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## ***The industry has progressed, but the job description remains the same, says Chris Albrecht at Ipswich C.C.***

By Gary Trask

Chris Albrecht's love for the golf course management business began during his days working at Oglebay Park Golf Course in his hometown of Wheeling, West Virginia. He was in the midst of taking a year off from college to figure out what career direction he wanted to go in, when he was stricken by the serenity of being out on the golf course late at night.

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"I just loved being out there when it was quiet and peaceful, finishing that day's job," Albrecht explains. "Most of our irrigation system was manual. It wasn't easy work, but I loved it. I realized that this is what I wanted to do for the rest of my life."

Albrecht returned to West Virginia University the following semester with a fresh outlook on life, graduating in 1995 with a degree in horticulture. Fast forward 15 years and Albrecht is still plugging away in the business he fell for more than a decade ago.

But times have changed.

When Ipswich Country Club opens its fairways in 2006, Albrecht, the club's head superintendent, and his 24-man crew will be manning a brand new \$1.3 million irrigation system. Suffice it to say, the 34-year-old has come a long way from running around in the pitch dark switching on and off impact sprinklers at Oglebay Park.

"It's amazing how far the entire industry has come," he says. "But the one thing that isn't different is the basic

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Take a quick glance at the pristine conditions of Ipswich C.C. and it doesn't take long to realize that Albrecht has remained true to his philosophy. The club is routinely regarded as one of the area's best-kept courses. When Albrecht hears those compliments he takes them to heart.

"This is my livelihood," he says. "You take pride in the fact that people are happy with your work."

Albrecht got his start in the business as an intern at The Robert Trent Jones Golf Club in Virginia. When Karl Heintzelman, one of his friends on the crew, got the head superintendent job at Ipswich C.C. in 1995, he offered Albrecht a job as his assistant. He got his first head job at Souhegan Woods in

New Hampshire in 2001, but when the head job at Ipswich C.C. opened up again in 2004 he jumped at the chance to return.

"I take great pride in the fact that (Ipswich) wanted me back," says Albrecht, who lives in Londonderry, N.H. with his wife, Denise, and one-year-old daughter, Olivia. "I must have done something right the first time around."

Albrecht says that one of the best ideas he has incorporated at Ipswich C.C. is making sure he is in regular contact with the members via a monthly e-mail.

"Communication is so important," he says. "We try to communicate our challenges to the members to let them know what we're battling. It's something that has really made a difference because nobody has any unrealistic expectations. And that's all you can really ask." ■

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# Hospitality chair Bob Ruzsala eager to take Nor'Easter to 'The Next Level'

The 2006 Nor'Easter Hospitality room went well in Atlanta. We had a very large turn out for the event. My thanks go out to the following associations for their sponsorship: GCMACC, CAGCS, LIGCSA, METGCSA, NJGCSA, GCSANE, RIGCSA, NEGCSA, and ViGCSA. A special thanks also goes out to Harrell's Turf Specialty and Toro Irrigation for helping to sponsor the room.

We had a total of \$10,250 in sponsorships. The total cost was \$10,129. As you can see, we were under budget for this event. The Hyatt Regency Atlanta was a pleasure to work with and their staff did a nice job.

We are already making plans for bigger and better things happening at this event next year in Anaheim. While in Atlanta, I secured four new "National Friends" that will help sponsor the Nor'Easter next year. We are also looking for more of our New England Friends to help out with funding next year.

I want to encourage all Friends of the Association to contact me and help us to, as they say in golf lingo, "take it to the next level." Please call me at 413-256-8654. 🏌️

**Bob Ruzsala,  
Chairman,  
Nor'Easter Hospitality**

## CALENDAR . . .

- April 27 **GCSANE Monthly Meeting  
Joint Meeting w/Golf Course  
Managers Association  
of Cape Cod**  
Olde Scotland Links  
Bridgewater, Mass.  
Host: James A. Small III, CGCS
- May 8 **Scholarship & Benevolence  
Tournament**  
Wachusett Country Club  
West Boylston, Mass.  
Host: Donald J. Marrone, Jr., CGCS
- June 16 **GCSANE Monthly Meeting**  
The Meadows at Peabody  
Peabody, Mass.  
Host: Richard Duggan, CGCS
- July 10 **GCSANE Monthly Meeting**  
Juniper Hills Golf Course  
Northborough, Mass.  
Host: Thomas L. Ackley, CGCS
- August 22 **GCSANE Monthly Meeting  
Individual Championship**  
Marlborough Country Club  
(permanent yearly site)  
Marlborough, Mass.  
Host: Kenneth Crimmings, CGCS
- Sept. 18 **Superintendent / Club Official  
Tournament**  
Winchester Country Club  
Winchester, Mass.  
Host: Dennis Houle
- Oct. 2 **GCSANE Monthly Meeting**  
Vesper Country Club  
Tyngsboro, Mass.  
Host: Donald E. Hearn, CGCS
- Oct. 23 **Dr. Joseph Troll  
Turf Education Fundraiser**  
Westchester Country Club  
Westchester, N.Y.  
Host: Joseph Alonzi, CGCS
- Nov. 6 **GCSANE Monthly Meeting  
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Host: Christopher Tufts

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# President Kriksceonaitis touches a variety of topics: scholarships, education, a new board, . . . and spring

The annual Providence Turf Show has come and gone, a signal that the winter routine is done and it's time to switch gears. As usual, the show was a good place to catch up with old friends, meet some new ones, and find out how everyone is feeling about their turf heading into the playing season. This year, most were cautiously optimistic. There was some severe flooding in the Connecticut Valley and west early this winter; let's hope the spring rains are gentler.

Steve Goodwin made a pleasant announcement at the UMass breakfast. The Turf Research building in South Deerfield has been named the Dr. Joe Troll Building, a lasting memory for all he has given this industry and many of us reading this message.

The annual Troll-Dickinson scholarship winners were presented with their



awards. This year the recipients were two young men going into the four-year program at UMass, Pat Falon and John Micklus. This year Pat is working for Arthur Silva, CGCS, at Belmont Country Club, and John will be working for Bob Ruszala at Hickory Ridge Country Club and the turf plots in South Deerfield. I was impressed with the quality of both recipients. It's good to be part of helping people with their lifelong pursuits.

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The February meeting at Framingham Country Club hosted by Pat Daly, CGCS, was a great success. The club provided a comfortable meeting place with a superb meal, and was the perfect setting for the education provided by Pat Jones. Pat, former editor of *Golfdom*, provided us with quite a bit of insight into how our industry is changing, how to mine the data thrown at us, and how to be better salesmen for ourselves. I walked away with a few ideas to help me in my job.

The April meeting at Olde Scotland Links is shaping up to be just as good. David Stowe, CGCS, our education chairman, is putting together a roundtable discussion on how we bring our turf out of winter. This important time sets everything up for the rest of the year. Bring your ideas to Bridgewater and be part of the discussion.

The board is getting settled in their respective chairs. Every year there is a little change and everyone pitches in to direct it and help our fellow superintendents. This year Jason Adams and Mike Luccini, CGCS, are heading up a committee to assess the "Standard Operating Procedure" of the Scholarship and Benevolence Fund. Every year there are questions: Can we do this? Can we do that? With best intentions, nobody knows for sure on certain items and procedures. If you have any thoughts on this matter, give either of them a call. Until later, may a warm wind be at your back; peace be to all.

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# Distinguished Service Award recipient Gerry Finn reflects on his 38-year relationship with GCSANE

## A Note from Gerry Finn:

Sorry to take so long responding to and recovering from the shock on learning that I had been selected to join the long list of deserving recipients of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of New England's Distinguished Service Award.

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Sorry, too, that I will be unable to attend the corresponding ceremonies that go with it. Jan and I will be in Florida tearing up the turf the supers on

My association with the GCSANE Newsletter started in 1967, the same year the Red Sox spun their Impossible Dream.

Amelia Island make ready for the annual invasion of golfing snowbirds. I might add that replacing divots and repairing ball marks has become a religion with me, inspired by the gentle urging of you and your colleagues.

As for my resume (a.k.a. rez-uh-may), I'll lean on the demands of an editor out of my past, "keep it short and make it sparkle." I'll even begin at the beginning.

I am a native of Chelsea (not too loud, please), World War II veteran (having served on the occupational front lines), graduate of the American International College in Springfield, English major (who'da thunk it?) and began my career in journalism on the sports staff of The Springfield Union (now deceased) in 1952. In a brief fling away from that newspaper, I served as sports editor and columnist for The Hartford Times (since deceased) from 1969 to 1976. I returned as columnist for The Springfield Republican (still breathing the last time I looked) until retirement in 1993.

He (Leonard St. Pierre, Longmeadow C.C.) wanted to utilize The Newsletter as a means of having the heretofore ignored superintendent recognized as an integral and vital part of golf's operational wing.

My association with the GCSANE newsletter started in 1967, the same year the Red Sox spun their Impossible Dream. That tie with the supers developed from a public relations-related idea of Leon St. Pierre, Longmeadow Country Club superintendent and a GCSANE stalwart. He wanted to utilize *The Newsletter* as a means of having the heretofore ignored superintendent recognized as an integral and vital part of golf's operational wing.

In fact, that was my main function as *Newsletter* contributing editor. I think progress was made along those lines. Two maxims support such feeling: First, there'd be no game, no sport, no pastime as we know it without the golf course. Second, there'd be no golf course as we now know and enjoy it without the golf course superintendent.

As some TV "Law & Order" wit might crack, "case closed."

Again, thank you and the rest of the superintendent profession for recognizing my input. It was both an enjoyable and rewarding 38-year ride; and for the most part, a smooth one. Keep up the good work. Outstanding playing conditions are no fluke. You're the guys and girls who make it happen.

Sincerely,  
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# An informative summary of what's new at UMass from head of Plant, Soil, & Insect Sciences Dept.

**By Professor Peter Veneman,  
Head of Plant, Soil,  
& Insect Sciences Dept.,  
University of Massachusetts**

Several weeks ago we had the opportunity to greet many of our alumni at the UMass booth and reception at the GCSAA Annual Meeting in Atlanta. Two of our students, Pat Folan and Steve Hicks, received GCSAA scholarships. Noah Snyder recently was the recipient of a STMA National Scholarship. These national awards reflect the high quality of our students both in the Stockbridge and the four-year program. Pat and Steve also participated in the TurfBowl where they finished in the middle of the pack, not bad considering that they had just that morning enrolled in the competition. Next year we plan on returning with four students to compete in the TurfBowl and to introduce these students to the UMass Alumni network.

## Staff update

We are presently in the middle of campus visits for candidates for the Turf Physiology position. We are hosting five excellent candidates and hope to be able to make a formal offer within the next couple of weeks. This is a tenure track research/teaching position. The new faculty member will be teaching the

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turf physiology class during the spring semester and another course during the fall semester. This faculty member will also be involved with the UMass Turf Club and the coordination of turf internships.

Within a couple of weeks we will welcome three other candidates for the turf pathology position. Initially this is a three-year term appointment, renewable for longer periods in the future. We envision that the individual who will occupy this position will establish strong links with the turf industry by carrying out applied research at both the Joseph Troll Turf Research Center in S. Deerfield as well as at golf courses and ball fields throughout New England. This individual will also work with current faculty to improve our student internship program.

## Plant diagnostics

Routine plant disease diagnostics are carried out by Bess Dicklow, who joined us last year. Bess holds a M.S. degree in turf pathology and for three years worked with Dr. Gail Schumann on turf

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diagnostics. Bess has worked hard this winter to come up with modules describing various turf diseases and their management. The newly-hired faculty turf pathologist will assist Bess with difficult cases. All samples for nematode diagnostics are very much welcome at the UMass Diagnostic Facility under the leadership of Dr. Robert Wick. For diagnostics information, call Bess at 413-545-3208.

## Turf Field Day

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# Incoming Newsletter editor Mark Gagne hopes to offer readers a different perspective and insight

by Mark Gagne,  
Editor, *The Newsletter*

As the incoming editor, I would like to introduce myself to you and offer some thoughts on the future direction of *The Newsletter*. Having served as superintendent at Walpole Country Club and a member of the GCSANE for 16 years, I am now eager to make a contribution to our association. I earned a turf management degree from Stockbridge ('86), which was a great education, but it unfortunately did not offer any training in newsletter writing. I look forward to what I expect will be a learning experience.

It is my hope that we can offer a different perspective and insight that will ultimately help with the flow of information that is important to you. Along these lines, I hope to pick up where Michael Stachowicz left off and continue with those types of articles that have been well received. I also look forward to filing reports with a different angle. As peers, it seems we are often comparing budgets, maintenance practices, and operations as a whole. With that in mind, I hope to produce a series of summarized survey articles that examine topics such as: "How we manage the crew and ourselves each day" and "How we manage the green committee." I am very interested in any other topics you may also find timely and relevant in this or other formats.

Just as Pat Krikseonaitis has outlined his goals for the new Board, I have

some objectives in mind for the Newsletter. As we examine ways of improving communication within the association, we cannot overlook the opportunities presented by the internet and e-mail. Our web site has great potential to expand and become a source of the types of information we currently

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provide in print. Additionally, e-mail blasts can quickly and easily disseminate time-sensitive information. It is my hope that we can increase the use of these mediums. The cost of producing the newsletter in 2006 is projected to be twice the revenue derived from its advertising income. Perhaps some changes in the way we produce the newsletter can help increase funding to other areas that will improve member participation and satisfaction.

Along the way, I want to encourage you to provide your feedback and opinions as we attempt to help provide the information that is most interesting and useful to you. ☘

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## UMass publishes Ebdon/Webster study of fertility and ryegrass cold-hardiness

Scott Ebdon and David Webster of the University of Massachusetts have published the results of a study entitled *Effects of Fall-Applied N and K on Cold Hardiness of Perennial Ryegrass*.

It is interesting to note that the study found late fall-applied nitrogen had no effect on winter kill. Nitrogen applied after shoot growth had ceased had no significant effect on either cold hardiness or winter disease. Applications of

three pounds WSN during periods of active shoot growth (in September and October) caused significant increases in crown hydration and winter kill from low temperature stress and disease.

Winter kill from fall-applied potassium was dependent on the rate of N. Applications of one pound of WSN with high levels of K approaching five pounds per 1,000 sq. ft. per year and higher decreased the potential for low-temperature kill, possibly due to luxury consumption of K. These K rates are above those levels typically recommended.

No detrimental effects on winter survival were ever observed with relatively high levels of K so long as WSN rates in the fall did not exceed one pound per 1,000 square feet per growing month.

The full study can be viewed at <http://www.turfgrasstrends.com>.

This research was funded by the Massachusetts Turf & Lawngrass Association and the New England Regional Turfgrass Foundation. ☘

Source: *Turfgrass Trends*

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# With the rise of harmful viruses & security intrusions, protecting your computer is more important than ever

**Bob LaChance, Editor,  
The Green Breeze,  
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Computers were supposed to make our lives easier. In many cases, they have. Running the irrigation system for 45 holes, most of which is triple row with bank and green heads, certainly needs a computer. But when they don't work or perform poorly, they can seem like more of a hassle than they are worth. There is always a great deal of work setting them up to do the tasks we want them to perform before they can perform the task repeatedly and efficiently. Then there is the task of keeping them running.

In recent years, the number of threats to keeping our computers running smoothly has increased dramatically. Some people out there are bent on bringing the computing world to its knees just for the fun of it, others insist that we need to see every ad for every bogus product dreamed of, and still others actually want to steal our important and personal information for their own profit. Consequently, it has become necessary to protect ourselves.

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Be it your irrigation computer at work or your personal computer at home, if you have an internet connection, your computer needs protection. The threats are real but some basic programs will protect you against most attacks. Please note: most of the programs mentioned in this article can be found by googling the company's name.

First and foremost, you need to keep up with security software updates from Microsoft. Visit <http://update.microsoft.com> and follow the instructions to be sure your computer is up to date. Even if you only check your e-mail on your irrigation computer at work, you need to do this regularly. Microsoft issues updates twice a month and the people who want to exploit the Microsoft operating system don't ever seem to take a break.

Most attacks on your computer will occur while browsing the internet. Internet Explorer, which comes installed with your computer, is the object of most attacks. One way around this problem is to use alternative browsers: Mozilla's Firefox 1.5, Netscape's 8.0, and the Opera 8.5 are each good alternatives. Firefox has the advantage of being very customizable and features tabbed browsing. Opera is very fast and less used than the others, so fewer attacks are aimed at it. All browsers need to be updated to keep them secure.

E-mail is the most publicized source of attacks. Never open an attachment on an e-mail that is from someone you don't know. Most people use Outlook or Outlook Express and are consequently the object of most attacks, but there are alternatives: Mozilla's Thunderbird, Eudora, and an up-and-coming program, Poco Mail, are a few. Like your operating system, e-mail programs need updating to keep them safe.

Your e-mail can be the source of viruses. You need an anti-virus program to scan incoming mail, your downloads, and your hard drive. Norton Anti-Virus, Trend Micro's PC-cillin Internet Security, and MacAfee Virus Scan will each run you about \$40, but are simple to install and keep updated. Two free programs that are quite good are Grisoft AVG 6.0

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Basic and Alwil Avast! You can only use one anti-virus program at a time.

A firewall will protect your computer from uninvited intruders. Each program you install usually installs a program that will automatically check for updates. This seems like an innocuous enough thing and very convenient, but once a program gets installed on your

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# Survey reveals that a well-maintained golf course is the number one factor driving golfer satisfaction

While the apocalypse of Y2K did not happen to anywhere near the extent the doomsayers had predicted, the turn of the century did signify a downturn in the participation rate of golfers.

Since then, rounds played on a nationwide basis have decreased. As a response, the golf industry developed numerous programs to attract more people to the game and to keep them

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**According to the Golf Digest survey of core golfers and avid golfers, the top factor in driving golfer satisfaction is not necessarily how one plays, but where one plays.**

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coming back. The early indication is those programs are having a positive impact. But a recent survey from Golf Digest indicates golf facilities might want to reconsider how they invest their resources to retain golfers.

According to the Golf Digest survey of core golfers (8-24 rounds played per year) and avid golfers (25 or more rounds played per year), the top factor in driving golfer satisfaction is not necessarily how one plays, but where one plays. Using a 7-point scale (with 7 being most important and 1 being the least important), golfers were asked to rate a battery of factors that led to their enjoyment and satisfaction. The highest rated factor was well-maintained greens and bunkers (6.34), followed by well-maintained fairways and tees.

The survey also revealed that enjoyment is more about conditioning than

challenge. Golfers indicated by a nearly 9-to-1 ratio (88% to 12%) that they would prefer to play a course that is in very good condition, but not as challenging, as opposed to a course that is in not good condition, but is very challenging. ♣

**Source: GCSAA**

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## Start of the spring season brings used equipment to the market; sellers include golf courses, maintenance companies, & municipalities

This month the Newsletter received notice of so many items for sale that they overflowed the customary listing

space in Divot Drift. Items include equipment from both golf courses and municipalities.

• Ryan Greensaire 24, \$500; Cushman with Giant Vac blower, \$500; Greens Iron roller, \$500; GMC Dump Truck, \$500; Terra Spiker, \$500; and Greens Spiker, \$500. Contact Rich Caughey, Hatherly G.C., at 781-545-6121.

• Cushman Air Cooled Engine, 22 HP, se#887217, spec. 7752255, \$899 or B/O; Kohler short block engine, 16 HP, se#2132906201, \$500 or B/O; Jacobsen Sweeper, model #720EHL, se#3387, \$4500 or B/O; Cushman Sprayer, model #898655, se#99006429, 681 hours, raven computer, hose reel, \$4500 or B/O; and Jacobsen LF 128, 1998, model

#7818, se#1925, good reels, \$3000 or B/O. Contact Bill Sansone, Wellesley C.C., at 781-235-7333.

• Exmark sit-down ZTR with a 150 lb. granular spreader and a 30-gallon boom sprayer at a rate of 1/2 gallon per 1000 sq. ft. or 60,000 per tank. It also has a hand sprayer in addition to the boom. Great for weed control. Also comes with a jrco aerifier. \$1000. Contact Brian King, Northshore Hydroseeding/The Turf Company, at 978-815-4827.

• The Town of Paxton has a model B130X Kifco Water Reel which was acquired in 2000 for field irrigation but has never (or very rarely) been used. It has 350 feet of hose and covers an area of approximately 100 feet by 400 feet or more depending on the water pressure. The list price of a new machine of this size is about \$5,000. The Town of Paxton is accepting bids on this surplus

equipment until April 28 at 11 a.m. at the Town Hall. This item is offered at a minimum bid of \$2,500. Payment by certified check will be required. For more information contact: Charlie Blanchard, Paxton Town Administrator, Town Hall, 697 Pleasant Street, Paxton, MA 01612; (508) 754-7638, ext. 20; e-mail: cblanchard@townofpaxton.net. The Town of Paxton reserves the right to reject any or all bids not deemed to be in the Town's best interest.

• The Town of Natick is seeking sealed bids for the sale of Twenty (20) 2002 Club Car DS IQ 48-volt electric golf cars (formerly Pathway Zero Emission Vehicles). These vehicles were never put into service and have been stored in a warehouse since new. For more information or to receive a bid document, please contact Sassamon Trace G.C. Head Professional Pete Meagher at 508-655-1330. Bid deadline is April 28. ♣



# Protect your computer from harmful viruses and security intrusions

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computer it can start accessing the internet or dialing out your modem. A firewall will stop this by only allowing access to those programs you specifically want to perform this task. The firewall also prevents unwelcome communication with your computer.

A firewall can seem complicated to install, and some are easier to set up than others. Zone Alarm Internet Security, which includes an anti-virus program, runs about \$60 and has received a lot of recommendations on the internet by reviewers who rate these type of programs. Norton Internet Security includes the anti-virus program with its firewall. Norton is the best known, but many reviewers point out that the program uses a lot of system resources and can slow down your computer. It runs about \$60. MacAfee Personal Firewall Plus runs about \$40, as does the less known Agnitum Outpost Firewall Pro. The Outpost program is better known in Europe but is getting good reviews worldwide. An inexpensive, and highly rated firewall is Kerio Personal Firewall. It is only \$15

and is being sold by Sunbelt Software who recently acquired it.

Finally, you need a spyware program. Spyware is introduced into your system when installing a desirable program or even when visiting a site and trying to get rid of a pop-up. Symptoms of a spyware infected computer are very slow web browsing, the hijacking of your home page, a multitude of constant pop-ups, and the appearance that your web browser is in control of your web browsing experience rather than you.

Once infected with spyware, you will need to purchase a program that scans for spyware. Two good and free programs are Spybot Search and Destroy and Lavasoft Ad-aware SE Personal Edition. Sunbelt Software's CounterSpy, about \$20, and Webroot Spy Sweeper, \$30, each have received good reviews for rooting out spyware. If you become infected with CoolWebSearch you will need to get the free CWShredder at <http://cwshredder.net>. Spyware is difficult to remove, and you might need a couple of programs to do an adequate job once your system has been infected.

Take the time to protect your computer, your data, and your identity. Once these programs are installed and updated, they should enhance rather than complicate your computing experience. ■

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**A firewall will protect your computer from uninvited intruders. Each program you install usually installs a program that will automatically check for updates. This seems like an innocuous enough thing and very convenient, but once a program gets installed on your computer it can start accessing the internet or dialing out your modem.**

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

## **MEMBERSHIP**

**Welcome new members:** James Medeiros, CGCS, Supt., Thorny Lea, Brockton, Mass.; Jeffrey Kohn, Asst., Myopia Hunt Club, Hamilton, Mass.; Melvin B. Lucas, Asst., Quail Ridge C.C., Acton, Mass.; Christopher Gould, Asst., Mt. Pleasant C.C., Boylston, Mass.; Robert Frieswick, Asst., Mt. Pleasant C.C., Boylston, Mass.; NMP Golf Construction, Williston, Vt., Friend, Mario Poirier, Vice President; Read Custom Soils, Friend, Canton Mass., Terry Driscoll, Representative.

**Proposed for Membership:** Eric Hagenstein, Affiliate, Allen's Seed Store; Justin Bouquet, Supt., Brockton C.C.; Ryan Anderson, Asst., Brockton C.C.

## **MEMBERS ON THE MOVE**

**Congratulations** to Andrew Eick as he leaves Walpole C.C. to accept the assistant superintendent position at The Kittansett Club.

**Congratulations** to Matt TenEyck as he leaves Wedgewood Pines C.C. to accept the Superintendent position at Sable Oaks G.C..

**Congratulations** to Jon Targett as he leaves The International G.C. to accept the Superintendent position at Ellinwood C.C..

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Our condolences** are extended to John Ferry and family on the passing of John's father on February 27.

**Our condolences** are extended to the Mruk family on the passing of Charles Mruk on Friday, February 24 at the age of 79. Charles was a member of the RIGCSA, Mass Turf Council, UMass Conference, & NESTMA.

**Dog of the Year Results.** Congratulations to Buddy Luv of Tennessee (Mr. October), winner of the Lebanon Turf "Dog of the Year" contest. Buddy came out on top despite a flurry of last minute votes for Chancer from Walpole Country Club and Luke from Thomson Country Club. Thanks to all the folks who handed out candy bars and campaigned for the New England dogs. There's always next year!

## **GCSANE NEWS**

**Watch the [gcsane.org](http://gcsane.org) web site** for details on how to pay for meeting fees online by credit card. It has been projected that online payment will be available for the April meeting.

**In anticipation** of communicating more information in the future via e-mail, we ask that all members adjust their firewall and filter settings to accept GCSANE messages. We have observed that numerous messages bounce back to our administrator without reaching the intended recipient.

### **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 e-mailing copies of their best articles to get printed in GCSANE's Newsletter, please send them to Mark Gagne, Editor, at [mgagne@walpolecc.com](mailto:mgagne@walpolecc.com), or Julie Heston, Business Manager, at [jheston@verizon.net](mailto:jheston@verizon.net). This would be helpful to other superintendents as they search for ideas for their own club newsletters.

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## **EDUCATION**

**The University of Kentucky** Cooperative Extension Service has published a detailed guide to fungicide use entitled *Chemical Control of Turfgrass Diseases 2006*. The guide evaluates the relative effectiveness of common fungicides on every major turf disease. It is available at: <http://www.ca.uky.edu/agc/pubs/ppa/ppa1/ppa1.pdf>.

## **POSITION OPENINGS**

**Assistant Golf Course Superintendent,** Wachusett C.C., West Boylston, Mass. Wachusett C.C. is a family owned, semi-private club bordering the city of Worcester. Designed and built by Donald Ross in 1927, the club is undergoing an in-house master plan renovation. This is an excellent learning opportunity for the right individual. Applicant should have a minimum of a winter certificate or two- or four-year degree in turf management or related field, and a minimum three-to-five years working on a golf course. Individual must be hard working and one who takes pride in their work. A valid Mass. pesticide license is required within three to six months of employment. Salary is commensurate with experience.

Benefits include 75% paid health, association dues, vacation, and golf privileges. Individual housing is possible. Position is open until filled and available immediately. Please send resume to: Matt Marrone, Golf Course Supt., Wachusett C.C., 187 Prospect St., West Boylston, MA 01583; phone: 508-835-4484; fax: 508-835-4911.

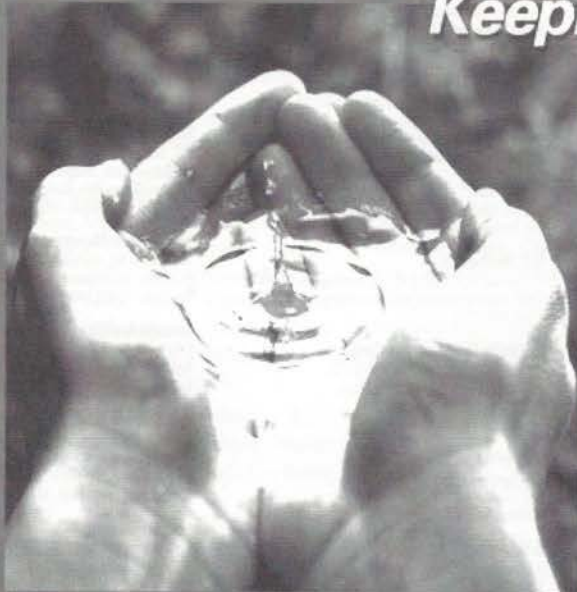
**Golf Course Superintendent,** Chelmsford C.C., Chelmsford, Mass. Chelmsford C.C. is a 9-hole daily fee golf course that has a recent irrigation system and new tee construction and bunker renovations. This course offers an opportunity for the superintendent to have a high impact on course conditions and presentation. Responsibilities include golf course maintenance; irrigation repair, fertilizer/chemical application, and record keeping; and equipment repair, staff hiring, and training. Applicant must be a motivated, hard working individual. A turf management degree or equivalent is required. A minimum of two-plus years of golf experience; good communication skills; experience in equipment maintenance and irrigation repair; and a Massachusetts pesticide applicators license are required. Compensation is \$31-\$39,000 for a nine-month season, and includes 50% health insurance, 401K plan, national/local dues, local conference expenses, vacation, and golf privileges. Position open until filled. Send resume to Kevin Osgood, Owner, Sterling Golf Mgmt., Inc., Chelmsford C.C., 66 Park Road, Chelmsford, MA 01824; 617-930-8650; e-mail: [kosgood@sterlinggolf.com](mailto:kosgood@sterlinggolf.com).

**Assistant Golf Course Superintendent,** Sandy Burr C.C., Wayland, Mass. Sandy Burr C.C., founded in 1922, is an 18-hole semi-private course designed by Donald Ross. Candidates must be hard working and have a minimum of three years of experience in a leadership capacity, an AS or equivalent degree in turfgrass management, and possess a Mass. pesticide license. Must be able to work weekends/holidays; must have knowledge of golf and its rules; and must be a team player. The assistant will be involved in all aspects of golf course maintenance including, but not limited to: supervising and training staff; irrigation system repairs; pesticide applications; course setup; workplace safety; and project management. The assistant is responsible to the superintendent. Wage is commensurate with qualifications. Benefits include health insurance, 401(k) program, annual vacation/sick time, and local association dues. The position is open until filled. Send resume to: Charles J. Zeh, Supt., 897 Elm St., Marlborough, MA 01752; e-mail: [zeh103@yahoo.com](mailto:zeh103@yahoo.com).



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