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Yes, Bob Flanagan is stepping down . . . but he's doing it just one step at a time

It seems that Bob Flanagan qualifies as an anomaly. That is, he can stand the heat, but he's getting out of the kitchen, anyway.

"Retirement," the founder and backbone of Turf Specialty, Inc. remarked one day last week. "There's no other way to describe it. I'm stepping down to make room for the young ones. That's what the system is all about and that's the way it should be."

Yeah, but. "He's not going anywhere," injected Kevin Lyons, who with Dave Schermerhorn, will take over the decision-making end of the turf products company. "Bob's stepping down all right, but we still want him around to fall back on. It's an end of an era here. But he'll have a presence here. As Bob says, he'll be taking a peek at the business every now and then."

Flanagan, only 60, is "retiring" because he wants Lyons and Schermerhorn to realize their potential as quality executives. There won't be any retreat to Florida or other retirement area, because he plans on being active in other things, and his wife, Margaret, remains a school teacher in their hometown of Dover, N.H.

Things to do? "Well, I've been thinking for a long time about making Christmas ornaments," Bob offered. "You never can tell. It might turn out to be a new business venture. Hey, I'm not going to put Hallmark out of business, but the thought of something challenging appeals to me in my retirement years."

Another challenge also is a constant for Flanagan. Every Wednesday night he takes his competitive spirit to a local pub, where he engages in darts. "That's fun," he explained. "I'm in a league with a bunch of young people. I'm the oldest one who plays, but I feel just as young as they do. So, you see I'm not going to fall into a rocking chair and snooze through the rest of my life."

And it's been a wide-awake life for Bob, too. It's also been a two-profession career, so to speak, since Flanagan entered the world of golf as a golf course superintendent where he gained a foothold on success as one of the founders of the New Hampshire supers' association.

Before that, though, he had to go through a gradual career transition because when he entered University of New Hampshire, it was as a pre-med student.

"That soon changed, I mean my aspirations," Bob disclosed. "I looked down the academic road and I could see me stumbling over pre-med studies. That vision

took me out of that mode and into the Stockbridge (turf) winter school. The next thing I knew I was the golf course superintendent at the Cochecho Country Club and looking up to heroes like Manny Francis and Arthur Anderson. It really was fascinating to see what some of those pioneers (supers) did."

It was during that period (1973) that Flanagan hit a highlight in the superintendent-phase of his life. "It was a wonderful time for me," Bob said. "I became one of

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**Bob Flanagan
Turf Specialty, Inc.**

the first supers to be certified, then I topped that by being part of the speaking program for the national turf conference in Boston. I was on top of the world."

However, the competitive side of Flanagan was aroused a short time after his triumphs in the superintendent's field when he decided to take a gamble and start his own pesticide and fertilizer business.

But why? "We're talking years ago and benefits were few and far between as a superintendent," Bob said. "So, I took the plunge with the blessing and support from my wife, who was teaching in Dover. In fact, it was rough going at first. I worked

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November Meeting

Monday, November 6, 1995
Hopedale C.C.,
Hopedale, Mass.

Reservations Required
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Details to come in the November Newsletter.

There will be no regular meeting in October, due to our two mid-month tournaments: the GCSANE Turf Research Tournament Oct. 16 at Salem C.C. (Peabody, Mass.), and the Shanahan Memorial Pro-Supt. Tournament Oct. 18 at the Willowbend Club (Cotuit, Mass.).

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out of our cellar, and didn't draw any salary for a long time, so it was Margaret's job that kept us above water."

The aggressive Flanagan put the company in gear, though, and he made a critical move by taking Ken Turner on as a partner in Turf Specialty. That was about five years into the beginning of the company. Thereafter, business only got better and better, making it possible for Bob and Ken to add to their budding venture.

"What we did was go out and hire two of the best salesmen in the field," Flanagan revealed. "Kevin Lyons and David Schermerhorn were the people we needed to put some get up and go into things. We landed them with the stipulation that they eventually would buy into the company. So, after Ken retired and I was on the same course, I knew I could go out the door without interrupting the progress the company was making." That progress is starred by the fact that Turf Specialty has grown from a hole-in-the-ground, one-man operation, to a position where the company now employs 12 people.

GCSAA and USGA join to promote golf's environmental benefits

A new color poster highlighting the environmental benefits of golf courses is appearing at golf facilities across the country thanks to an effort by the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America and the United States Golf Association.

The poster lists some of the key ecological and social benefits provided by the 15,000 golf courses in the United States, including protecting wildlife habitat and improving air quality. The information is based upon research sponsored over the past several years by the USGA.

In a joint statement, GCSAA President Gary Grigg, CGCS, and USGA President Reg Murphy said: "Our goal is to make American golfers and the public more aware of the many positive impacts that golf courses have on their communities. We are extremely pleased to work together to deliver this message to the millions of people who will see these posters."

The 11x17 poster has been distributed to 28,000 in the August issue of GCSAA's magazine, *Golf Course Management*.

The USGA also plans to mail a copy to member clubs later this year. Additional copies may be obtained by contacting either organization. Courses are urged to place the posters prominently.

"Bob really is the driving force behind the company's success," Lyons said. "He's a man of high integrity who is dedicated to his clients and sensitive to employee needs and concerns. He's just been a good person to work for. More than anything, however, is his great sense of caring for the golf course superintendent. He's more interested in those guys as friends than as customers. He backs them all the way."

Flanagan, always in the thick of things, is a charter member of the Independent Turf and Ornamental Distribution Association. He's also co-invented an aerifying attachment with son Bob, Jr., and beams at the mention of his only grandchild in Texas, where daughter Maureen serves another important field as a registered nurse.

"But I'm still a superintendent at heart," Bob said regarding his two lives in the turf world. "Those guys are my kind of people. I'm so lucky to have been able to live in those two worlds. That's why I'm taking my retirement one step at a time."

GERRY FINN

Calendar

Oct. 16	GCSANE Turf Research Tournament Salem C.C. Peabody, Mass.
Oct. 18	Shanahan Memorial Pro-Supt. Tournament Willowbend Club Cutuit, Mass.
Nov. 6	GCSANE Monthly Meeting Hopedale C.C. Hopedale, Mass.
Nov. 28-29	GCSAA Regional Seminar Golf History, Theory, Construction, and Maintenance The International Bolton, Mass.
Dec. 5	GCSANE Monthly Meeting Thorny Lea Golf Club Brockton, Mass.
Jan. (tentative)	GCSANE Monthly Meeting Mt. Pleasant C.C. Lowell, Mass.
Jan. 15-17, 1996	65th Mass. Turf Conference & 20th Industrial Show Boston Marriott - Copley Place Boston, Mass.
Feb. (tentative)	GCSANE Monthly Meeting Stow Acres G.C. Stow, Mass.
Feb. 5-11, 1996	67th Annual International Golf Course Conference & Show Orange Cty. Convention Center Orlando, Florida
March (tentative)	GCSANE Monthly Meeting Franklin C.C. Franklin, Mass.

The Super Speaks Out:

This month's question: What's your position in the spikeless versus spiked golf shoes controversy, and how is the issue being handled at your club?

Roy Mackintosh, Twin Hills Country Club: "We at Twin Hills are aware of the spikeless, uh, revolution more than most clubs. We've had golf committee meetings on the subject and we've even got commitments to go spikeless from some of our officials.

"For example, our president wears them as do our green chairman and club treasurer. Of course, I have them as part of my golfing wardrobe, and I don't see any adverse difference in my game since I made the switch.

"However, making a drastic or complete changeover is out of the question. There are always going to be people opposed to change of any nature. Therefore, the only clubs with 100 percent spikeless mentality will be those that ban the conventional spiked shoes.

"I often think of the body english players use at our club – and at all clubs for that matter. You know the scene. The swing or putt is followed by a dig into the turf that would make any superintendent scream for mercy. So, you wonder how the turf feels under those circumstances.

"We have made suggestions to change from spiked to spikeless to those players who perform those little tricks on the greens. But they are just that, suggestions. To come right out and expect that our club will force each member to go spikeless is beyond reason, at least at this point in the game.

"What we are going to need if spikeless is to take a hold on golfers is a leadership group that promotes the change. Certainly, turf people like myself should have an obligation to influence committees and the like to take a second look at the damage spiked shoes cause. Then, there's the PGA

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Don Hearn
Weston Golf Club

Tour, although that's too much to hope for. Funny, though, weren't most of the complaints at the PGA Championship centered around spike marks?

"Regardless, the hopes for a spikeless golf world lie on the demand to make a change from spiked to spikeless mandatory. There's no doubt spikeless is much easier on the turf. When and if country club and golf course members champion the cause are the two provisions standing between a complete changeover from spiked to spikeless."

Bob Piantedosi, Oakley Country Club: "You might say that I've been in the spikeless shoe business for the past two seasons. At least I've distributed spikeless cleats to members of my club board of directors, and I have to report that some were put to use and others were not. So, I'd say that, at least at Oakley, school's still out on the issue.

"I have to admit that Oakley, with its up and down topography, is kind of a testy place for a spikeless experiment. I've put them on, walked around the course, and found that they are easier on my feet. It also appears that using them instead of spiked shoes should be beneficial to the turf.

"As far as promoting their use, I think I've shown where I stand by my distribution of spikeless cleats, and on a persistent level at that. So far, I've had mixed reviews from those members who wore them.

"Which brings us to the prime factor in having them accepted and actually in place as *the* playing cleat of the future. That's having enough supportive response from golfers who see that spikeless shoes are far less damaging to greens than the spiked kind. If the golfer can see that the green looks better and putts better because of changing to spikeless, there's a possibility that banning of conventional shoes will become universal.

"Certainly with the number of rounds increasing and our greens not getting any bigger, there's reason to believe the spikeless movement will get a fair chance to advance to the point where spiked shoes are considered a thing of the past."

Don Hearn, Weston Golf Club: "My part in the endorsement of spikeless golf shoes is evident in attempts to influence members on practical effects of their use. We've inserted articles in the club newsletter, trying to convince members that spikeless means better greens all around.

"Personally, I can see a dramatic difference in the appearance and health of the turf when spikeless shoes are worn. However, I have strong reservations about the spikeless trend becoming mandatory.

"For one thing, we must have leadership in the attempt to convince players that spikeless has more advantages than disadvantages. Sure, we've all heard the stories of people slipping while wearing spikeless shoes, but for that matter, people in conventional spiked shoes have to watch out when they walk on concrete.

"Anyway, there won't be a far-reaching change unless the PGA Tour players give spikeless shoes a chance. After all, they are the idols of our amateur golfers, and what you see in a tour event is what you usually see at a club tourney as far as equipment, clothes, and the like go.

"Oh, and another thing, many golfers are under the impression that changing to spikeless means buying new golf shoes. Maybe we can get out the message that spikeless cleats are available at only a few dollars a set.

"In the end, though, we (turf people) are the ones who have to promote the spikeless move. We, the supers, should make a statement by being 100 percent involved in wearing spikeless shoes. At least we'll be pulling the bandwagon, trumpeting their use instead of hopping on the bandwagon as it passes us by."

GERRY FINN

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Roy Mackintosh
Twin Hills Country Club

Records fall at '95 Ouimet Marathon

Bob DiRico had a spectacular record 45 under par total for 100 holes to finish low net in the Francis Ouimet Scholarship Fund's Golf Marathon III at Stow Acres Country Club, Weston, Mass., on August 16. He also raised a total of \$3,500 to finish twelfth overall in fundraising in representing the Golf Course Superintendent's Association of New England.

DiRico's record was one of many as a field of 36 players averaged 118 holes in the Francis Ouimet Scholarship Fund's Golf Marathon III, raised over \$131,000, and again broke numerous New England and Ouimet Fund records. Other highlights of the event were a record 252 holes by Tatnuck's Brian Spellane, a 23 under par performance for 100 holes by Pleasant Valley assistant pro Scott Trethewey, and a hole-in-one which earned Fresh Pond's Brian Golden a trip to Kiawah Island with four of his pledgers. Mark Robinson of Pine Brook also set a record for fund raising with \$18,000, and a 59 year old completed the 100 holes. Titleist and Foot-Joy Worldwide were the principal sponsors.

The event followed the spectacular success of the two previous Ouimet Marathons which raised a total of \$245,000. The unique fund raiser had players representing courses around Massachusetts attempting to play 100 or more holes. It raised funds through pledges and special gifts for the Ouimet Fund, which provides need-based college tuition assistance for young people who give three years "service to golf" as caddies or helpers in course superintendent or pro shop operations. The Ouimet Fund is considered the golf charity of Massachusetts.

"This was another great event for us. It matches the great pace of our 1994 event which was the largest single fund-raiser we ever had. We're delighted with the support of Bob DiRico and the Golf Course Superintendent's Association and all of their suppliers. They are to be thanked for their tremendous help. The \$131,000 total will go a long way toward the record \$450,000 we are awarding in scholarships this year," said Ouimet Fund President Richard Stimets of Oyster Harbors.

He went onto explain that the average per club improved from \$2350 to \$3650. "We are very grateful to everyone who played and helped raise funds and all of the sponsors and contributors, and the clubs that contributed rounds of golf as incentives. Titleist was especially supportive, and we are deeply appreciative," he said.

A total of 36 players representing 35 different clubs and organizations teed off at 6 a.m. on August 16. All but one completed at least 100 holes. Spellane, of Worcester, Massachusetts and Tatnuck Country Club finished 252 holes to break the previous New England record of 215 holes in the golf marathon format. The record had been set in this event last year by Scott Knox of Tara-Ferncroft.

Spellane works in the pro shop at Tatnuck. He is a 19-year-old junior at Roanoke College who is a Ouimet Scholar - the recipient of a Ouimet Scholarship. Spellane played in the 1994 event and completed 200 holes, and vowed to finish 250 this year. He finished play in near darkness at 8:25 p.m., making 30 foot putt for par on his last hole. The prior two record holders were also Ouimet scholars.

"Brian is the third member of the Spellane family to work at Tatnuck and win a Ouimet Scholarship. He's an outstanding young person and we are very proud of him," said Stimets.

Spellane's 252 holes equalled 14 rounds of golf. He averaged 62 minutes per round, which is another Ouimet Marathon record.

Trethewey is from North Grafton and is in his first year as an assistant professional at Pleasant Valley. He had 27 birdies and just four bogeys in 101 holes, and was only in one bunker all day. Trethewey shot a 65 at Marlboro earlier this summer to be state-wide medalist in the Mass Open

qualifying and was recently second in the assistant pro's stroke play championship. The prior record for this event was 18 under by Scott Johnson in 1993. Belmont Assistant pro Jim Rancatore finished second at 18 under for 100 holes. He went onto play 127 holes and finished 24 under. The competition is based on 100 holes.

Golden, a 28-year-old assistant professional at Fresh Pond from Winchester, made his hole-in-one with a 130-yard nine iron shot on the 11th hole. It was his 141st hole of the day. Golden went onto finish 220 holes. In 1994 he played 184 holes, second behind Knox. The ace was Golden's first. Golden and four of his pledgers will go to Kiawah Island for the finals of the Million Dollar Hole-In-One event in November. It was the first hole-in-one in the Ouimet Marathon. A total of 15,000 holes have been played in the three years.

Tommy Legere of Stoneham and Winchester Country Club, a 27-year-old auto parts supplier, finished 201 holes. He played 126 holes last year.

Marathon Chairman Mark Robinson of Wayland and Pine Brook is a Boston jeweler and a member of the Ouimet Fund Board of Director's. Robinson raised \$18,000 in pledges in support of the 117 holes he played. He also initiated a number of new special incentives which helped raise the overall averages of the participating fundraisers. Robinson bettered his own 1994 record by \$7000.

George Demeritt of Middleton and Salem C.C. became the oldest person to complete 100 holes. The 59-year-old played in just over 11 hours. He keeps fit by running and weightlifting. He is president of Spalding Rehabilitation Hospital.

Here are the top five fund raising clubs: (1) Pine Brook, \$18,000, Mark Robinson Player/Fundraiser; (2) Oyster Harbors, \$11,000, Rob Pentico, Player, John Teller, Fundraiser; (3) Charles River, \$8700, Woody Doherty, Player, Steve Buckley, Fundraiser; (4) Tatnuck, \$8500, Brian Spellane, Player, Steve Zwick, Fundraiser; (5) Blue Hill, \$6600, Bill Herman, Player, Dennis Herman, Fundraiser.

Titleist and Foot-Joy World-Wide were Platinum Sponsors, Stow Acres Country Club was Gold Sponsor, and Bronze Sponsors were the Boston Celtics, Boston Herald, Boston Links Golf Shop, The Boston Red Sox, Dexter Shoes, Eastern Clothing, Edwin Watts Superstores, Hanover, Etonic, Golf Course Superintendents

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Some of the new records set at the Ouimet Marathon:

- **Bob DiRico's 45 under par total for 100 holes**
- **252 total holes played by Briane Spellane**
- **\$131,000 raised for the Ouimet Scholarship Fund**

Four sponsors announce plans for Environmental Steward Award

The four sponsors of the Environmental Steward Award today announced plans for the 1995-96 program. Ciba Turf & Ornamental Products, Rain Bird, Jacobsen Division of Textron Inc. and Lebanon Turf Products announced the following important dates: Entry forms available Sept. 1, 1995; closing date for competition Oct. 31, 1995.

In the previous three years of the competition, Ciba, Rain Bird, Jacobsen and Lebanon have donated more than \$50,000 to The GCSAA Foundation.

"We appreciate everything the sponsors have done to make the Environmental Steward Award one of the leading recognition programs in our industry," says Gary Grigg, CGCS, president of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA). "As an association, together with Ciba, Rain Bird, Jacobsen and Lebanon, we're committed to expanding this program and keeping it on the road to success."

Entry forms are available from any of the sponsors, Ceres Communications (coordinator of the program), or in the September issue of *Golf Course Management*, GCSAA's monthly magazine.

An independent panel of judges, selected for expertise in environmental issues and turfgrass management, reviews the entries. Awards are given in three categories: public, private, and resort courses. One national winner is selected in each. In addition, there may be as many as 21 U.S. regional winners: one public, private, and resort winner in each of the seven U.S. Golf Association regions. There also may be three winners each in Canada and internationally. Merit winners may be selected at the discretion of the Judges.

In 1994-95, 31 golf course superintendents received Environmental Steward Awards, which were created to recognize golf course superintendents and golf courses for their work to protect and enhance their local environments.

Benefits for national winners include: \$500 donation to The GCSAA Foundation in their name, personalized plaque, specially designed seal for display purposes, traveling trophy, and the opportunity to be highlighted in a 1996 edition of *Golf Course Management*.

Regional winners receive a \$50 donation to The GCSAA Foundation, plus the plaque and seal. Merit winners receive a personalized certificate of merit. The names of all winners are included in a 1996 issue of *Golf Course Management*.

Ciba Turf & Ornamental Products, one of the founders of the Environmental Steward Award, is a leading supplier of plant growth regulators, fungicides, herbicides, and insecticides.

Rain Bird's Golf Division, the second founder of the award program, supplies water-management products for golf

courses, landscapes, and agriculture around the world.

Jacobsen Division of Textron Inc. has manufactured and distributed commercial turf maintenance equipment for 75 years.

Lebanon Turf Products manufactures and distributes fertilizer, sells turf seed, and formulates fungicides, herbicides, and insecticides.

For more information about the Environmental Steward Award, contact: Environmental Steward Award, c/o Ceres Communications, 421 West Travelers Trail, Burnsville, MN 55337 (phone: 612/894-2414; FAX: 612/894-2423).

Notre Dame coach to keynote GCSAA conference and show

One of the most successful football coaches of all time, Lou Holtz, will bring his brand of motivation and inspiration to the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America's (GCSAA) 1996 conference and show. Holtz, the head coach at the University of Notre Dame, will keynote the conference's Opening Session scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 7.

The Opening Session and Reception, presented in partnership with United Horticultural Supply (UHS), will kick off GCSAA's 67th International Golf Course Conference and Show, the largest event in the golf course management industry. The event will be Feb. 5-11 at the Orange County Convention Center in Orlando, Fla.

Holtz has led the Fighting Irish to a 70-14-2 record during the past seven years, including a school-record, 23-game winning streak. Through nine seasons at Notre Dame, he has had 83 victories - at least nine more each than legendary coaches Ara Parseghian, Knute Rockne, and Frank Leahy accumulated during their first nine years at the university.

Prior to coming to Notre Dame, Holtz built successful programs at William & Mary, North Carolina State, Arkansas, and Minnesota.

Of the 25 collegiate teams under his direction, 20 have earned post-season bowl invitations, 14 have finished in the final Associated Press Top 20, and eight have finished in the Top 10. Holtz needs one more victory in the 1995 season to reach the 200-win mark, a feat accomplished by only 14 head coaches in the history of college football and by only five other coaches currently active in the game.

Holtz' keynote speech will show attendees how to apply the principles of a winning edge to their personal and professional lives.

Before Holtz' presentation, an awards ceremony will recognize the recipients of GCSAA's Distinguished Service Award and Leo Feser Award.

Following the Opening Session, UHS will sponsor a complimentary reception with drinks and hors d'oeuvres.



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International Golf Course
Conference and Show**

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Ouimet Marathon

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Association of New England, Golf Day, Liberty Mutual Insurance Company, Marriott Hotels/Cambridge/Boston Longwharf/Newton, Miller Golf, New Balance, New England PGA, Post Road Liquors/Upper Falls Liquors, Robinson Jewelers, Spalding Professional Golf, and Wilson Sporting Goods.

Here are some interesting facts about the 1995 Ouimet Fund Marathon:

The Ouimet Marathon raised \$131,000. It was the highest grossing Marathon in New England in 1995, as in 1993 and 1994.

The 36 players played a total of 4256 holes, an average of 118 holes, which is six holes over six rounds.

Ten players completed at least 120 holes. The top ten averaged 158.3 holes.

Scott Trethewey, Pleasant valley assistant pro, was low with a 23 under par total for 100 holes.

Dean Demitropoulos of Vesper was low amateur - six over par for 100 holes.

Most players did better in the third and fourth rounds than they did in the first and second. The fourth round average score was about two strokes below handicaps.

Brian Spellane of Tatnuck broke the Ouimet and Eastern Marathon records by playing 252 holes. Spellane played 200 holes in 1994. The prior record was 215 holes by Scott Knox in 1994.

Bob DiRico, Vice President of the Golf Course Superintendent's Association of New England, was low net with a 45 under par total for 100 holes.

Mark Robinson of Pine Brook was the top fund raiser, accumulating \$18,000 in pledges and gifts.

Rob Pentico of Oyster Harbors won a special incentive as the top fund raiser among assistant pros. Arnold and club captain John Teller accumulated \$11,000. The club was second overall behind Pine Brook.

Brian Golden had the first hole-in-one in the event on the 130-yard 11th hole. It was Golden's 141st hole. He went on to play 220. It was Golden's first hole-in-one and first in 15,000 holes of Ouimet Marathon play. The ace earned him a trip to Kiawah Island. Golden's 220 holes is second behind Spellane in Ouimet Marathon records.

John Monroe, assistant pro at Cape Cod Country Club, won the long drive contest for the second straight year.

George Demeritt of Salem became the oldest player to complete 100 holes in the Marathon. Demeritt is 59 years old.

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

MEMBERSHIP

Proposed for Membership: Don Doering, Affiliate, Doering Equipment Co., Franklin Mass.; Bob Lake, Affiliate, Winding Brook Turf Farm Inc., Weathersfield, Conn.; Kevin Miller, Assistant, Tatnuck Country Club, Worcester, Mass.

Welcome New Members: Robert Aronowitz, Associate, Shaker Farms C.C., Westfield, Mass.; McNulty Construction Corp., Friend, Framingham, Mass.; Michael Marshall, Assistant, Cedar Hill G.C., Stoneham, Mass.

INFORMATION

Apologies to Todd and Jean Sauer of Mount Pleasant C.C., Boylston, Mass., for not reporting the birth of their daughter Kristin Marie in The Newsletter. She was born April 17, 1995.

The RIGCSA is providing us with complementary space at its Rhode Island Turf Conference in Providence on November 28 & 29. If anyone can man the GCSANE booth at that time, please contact Chip Brearley at 508-584-6568.

On September 9 & 10, GCSANE Secretary Kevin Osgood attended the GCSAA Chapter Relations Meeting at the Lawrence, Kansas headquarters. He will report the results of the meeting in an article in the November Newsletter.

A number of golf courses in eastern Mass. were used as sites of a special goose hunting season September 5-15. Wampatuck C.C. in Canton reduced its resident flock by 13 in a matter of minutes, according to Golf Course Superintendent Ed Eardley, who was quoted in several newspapers. Daryn Brown of Braintree Municipal G.C. was also quoted in the press regarding the goose problem. However, he chose the pacifistic approach, letting his 4-legged live-in, Tyler, chase the birds off.

POSITION AVAILABLE

Assistant Superintendent - Heritage Hill Country Club, Lakeville, Mass. Two to three years golf course experience and Mass. pesticide applicators license required. Send resumes to: Ru Garrity, 17 Heritage Hill, Lakeville, Mass. 02347. For more information, phone (508) 947-3444.

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Royer model 30 power screener, 5 hp. B&S engine, very good condition - \$1200 or best offer. Call Mike Nagle, Worcester C.C., (508) 853-6574.

MEETING NOTES

Thank You to Bob Leblanc, the staff at Westminster C.C., and all of the other Leblancs for a great job hosting the September meeting!

TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Team of Two Championship
September 11, 1995
Westminster Country Club

Closest to pin #10 - Len Blodgett, 20' 9"

Closest to pin #17 - Joe Piana, 9' 7"

Supt. Low Gross - David Comee and Mike Hermanson, 74

Supt. Low Net - Jim Beane and Dick Zepp, 58

Supt. 2nd Low Net - Art Silva and Dave Barber, 61

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Affiliate Low Net - Steve Butler and Roy Sibley, 65

Affiliate 2nd Low Net - Kevin Lyons and Dave Schermerhorn, 67

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First, the September 15 episode of "Par for the Course" on ESPN will feature a story about the drought-like conditions facing much of the mid- and eastern United States. The story will present facts regarding the agronomic reasons for the-weather-related damage and talk about what superintendents are doing to bring courses back into condition.

Next, several major golf publications and networks, including Golf Digest, Golfweek, and Golf World magazines, and the Golf Channel, will be approached about the serious situations facing much of the country's courses.

Finally, a news article is being developed and will be distributed through a syndication service to newspapers across the country. The article will present the facts about the weather-related problems facing golf courses across the country and what is being done to save them.

Even with this major media communications effort, there is no guarantee that the message will be effectively delivered. To augment this effort, GCSAA has assembled a package of information that should be helpful to members who face questions or criticism during this stressful period.

The package, available free to GCSAA members, contains articles from the USGA Green Section and turf educators and scientists. The articles are intended to give members the ammunition to be proactive

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