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9 Hole Superintendents and “the stigma” - is it real? Adams, Eardley and Daly offer their opinions...

By **DICK TRUST**

Sometimes it's hush-hush, whispered in the dark corners of a board room.

Sometimes it's discussed openly, paraded into the light for all to see and hear.

Real or perceived, “it” is the so-called stigma carried by superintendents of nine-hole golf courses when they apply for the superintendent's job at an 18-hole layout.

“I do believe there is a stigma,” said Jason Adams, superintendent at Norfolk Golf Club, a nine-hole operation located in Westwood, Mass. “I don't know as though it's among superintendents — I would hope not — but oftentimes a nine-hole club is referred to as ‘oh, that's a nice little club.’”

“A lot of people think it's a small operation. What they don't realize is that we're doing pretty much the exact same things as what the big guys are doing, for the most part. Our members' expectations of turf conditions aren't any less than what the members' are at 18-hole clubs.”

“Some guys (superintendents at nine-hole clubs) have broken out of the mold (and moved to 18-hole courses), but there are more times than not where a decision will come down to a job where it's an 18-hole superintendent versus a nine-hole guy and clubs seem to lean toward the guy with the 18-hole experience.”

Adams pointed to a recent real-life situation to illustrate his point.

“There was a job opening at a club recently and there was an outside consultant hired for the interview process,” Adams said. “Right from the get-go, the club told the consultant that all the nine-hole guys were thrown out right from the start. With no rhyme or reason, they just said they didn't want a nine-hole guy. I heard that straight from the consultant's mouth.”

Adams went on to say “It's kind of interesting how some veteran nine-hole superintendents have a lot of experience under their belts and have proven themselves to produce good conditions and they still lose out to a candidate with less experience. But if I were a club looking at applicants, I wouldn't discount a nine-hole superintendent.”

Ed Eardley said that, in his 29 years as superintendent at nine-hole Wampatuck Country Club in Canton, Mass., he has “heard some mumblings over the years that there could be (a bias against the nine-holers). I'm not saying there isn't. If there is, I think it's unfounded.”

“Some of these nine-hole golf courses around the greater Boston area are absolutely fabulous. I don't think, because it's a nine-hole course, it's not in as good a condition as an 18-hole course. Take a course like Needham, a beautiful golf course (of nine holes). Ron Kirkman (currently with assistant Tim Hood) has been there for 40-something years and has done a fabulous job. Jason Adams at Norfolk — that place is fabulous. If Jason can do that at Norfolk,

there's no reason why he couldn't do it elsewhere.”

Kirkman will have completed 44 years of service at Needham when he retires in December from his superintendent duties. For the last 33 years, Kirkman has held the title of Superintendent/Facilities Manager. Kirkman will continue on as Facilities Manager and Hood was been selected to succeed Kirkman in the superintendent's position in 2007.

“It's unfortunate if guys have applied for jobs and they think they're getting bypassed because their experience is at a nine-hole golf course”, Eardley says. “If anybody is on a committee or a board of an 18-hole course and they're looking to hire a new superintendent, if they don't give a look at a nine-hole superintendent, it's their loss. They could be losing some real good people. These guys are well educated, have a lot of experience, have proven themselves.”

“It's also like saying members who belong to nine-hole courses aren't real golf course members. It's kind of a slight to them, too,” Eardley said. “I have a great membership, with great golfers. You mean, you're not a real private club member because you only play a nine-hole course? I've never heard that”.

“I personally don't think there's any difference between a nine-hole course and an 18-hole course, just a little more real estate, that's all. You have to have a larger crew and pay for more equipment, but you still have to grow turf. The

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members at these nine-hole courses are paying pretty good money to belong to these private clubs, too; they want top conditions."

Eardley drew another comparison.

"A lot of your public courses now are beautiful," he said. "Fifteen, 20 years ago, there was a stigma where a public course wasn't in as good a condition or groomed as well as a private course. I don't think that's the case anymore."

"Now, is there a case where you have a superintendent at a public course who applies to be a superintendent at a private course, is there a stigma there? I have not heard of that."

Adams believes there is a stigma on public courses, and it could impact future job aspirations of those who tend to such facilities.

"I think still to this day that no matter what the conditions are, if it says public under there and you're applying for, say, a high-end private job, you definitely have two strikes against you before you even start the interview process," Adams said. "That's unless you happen to be at a Pinehills or something, where it's made a name for itself and has conditions as good as any high-end private."

Interestingly, Adams said he believes "the nine-holers have it worse than anybody, personally."

To his way of thinking, the totem pole in order of priority has a private 18-hole course on top, a public course next and a nine-hole club on the bottom.

"That's my feeling," Adams said. "Whether it holds true, I can't answer for the entire golfing public. But that's the consensus among other nine-hole guys. That's their feeling."

Adams said some visiting players appreciate the conditions at his club, declaring, "When we have members, sometimes people who come from other clubs are pleasantly surprised at what we're able to produce."

As a way to combat such stigmas, Adams suggests that a nine-hole superintendent invite to his course those who make hiring decisions at 18-hole clubs.

"I think the only thing that will help an individual break out of that mold is to be as good a networker as possible, invite these people to come over and maybe change their points of view that we're as good, that there are some very

intelligent superintendents who run nine-holers and they can grow grass. And they do a great job at it," Adams said. "You can't overlook that just because it's a nine-hole club."

"We're getting twice the amount of play on half the acreage at some of these (nine-hole) clubs, and if you're able to grow some grass under those conditions with all those rounds, then I think they're doing a pretty good job. They might be overlooked, that's all."

"What they don't realize is that most of the nine-hole guys who are superintendents were assistants at one time at

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CALENDAR...

- August 22 **GCSANE Monthly Meeting**
Individual Championship
Marlborough Country Club
(permanent yearly site)
Marlborough, MA
Host: Kenneth Crimmings,
CGCS
- August 23 **URI Turfgrass Field Day**
Skogley Memorial Turf
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Registration: www.uriturf.org
- Sept. 18 **Superintendent / Club
Official
Tournament**
Winchester Country Club
Winchester, MA
Host: Dennis Houle
- October **GCSANE Monthly Meeting**
TBD
- October 23 **Dr. Joseph Troll
Turf Education Fundraiser**
Westchester Country Club
Westchester, NY
Host: Joseph Alonzi, CGCS
- Nov. 6 **GCSANE Monthly Meeting**
9-Hole Meeting
Harmon Golf
Rockland, MA
- Nov. 15
(Wed.) **GCSAA Seminar**
*GPS/GIS Tools for
Effective Course Management*
Cyprian Keyes Golf Club
Boylston, MA
- Nov. 16
(Thurs.) **GCSAA Seminar**
Solving Your Drainage Problem
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President's Message - Change is in the air; newsletter to go online and meeting formats to change in 2007

As you already know by opening this newsletter there is a new format for this monthly paper. What you don't know is



why and for how long. First the why. It was discovered that the cost of producing this publication and sending it to our members was considerably more than we had

budgeted. The board was faced with three options. We could continue as is and have a substantial deficit to be made up next year. We could eliminate several issues and reduce the deficit, but it would be still cost more than could be absorbed in this year's budget. Lastly, we could publish the newsletter in house, keeping the monthly schedule and keeping the cost closer to our budget guidelines. The board voted to fiscally prudent and to keep it in

house for the next five to seven months. The time table depends on how smooth the transition to the new web site goes. The goal is to have this newsletter delivered to you on our new web page in January 2007. If some of our members aren't able to access the web site, a paper copy of the news may be sent to you.

There is another change blowing in the wind. This concerns the monthly meetings. The June meeting was cancelled because there were only 17 people registered. This isn't a new phenomenon. For a number of years the attendance at summer meetings has been abysmal. There are always a number of reasons for not attending. I've come up with some of the best ones myself. It's hard to ignore that even on a well attended meeting there are less than 20% of our members in present. Not many people have the free time to leave the property or the family in mid-season without losing out on something.

It's time to break the mold. The 2006 schedule is set so change won't happen until the 2007 season. There is plenty of time for discussion on how to proceed with this issue, but it is clear that change is imminent. It is important that we continue to meet. The business is changing quicker than we may like to admit. The only way to keep up with change and see what is working for our peers is by meeting and talking shop. How this is done is yet to be decided. However, it will most likely take several different formats depending on the time of year and the goal of the particular meeting. If you have any thoughts on how to move forward please let me or a fellow board member know. Call me at 978-526-4600 or email: grounds@essexcc.org.

On a positive note, the nights are getting longer and the crisp fall air is right around the corner. Hang in there, relief is coming soon.

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an 18-hole club. We've all got experience on 18-hole clubs and we just chose the opportunity where there was an opening and we took it as a superintendent."

"I almost tend to feel that at times I wish I had taken a high-end assistant's job and I would probably have a better opportunity at some of these high-end private clubs to get the superintendent's job than I do now."

Among the superintendents who have moved from a nine-hole operation to an 18-holer is Pat Daly, CGCS. After two years as head man at Milton-Hoosic Club in Canton, Mass., he took over at Framingham (Mass.) Country Club, where he has been since 2000.

"I think from the club's mentality, when they're hiring a superintendent, they're looking at nine versus 18. There probably is (a stigma)," he said. "But a superintendent is a superintendent. I don't think there's any difference at all. Most guys understand what it takes to run a golf course."

"I was one of the fortunate ones where when they were going through the selection process at Framingham, I had a member of the search committee, who had played the course a number of times down at Milton-Hoosic, and he had seen some of the improvements I made and they asked me to come up and interview for the job."

"But I do think it's tougher for nine-holers."

Daly's move, among others', showed that it's not all doom and gloom for nine-holers looking to relocate at an 18-hole course.

"You have to find a club with an open mind, one that understands the experience that a nine-holer brings to a piece of property," Daly said. "There are plenty of nine-holers who really know how to grow grass. It's all about growing grass and providing good conditions and there are some very talented guys running nine-hole golf courses these days."

"From a club's perspective, unless you're coming from a real top-flight nine-hole golf course, I think most clubs probably, unfortunately, look down on nine-hole superintendents."

According to a former New England superintendent who has taken a new career path, nine-holers do indeed have an extra challenge when it comes to landing superintendents' jobs at 18-hole layouts.

"It is something that exists in the industry," he said of the bias. "You have to be better in order to get to that position (moving to an 18-hole operation). You can't do anything wrong. There's got to be nothing wrong with your resume. You have to interview well. Your communication skills have to be fantastic. You have to go in with major presentations. And you really have to blow 'em away because you can't rest on the laurels of your current job or the name of your current club. You really don't have that going for you."

"You basically have to go in and win the job."

"I'm not sure exactly to what extent this goes on (but) I personally experienced it."

"The only thing I can say definitively is that at most of the job interviews I was at, one of the first five questions was always 'Do you think, because you're coming from a nine-hole club, you can handle our club?'"

"In their concern, for maybe a less informed club member who doesn't know the industry, it's not necessarily an illegitimate question."

How did he respond when the legitimacy of nine-hole courses and their superintendents were called into question?

"Golf holes are golf holes," he said. "Whether you have nine, 18 or 36, they're all golf holes and it comes down to your organizational skills. The only thing that's going to change is the size of the budget and the number of employees. Everything else is the same. Golf is golf."

"It is out there," he said of the stigma, "just an added piece of the puzzle. There are a lot of challenges to try to move up in jobs with competition stiff. I always felt it was one more piece that had to be overcome by the nine-hole guys that 18-hole guys didn't."

"There are other ways to look at it, too. For some of the guys from 18-hole clubs at a public facility, it's the whole name game thing. 'Where are you from? What have you done? What club do you

work at?' Names carry a lot of weight. It's the same as 'Where did you go to college?' The guy at Harvard is going to get a better shake than the guy who went to a state school. The guy at a high-end private club is going to get a quicker look than the guy who was at a less prominent club."

"So that may be where it really lies."

"It's not a gigantic situation. Honestly, I think it isn't much more than just an additional challenge that may or may not exist at any given job. I don't think there's any conspiracy out there or anything like that to keep the nine-hole guys down. I'm sure you can find plenty of nine-hole guys who have gone on to 18-hole jobs. I think it's just a little bit more of a challenge, that's all, especially if you're trying to jump from a small nine-hole club to a larger 18-hole private golf course. It's difficult because the larger the job you go for, the more competition it's going to bring to the mix."

"It may not happen everywhere," said the ex-superintendent, "but it may be something to be aware of, that some clubs might take more of a liking to somebody else who's at an 18-hole club, just initially, but once the interview process starts, game's on and it's up to each person in there to win that job. You either do it or you don't."

He said he never detected any bias from 18-hole superintendents against nine-holers.

"I don't think the superintendents feel that way at all," he said. "It's a pretty tight-knit group with a lot of respect among members. A lot of the 18-holers came from smaller clubs or public courses and went to larger clubs and they all pretty much know that the work is the same and sometimes even the nine-hole guys have more challenges because the resources are less."

When it comes to that job search, though, he said: "Maybe apples to apples, every single aspect being equal, one guy's an 18-holer, the other guy's a nine, they'll probably take the 18-hole guy. It's just one challenge, just one part of the whole process; it might be a slight handicap."

Citing the 18-hole club whose hiring board eliminated nine-holers from the start, he said: "As far as I'm concerned, that's their prerogative, too. Do I think its

right? No. But if they've got 150 resumes and they have to whittle them down, well, they have to find ways to sort of broad-stroke maybe 120 people out."

"And how do you do that? 'Well, we don't want anyone from out of state. We only want to look at Massachusetts guys.' Bam, there goes 90. 'We don't want any nine-hole guys.' Bam, there goes 10. 'We want guys only with irrigation experience.' There goes another 10. Then you whittle it some more, down to 25. 'Let's look at them.' You can't look at 150 resumes in detail. So maybe it's a broad-stroke thing. Right, wrong or indifferent, that's one of the strokes that's used."

Jason Adams, who has spent more than seven years at Norfolk, said he's "not completely upset" at being bypassed recently for an 18-hole job opening simply because he works at a nine-hole golf course.

"It was good to hear that it wasn't because of my qualifications," he said. "I understand that some clubs look at you and you'll get branded (as a nine-holer). But I've got a great job here and I have a great membership that I am working for, that really enjoy their golf course. I'm very happy with what I'm doing. I actually enjoy a nine-holer. But I think in time if I decide not to move on, it could potentially hurt me in the long run to not get out only because you'll become branded as a nine-hole superintendent."

If branded is synonymous with stigmatized, real or perceived, he makes his point on a subject that has long gnawed at those caught in a sticky web.

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**Jason Adams
Norfolk Golf Club**

Editor's Notes:

Credit to Michael Parks of the Milton Hoosic Club, for developing the concept of this article.

Jack Trust was a member of the sports staff of The Patriot Ledger for more than four decades. He continues to write for The Patriot Ledger and on a freelance basis.

Environmental Institute for Golf to fund research project on water quality impacts by golf courses

The Environmental Institute for Golf is funding a research project that will benefit us all, "A Critical Review of Water Quality Impacts by Golf Courses: Update and Trends." The USGA is cosponsoring this effort, which is a continuation of a previous national assessment published in Golf Course Management (November, 1997) and the Journal of Environmental Quality.

This project is intended to acquire as much data as possible from golf courses that are conducting surface and/or ground water monitoring projects. The intent of the study, conducted by Environmental & Turf Services, Inc., Wheaton, MD, with Dr. Stuart Cohen as principal investigator, is to publish a critical review of the quality of surface and ground water as affected by golf courses.

Such data are very important to accurately assess the ecological implica-

tions of land use planning regarding the construction and maintenance of golf course facilities. This information can also have implications for pesticide registration decisions. Most important, the results of this study will give important feedback to superintendents who not only manage their courses, but who live in the environment. Target analytes are pesticides, pesticide metabolites, nitrate, and phosphorus.

We need your help. If your golf course is conducting surface and/or ground water monitoring projects or have in the past and you are willing to share the data, please contact Juleen Lam at:

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Two GCSA of New England superintendents win BASF-sponsored regional superintendent golf tournaments, earning all-expense paid trips for a chance to compete against a pro at Pinehurst Resort

RESEARCH TRIANGLE PARK, N.C. – Ron Dobosz and Ronald W. Kirkman will represent golf course superintendents nationwide during the 2006 BASF People vs. the Pros golf tournament. The superintendents will have a chance to compete head-to-head against professional golfer Retief Goosen or Gary McCord and win \$50,000 for their favorite charity.

Ronald W. Kirkman, superintendent at Needham Golf Club in Needham, Mass., won the Golf Course Managers Association of Cape Cod regional qualifier tournament held on Thursday, June 15 at the Bass River Golf Course in South Yarmouth, Mass.

Ron Dobosz, superintendent at Ludlow Country Club in Ludlow, Mass., playing with a 2 handicap, his net score beat out over 30 participating superintendents from the GCSA of New En-

gland during the 2006 BASF People vs. the Pros regional qualifier tournament held on July 10 at the Juniper Hills Golf Course in Northboro, Mass.

Kirkman and Dobosz will now go on to compete against approximately 300 other amateur qualifiers for a chance to play against a professional golfer.

Kirkman will compete in the 50-and-over division and Dobosz in the 49-and-under division at the national BASF People vs. the Pros tournament at Pinehurst.

"I'm extremely excited to visit Pinehurst," said Dobosz. "I will be practicing a lot before the tournament to prepare."

BASF Professional Turf & Ornamentals donated \$2,000 to both the GCSA of New England and the Golf Course Managers Association of Cape Cod at the tournaments to support each association's education fund.

Dr. Toni Bucci, business manager for BASF Professional Turf and Ornamentals said, "This is our third year sponsoring these regional events and the national tournament. It's an honor to help provide a national platform to highlight the professional dedication of golf course superintendents."

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The 2006 Joseph Troll Research Classic will soon be upon us providing unprecedented opportunities to show your support for the revitalized turf program at UMass Amherst.

This is an exceptionally exciting time for this program as the turf research building at the Troll Research Center is now fully operational. Some very exciting developments include the hiring of two new staff positions in the department. Dr. Michelle DaCosta will start her employment in September at Amherst as Turf Physiologist, as will Dr. Geunhwa Jung as a Turf Pathologist.

Perhaps most exciting of all is the overall commitment of the university to the turf program. This is no doubt a result of the tremendous support received during funding of the turf building from alumni and friends of the industry. In addition, the formation and activities of the Alumni Turf Group have provided both personal and financial incentives to assist with this resurgence. To continue this dynamic, ATG has made a pledge of \$500,000 to the turf program over the next five years.

Possibly the most exciting aspect of this year's event is the honoring of Edward (Ted) Horton as Distinguished Alumni of the Year. This follows in the footsteps of last year's honoree, his mentor Dr. Sherwood Moore, CGCS. As a side note, you may have seen that Sherwood received an Honorary Doctorate from UMass: the first ever to a graduate of the two-year program! The momentum is gaining.

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6:30 DINNER AND CEREMONY

Registration Form

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The 2006 People vs. the Pros national tournament allows two amateurs—one in a 50-and-over division and one in a 49-and-under division—to compete head-to-head against a PGA pro in an 18-hole stroke-play match. The winner in each division, be it pro or amateur, will win \$50,000 for the charity of their choice.

The 2006 championship event is scheduled for August 18 - 22 at Pinehurst Resort. The top amateurs with the lowest net scores from the three-day, 54-hole handicapped stroke-play event tournament will compete against either Retief Goosen (49-and-under) or Gary McCord (50-and-over) on Pinehurst No. 8 for the top charity prize.

Last year, professional golfers Justin Leonard and Ben Crenshaw defeated their amateur challengers at Barton Creek Resort and Spa in Austin, Texas.

Pinehurst No. 8 opened in 1996 to commemorate Pinehurst's centennial year. The course, designed by Tom Fazio, incorporates signature Donald Ross features that include dips and swales around the greens, sloping greens and false fronts. As the site of the PGA Club Pro Championship in 1997 and 1998, it is a proven, championship course that challenges all who play it.

In addition to the grand prize tournament, BASF Professional Turf and Ornamentals will host the third annual BASF Superintendent's Cup, where the top two golf course superintendents (who do not qualify to play against a pro), will compete in head-to-head match play for a \$10,000 cash prize and \$10,000 worth of BASF products for their home course. The runner-up will receive a \$5,000 cash prize.

Rafael Martinez, superintendent at the Via Verde Country Club in San Dimas, Calif., defeated Greg Wiles of The Links at Echo Springs in Johnstown, Ohio, in the second annual Superintendent's Cup championship at Barton Creek's 2005 People vs. the Pros tournament.

Source: BASF Press Release



GCSANE People vs. The Pros Winner:
(L-R) Ron Dobosz, winner of the GCSANE People vs. the Pros qualifier tournament and BASF sales specialist John Bresnahan.



Cape Cod People versus the Pros Winner:
L to R: BASF sales specialist John Bresnahan with Ronald W. Kirkman, winner of the GCSA of New England People vs. the Pros qualifier tournament.

USGA News

Turfgrass Information File (TGIF)

When was the last time you utilized the Turfgrass Information File (TGIF)? If it has been a while (perhaps never) it is worth a look. TGIF is the most comprehensive turfgrass educational database in the world, with more than 100,000 thousand records at your finger tips.

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Source: USGA Web site (www.usga.org)



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our condolences go out to Peter and Kerri Hasak on the recent passing of Kerri's father J. Michael Ruane of Salem, Massachusetts.

Congratulations to Brett R. Johnson, CGCS, of the International Golf Club, he recently completed the renewal process for maintaining his CGCS status with the GCSAA.

NERTF NEWS

The New England Regional Turfgrass Foundation announces that Ted A. Maddocks of the Ekwanok Country Club in Manchester, Vermont has been elected president for the 2006-2007 fiscal year. Ted has been serving on the NERTF Board of Directors since 1999 and represents the VtGCSA along with Chris Cowan (TurfLinks, Inc.). He replaces James B. Hodge of Frye Island Country Club in Maine, who will continue on the board as the immediate past president. Robert A. Ruzala of Hickory Ridge Country Club will serve as Vice President, William R. Morton, CGCS of The Misquamicut Club will serve as treasurer, and Bob A. Matthews, CGCS, CIA, of White Cliffs Country Club will serve as secretary. The foundation is beginning its 11th year since incorporating in July of 1996. In March of 2007, the 10th New England Regional Turfgrass Conference and Show will take place at the Rhode Island Convention Center in Providence Rhode Island on March 5-8th. The foundation has funded more than \$600,000 in Turfgrass Research in the New England area since being organized in 1996.

GOLF RESULTS

July 10, 2006

**Juniper Hill Golf Course
Northborough, MA**

Host: Thomas L. Ackley, CGCS

Superintendent Division:

1st gross: Ron Dobosz 68

2nd gross: Rob Cullen 73

1st Net: Joe Rybka 65

2nd Net: Jim Small 66

Affiliate Division:

1st gross: Garrett Whitney 75

2nd gross: Keith Tortorella 76

1st Net: Jeff Stouffer 65

2nd Net: Ed Downing 69

Congratulations to Ron Dobosz who was the winner of the People vs. Pros competition.

GCSANE NEWS

Request for Club Newsletter Articles:

We all have to sit down every month to write articles for our club's newsletter and it gets harder and harder to get inventive. If anyone is interested in emailing copies of their best articles to get printed in GCSANE's Newsletter, please send to Mark Gagne, Editor: mgagne@walpolecc.com or Julie Heston, Business Manager: jheston@verizon.net. This would be helpful to other superintendents as they search for ideas for their own club newsletters.

MEMBERS ON THE MOVE

Congratulations to Chris Tufts who has taken the position of superintendent at the Country Club of New Seabury overseeing The Dunes Course along with superintendent Scott Nickerson who oversees The Ocean Course.

POSITION OPENINGS

Assistant Golf Course Superintendent, Bellevue Golf Club, Melrose, Mass.

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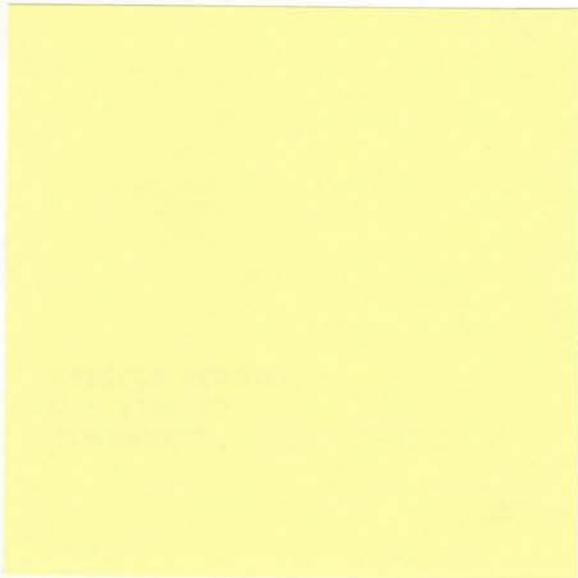


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