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Jim Beane's "overnight" retirement gives way to new professional challenge

February Meeting

Wednesday, February 28, 1996
Wellesley Country Club
Wellesley Hills, Massachusetts

Host Superintendent
David Barber, CGCS

9:00 a.m. Board Meeting
12 noon Lunch, cost \$20
1:00 p.m. Regular Meeting
with education to follow:
Brad Mitchell, Mass. Pesticide Bureau;
(One contract hour offered
for Mass. Pesticide licensees.)

(Past-Presidents Meeting will take place
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Dave Barber is in his second year as the golf course superintendent at Wellesley Country Club. Prior to that, he was superintendent at Blue Hills Country Club in Canton, Mass. for 14 years. Dave is a 1962 graduate of the Stockbridge School of Agriculture. He has served the GCSANE as a board member from 1971 through 1987, when he was president. He became a certified golf course superintendent in 1977. Enjoying golf in his spare time, Dave and daughter Haley (14) reside in Wayland.

Directions: Take Rte. 128/I-95 to Exit 20B (Rte. 9 West). Follow Rte. 9 to Rte. 16 West, and after a short distance, turn left on Forest Street (Community Playhouse is on the right). Follow Forest Street to Wellesley Avenue and turn left (Babson College is on right). Entrance to Wellesley C.C. is on the left beyond the clubhouse.

It's obvious that Jim Beane takes things one day at a time. Everything. Even his retirement.

"This one (Jim's second retirement in 21 years) just lasted overnight," Beane described his amicable separation from the golf course superintendent's position at Boylston's Mt. Pleasant Country Club. "It was planned that way. It's simply a matter of a change of address from Mt. Pleasant to the Keyes Brook Golf Club. Only this time I'm listed as the construction superintendent. How long will I be doing this? Well, I'm staying aboard until the 27 holes are completed, and probably at the end of two years I'll assess the situation and take it from there."

Keyes Brook is a new challenge for the fighting ex-Marine who turns 65 years young this month. He turned to the strange new world of grooming golf courses some two years into his first retirement after a distinguished 22-year hitch in the United States Marine Corps. The change

in work style was unique because Beane never had any intention of transplanting himself in the golf business after his service to his country.

"There might have been a hint of something brewing along golf lines," Jim said, recalling that he had won the Southwestern Military Championship, a two-man team event he entered before leaving the Marines in 1968. "However, winding up as a superintendent was the farthest thing from my mind when I played in that tournament. It was just a fun thing, a net competition where everything, including my handicap, fell into place."

Beane, a Kentucky native, was full bore Marines when he signed up as a 16-year-old recruit in 1947, before the Korean conflict broke out. That put him in a tenuous situation because he was underage and probably headed for a quick discharge before his service began in earnest.

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**Jim Beane
Keyes Brook G.C.**



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"Everybody kept telling me there was no way I wouldn't be found out and get kicked out of the corps," Beane said. "But I hung in there, did two tours in Korea and another in Vietnam on my way to a 21-year-stretch of service. I even retired as a warrant officer. That's when my life took an unlikely turn. It hasn't stopped since."

The affable Beane, who pulled 22 years at Mt. Pleasant (17 as head super), veered off the projected path shortly after he returned to Winchendon (wife Phyllis' hometown) in 1973.

"I wanted to do something with my time, get into something constructive," Jim told. "I heard of a special education opportunity, transporting an autistic child from Winchendon to Worcester five days week. I had to be in Worcester at 8:30 a.m., drop off my passenger and pick him up for the return trip at 2:30. That gave me a lot of waiting time, and I spent a whole school year in libraries and malls."

Before picking up where he left off, Jim learned of a part-time job at Mt. Pleasant that filled the void the following school year. So, he spent the waiting hours on a 9 to 2 shift where he learned some of the superintendent's responsibilities first hand. And he liked it.

The next year (1975), Winchendon hired a full-time special education teacher and the transportation job folded, but Beane landed a full-time job of his own, on the Mt. Pleasant crew, where he picked up as much experience as he could.

"I really was into it by then," Jim explained. "In 1977 Nick Cammuso (then head super at International) offered me the assistant's position. I went back to Mt. Pleasant where they matched Nick's offer and I became the assistant there. The next year the head job opened up and I got it, plus a club-paid winter turf school education at Stockbridge. That was 17 years ago and I've been the super here (Mt. Pleasant) until I announced my retirement."

It seems that the switch from military life to the superintendent's profession was an easy one for Beane, especially taking on the so-called stress factor in keeping everyone happy at a private golf club.

"That was the simplest part for me," Jim disclosed. "After all, most of my time as a Marine was spent in the bomb disposal units in Korea and Vietnam. Now, if you want to talk about stress, I'm your man. Taking on the responsibilities of a golf course superintendent is duck soup compared to the things I went through in Korea and Vietnam."

In fact, pleasant is just about the perfect description of the experience Jim enjoyed

in his 17 years of directing course grooming and improvement at Mt. Pleasant.

"When I was in the Marines it was one situation after another when you had to depend on one another," Jim recalled. "Well, I applied the same mentality to my job as superintendent. It worked marvelously. In my tenure at Mt. Pleasant I never had to put an ad in the paper for help. We had the reputation of being a good place to work. I'm proud of that fact."

Keyes Brook is a projected 27-hole public course with a 6,900-yard, 18 hole championship layout, plus a par-three nine-holer. Mark Mungeam of the Cornish-Silva-Mungeam architectural firm is the designer, and Beane is working with Golf Group Inc., the course builders.

"I was in from the start," he revealed. A Mt. Pleasant member is one of the owners and he had me walk the land (80 acres) before the project became a reality. We have 11 holes cleared, and the timetable is on target, which means I'll be overseeing this thing for at least two years. After that? Who knows? There could be another retirement, but I'm not even thinking of that now. I'm really content."

An unlikely story . . . that of Jim Beane, who went from bomb disposal to divot repairing and then some. It appears this ex-Marine has landed and everything's under control.

GERRY FINN

Calendar

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| Feb. 5-11, 1996 | 87th Annual International Golf Course Conference & Show
Orange Cty. Convention Center
Orlando, Florida |
| Feb. 28 | GCSANE Monthly Meeting
Wellesley Country Club
Wellesley, Mass. |
| March 14 | USGA Regional Conference
The International
Bolton, Mass. |
| March 18 | GCSANE Monthly Meeting
Franklin C.C.
Franklin, Mass. |
| April 18 | GCSANE Joint Meeting with GCMA of Cape Cod
Hyannis Golf Club
Hyannis, Mass. |
| April 30 | Pro-Superintendent-Media Tournament
Sterling Country Club
Sterling, Mass. |
| Oct. 23 | Shanahan Memorial Pro-Superintendent Tournament
Willowbend Club
Cotuit, Mass. |

The Super Speaks Out:

This month's question:

Do you have snowmobile, ATV, skiing, or sledding activity on your golf course, and how do you handle the situation?

Rich Arzillo, Unicorn Golf Course:

"I think the whole problem of winter sports traffic on a golf course has a lot to do with the people who use the facility . . . how they respond to a problem of damage control and prevention.

"We have very little difficulty with the town folks who use our course, hills, and ponds for recreation. At least there are no signs of any problems this winter.

"For the most part the only control process I concern myself with is the condition of the two ponds on the property. We make sure each is surrounded and distinguished by snow fences, and we keep on top of the ice thickness, posting 'thin ice' signs when they are needed.

"Cross-country skiers are few and far between here. So, with very little skiing traffic, there's no need to bother on that end.

"Like a lot of golf courses, we do have many people take advantage of the wide open Unicorn spaces for sledding. With the kind of heavy snowfall we've had this year, there's nothing I have to worry about in regards to torn turf as long as there is sufficient snow cover.

"Come spring and I give a little more attention to the amount of cover on the hills. It's been my experience that once I post the 'No Sledding' signs when the bare spots start to appear, the sledders respect them. Under that kind of respect and response, we let the sledders use the facility without worrying about possible damage."

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Rich Arzillo
Unicorn Golf Course

Dave Comee, Winchendon Country Club:

"I must say that any problems I've had with winter sports enthusiasts using our facilities have been very rare. There's been an isolated case here and there but mostly the people roaming the hills and rest of the course behave pretty well.

"The golf course, itself, is a boon to skiers and sledders because of the topography. There are plenty of hills, so you look out and there are sledders and the like all over the place.

"Because the course is owned by a private school (Winchendon School) there is allowance made for a cross-country skiing trail that crosses the golfing layout at various places. The school has a recreational team and meets are held here. However, they set up their own trails and my responsibilities in this respect are nonexistent.

"This year the course has been a busy spot for the winter sports set from town and I don't anticipate any problems because of the heavy snow cover and the lingering low temperatures that seemed to follow each storm. By springtime I'm sure the enthusiasm will have died down some, and I'll be ready to get the golf course in shape with little or no damage from winter activity."

John Kotoski, Pine Ridge Country Club:

"I guess I seem to have carried over my experience with snowmobilers and other winter intruders from my last club (Berkshire Hills). Up there the line of trespassers and other problem makers was unending. It was one problem after another.

"This year at Pine Ridge I do have some misgivings about the snowmobile action because there's one (guy) who seems to be playing games with me. He gets here after dark and really tears around the place.



"There are barriers set up to keep the snowmobilers off the grounds, but apparently this guy has found an opening. There are a lot of homes on the perimeter of the golf course, so I figure he's using the backyard of one as entry to what shapes up as a pretty good snowmobile trail.

"The funny thing is that I think the culprit comes all the way from the center of town to get his snowmobile kicks here. Every morning there are fresh tracks, I've heard the machine but so far I haven't been able to see it.

"I'm especially wary of this guy because I have seven greens with covers on them and my fear is that as the snow softens, his snowmobile will tear the tarps and hit us with a huge replacement and repair bill.

"There's also the question of liability. Snowmobiles have been known to be a dangerous form of recreation, both to the grounds being covered and the persons aboard. I've noticed that one of my 4-by-4 posts has been hit already and shattered in half. It has to be that guy on the snowmobile. He's really given me fits. I just hope something serious doesn't happen."

Dick Zepp, Whitinsville Golf Club:

"The good news is that I haven't seen any signs of snowmobile or ATV action on the golf course. Another bright spot is the cross-country skiing situation. There's just a few of them and they're mostly kids. No problem there.

"We do have a ton of (restricted) downhill skiers and sledders. They come out almost every day and I'd say we might have as many as 100 using our hills. We tolerate them just as long as they behave and resist the temptation of doing anything dangerous or destructive.

"In fact, we've been lucky with winter sports people, and the only discussions on the subject have to do with liability. I'm told that we cover liability if we post no trespassing signs. But this remains a gray area, like a lot of legal-related suppositions.

"I guess the one deterrent to the possibility of legal entanglement over use of the facility is to fence the property. But who has the money and time to do that? However, as I said earlier, most of the people respect the course for what it has to be during the golf season. That's a plus, not a problem for me."



GERRY FINN

A Message from the President

Fellow Members,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your confidence in electing me president of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of New England. It is indeed an honor, not only to assume the leadership of such a prestigious group, but also to follow in the footsteps of many past-presidents whom I truly admire. Ironically, two of my predecessors at Brae Burn are past-presidents: Robert Grant, CGCS, and the association's first president, John Shanahan.

During my tenure as a board member the last eight years, this association has expanded. Our membership growth in the past five years has been phenomenal. We have also become heavily involved in the Turf Research and Scholarship & Benevolence Fund. We now sponsor the Massachusetts Turfgrass Conference &

Trade Show. In coming issues, The Newsletter will contain articles about each of these endeavors, explaining why they were created, what has been accomplished, and what is planned for the future. Communicating to our membership will be of the highest priority of the board of directors.

With growth and expansion comes added responsibility and commitment. As volunteer board members, we can accomplish only so much without requiring help in paying strict attention to all details. With this in mind, I would like to announce that the GCSANE has very recently hired an administrative secretary and also subleased office space for our association. These changes were much needed and long overdue. Our secretary, Janice Vance, is also the executive secretary of the Women's Golf Association of Massachusetts. This organization is headquartered in the same building as our new office: Golf House, 190 Park Road, Weston, MA 02153. For those unfamiliar, this is also the home of the Francis Ouimet Museum. We have secured a toll-free telephone number, 1-800-833-4451, which will be the new number for meeting reservations and any other association business (via voice menu). Our fax number is 617-893-6137. If any member has concerns or questions about this new endeavor, please do not hesitate to call me or any board member.

GCSANE announces Board of Directors and committee assignments for 1996

The GCSANE officers and Board of Directors for 1996 are:

Roberts DiRico, CGCS, President; Kevin Osgood, Vice President; James Fitzroy, CGCS, Secretary; Robert Ruzsala, Treasurer; Michael V. Iacono, CGCS, Educational Chairman; James Conant, CGCS, Finance Chairman; Michael Hermanson, Golf Chairman; Michael Nagle, CGCS, Newsletter Chairman; John Hassett, Trustee; Charles T. Passios, CGCS, Trustee; Scott Reynolds, Trustee; and Edward Brearley, Past President.

Committee assignments for 1996 are:

Membership: Scott Reynolds, Edward Brearley, David Stowe, and John LeClair.

Employment: Robert DiRico, CGCS; Kevin Osgood; and James Fitzroy, CGCS.

Publicity: James Fitzroy, CGCS; William Spence; and Richard Tworig.

Finance: James Conant, CGCS; and Robert Ruzsala.

Welfare: John Hassett.

Conference: Robert DiRico, CGCS; James Conant, CGCS; Edward Brearley;

Charles Passios, CGCS; Kevin Osgood; Richard Zepp, CGCS; and Robert Ruzsala.

By-Laws: Edward Brearley; Donald Hearn, CGCS; David Barber, CGCS; and Richard Zepp, CGCS.

Scholarship & Benevolence: John Hassett; Edward Brearley; Robert DiRico, CGCS; Robert Healey; Tom Fox; Charles Passios, CGCS; and Scott Reynolds.

Education: Michael Iacono, CGCS; Bob Mathews, CGCS; Peter Lanman; Kevin Lyons; Chuck Bramhall; Brian Giblin; and Vickie Wallace.

Newsletter: Michael Nagle, CGCS; Daryn Brown; Roger Brink; and Glenn LaChapelle.

Golf: Michael Hermanson; Dave Comee; Richard Tworig; Ron Dobosz; Larry Anshewitz; and Dick Duggan, CGCS.

Turf Research: Kevin Osgood; Charles Passios, CGCS; Robert Ruzsala; and Michael Kroian.

Government Relations - Chapter Liaison: Charles Passios, CGCS.

On behalf of the board, I would like to extend a sincere "Thank You" to Chip Brearley. His untiring efforts and enthusiasm have helped this association immensely. Chip was the prime force and mover behind our leadership role in the Turf Conference and we will be forever indebted to him. Thanks again, Chip. We look forward to, and welcome, your help in the future.

In closing, the excitement level of the board is extremely high, and we look forward to the challenges that lie ahead. The move to Golf House puts three allied associations under one roof, and will enable this association to service member needs and programs more efficiently.

Sincerely,
Robert DiRico, CGCS
President, GCSANE

Dan Rackliffe to receive '96 Leo Feser Award

The 1996 Leo Feser Award will be presented to Dan E. Rackliffe, CGCS, at The Longshore Club Park in Westport, Conn.

The Golf Course Superintendents Association of America presents the award annually, honoring the author of the best superintendent-written article published in the association's monthly magazine, *Golf Course Management*. GCSAA's Publications/Technical Resource Advisory Committee selects the article it believes best serves the interests of golf course superintendents and the golf community.

In his article, "A Long Time Coming", published in April, 1995, Rackliffe details his struggle to replace a 19th century maintenance "barn" with a new facility built for safety and environmental concerns. Rackliffe's offers valuable advice for those facing similar projects. "In fact," he writes, "this project has been one of the most rewarding I have ever completed in my career as a golf course superintendent."

GCSAA will honor Rackliffe during the Opening Session of GCSAA's 67th International Golf Course Conference and Show in Orlando, Fla., on Wednesday, Feb. 7, 1996. Rackliffe's name also will be added to a commemorative plaque on permanent display at association headquarters.

The award honors Leo Feser, pioneer golf course superintendent and charter member of GCSAA. Feser is credited with keeping the association's publication alive during the Great Depression. For three years he wrote, edited, assembled, and published each issue of the magazine from his home in Wayzata, Minn.

GCSAA Historical Preservation Committee reviews accomplishments, refines strategy

The Historical Preservation Committee of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America met Nov. 9-10 at the United States Golf Association in Far Hills, N.J. The committee reviewed tasks completed in the past year and developed recommendations for bringing continuity and permanence to GCSAA's historical preservation initiative.

Since the group last met in October 1994, its status changed from resource group to official GCSAA standing committee. This change will create stability for continuance of the group. In the past year, the Historical Preservation Committee:

- Established a historical display at GCSAA's 66th International Golf Course Conference & Show in San Francisco.
- Videotaped interviews with key senior members of the association.
- Hired a librarian/archivist.
- Archived all copies of Golf Course Management magazine and its predecessors. Documented the historical items stored at GCSAA headquarters in Lawrence, Kans..
- Began a book on the history of the association.
- Introduced industry partners and manufacturers to the historical preservation initiative.

Ties with the USGA were strengthened with regard to preserving the common history of both associations. While in New Jersey for their meeting, the GCSAA Historical Preservation Committee toured Golf House to see first-hand the type of displays the USGA has developed there. Jim Snow, USGA Green Section director, and Dr. Kimberly Erusha, USGA director of education, participated in the meeting in order to help develop joint efforts.

Taken under consideration by the committee were the ideas of developing articles of incorporation, creating a more detailed strategic plan, developing a more detailed committee standard operating procedure, and increasing funding allocations through the budget.

Members of the Historical Preservation Committee are: Chairman Joseph G. Baidy, CGCS, Lyndhurst, Ohio; Lee C. Dieter, CGCS, Arlington, Va.; Joseph M.

Duich, University Park, Pa.; Gary T. Grigg, CGCS, Naples, Fla.; Clay Loyd, Topeka, Kans.; Melvin B. Lucas Jr., CGCS, South Dartmouth, Mass.; Palmer Maples Jr., CGCS, Lawrenceville, Ga.; John Mascaro, Oakland Park, Fla.; Thomas C. Mascaro, Oakland Park, Fla.; Sherwood A. Moore, CGCS, Brewster,

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Former GCSAA president Bob Williams selected for USGA Green Section award

Robert M. (Bob) Williams, retired golf course superintendent of Bob O'Link Golf Club in Highland Park, Ill., and past president of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America, has been selected as the recipient of the 1996 United States Golf Association Green Section Award.

"I'm very, very pleasantly surprised," Williams remarked upon learning of his selection. "This is a great honor."

The USGA Green Section Award is conferred annually to recognize distinguished contributions to golf through work with turfgrass. The presentation of the award will take place at GCSAA's 67th International Golf Course Conference and Show in Orlando, Fla., in February, 1996.

As stated in the USGA's news release announcing this honor, Williams' nomination received widespread support, including testimonials from GCSAA President Gary T. Grigg, CGCS, and GCSAA Vice President Bruce R. Williams, CGCS.

Grigg wrote: "Bob Williams truly exemplifies the spirit of the USGA Green Section Award. His lifetime contributions, particularly his commitment to professionalism, put him first among many you could consider for the 1996 award."

Williams' son, Bruce, stated: "I realize that I am perhaps more than a little biased, but I, too, believe he would be a very deserving recipient. As one of many young superintendents who learned at his feet, I can attest to his skills, his commitment, and his love for the game and the profession. He's also one heck of a dad."

Williams' long professional career began in 1926, when at the age of 12, he became a student trainee at Bellaire Country Club in Wauconda, Ill. By the time he was 18, Williams was the club's superin-

tendent. In 1938, he became assistant superintendent at Medinah Country Club in Chicago, later moving to Ohio State University golf courses. Williams next move was in 1947 when he became superintendent at Beverly Country Club in Chicago. He worked there until accepting the superintendent position at Bob O'Link Golf Club. Williams retired from Bob O'Link in 1979, succeeded by his son, Bruce.

During his career, Williams served the profession at the local, state, and national levels. He served on the GCSAA board from 1953 to 1960, and was president in 1958. Williams is credited with being one who developed the executive approach to the superintendent's profession. He also led the move to form The GCSAA Founda-

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tion, which provides scholarships for college students and funds for turfgrass research. He received GCSAA's Distinguished Service Award in 1977.

Williams is known in the industry for his design and construction of one of the first customized, automatic irrigation systems at Bob O'Link and for his creation of one of the first three-nozzle, tractor-mounted boom sprayers for golf courses. He has been teacher, author, and ambassador for golf course maintenance and has been a mentor for many professional superintendents.

LESCO acquires Agway's Pro-Lawn division

LESCO, Inc. announced it has signed an agreement to acquire the Pro-Lawn Division of Agway, Inc.

Pro-Lawn is the largest regional supplier of professional turf care products for the golf course/landscape/commercial/lawn care market in the Northeast. The division sells fertilizer, turf seed, turf protection, and other specialty products in 16 states, with \$330 million in annual sales.

William A. Foley, chairman, president, and CEO of LESCO, said: "We are all very pleased and excited about this acquisition. Pro-Lawn is a highly-regarded company that has consistently demonstrated its ability to provide exceptional service to its customers throughout the region. They have a very talented organization, a diverse product line that complements LESCO's, as well as a culture that fits well with ours. We believe this move strengthens our position in the strategically important Northeastern U.S. market. The acquisition affords us the opportunity to take

advantage of the best of both companies by utilizing the well-established brand names of both businesses. Additionally, we believe there will be manufacturing and distribution synergies that will help leverage our operating costs."

LESCO, Inc., of Cleveland, Ohio, is the largest national manufacturer and marketer of turf care products and equipment for the professional segment of the "green industry". Agway is one of the nation's largest regional agricultural cooperatives, headquartered in Syracuse, New York, with sales of approximately \$2 billion.

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

MEMBERSHIP

Proposed for Membership: Carl Teschki, Associate, Amherst Golf Club, Amherst, Mass.

Welcome New Members: Lawrence Flannery, Assistant, Concord Country Club, Concord, Mass.; John Leclair, Assistant, Charles River Country Club, Newton Centre, Mass.

INFORMATION

The DEP Water Management Act withdrawal forms are out and must be completed and sent in by Feb. 15. I think they will see quite an increase in water use in 1995!

By a unanimous vote by the Board of Directors at the January Board Meeting, the GCSANE membership dues will not increase for 1996. Dues invoices should be in the mail shortly, so please pay them March 1.

If there are questionable weather conditions on the day of a monthly meeting, please call the new reservation telephone number, 1-800-833-4451, after 7 a.m. You will hear a recorded message as to whether the meeting will be held that day.

Congratulations to Brian Cowan, CGCS of Eastward Ho! C.C. and Bert Frederick of Vesper C.C. on being awarded their GCSANE 25-year pins. Also, Brian will receive his 25-year pin from GCSAA this year. Congrats, again!

Applications for Scholarship/Benevolence scholarships are being accepted through July 31, 1996. To request an application, please contact Jack Hassett at 508-458-7300.

Good luck to Allan Cumps who recently retired after a long career with O.M. Scotts Company and will move back to Wisconsin.

Congratulations to Bob Piantedosi of Oakley C.C. on becoming a Certified Golf Course Superintendent.

Have you ever heard of a magazine named "The Magazine" or a newspaper named "The Newspaper"? Neither have we. By agreement of all Board members, The Newsletter will be renamed. We will solicit the membership in the form of a contest to give our chapter publication a new title. We all feel it's time to move into the 21st century with a more contemporary title for our newsletter. Details will be published in next month's issue. In the same vein, we are also looking into developing a new logo for the GCSANE. Our present logo is a replication of the former GCSAA logo. Again, we feel it's time to move forward and have our own identifying symbol. We will keep the membership informed of our progress.

To assure uninterrupted delivery of the Newsletter, if your address changes for any reason (job change, new house, etc.), PLEASE let me know ASAP. I get a number of newsletters returned each month, and if there is no forwarding address on it, the name is deleted from the mailing list.

From time to time, superintendents get an unsolicited resume from an individual who is looking for an assistant superintendent position at a golf club. Instead of throwing it into the circular file, mail it to any member of the Employment Committee: Bob DiRico, Kevin Osgood, or Jim Fitzroy. They will put it into what is termed the employment file. The employment file also contains position openings for superintendents that our association receives. So, if you are looking for a job or an assistant, give Bob, Kevin, or Jim a call to reference this file.

We reported in the December issue that John Lenhart missed qualifying for the Centennial Boston Marathon by less than a minute. At the January meeting, he informed me that the B.A.A. granted him an exemption and he will be running in the race in April. Best of luck, John, but please: Don't do what Rosie Ruiz did!

Our condolences to Roger Brink, whose father passed away on December 21 in Canandaigua N.Y.

Apologies to Tom Fox of Turf Enhancement Enterprises, which was left off the list of sign sponsors for the Turf Research Tournament. We regret the omission.

Many thanks to everyone who "complimented" me on "Santa's Wish List" in the December issue. You have already reserved yourselves a spot on next years list!

MEETING NOTES

Although the weather certainly was frightful, 20 brave souls ignored the elements to attend the Annual Meeting at Mt. Pleasant C.C. in Lowell, Mass. Thanks to Jack Hassett and his staff for their efforts of snow plowing and catering!

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Golf Course Superintendent - Lakeview Golf Club, Winnisquam, New Hampshire. Position available for superintendent of 9-hole golf course. Should have mechanical ability. Must have pesticide applicators license or be able to get one for 1996. Send resumes to: Lakeview Golf Club, P. O. Box 216, Winnisquam, NH 03289.

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