but on the golf course. Thanks to Jim Beane, CGCS for a great golf course, manager Dino Latuga for a fine lunch and dinner, and golf pro Art Harris.

### INFORMATION

Eric Newell of Rockland G.C. has been recertified in the GCSAA certification program.

This editor and his wife Mary Lou are the proud parents of their second boy, Ben Alan Tyler, born June 13, 7 pounds 5 ounces.

We are sorry to report the recent death of Mike Hermanson's (Gardner G.C.) mother.

I heard that Taconic G.C. was in excellent shape for the Mass. State Open in late June. Congratulations to new GCSANE member Peter Lund.

There will be a reception honoring Leon St. Pierre and Robert Heeley on Thursday, August 20, at 6 p.m. at the Twin Hills Country Club, Longmeadow, Mass. Donation is \$25 per person. Spouses invited. For tickets contact Paul Jamrog at (413) 536-4195.

### MEMBERSHIP

Welcome New Members: Peter Lund, Regular member, Taconic Golf Club; Gary Summerton, Associate member, C.C. of New Bedford; Stephen Tibbels, Assistant member, Segregansett C.C., Taunton, Mass.; and Todd Sauer, Assistant member, Mt. Pleasant C.C., Boylston, Mass.

### GOLF RESULTS

Mt. Pleasant C.C. (Boylston), Par 72  
Superintendent/Green Chairman  
(Best Ball, Net and Gross)

#### Low Gross

Jack Hassett, John Walsh - 69  
Mt. Pleasant (Lowell)  
Mike Nagle, John Marrone - 72  
Worcester C.C.  
Mike Iacono, James Herscot - 75  
Pinebrook C.C.  
Greg Misodoulakis, J. Ingeni - 76  
Bellevue C.C.

#### Low Net

Andy Langlois, Rich Hacumda - 60  
Foxboro C.C.  
Kip Tyler, Joe Nekorski - 62  
Salem C.C.  
Jim Diorio, Art Lamb - 62  
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## Golf Direction Associates

According to Golf Direction Associates' owner, Nora O'Leary Berard, the work of her organization could best be described as "image enhancement". The company's goal is "to help the superintendent create and maintain a professional image", through the use of business-oriented and uniquely practical golf forms.

GDA's product line, specific to the green industry, includes a wide assortment of forms, ranging from pesticide posting information to employee evaluation records. Also available are equipment repair and use logs, daily duty rosters, as well as inventory and assignment sheets. Stationery, business cards, and individual requirement designs are a specialty.

Berard grew up in the golf business, the daughter of a club pro. "While my dad's name was the one on the pro shop door, he was emphatic in his conviction that every club had more than one type of "professional". He had a deep admiration and respect for the superintendent at his course." (Foxborough C.C.'s Bill Carter).

It is Berard's contention that while the condition of a golf course is the ultimate yardstick in measuring the success of a superintendent, it is not the only component. "As demands on a superintendent grow, so do the expectations," she ex-

plains. "It has become imperative that a superintendent present himself not only as a turf specialist, but a businessman as well. At GDA we seek to facilitate this process. Our forms are designed to organize and make easily accessible the ever-increasing volume of information that crosses a superintendent's desk, and

to do so in a way that presents the strongest possible image of professionalism."

For more information or to request samples, contact Golf Direction Associates, 54 North Grove Street, Foxborough, MA 02035, (508) 543-9822.

Our second friend did not respond.

## No golden eggs from these geese ...

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and the one of which I am superintendent of is located on a major flyway.

I have seen ~~one~~ and as many as five thousand ~~geese~~ during the migrating periods, and annually 20 to 30 pair during the nesting season, which amounts to an average of four goslings per pair. When you add this all up it amounts to a lot of stuff which geese are best at, and if you didn't know, geese are the closest to perpetual motion of anything I know, in one end and out the other.

Over the years I have tried most everything I have heard of to solve the problem with practically no success.

Then a player said, "John, I can solve your problem." With skepticism I said, "Let's have a go." He gave me some rolls of tape, silver on one side, red the other. I put up stakes along the mighty Fox and at-

tached my ribbon. Lo! and behold, two days went by and no geese on the course, the third day I saw about 15. Aha! I knew it wouldn't work. I checked along the river and saw the ribbon was down. I tried to herd them back, and as they approached the ribbon they would panic. I finally got them back into the river, and then repaired the down section. Five days passed with no geese on the golf course. I couldn't believe it. This was May 1991, and the rest of the molting season, the only geese that were on the course would come in where the ribbon was down.

Then I said, "Wait till they start to fly." But to my surprise, they landed on area far from the river and would not stay low. Don't ask me why or how, but it works.

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