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February Meeting

Monday, February 8, 1993 Franklin C.C., Franklin, MA

> Host Superintendent Gary Luccini

Board Meeting	9:00 a.m.
Regular Meeting	11:30 a.m.
Lunch	12:00 noon
Education	1:00 p.m.

Reservations Required Call by February 4, 1993 (617) 328-9479

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Gary Luccini has been superintendent at Franklin C.C. for 23 years. He graduated from Stockbridge in 1962 and was then assistant at Dedham C.C. for five years. Gary then built Pine Oaks in Easton, MA, a nine-hole course, before moving on to Franklin. In 1989 he was a consultant to the Hale Irwin Golf Service in the building of New England C.C. Married to wife Kathy, they have two daughters (Cheryl, 20, and Beth 13) and two sons (Mike 22, and Brian 21). Both boys are in the turf management program at Stockbridge. In his spare time, Gary enjoys auto racing, golf, and hockey. He is the voice of Franklin High School Hockey on Cable Channel 10, coaches a high school summer hockey league, and also for the spring Europa Cup.

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Kip Tyler's quality control touch lifts Newsletter to new heights



This month marks a change in the staff makeup of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of New England Newsletter. Kip Tyler, who kept the quality coming and the presses rolling for the

past three years, has stepped down to make way for new editor, Jim Reinertson. Needless to say, Reinertson will be working out of a long shadow, cast by Tyler who lifted the Newsletter to new heights in his three years as its conscientious and dedicated leader. You don't have to look twice to see that the Newsletter is a better product because of Kip, just as it goes without saying that he has what it takes to keep the Salem Country Club a golf course with sterling conditioning credentials.

"I really enjoyed this experience with the Newsletter," Kip said one recent day after his last trip to the printer's. "Speaking of trips, I figured out that I made 216 of them in my three years as editor. That breaks down to six a month, going to either the printer or photo store. You know, this is one job where you just can't say, "It'll wait 'til tomorrow". Now, I know what newspaper deadlines are all about."

Tyler admits he had no pre-planned notion about becoming editor, nor did he train himself for it. However, once he took charge he displayed a natural feeling for the job. Soon, he was into new ideas, different concepts... like profiling Friends of the Asso - "I really enjoyed this experience with the Newsletter." Kip Tyler

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ciation, increasing the Newsletter's size and, most important, concentrating on the most vital aspect of the publication - its content. "I hope it (Newsletter) never goes commercial," Tyler remarked. "What I mean is that we don't get into making a shopping news type of thing with a lot of advertising. I like it the way it is and, from all I've hear, the membership does, too."

Like most of his predecessors, who hit the editor's desk with the same kind of enthusiasm and positive thrust, Tyler fell into the job. In fact, he took the same route to the superintendent's profession.

Born and raised in Columbus, Ohio, Kip was on his way to becoming a veterinarian in the pre-vet program at Ohio State University when he had second thoughts about career that could have been a tedious endeavor over the long haul. So, he nixed that original goal and plugged into the four year agronomy program at OSU where his older brother, Rick, was studying with a mind to becoming a golf course superintendent.

"I came from a family of golfers," Kip explained. "My father, brothers and I played. In fact, we hacked out a homemade course behind our house. It was just a vacant field. What the heck, we put it to good use and added to my adventuresome makeup. You *continued on page 2*



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know, I'm one of those guys who likes to try everything." Tyler did dabble in other ventures, too, before he settled into the life of a bona fide super.

"The first thing I did when I got my degree at OSU was take off for Europe with a friend and go back-packing for a couple of months," Kip told. "Before that, I'd worked on a golf course one summer break and picked up a few extra bucks fighting brush fires. You want some more? My first full year out of college I worked for a lawn-greening outfit, not to mention operating the Zamboni for the Ohio ice rink." Eventually, getting a handle on his future as a superintendent cam at the famed Medinah course outside Chicago. Kip spent three years there, and the last two as the day-to-day supervisor the championship course.

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"There's a little story that goes along with Medinah," Kip interjected. "When I interviewed for the job, I drove all night from Georgia and wound up sleeping in my car. I don't know how I made an impression the



next day."

That feeling for adventure wasn't stilled, even though it appeared that big things w in store for Kip at Medinah because of this jump start to a responsible post there. Actually, he thought about greener grass elsewhere, elsewhere being the Boston area.

The year was 1982 and Kip was invited to one of the old "Irwin parties" where he met Bob Connelly (then Winchester super) who introduced him to Wayne Zoppo (Agawam Hunt). Eventually, Wayne informed Kip of the opening at Salem. He applied, was determined to be the right man for the job and two years later found himself fighting the grasswilting war of 1984 during the U.S. Women's Open Championship at his course.

The move to Salem also triggered another big event in Kip's life. One year after it he went courtin', the result being his wife, Mary Lou and their two children - Christopher 3 1/2 and Ben 6 months. The Tylers now live in Newburyport, a comfortable commute for both (Mary Lou, a CPA, works for the NYNEX corporation) and nice educational grooming grounds for Christopher and Ben.

Oh, and then there's the theatre organ that's followed Kip across the country. "It's strictly for my own enjoyment," he sa "And it's a fixture. I think we paid more to have it moved (by crane) than for all of our furniture when we cam from Salem to Newburyport. So, you get the picture of our "retired" editor, Kip Tyler doesn't rest on his feet or his laurels. He's a man for all seasons and reasons. His expertise is his calling card and, obviously, he spreads it around. It'll take some tall adjusting at this end to accept that life at the Newsletter must go on without him. Take a bow, boss.

GERRY FINN

Calendar⁻

Jan. 23-30	GCSAA International Golf
	Course Conf. & Show
	Anaheim, CA
Feb. 8	Franklin C.C., Franklin, MA
	Regular Meeting
March 18	USGA Green Section
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March 22	Franklin C.C., Franklin, MA
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The Super Speaks Out:

This month's question: With winter's first blasts already down upon us or on their way, the idea of greens protection comes to mind, so this month's question asks what measures are taken in this direction by golf course superintendents?

Mark Gagne, Walpole Country Club: "The call from the Newsletter coming around the first of December is timely, since we are in the midst of placing protective covers on six of our greens."

"We take this approach with the thought that all our greens will come out of dormancy at the same time with the awakening of the shaded greens enhanced by being covered all winter."

Mark Gagne

"We've been doing this for the last four years and the results have been most satisfactory. The covered greens are selective, mean-3 that greens are covered only when they are locate in wooded areas where sunlight is at a minimum. Otherwise, the other greens are left uncovered.

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"It should be noted that before the particular greens are covered, they are treated for snow mold with a fungicide (PCNB) that lasts all winter, making it unnecessary to remove the covers for a second application in what would be the dead of winter. "Here at Walpole, we take pains with the covered greens. I say this because two weeks before they're scheduled to be removed, we peel them off in the day and recover them at night for that period. What we're actually doing is weaning them off the cover protection.

"This year we're repeating an experiment with covered greens, one that produced inconclusive results last year. We're trying dormant seeding on them but with a few anges that should bring better results. "The verall process takes a little time but so far it's been worth it. Using green covers has become a way of winter maintenance life here."



Charlie Zeh, Sandy Burr Golf Club: "Seven years ago, probably that time when we started to experience an outbreak of "open" winter (snow or practically snow-free peri-

ods), desiccation was a scourge on many of our greens. That's when we decided to use covers.

"Because of the expense, we had to choose the greens that had contracted the most damage, so we put six under cover that year. It helped a great deal and we've been repeating that procedure ever since."

"But with one hitch."

"For the last five years, just before we cover the greens, we spray them with a heavy application of "Greensit". It's a pigment that adds protection against waking up to the cold, uh, cold turkey. And it really softens the blow of a shocking reaction to the outdoors.

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"So, when and how to take off the covers can be very critical. When early spring growth gets heavy to the point covers must be removed, a sudden return of cold weather can undo all the covering work. Greensit helps in that area.

"As for laying covers in the fall, we set an arbitrary date, Dec. 2. That's when the covers go down and we close the course. Then we wait for what usually are favorably results in the spring." Orin Ellis, Pine Meadows Country Club: "I've been experimenting with "winterizing" greens for over 15 years. I think I've come up with the ultimate procedure - a combination of activated charcoal and a



spreader sticker ingredient as an overcoating when the covers come off. "The history of my green covering experiences is interesting. For example I used to spread pine needles on the greens. But two problems arose from that. First: It was difficult to get the pine needles off the greens. Second: The needles had so much insulating power the ground remained frozen.

"Therefore, the most puzzling aspect of green cover use continued to be the time to remove them. Always, always there is the danger of warm days and cold nights combining to negate the advantages of using covers.

"This new approach brings a comfortable feeling."

Orin Ellis

"To combat that, I've worked with the charcoal theory as a means to keeping green color once the covers have been removed. In the beginning, it worked to the extent that the color was strong but eventually the charcoal (without a sticker) disappeared into the soil."

"That triggered the addition of the sticker to keep the charcoal on top of the soil and keep it active. I must say that the results are fantastic. In fact, the first year the charcoal-sticker mixture was used, I was so impressed I used another application three weeks later.

"However, I've learned that two shots are the limit. I tried a third later in the spring and wilting occurred. So, my recommendation is for one application of charcoal and two, only if spring temperatures are lower than normal. "This new approach brings a comfortable feeling. With it, I'm no longer afraid to take off the covers. I'm surprised more superintendents aren't using the charcoal-sticker method, too."

Some scenes from the December Meeting at the Franklin Country Club At left are members of the G.C.S.A.N.E. watch a video on Trim Software. At right are gracious hosts for our winter meetings (Gary Luccini and

Geoff Boyd).



A Message **From The** President



As the new year begins, the Board of Directors of the GCSANE will have experienced two major position changes. I would like to personally thank our retiring

Newsletter editor, Kip Tyler, CGCS, for his tremendous efforts over the last three years. The Newsletter has been topnotch. Good luck to Kip's successor, James Reinertson. I would also like to recognize the efforts of Kevin Osgood as our Educational Chairman for the last three years. This position involves the coordinating of GCSAA seminars and the National conference hospitality suites, the GCSANE service booth at the Mass. Turf Conference, and of course all of the planning and implementation of our

Association's monthly meeting education sessions. Fortunately, Kevin will remain on our Board of Directors for many more years of service. Thanks to Kevin and good-luck to our new Educational Chairman, Richard Duggan, CGCS.

As President of GCSANE, I enjoy a seat on the Executive Committee of the Francis Ouimet Fund. It is my pleasure to submit the following update on the Ouimet Fund. The Ouimet Scholarship Fund will award \$330,000 in needbased undergraduate assistance to 213 students in 1992-1993. Despite the troubled economy, this amounts to an increase of \$10,000 from last year. The Ouimet Scholarship is given to students who perform three years of service to golf as a caddie, a pro-shop helper, or as a member of a golf course management team in Massachusetts. The current class of Ouimet Scholars is compost of 46% caddies, 33% pro-shop workers, 13% golf course management staff and 8% other.

The fund founded in 1947 and has distributed over six million dollars to 2,940 individuals. In 1992-1993, the 213 students who will receive financial

assistance, are attending 103 different colleges or universities and performed their service to golf at 93 differen Massachusetts Clubs. The Ouimet Fund remains an excellent source of opportunity for those individuals who work on our golf course maintenance staffs each summer. Every Superintendent would take it upon himself to inform the college bound employee of this opportunity, and encourage their veteran crew members to apply for a scholarship.

On a different note, the Cape Cod Turf Manager's Association (CCTMA) has officially changed its name to the Golf Course Manager's Association of Cape Cod (GCMACC). Our Association's three-year Board of Director's member, Eric Newell, CGCS, has been elected the Vice-President of GCMACC. Eric has served as our government relations representative for the past three years and is our Association's government relations liaison to GCSAA. Congratulations! Wishing all a Happy New Year!

Stephen Chiavaroli, CGCS

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Dr. John Roberts is all for covering golf course greens. But Dr. Roberts, professor of agronomy and research at the University of New Hampshir, is a practical man.

"It's a question of benefit versus cost," Dr. Roberts straight-out labeled the procedure in a telephone call last month.

"There's no doubt of the advantages that come with using covers," Dr. Roberts emphasized. "However, geographical differences as well as bedget restrints come into play here. Frankly, there are some parts of the country where green covers are unnecessary. But the trend of the open winters in this (New England) neck of the woods the past ten years turns them into an effective maintenance measure for golf course superintencent."

Dr. Roberts is aware of the myriad of

advantages keeping the greens protected with synthetic blankets during the coldest time of the year.

Doctor's Advice??? Take Cover

"Although covers aren't a cure-all, they have their redeeming effects on protected greens. Certinaly, they reduce desiccation. They promote early greening up of the plant, they keep traffic off the course and they discourage too-early to play. And that's just for openers."

Dr. Roberts is aware of the other aids to protecting greens perhaps the most important part of the golf course regarding condition. They are the added protectant product

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"Greensit" and the use of other material ssuch as pine needles and activate charcoal to prevent bad color from appearing when the shock of cold weather dominates the awakened green's reaction to abnormally low spring temperatures.

"All in all, covers definitely are a plus when the superintendent puts the greens to bed for the winter," Dr. Roberts concluded. "Research has proved that on a sunny, winter day the temperature of a green with cover is 15 degrees warmer than the one without cover.

"Definitely, using green covers is a managing tool that enhandes the management control of the golf course superintendent. But the process has to be examined in the overall picture of how much it returns compared to how much is expended to activate it. Only the superintendent knows whether it's worth it or not."

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Scenes from the December joint **PGANE** & GCSANE Meeting at Colonial Hilton

1. Steve Chiavaroli addresses Pro's and Superintendents; 2. Kip Tyler here at the Supt. Pro Meeting; 3. Member of the PGA.



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POSITION AVAILABLE

Golf Course/Greens Superintendent: Ponkapoag Golf Course, Canton, MA -Full Time Position. Looking for a self motivated individual with a degree in Agronomy or Turf Management to operate this high volume 36 hole public golf complex. Applicants must have a minimum of six years work experience in golf course maintenance, in which two years should be as a Superintendent and four as an Assistant Superintendent. Certified Pesticide license in categories 36 and 37 (turf and ornamental). Working knowledge in the "Right To Know" Laws. Participating knowledge of the game of golf. Thorough knowledge of the construction, establishment and maintenance practices culture of turfgrasses used on golf courses; the planting, cultivating, and pruning of ornamental plants, shrubs, and trees; the characteristics and proper use of various fertilizers and soil conditioners; pest control methods and materi-

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als, drainage methods; and watering practices and irrigation systems, including wells, pumps, and automatic controls. Knowledge of construction and upkeep of a maintenance facility, golf course appurtenances, including; shelters, fences, bridges, golf cart paths, service roads, parking lots, ponds and streams. Salary \$29,000-\$35,000. Fringe benefits include paid insurance plan, sick days, paid holidays, an pension plan. This position is entrusted wih the development and manaement of the golf course(or courses); to supervise the preservation and repair of turfgrass maintenance, plant materials, golf course appurtenances along with related maintenance equipment; to comply with all pesticide record keeping requirements. The Superintendent in autonomously responsible for the fiscal management of the Course's budget and staff. Send resume to: Jane Connoly, Director of Recreation, MDC, 20 Somerset St., Boston, MA 02108.

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SPECIAL NOTE

The G.C.S.A.N.E. would like to express its sympathy to the Callahan family on the passing of John Callahan in late Nover ber. He will be deeply missed by this association.

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Massachusetts Turf Conference March 1,2,3, 1993

The Massachusetts Turf and Lawngrass Association in cooperation with the University of Massachusetts Cooperative Extension System and the New England Golf Course Superintendents Association will present the 62nd Annual Turfgrass Conference and Industrial Show March 1,2, and 3, 1993 in Springfield, Massachusetts.

This year's conference will begin at 1 p.m. on Monday, March 1 at the Sheraton, Springfield. The conference agenda will feature as keynote speaker the distinguished golf course architect Geoffrey Cornish. The afternoon, long educational session will be topped off with an evening banquet featuring scholarship awards, conference dedication and an enjoyable presentation by Tony Caranci, CGCS.

On Tuesday, March 2 and Wednesday, March 3, the educational program as well as the Industrial Show will be held as usual in the Springfield Civic Center. In addition to the educational session designed for golf course superintendents and associated personnel there will be an alternated session which will highlight general turf management as well as sports turf management. Ed Mangan, manager of Atlanta-Fulton County Stadium, the home of the Atlanta Braves, is only one of several excellent speakers scheduled for these sessions.

Pesticide recertification credits will be available.

The industrial show will begin Tuesday morning and run specified hours during the day Tuesday and Wednesday. Dozens of exhibitors featuring equipment, products and services will be on hand.

For additional information on the 62nd Annual Massachusetts Turfgrass

Conference and Industrial Show, contact: the Massachusetts Turfgrass and Lawngrass Association at P.O. Box 489, Hadley, MA 01035, (413) 549-5295; or Mary Owen, UMass Cooperative Extension, 812 Millbury Street, Worcester, MA 01607, (508) 831-1225.



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