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Outgoing GCSANE president grateful for officer, board, & member support

Not that he'd like to sweep them under the door rug or anything like that, on his way out the door of the GCSANE presidency, but Bob DiRico prefers not to dwell on his accomplishments during his two-year stay in that office.

"I'd rather have this sound more like a thank you note than a testimonial," said DiRico before handing over his gavel to incoming president Kevin Osgood. "Believe it or not, I still stand in awe of the aura surrounding the chance to serve on the governing board of our organization. I can't take credit for any improvements and advancements in the state of the GCSANE without emphasizing the roles other people played in progress made in the last two years."

Such progress requires little or no illumination. However, for those who recently joined, its highlights include the smooth transition the GCSANE enjoyed when it assumed leadership in operating the New England Turf Conference, the establishment of a GCSANE office that's now shared in cooperation with the

Massachusetts Golf Association, the hiring of the ever-efficient Janice Vance as association secretary, the expansion of the turf conference into a regional event, the no-nonsense stands on such issues as the Pesticide Disclosure Act, and the continuing efforts to elevate the golf course management profession.

DiRico says he's been fortunate to be around when all those accomplishments (plus numerous others) happened. "I've always underestimated myself and for good reason," Bob explained. "Becoming part of an organization can become a frightening thing, especially when you're asked to serve on its governing board. That was the case nine years ago when Dick Zepp and Dave Barber (past presidents) approached me on the idea. The responsibility attached to it has overwhelmed me ever since."

Zepp and Barber, then, are part of the past-presidents' brigade that's helped DiRico get over more than one administrative hump. Others in the group include Don Hearn, Ron Kirkman, Chip Brearley, Tony Caranci, Bob Grant, and Leon St. Pierre. "What can I say about those guys?" said DiRico. "Whenever I needed a boost, a much-needed piece of advice, one or the other was there. They're people who never let you down."

Speaking of Brearley, DiRico makes it clear just how much of himself the former president gave setting up and effecting control of the turf conference. "Chip's a shaker and mover," Bob explained. "He put everything he had in that most

important move. He received help from people like Jim Conant and Charlie Passios. You don't get something like that finalized sitting around waiting for someone else to do it."

DiRico also has high praise for individual chairmen of committees and other executive officers who serve beyond normal limits.

"A lot of our executive officers and chairmen come through at the thankless jobs, the ones many members think get done by themselves," Bob pointed out. "Take golf chairman. I did that one. I know what it means to line up courses for

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meetings, the telephone calls, and yes, sometimes the pleading. Mike Hermanson has done it and sparkled.

"The same goes for Mike Iacono. No one could have done a better job as education chairman. He's the tops. The same goes for two of our past *Newsletter* chairmen, Kip Tyler and Mike Nagle. They set a standard for *Newsletter* leadership and literally burned the midnight oil trying to upgrade and professionalize our publication. I'm also happy to say that Wayne LaCroix is following in their footsteps. We're lucky the way that's worked out."

Of course, Janice Vance comes in for special praise. "There's no question," DiRico remarked. "Janice has brought us to that next level where our professionalism shines through. She really took our administration to the top. She was the bridge between the MGA and us sharing the same office. That's going to be another plus."

Others on DiRico's thank-you list were

Conference News

First NE Regional Turfgrass Conference & Show March 3-5

The first New England Regional Turfgrass Conference & Show will be March 3-5, 1998 at the Rhode Island Convention Center, Providence, R.I. The show combines the Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and New Hampshire turf shows, and will include representatives from all New England states, New York, and New Jersey.

The conference portion, Building Together for Tomorrow, will offer industry seminars for turf professionals. Recertification credits can be earned at these programs. The show portion will boast over 300 exhibitors from throughout the U.S. Interested exhibitors should call (401) 848-0004 to reserve a booth(s). Space is almost sold out.

The trade show hours are: Tuesday, March 3, 4-7 p.m.; Wednesday, March 4, 10:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. and 4-6 p.m.; and Thursday, March 5, 10:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. All interested attendees should contact the Show Office at (401) 848-0004 for additional information.

the Mucciarone twins (Norm and Bob) who taught him how to break up the pesty cliques; former golf chairman Steve Murphy who set an early pace in that operation; scholarship and benevolence chairman Dave Comee; treasurer Bob Ruzsala, who smoothed out a few financial wrinkles during his tenure; and of course, his immediate boss, the Brae Burn Country Club, that understood and appreciated the responsibility that comes with presiding over an ambitious group like the GCSANE.

"I'm still amazed at the total commitment some of our directors, presidents, and others have made to the association over the years," Bob offered. "For some it's been an unreal commitment. Some have been in the administration ranks for as many as 15 years. When I complete two years as past president, it will mark nine years for me."

Some other people who have had an influence on DiRico in his two years at the GCSANE controls are Joe and Lonnie Troll of Massachusetts Turf Conference and Stockbridge fame, a number of MGA officials who steered him through board meetings there, and his late father, Joseph, who passed away last May in what Bob labeled "a bittersweet time in my career when I lost the greatest friend a man can have, while preparing my golf course for the prestigious U.S. Women's Amateur Championship. So it was an eventful year, filled with accomplishments and emotional eventualities."

It should be added that it also was a prosperous two years for the Golf Course Superintendents Association of New England, when Bob presided over it in the spirit and success of many of its legendary leaders. While bowing to his obvious humility, it must be recorded that he's a credit to the office he's leaving.

GERRY FINN

Calendar

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| February 19 | GCSANE Monthly Meeting
Thorny Lea Golf Club
Brockton, Mass.
Supt. - Joseph L. Rybka, CGCS |
| March 25 | GCSANE Monthly Meeting
Pleasant Valley Country Club
Sutton, Mass.
Supt. - Randy Kehres, CGCS |

The Super Speaks Out

This month's question: How were your late-season maintenance/repair plans affected when Mother Nature tossed in a sneak punch with an early-November snowstorm?

Mark Gagne, Walpole Country Club:

"Just about everything I had planned to take care of in those slow golfing days just before Thanksgiving was thrown into a mess when we got hit with that storm. I looked back at my records and found out that this was the earliest snow we've had here since 1989. So it wasn't something all of us expected.

"To be perfectly frank, it screwed up my whole schedule. We have a lot of green restoration work on the agenda, a heavy bout with sodding, some bunker restoration, and in general, much vital outside work we can't even attempt when there is a full boatload of golfers on the course. The sodding project was a complete mess. The sod was laid out for good 10 days and the storm pulled a double-whammy on me. First, if it warmed up, the ground got too muddy. Then, with the ice forming overnight, the ground got too hard and rutty. I couldn't win either way.

"I suppose the green restoration project was the hardest hit. This is very important and on a time schedule drawn up to bring all of our greens back to the size they were before an actual downsizing of them was put into place 15 years ago. Since we started our way back we've been doing about two greens a year to produce the original size and look. The storm threw a monkey wrench into that plan.

"Regardless of the actual snow periods (there were two of them), the most exasperating thing was hanging around waiting for a meltdown. That was the hardest setback to endure. Usually, an early storm is followed by warmer-than-predicted weather, but that never happened.

"Therefore, I was between a rock and a hard place with my crew. I had eight men waiting on the sun to stir up some favorable working conditions. There I was, holding on to them and waiting for a break. Heading into the first of December

I was getting a little nervous and convinced that no matter how much technology we come up with in this business, we still have to bow down to Mother Nature when she wants to take control."

Brian Skinner, Bellevue Golf Club:

"This (early snow) was all I needed, because this is my first year as head superintendent here, and I wanted the transition from assistant to top man to be as uncomplicated as possible. But Mother Nature had other plans.

"We had two storms. The first was Friday (Nov. 14) and the next was two days later when we got another three inches to add to the six or seven we got the first time it snowed.

"Unfortunately, I had a lot of irons in the maintenance fire when the storms arrived. I had to get my snow mold spraying going, my irrigation lines had to be blown out, and other little things that get done when the season winds down were still there waiting to be done. But the snow put a crimp in all my plans.

"That and what followed the storms. All we had were night temperatures in the low 20s and little or no sunlight during the day. The meltdown was a slow and agonizing process. It caught me by complete surprise.

"Which meant that I had to think about shoveling off some of my greens in order to get back to work on them. Shoveling also can be a risky business, but I had to do something as we headed into December.

"Like I said earlier, I didn't need this kind of a reception from the late-season weather to get me past my first year as head super here. It's just the way the ball bounces, I guess. I never dreamed I'd have to make a decision about having to shovel greens in the middle of November. But those kinds of decisions come with moving up in your career. I won't forget this year. You'd better believe it."

Jim Conant, Pittsfield Country Club:

"I picked a good time to come 'home'. I mean, here I am, back where I was brought up, and I get hit with a real weather shot no one expected.

"Yeah, I know. I should have been prepared. This is the Berkshires. This is my first year as super here after sunning myself at Kings Way (Yarmouth) and snow's always on the menu when you're rubbing elbows with Vermont.

"But, really, the early-November storm caught me by surprise. We got seven inches Nov. 14, another three Nov. 16, and some sleet in between. Not only has it been a rough beginning of winter, but I hear that we're in for some snow squalls in the next few days.

"Naturally, all of this affected my maintenance plans. The big problem is someone else's problem. An outside company had two holes to be completed on a new irrigation system. But they'll get it done.

"My projects are piling up because of the storm's aftermath. There's no meltdown yet and none in sight. I have plenty of in-house work on hold, including some important tree pruning and removal. This is the only time we can do that stuff, and even if we do get through it, it's a slow process. When you have a distraction like snow, the blood pressure goes up and the energy level goes down.

"We'll be behind on all the regularly planned things, and then we get to the normal responsibilities of snow removal, platform tennis and squash court upkeep, and putting a shine on our equipment. The storms? They proved to be the disruption you shouldn't get when the golf season comes to an end. I guess the break-in period here for me was a short one. The honeymoon is over."

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Report on Pesticide Disclosure Act, S. 1886

A report from the office of State Senator Lois Pines, chair of the Natural Resources and Agriculture Committee

Why the bill is necessary:

- Pesticides are toxic by design. Therefore, in addition to their intended effect on target pests, they may harm non-target organisms like beneficial insects, fish, wildlife, domestic animals and humans. Of particular concern are the impacts to infants and children who experience higher exposures to some pesticides than adults on a bodyweight basis and who are more vulnerable to developmental effects, many of which are unknown or understudied.
- People are exposed to pesticides through uses in food production, forestry, landscaping, on golf courses, lawns and gardens, and in the home and other building spaces. Persons who may be exposed, or whose property may be exposed, to toxic chemicals have a right to know about such exposures before they occur.
- For more than 90 percent of the pesticides currently on the market, testing adequate to examine the full range of reproductive and developmental effects simply has not been done. The Environmental Protection Agency is currently studying many of these chemicals, which were grandfathered when EPA took over the pesticide registration process in 1970. In addition to the lack of testing data, there is limited information concerning the use and application of pesticides. Until these chemicals can be proven safe, the public should be as well-informed about them as possible.
- Current Massachusetts law requires licensed and certified pesticide applicators to maintain records of pesticide applications, but it does not provide for systematic collection, centralization or organization of this information into an accessible format. Thus, it is difficult to understand or address the health and environmental impacts of pesticide use. Comprehensive, accurate, computerized data on pesticide use will provide valuable information to the public and will assist in efforts to assess the impacts of pesticides on human health and the environment, such as the potential link between pesticides and breast cancer.

What the bill does:

- Requires the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to develop a statewide pesticide use computer database capable of providing information to the general public in a format which is useful and easy to understand. Requires that the database be used to set priorities for food monitoring, pesticide use enforcement, farm worker safety programs, environmental monitoring, pest control research, and public health monitoring and research.
- Requires all certified and licensed pesticide applicators to file reports twice a year with the Massachusetts DEP concerning pesticide use.
- Requires certified and licensed pesticide applicators to provide the following notification of any spraying or other application of pesticides:
 - in the case of aerial applications or applications to rights-of-way, applicators must publish notice in the local newspaper at least 48 hours prior to application;
 - in the case of agricultural applications, applicators must provide annual written notification to local boards of health and occupants of abutting properties;
 - in the case of lawn care, tree care, or landscaping, applicators must provide written notification to occupants of abutting properties 48 hours prior to application.
- Requires any applicator applying pesticides outdoors to post signs along the perimeter of the area to be sprayed prior to the application, and to leave the signs up for 48 hours after the application. Prohibits the application of pesticides on school property when children are present.
- Requires each school committee in Massachusetts to develop and implement a policy to provide school employees, students, and their parents or guardians notice before pesticides are sprayed or applied on school property.
- Requires the Department of Food and Agriculture to promote the use of integrated pest management and other alternate pest control methods in order to reduce toxic chemical exposures to people, agriculture, water, and soils.
- Requires every state agency to adopt and implement integrated pest management for all state-owned buildings and grounds.

- Requires the Department of Public Health to establish a plan to increase the number of applications to the breast cancer research program from researchers who propose to investigate the potential connection between pesticides and breast cancer.

Summary of content and changes to the Pesticide Disclosure Act (S. 1062) as of July 3, 1997

Section 1, Goals of the Act. Acknowledges the fundamental right of Massachusetts citizens to know about pesticide use, the toxicity of pesticides, the current lack of a useful compilation of data on pesticide use and that Massachusetts citizens are being denied their right to know about pesticide use in the Commonwealth. States policy goals of the act as the creation of an accessible database and the provision of advance notice to the public about pesticide applications so they may reduce their exposure.

Section 2, Reporting. Sections 1 & 2, Pesticide Use Reporting. Provides for the creation of a statewide pesticide use computer database capable of providing accessible information to the general public about pesticide use by five-digit zip code or street address. The database will be developed and operated by the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). (*Addresses concerns raised by the Department of Food and Agriculture (DFA) regarding personnel and resources. DEP has expertise and experience operating sophisticated computer databases.*) **Section 3, Annual Report on Pesticide Use.** Requires the DEP commissioner to prepare an annual report, submitted to the legislature, summarizing pesticide use in the state. (*Addresses concerns raised by the DFA regarding personnel and resources.*)

Section 3, Definition of Integrated Pest Management (IPM). Defines IPM as a comprehensive strategy of pest control whose major objective is to achieve desired levels of pest control in an environmentally responsible manner by combining multiple pest control measures to reduce the need for reliance on chemical pesticides. (*Allows pesticide use "only when absolutely necessary" as opposed to "as a last resort". Addresses Dept. of Food and Agriculture's (DFA) concern that pesticides are not necessarily "a last resort", sometimes they are necessary.*)

Section 4, Definition of Abutter. Defines "abutter" as occupant of adjoining properties and properties directly opposite. (*Limits abutters to occupants, not owners. Addresses applicators' concerns that notifying both owners and occupants would be excessively burdensome.*)

Section 5, Definition of Standard Written Notification. Defines "standard written notification" as including a number of types of information. (*By deleting requirement that agricultural pesticide*

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'Remember when?': Looking at GCSANE's past

Remember when? looks at the significant events and individuals of GCSANE's past.

25 years ago

Two future superintendents were rewarded for classroom achievement with Professor Lawrence S. Dickinson Scholarships: Stephen Finamore and Phillip DiRico, Jr. Professor Joseph Troll of Stockbridge, U. of Mass., did the honors for two star pupils after being handed certificate and moolah from Phil Cassidy of the scholarship committee and GCSANE. Finamore, a senior in the four-year course and resident of Waltham, did placement work under Dave Barber (Wayland). DiRico, like Finamore a former schoolboy hockey star,

is a senior in the two-year program and comes from a golfing family (pros Tom and Danny DiRico, and junior amateur golfing standout David DiRico). Phil's had three stops in his maintenance experience: Longmeadow, Springfield, and LaJolla, Cal. **15 years ago**

The nominated slate of officers for 1983 from a nominating committee chaired by Donald Hearn: president, Brian Cowan; first and second vice-president, Donald Hearn; secretary, Dick Zepp; treasurer, Pierre Coste; trustee, Thomas Schofield; trustee, Stephen Chiavoroli, Jr.; finance chairman, Robert Johnston; golf chairman, Stephen M. Murphy; educational chairman, Antone DeBettencourt;

newsletter chairman, Douglas W. Johnson. The 1983 new member section welcomes and congratulates Jim O'Kelly of Brae Burn Country Club.

5 years ago

The Massachusetts Turf and Lawngrass Association, in cooperation with the UMass Cooperative Extension and GCSANE, will present the annual Turfgrass Conference and Show March 1-3, 1993 in Springfield, Mass. The conference features a keynote address by distinguished golf course architect Geoffrey Cornish. Afternoon sessions will be followed by a banquet, scholarship awards, and a presentation by one of GCSANE's own, Tony Caranci.

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Pesticide Disclosure Act

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application shall not commence prior to approximate dates specified in the annual notice and shall not conclude more than 72 hours after approximate dates in the annual notice. Addresses concerns of farmers that they cannot predict with certainty when specific pesticides will be used.)

Section 6, IPM. Requires DFA to promote IPM and to prepare an annual report, submitted to the legislature, describing efforts and progress made toward furthering the use of IPM in the state.

Section 7, Prenotification for Rights-of-Way and Aerial Applications. **Section 6B, Prenotification for Rights-of-Way and Aerial Applications.** Eliminates seven day prenotification requirement to abutters, replaces with requirement for conspicuous notice in local newspaper 48 hours in advance. Requires applicators to make available a phone number for information for right-of-way applications. (*Addresses utilities' and railroads' concerns that individual, mailed, notification would be excessively burdensome. Requirement of toll-free number eliminated in response to concerns that small businesses and small municipalities would not have a toll-free number or the resources to establish one. Requirement of publication in two newspapers reduced to one newspaper in response to concerns raised regarding small towns with only one newspaper.*)

Section 8, Prenotification for Agricultural Application; Lawn Care, Tree Care, and Landscaping; and Outdoor Posting. **Section 6C, Prenotification for Agricultural Application.** Eliminates 48 hour mailed prenotification requirement for golf courses and agricultural applications. Replaces with annual written notice requirement for agricultural applications, delivered by method of choice of applicator. Annual notice to abutters need not include all information, as long as that information is sent to the local Board of Health and abutters are notified that such information is available at the local Board

of Health. Abutters may request direct notification of agricultural applications. (*Addresses concerns of golf courses and farmers that mailed prenotification is excessively burdensome and would disrupt IPM efforts.*) **Section 6D, Prenotification for Lawn Care, Tree Care, and Landscaping.** Eliminates seven day individual mailed notice for lawn care. Replaces with 48 hour written notice to abutters, delivered by method of choice of applicator. (*Addresses concerns of applicators that seven day individual mailed notice was an excessive burden.*) **Section 6E, Emergency Applications.** Provides for right, upon approval of department, to waive requirements of sections 6B through 6D if emergency application is necessary. (*Addresses concern that prenotification would disrupt emergency applications.*) **Section 6F, Posting Signs.** Eliminates requirement for rights-of-way and non-agricultural aerial applicators to post signs upon application. Eliminates requirements for golf courses to post on perimeter of property. Provides for posting of signs upon application of outdoor pesticides and leaving signs up for 48 hours after application, around the perimeter of the sprayed area. Provides for some sign specifications. Requires signs to be posted in entryways to golf courses. (*Addresses concerns that rights-of-ways and aerial applicators would be excessively burdened to post signs around sprayed areas.*) **Section 6G, School Notification and Signs.** Requires school committees to implement policy to provide students, parents, and employees with written notification two working days before application. Requires schools to post signs prior to and at least 72 hours after application. Includes some specifications for signs. Also allows for waiving of provisions for emergency spraying, with approval of department. In case of emergency, signs must be posted and written notice must be provided immediately prior to or immediately after spraying. Written notification not required if classes are not scheduled for five consecutive days or more. Information to be distributed must be provided to the

school committee by the pesticide applicator. (*Addresses concerns raised regarding seven day notification as interfering with IPM, concerns regarding cost of providing written notice when school is out of session, and burden on school committee to obtain information to be included in the notice packet.*)

Section 9, IPM as State Policy. Section 6H mandates adoption and implementation of IPM for all state buildings and grounds.

Section 10, Recordkeeping and Reporting. Section 7A, Specification of Recordkeeping and Reporting Requirements. Changes reporting requirements from monthly to twice yearly. Requires applicators to record and submit certain pesticide application information to the DEP. (*Addresses applicators' concerns that monthly reporting requirements were excessively burdensome. Addresses DFA's concerns regarding resources and personnel to process the reporting data.*)

Section 11, IPM Consideration in Competency Exam. Adds IPM competence to the state's criteria for considering applications by professional pesticide applicator.

Section 12, Reference. Changes language in the General Laws to reflect new law.

Section 13, Pesticide Disclosure Act Fund. **Section 16, Pesticide Disclosure Act Fund.** Creates a fund entitled the Pesticide Disclosure Act Fund to utilize already existing fees required to be paid for pesticide registration, licenses, permits, certifications, etc. to be used to cover the costs of the pesticide use database, the IPM program, and enforcement.

Section 14, Reference. Changes Language in the General Laws to reflect new law.

Section 15, Breast Cancer Research. Requires the department of public health to establish a plan to increase number of applicants to the breast cancer research program who propose to investigate a potential link between pesticides and breast cancer.

Section 16, Dates. Provides for the effective dates.

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

MEMBERSHIP

Welcome New Members: Terrance P. Baker, Superintendent, Cohasse Country Club; Kevin P. Congdon, Assistant Superintendent, Cohasse Country Club; Steven Mollineaux, Assistant Superintendent, Easton Country Club.

INFORMATION

Pesticide label registration changes every year in all states and you can only legally apply pesticides according to the current year's label. The 1998 New England Management Recommendation Guide for Insects, Diseases, and Weeds of Shade Trees and Woody Ornamentals tells you what is current and legal for use in all the New England states. An updated version of a popular Massachusetts guide, this is the way for you to stay current with pesticide information. If you already have the 1997 version, this is the updated supplement for pesticide information. Remember, if you're a pesticide applicator, it's the law! Created by Extension professionals and foresters from all six New England states as well as the U.S. Forest Service and the UMass Urban Forestry Diagnostic Lab, this manual offers the latest on virtually all the insects, diseases, and weeds of woody plants in New England; current and legal listings of chemical compounds labeled for the management of these pests; IPM considerations for most of these pests; environmentally friendly alternatives in pest management such as horticultural oils, soaps, biologicals, etc.; and growing degree day (GDD) information for most of the insect pests of woody plants. The updated 1998 New England Management Recommendations Guide will be available in April. Send \$20 (payable to UMass) after April 1, 1998 to Bulletin Center, Draper Hall, Box 32010, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA 01003-2010; tel. (413) 545-2717.

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Kevin L. Miller, Sr., of Bedrock Golf Course, Rutland, Mass., has earned an environmental management specialist certificate from GCSAA for completing a specialization program for Integrated Plant Management.

GCSAA is addressing the environmental impact of golf course maintenance and the increasingly complex training needs of golf course superintendents by offering specialized training through its Environmental Management Program (EMP).

The Vermont Golf Course Superintendents Association is hosting a GCSAA seminar on March 17, 1998 at the Equinox Hotel in Manchester, Vermont. The seminar is "Wetlands & Golf Courses" which should provide attendees with pertinent information all golf course superintendents can use. Manchester is very close to some great south-

ern Vermont ski areas, and the Equinox Hotel is offering a special room rate of \$60.00 per night for a four diamond hotel. This is a great opportunity to mix a little business with pleasure. The spring skiing is usually great that time of year.

Our condolences go out to Kevin Lyons and his family on the passing of Kevin's father recently.

We were saddened to hear that Tom Morris' (Berkshire Hills) father passed away. Our condolences to Tom and his family.

MEETING NOTES

Summary of 5th Annual Scholarship & Benevolence Golf Tournament, Cohasset Country Club, May 5, 1997. Players: 117. Silent Raffle: 29 rounds of golf (foursome), 60 individual prize winners. Super Raffle: 5 rounds of golf (foursome), 9 individual prize winners. Tee Sponsors: 24 @ \$200.00 each, 7 Corporate Sponsors @ \$500.00 each, 1 Hole in One Sponsor. Net Profit: \$14,726.43. A fantastic job by David Comee and his tournament committee.

Thanks to Robert DiRico and the staff at Brae Burn Country Club for hosting the GCSANE Holiday Party. A great time once again. Next year's Holiday Party is scheduled at Belmont Country Club.

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Ouimet Fund News

Sarazen presented with Lifelong Contributions to Golf Award

The Francis Ouimet Scholarship Fund presented legendary golfer Gene Sarazen with its second Francis Ouimet Award for Lifelong Contributions to Golf Award at its 49th Annual Banquet on January 6, 1998 at Lombardo's in Randolph.

"Gene Sarazen is one of the greatest players and personalities in the history of golf, and we are thrilled to honor him with this special award," said Steve Buckley, Ouimet Fund president. "Among his many accomplishments, he was the first player to win the professional grand slam, he invented the sand wedge, and his double eagle at 15 in the 1935 Masters is considered one of the greatest shots ever hit. He endeared himself to many others in a later generation as TV

host of 'Shell's Wonderful World of Golf.' He is still an honorary starter at The Masters. He was also very close to Francis Ouimet, and a great supporter of The Ouimet Fund."

A special tribute to Sarazen was presented and an interview was shown. Sarazen is now 95 years of age and lives in Marco Island, Florida, and was represented by a granddaughter who lives in the Boston area.

The inaugural "Francis Ouimet for Lifelong Contributions to Golf" award was presented by the Ouimet Fund to Arnold Palmer in January of 1997.

The Ouimet banquet was attended by an audience of guests from throughout the Massachusetts golf community. The

featured speaker was former Sports Illustrated writer, editor, and publisher Mark Mulvoy. Joining Mulvoy was Ouimet Scholar Billy Herman (Boston University and Blue Hill C.C.) as Student Speaker. Mike Lynch of WCVB-TV was master of ceremonies.

The Francis Ouimet Scholarship Fund was founded in 1949 and provides need-based college tuition assistance to young people who have worked three years as caddies or helpers in pro shop or course superintendent operations in Massachusetts. This year the fund is setting its fifth consecutive record, planning to award \$550,000 to 270 students. Since founding, the Ouimet Fund has awarded over \$8.3 million to 3,300 young people. The Ouimet Fund is a 501 (c) (3) organization.

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