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Pro golf tours benefit from expertise of four New England superintendents

It's beginning to sound like old hat for four GCSANE members who circle the wagons of LPGA, PGA and PGA Senior Tour events every summer and come away with their victorious guns smokin'.

However, substitute the word "ease" with "expertise" and you have the answer to the pro golf circuit success of Crestview's Gary Mondor, Randy Kehres of Pleasant Valley, Blue Hill's Vince Iacono, and Paul Miller of Nashawtuc.

Each has that uncanny knack for loading up with expertise and pulling the trigger with just enough squeeze to hit the bullseye every time.

Regardless, as the man says (this time Mondor, who turned Crestview into a pristine and pretty playground for LPGA competitors in the Friendly's Classic), "It's not as easy as you make it sound."

Mondor, in fact, came upon hard times when the course was deluged by a four-

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**Paul Miller
Nashawtuc C.C.**

inch rainstorm two days before festivities got underway.

"We were running all over town renting pumps and rolling out every squeegee in sight," offered Mondor's able assistant superintendent Dan Shay. "That was a Saturday and I think Gary worked 24 straight hours bailing us out. It took a lot of work, a lot of input from the crew, and know-how to get the course back in shape. Those pumps did the trick, too, because it was knee-deep water in some of the bunkers."

Mondor and his staff gave the golfing ladies a well-conditioned course for the tournament, bringing favorable comments from all. But, as Gary suggested, it didn't come about without such heads-up moves as split-shift scheduling. That meant 4:30

to 9 a.m. logs followed by returns of 4 p.m. until dark. And that was every day of tournament week.

Cleanup? This consisted of dismantling public service buildings, etc., and then judicious doses of aerifying, seeding, and fertilizing. It should be noted that the aftermath was also a success. Pristine and pretty remained the buzzwords in terms of Crestview's playing condition.

Pleasant Valley was yet another prime-time layout when the PGA Tour invaded the course for the CVS Charity Classic. Kehres, who had a 20-man crew (including four rookies) at his command, reported a smooth ride.

"We had perfect weather the weekend of the tournament, cool and clear," Randy said. "So, this year Mother Nature was on my side. But my crew put in a long and hard two weeks. Some of them even spent the night here. It worked out well, even the cleanup."

That portion of Kehres' responsibility also closed in on perfection and just in time for the club's just-as-important event, its annual member-guest tournament, which fell three weeks after the CVS Classic. "All the color was back and the rest of the course recovered nicely," Randy disclosed. "So, overall, everything was a plus for us."

Less than a month (July 6-11) after the LPGA Tour traveled through Crestview, Iacono was setting up shop for the PING-Welch's Championship at Blue Hill.

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It doesn't come as much of a surprise that Vince welcomes the ladies and their week-long stay. "I guess I'm just old-fashioned," he gushed. "After all, while the ladies are here you seldom see a golf cart on the fairway. Hey, you can really tell the difference. What a joy not to see tire marks out there."

Iacono begins tournament preparation about two and one-half weeks before the start of play. "It's really normal maintenance," he described. "We put more definition into the bunkers and cut a little more than usual."

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***Vince Iacono
Blue Hill C.C.***

Green speed isn't a problem, either. "The LPGA officials don't even bother with Stimpmeter readings," Vince revealed. "They take a more practical approach to speed on the greens. Every day they get their putters, take a few strokes on random greens, and give me a report. They're more interested in the greens being consistent, and that's what I aim for."

Blue Hill's cleanup has no complications because a tour service takes charge of setting up and tearing down corporate tents and the like. It comes in the day after the end of play, then turns over turf recovery chores to Iacono and his staff.

"There's not much damage because the ladies repair their ball marks and are just as careful with the rest of the course as my crew is," Vince remarked. "We just get the color back in spots where tents, gallery stakes, and other additions have been. A little fertilizer and good weather do wonders for the course."

Speaking of weather, it is the key to Paul Miller's annual experience with the Bank of Boston Senior Classic at the

Nashawtuc Country Club. This is Paul's ninth priming season with the tournament and he still mutters, "weather, weather, weather," when listing the most important factors for him and his crew.

"Mother Nature is the key with my tournament preparation and cleanup," Miller explained. "If she cooperates, it's usually smooth sailing. In fact, our preparation is almost the same for a club member-guest event. Frequency of cut is the only difference."

Nashawtuc members, not unlike counterparts at other pro tournament sites, expect the course to bounce back fast, and Miller recognizes the urgency. "Recovery takes about 10 days," he said. "Just as long as the weather holds."

Paul also appreciates the turf respect traits of professional golfers. "When they're here, the course actually gets a break," he reported. "They fix all ball marks, replace their divots, and are mindful of what goes into producing a well-conditioned playing field. That's one of the reasons members can expect the course to bounce back fast."

Pro tournament time, then, isn't all roses. But it isn't all blood, sweat, and tears for its course superiors, either.

GERRY FINN

Calendar

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| September 23 | GCSANE Monthly Meeting Twin Hills Country Club Longmeadow, Mass. |
| October 1 | GCSANE Monthly Meeting Stow Acres Country Club Stow, Mass. |
| October 23 | NEPGA/GCSANE Shanahan Memorial Pro-Supt. Tournament Willowbend Club Cotuit, Mass. |
| November 4 | GCSANE Monthly Meeting Nabnasset Lake Country Club Westford, Mass. |
| December 15 | GCSANE Christmas Party Brae Burn Country Club W. Newton, Mass. |
| Jan. 13-15, 1997 | Mass. Turf Conference Hynes Convention Center Boston, Mass. |
| Feb. 6-12, 1997 | 68th GCSAA International Golf Course Conference and Show Las Vegas, Nevada |

The Super Speaks Out

This month's question:

With the country's minimum wage law revised to call for future increases that will start unskilled workers at a \$5.50 hourly rate, how does the change affect your hiring practices and budget planning?

Ron Dobosz, Cedar Hill Golf Course:

"My situation is different from most superintendents, since the town of Stoughton, which owns Cedar Hill, sets the hourly rates for all municipal workers.

"Therefore, I have no control of how much my financial outlay for labor will be over a season other than regulating the number of hours my staff works.

"Presently, the town has decided that \$7 is the starting hourly rate for my summer or part-time crew. So, there is no connection between that number and the minimum wage figure. However, this isn't to say I agree with the arrangement.

"Actually, the town compensation rates put a dent in my overall budget because they don't take into consideration the fact that paying \$7 or more an hour for unskilled labor eats away at some of my other budget items.

"Frankly, I'd prefer to set my own hourly rates, which would fall in the \$5 to \$6 range. But for now my only solution to keeping within my budget lines is to cut back labor hours from 40 to 34 or 36 hours a week. That's the way it's done here. And just to keep everything in order, the town doesn't allow any overtime. It's that cut and dried."

Bob Garrity, Heritage Hill Country Club:

"With the way the minimum wage law is set up to reach \$5.50 an hour down the road, that figure is just about catching up to the level I start my seasonal help. It's not exactly on the button, but we open up between \$5.50 and \$6 an hour.

"But I guess I'm on labor's side on this issue. I'd really like to be able to pay my



seasonal help more. I think \$5.50 or six bucks is just about borderline as rates to what could be tough physical output.

"This year I picked up all college kids and I got as many as I wanted for what the club was willing to pay. However, I found that there was a complete turnover in my summer crew, so there could be a problem in the future.

"We just happen to be a club that's tight on budget when it comes time to set up compensation for seasonal work. I have to work around it and come up with six additional people for my crew. It's a tough sell sometimes but the staff eventually shapes up . . . even though at wages I'd hate to have to work for."

Dave Dwinell, Wollaston Golf Club:

"When it comes to talk about minimum wage, I think about jobs like frying burgers or waiting tables. The minimum wage law is something I never think about.

"Right now, I'm about a dollar higher for starting pay, and that means I get all the help I want (first-timers) for around \$6.50 an hour. Most are high school age but all are over 16. That's my own rule I have. No one under 16 works on the course. I mean, we're talking about someone having to operate equipment costing \$20,000 and more.

"As far as the minimum wage affecting me over the long run, it doesn't really come into play. As a rule, when someone comes back after their first year, I give an automatic 50-cent raise. I guess that's one of the reasons I don't have trouble getting seasonal help.

"Of course, this isn't forever. If the wage standard takes a big jump one of these years, it could cause me to reassess things. But for now, we're ahead of the new law and getting the job done with a reasonable labor cost."

John Kotoski, Pine Ridge Country Club:

"When you're into the minimum wage law, increases and all that, it's a no-interest situation here. In fact, I haven't heard one word about it.

"That's probably because our hourly rates aren't even close to the projected figure where the new law will top off. We probably round out at \$7 an hour for seasonal help, and that's the lowest we've ever paid as far as I can recall.

"Most of my summer labor is made up of retired seniors. Not only are they the best in reliability and loyalty, they seem satisfied with just enough work time to satisfy their physical and monetary limits. Usually, they put in four hours a day and the result is a happy crew and club.

"Raises are another thing. They depend on the financial stability of the club and the year-end financial figures. If it's a good year, raises come easier and more often.

"So, the minimum wage increase isn't a factor for my seasonal help. We've never hired anyone at minimum wage here, and it doesn't look as though we ever will."

Bob LeBlanc, Westminster Golf Course:

"I like to look at my staff as a completely full-time crew even though four are laid off in the winter. And the layoff lasts for only a little more than four months.

"I say everyone's full-time because faces never seem to change. The only reason for leaving is retirement. That's how stable our work force is.

"Westminster is strictly a family operation. My father (82-year-old Albert LeBlanc) still takes part in the decision-making. So, I play it by ear while he keeps an eye on everything.

"There's no connection between what we pay our help and the minimum wage law. Starting pay is \$7.50 an hour, and in normal times that figure goes up five percent a year. Maybe that's why it takes something like retirement or death to provide an opening on the crew. Otherwise, my dad, my son (another Bob), and myself keep things on an uplift note. Paywise, we're way above minimum wage and we'll stay there as long as the course thrives."

GERRY FINN



GCSAA News

GCSAA promotions & appointments aim to improve services to members

Golf Course Superintendents Association of America chief executive officer Stephen F. Mona, CAE, announced today various staff promotions and appointments.

"Our responsibility as a staff is to provide the highest quality service to GCSAA members," Mona says. "The promotions recognize individuals who have performed at an exemplary level, while our new team members bring skills that will enhance the services and programs we provide."

Among those promoted were:

- **Teri Harris**, former GCSAA marketing and creative services manager, elevated to director of communications. A native of Dighton, Kan., she is in her seventh year at the GCSAA. Harris is a 1986 graduate of Emporia (Kan.) State with a degree in marketing. Harris will oversee the communications activities, including video services, media/public relations, marketing/creative services, *Golf Course Management*, the association's monthly magazine, and *Newsline*, the association's members-only newsletter.
- **Rebecca Spriggs**, has been named senior manager of corporate marketing and sales. She is in her second year at GCSAA, having previously served as a senior account manager. A Lawrence, Kan., native, Spriggs graduated from the University of Kansas in 1990 with a business marketing degree. She will continue to service national accounts, develop sponsorships and manage advertising sales, and will take on the added responsibilities of managing exposition and tournament functions.

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CEO, GCSAA

Among those newly appointed were:

- **Jack Schwartz**, appointed as director of development in the corporate marketing & sales/conference & show department. He comes to GCSAA from the Catholic Foundation of North Texas where he was the director of planned giving. A native of Bemidji, Minn., he earned an undergraduate degree in communications from Lamar (Texas) University in 1980, and a master's in sports administration from Ohio State University in 1983. Schwartz will oversee The GCSAA Foundation and association development activities.
- **Chris Charlton**, hired as senior manager of publications, marketing and creative services. A native of Overland Park, Kan., he graduated from the University of Kansas with a degree in advertising in 1981, and earned a master's in marketing from Northwestern University in 1983. Charlton has 12 years of experience as magazine owner and publisher, and in book marketing. He will direct the activities of GCSAA's internal marketing and graphics

departments, and oversee production of *Golf Course Management* and *Newsline*.

- **Ed Hiscock**, appointed managing editor of the association's monthly magazine, *Golf Course Management*. He comes to GCSAA after serving as director of publications for the National Auctioneers Association. A native of Kalamazoo, Mich., he received his bachelor's in English/political science and a minor in sociology from Western Michigan University in 1978, and a master's in journalism from the University of Kansas in 1982. He will oversee the daily production of the magazine.
- **Jeff Bollig**, hired as manager of media/public relations. A native of Hays, Kan., he comes to the GCSAA staff from the Big Eight Conference where he was the service bureau director. He is a 1984 graduate from the University of Kansas with a bachelor's in business and a minor in journalism, and received his master's in sports administration from Wichita State University in 1986. Bollig will manage the media and public relations activities of the association. Scoff Smith, senior manager of video services, who previously handled GCSAA media relations activities, will expand the scope of video productions. In addition to directing the association's weekly television show "Par for the Course," he will produce public service announcements, feature segments and other video projects.
- **Hannes Combest**, appointed as education manager. A native of Meridian, Miss., she earned her bachelor's degree in journalism from the University of Kansas in 1977 and will receive her master's in management from Baker (Kan.) University in 1997. She comes to the GCSAA from Haskell Indian Nations University where she was the education assistant to the president. Combest's duties include marketing GCSAA education programs, managing the Golf Asia program and new program development.
- **John Vernitte**, appointed as curriculum manager. The former St. Louis, Mo., resident comes to GCSAA from the St. Louis Community College Center for Business and Industry. He was also a project manager/substitute teacher on the senior high school level for the Francis Howell School District. Vernitte received his bachelor's in organizational administration from St. Louis University in 1984, and earned his master's in adult education from the University of Missouri - St. Louis in 1988. His duties will be to design curriculum review strategy, and develop testing policies and procedures for the association's education program.

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UMass Extension Fall Turf Monitoring Calendar

This turf monitoring checklist for lawn and landscape was developed as part of the University of Massachusetts Extension turf Integrated Pest Management Project funded by the Massachusetts Department of Food and Agriculture. The checklist is

intended as a guide in scouting potential turf problems and in determining whether action should be taken to alleviate pest and other problems. For control measures not listed in this checklist, please refer to your copy of the *Professional Turf Man-*

agement Guide for Massachusetts, or if you do not have one, then contact Mary Owen at (508) 892-0382. If you have comments on this checklist, please forward them to Mary Owen, UMass Extension, 800 Pleasant Street, Rochdale, MA 01542.

MONITORING CHECKLIST FOR FALL (September, October, November)

Jennifer Nobel, UMass Turf IPM Technician

| PEST/PROBLEM | ENVIRONMENTAL/ CULTURAL CONDITION/ APX. DATE | MONITORING/WHAT TO LOOK FOR | CULTURAL MANAGEMENT |
|---|--|---|--|
| Japanese beetle grubs | | Third instar grubs will be feeding within the top 2" of soil. Dig a square foot section of sod 4-6 inches deep. Flip upside down on flat surface i.e. plywood board. Use a trowel to beat soil and roots on bottom of sod in order to dislodge grubs. Remove grubs and put in a container to count totals. Replace sod, water well, and sod should reroor. Threshold 8-10 sq. ft. Digging by skunks also indicates high grub populations. | May be too late to treat. |
| Pink snow mold (<i>Fusarium</i> Patch) | 32-45°F. Active anytime during prolonged, cool weather. Requires no snow or other cover for disease. | Circular patches of dead grass 1" to 3" across and larger. After snow melt, grass may be covered with white to pink mold. No sclerotia present. | Rake out. Spring fungicide treatment is not recommended. Prevention: Mow as long as grass is growing at end of season. Do not delay dormancy with fall fertilization. Avoid fall applications of lime in previously diseased areas. Rake leaves from turf. Avoid piling snow deeply along sidewalks and drives. Use snow fences and landscape plants to prevent snow drifts. |
| <i>Pythium</i> damping-off/seedling diseases | 45-75°F. Wet weather. Poorly drained soils. | Seed rots, poor growth of newly seeded lawns, especially in waterlogged, poorly drained soils. Reduced root system, root tips discolor and rot. Above ground turf may be yellowish, turning to red-brown and then to tan and dead, especially in low spots. Seedlings topple over at the soil line. | Seed when temperatures are optimal for rapid germination and establishment. Provide good soil drainage for long term control. Avoid overwatering of newly seeded lawns and puddling in low spots. Avoid overfertilization. |
| Red Thread/ Pink Patch | 45-75°F. Prolonged periods of cool, wet with heavy dew and light rain and fog. Worse on nutrient deficient turf. | Lawn looks ragged with irregular patches of dead and dying turf. Pink-red, often gelatinous mycelium on leaves when moist. In drier conditions red thread-like growths extend beyond leaf tips. Most common on perennial ryegrass and fine fescue. | Maintain proper soil pH. Increase nitrogen and potassium if needed. Prune landscape plants to increase air circulation. Collect clippings when symptoms appear. Use fungicides if not responsive to fertilization. |
| <i>Helminthosporium</i> leaf spot diseases | 45-75°F. Wet foliage from rain, dew, irrigation. High nitrogen. | Irregular patterns of oval to eye-shaped dark bordered spots which expand and produce weak, thin "melting out", especially in Kentucky bluegrass. | Avoid early spring nitrogen. Use a blend of resistant cultivars. |
| <i>Ascochyta/Septoria/Leptosphaerulina</i> leaf blights | 45-75°F. High humidity and excess rainfall or irrigation. | Tipblights that may enlarge into irregular blotches. Leaf tips are chlorotic and mottled. Dark specks are often present in older, diseased tissue. | Avoid watering in the late afternoon and evening. Avoid excess nitrogen. Rarely causes significant injury. |
| Powdery mildew | 45-75°F. Humid, cloudy, cool weather in late summer and fall. | Appears suddenly often in the shade. Irregular patterns with grey to white powdery mold on leaf surfaces. Leaf spots not evident. Leaf blades may remain quite green despite heavy mildew, but later turn yellowish. | Reduce shade and increase air circulation by pruning landscape plants. Avoid excess nitrogen, raise the mowing height, and water deeply and infrequently. Reseed thin areas with shade-tolerant, resistant grasses or use alternative groundcovers. |

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Fall Turf Monitoring Calendar . . . continued from page 5

| PEST/PROBLEM | ENVIRONMENTAL/ CULTURAL CONDITION/ APX. DATE | MONITORING/WHAT TO LOOK FOR | CULTURAL MANAGEMENT |
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| Rusts | 45-75°F. Most common on slow growing grass with nutrient deficiencies, at low mowing heights, in compacted, droughty areas. | Irregular patches with bright yellow-orange, red-brown pustules of powdery spores visible when observed closely. Spores are produced 1-2 weeks after infection so rust is usually not seen in well maintained turf. | Keep grass growing vigorously, so it is mowed before spore production. Maintain balanced fertility, proper aeration, and adequate water. |
| Annual bluegrass | At end of hot, dry season. | Seeds germinate in spring and early fall. Light-green, small statured, bunch-type winter annual grass. | Maintain a vigorous, healthy lawn with adequate fertilization. |
| Broadleaf weeds | Fall. | Winter annual weeds such as bittercress, chickweed, clover, speedwell. | Maintain a vigorous, healthy lawn. Mow as soon as flower heads appear to reduce further infestations. Treat with herbicides in early fall. Do not mow for 24 days prior to treating. Apply herbicide when there is no rain predicted for at least 24 hours. |
| Crabgrass | Dies after first frost. | Coarse, yellowish-green summer annual. | Adjust pH if necessary. Reseed bare spots after crabgrass dies. Fall fertilization will encourage turfgrass to spread to bare areas. |
| Downy mildew (Yellow tuft) | 45-75°F. After grass greens up in spring. On poorly drained or heavily watered areas at times of grass growth. | Initially stunted growth, then yellow patches or "tufts" less than 1" across. Patches of excessive tillering, yellowing, and with few roots can be easily pulled from turf. | Adequate drainage during seedbed preparation. Avoid excess nitrogen and excess water. Avoid mowing when wet. |
| Yellow Patch (Cool weather brown patch) | 45-75°F. Cool, very wet. | Circular patches 1-3" with green centers and rusty-brown to yellow sunken rings. Wet grass is not covered with mold. Most common in perennial ryegrass and tall fescue. | Good drainage and air circulation. Avoid excess nitrogen. Mow when dry. |
| Leaf Smuts | 45-75°F. Low soil moisture and temperatures. Especially on turf over three years old with thick thatch, low soil pH, and excess nitrogen or water. | Plants look stunted and yellow before development of irregular patches. Gray to black powdery spores in stems and in leaves. Leaves then become twisted and frayed. Symptoms may disappear in hot weather and reappear in the fall. | Purchase only certified smut-free seed. Use resistant cultivars. Avoid excess nitrogen. Pay special attention to adequate irrigation or raise mowing height during summer heat stress. |
| Fairy rings | 45-75°F. More damage in dry soils. Puffballs and mushrooms occur most often, throughout the growing season, after rain. | Expanding circular patches often 15 feet or more across with outer ring of dark green grass. May be mushrooms within rings or a ring of dead grass to the inside of a darker, lush ring. Symptoms come and go from year to year and throughout the season. Most severe on soils with light texture, low fertility, thick thatch, and insufficient moisture. Often begin around old tree stumps. | Careful watering and fertilizing may mask dark green circles. Pick or mow mushrooms. If absolutely necessary, penetrate or remove fungal mat. No fungicides are effective. |
| Dollar spot | 45-80°F. Warm, humid weather with cool nights and heavy dews. Especially on dry, nutrient-deficient soils. | Circular patches 1-6" across. May be covered with web-like white mold when wet. Individual leaves have hour glass shaped, straw-colored lesions that girdle blades and have reddish-brown borders. | Adequate nitrogen and potassium. Water thoroughly and deeply as infrequently as possible. Avoid watering in late afternoon or evening which prolongs leaf wetness. Prune landscape plants to promote good air circulation. Use resistant cultivars. Avoid mowing when wet. |
| Necrotic ring spot | 45-75°F. Often after drought. Early part of summer - June. More commonly August/September. | Root disease resulting in patches, rings or arcs, "frogeyes" usually 6-8" across and coalescing. Roots and crowns turn brown to black and rotted. Most common on 2-4 year-old Kentucky bluegrass and hard fescues (creeping red) in compacted, stressed areas. | Daily light application of water in addition to regular deep irrigation. Reduce compaction. Reseed damaged areas with resistant cultivars. |

GCSANE News

GCSANE receives thank you letter from Ouimet Fund; Kevin Osgood plays 100 holes at Golf Marathon IV

Re: Ouimet Scholarship Fund
Golf Marathon IV

Dear Mr. DiRico,

On August 6, 1996, Kevin Osgood played an amazing 100 holes of golf in the most successful one day fundraising event in the history of the Francis Ouimet Scholarship Fund. Thank you for supporting Kevin in his efforts. According to our records, the amount that you pledged was \$1000. The full amount is tax deductible.

The Ouimet Golf Marathon IV raised approximately \$138,000 in pledges which will become part of this year's scholarship awards. You may be interested to learn that for academic year 1996-1997, the Ouimet Fund will award \$525,000 in need based tuition assistance which is a fourth straight record increase in awards. Since our founding in 1949, the Ouimet Fund has awarded over \$7.8 million to deserving young men and women.

On behalf of the officers, directors and most importantly, the recipients of the Ouimet Scholarship, I would like to thank you for making your pledge and for supporting the Ouimet Fund. You, along with hundreds of other sponsors, made this event a terrific success and we are deeply appreciative.

Sincerely,
Robert P. Donovan
Executive Director

GCSAA News

Industry partners extend sponsorships of Innovative Superintendent session breakfasts

A thirst for knowledge and a hunger for croissants has led American Cyanamid Co. and Club Car Inc. to sign a three-year agreement to present complimentary continental breakfasts at the annual International Golf Course Conference & Show.

The deal actually extends the partnership, which began as a one-year pact last year. The continental breakfasts will be provided prior to the Innovative Superintendent sessions, 6-7 a.m., Monday and Tuesday, Feb. 10-11, at the 68th annual conference & show in Las Vegas, Feb. 6-12, 1997.

The agreement calls for continued support of similar functions at the 1998 (Anaheim, Calif.) and 1999 (Orlando, Fla.) GCSAA international conference and shows.

American Cyanamid Co., located in Wayne, N.J., produces herbicides, insecticides, and plant growth regulators for all types of turfgrass. Club Car Inc., based in Augusta, Ga., builds a complete line of golf cars and utility vehicles, including accessories designed for use on golf courses.

UMass News

Progress report on replacement search for Dr. Cooper at UMass turf program

by Dr. William Bramlage, Dept. Head
UMass Dept. of Plant & Soil Sciences

In October 1995, Provost Patricia Crosson authorized the Department of Plant and Soil Sciences to initiate a search for an Assistant Professor of Turfgrass Management to replace Dr. Cooper. This position carries responsibilities in teaching, research, and extension. Dr. Crosson authorized only two faculty searches in the College of Food and Natural Resources for 1995-96, and Dean Robert Helgesen chose this as one of the two positions.

A national search produced 13 candidates for the position. Four were selected by the Search Committee for interview, at which point one withdrew his candidacy. Of the three people interviewed, one was the unanimous choice of the Search Committee, faculty, and administration. Dean Helgesen made him an outstanding offer, but for family reasons, the candidate declined our offer, and accepted one at Kansas State University. The other two candidates interviewed were unacceptable for the position.

We decided at that point to request a new search. There are a large number of competing searches currently in progress, and to meet the competition, we have been authorized by Dean Helgesen to

expand the search by opening it to candidates at all academic ranks, not just those at the entry level. The search will continue this fall, with the hope of having a new faculty member in Turfgrass Management join the department in the summer of 1997.

This is an extremely important position for the Turf Program at UMass. We are most grateful to Dean Helgesen and Provost Crosson for their commitment to and support for this position.

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GCSAA News

Toro Company extends partnership with GCSAA to present Golf Championship through the year 2000

The Toro Company has made it a twosome by extending its partnership with the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America to present the annual GCSAA Golf Championship through the year 2000.

The members-only event, held in conjunction with the annual International Golf Course Conference and Show, is scheduled from Wednesday to Friday, Feb. 5-7, 1997, at six unique courses in the Las Vegas area. Toro originally signed on as the exclusive partner presenting the tournament for '95, '96, '97, allowing GCSAA to significantly upgrade the affair.

"We are very pleased to renew our partnership with GCSAA," said John Sazafranski, vice president/general

manager of Toro's commercial division. "We have received great feedback on our sponsorship of the tournament, and

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The Toro Company, based in Bloomington, Minn., is the world's leading manufacturer of golf maintenance equipment and irrigation systems. It has been a provider of innovative, high-quality equipment and services to the golf industry for 75 years. Toro also offers outdoor beautification products for residential and commercial markets.

The agreement also enhances Toro's solid partnership program with GCSAA. In addition to the golf championship, Toro is a sponsor of the Watson Fellowship Program administered by The GCSAA Foundation. It is also the supporting sponsor of the association's weekly television show, "Par for the Course."

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

MEMBERSHIP

Proposed for Membership: Brett Johnson, Assistant, Oak Hill Country Club, Fitchburg, Mass.; Stephen M. Cronin, Assistant, Lost Brook Country Club, Norwood, Mass.

Welcome New Members: Paul Bonini, Assistant, Pine Meadows G.C., Lexington, Mass.; William Doherty, Affiliate, Golf Learning Center of New England, Norton, Mass.

INFORMATION

Our apologies to Larchmont Irrigation, which was a donor in the Scholarship and Benevolence Tournament at Green Harbor, but was not listed in the Newsletter.

You'll be receiving a postcard with the finalists in the newsletter name contest. All you have to do is fill in your selection for the newsletter name and mail it back (don't worry, it will have postage already on it!). The deadline will be on the card.

Rich Tworig, Rich Tworig, Rich Tworig. That's all I read and hear about is Rich Tworig. First the Boston Globe, then the Herald, then WEEI Radio, now a profile in the UMass Alumni magazine. Seriously, congratulations to the MDC Director of Golf Operations for all the well-deserved attention!

MEETING NOTES

A Thank You to Scott Hurt and the entire staff at Oak Hill Country Club for a terrific job hosting the Superintendent/Club Official Tournament. A lot of eyes were opened when we finished the round and no one could find a spike mark on the greens. One thing, Scott: could you get the greens a little faster next time?

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TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Superintendent/Club Official Tournament
August 12, 1996
at Oak Hill Country Club, Fitchburg, Mass.

1st Gross: 68
Bernie DiPasquale & John Curran, Jr., Oak Hill
2nd Gross: 70
Jack Hassett & Phil Regan, Mt. Pleasant
1st Net: 65
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Our hosts for the September GCSANE meeting and Superintendent Championship are Twin Hills C.C and Roy Mackintosh, CGCS.

Roy has been at Twin Hills since 1964 (with the exception of 15 months at the Greylock Glen Project), first as golf course superintendent, then, in 1976, as General Manager.



Roy is a 1964 graduate of Stockbridge and became a Certified Golf Course Superintendent in 1991.

He and his wife of 33 years, Fran, reside in Longmeadow and have 3 children: Deneen, who also works on the Twin Hills staff; Scott, a sales representative for Turf

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We all look forward to the meeting on September 23.

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