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Superintendent Profile: Ben Haringa Cohasse Country Club

Ben Haringa loves the outdoors. That one fact was probably the biggest reason he ended up working on a golf course.

Ben was born in the city of Worcester, Massachusetts in 1984. He has lived most of his life in the Blackstone Valley. That is not to say he hasn't tried other parts of the country but he always thought of Central Massachusetts as his home. "When I was a kid we moved a bunch of times" he noted. He now resides in Sutton.

Ben's love for mother nature started off at an early age. He started by picking weeds and vegetables at a nearby farm stand. "I knew I liked being outdoors but I knew I wanted something more exciting than picking vegetables." "It was rather monotonous" he told me. However, he stuck it out and did what he had to do.

His next job was working at a local dairy farm at the age of 13. He would go to the farm in the morning before school and help out with the milking of nearly 150 cows. Then he would go home, take a shower and attend school at Whitinsville Christian School. "Some weeks I would work nearly 40 hours and still attend school and do my homework." This is where Ben told me he got most of his work ethic. The rest of course came from his upbringing by his parents.

Still Ben knew the farm was a temporary stop. He and one of his friends decided they wanted to try working on a golf course. They both applied to Blackstone National Golf Club in Sutton and worked for a summer there. Ben really took a liking to the golf course business and decided this would be his career path. He attended Stockbridge where he got his Associates degree in Turf and continued on to the University of Mass. for a Bachelors degree in Plant and Soil Science.

For Ben's internship he applied to Whitinsville Golf Club to work for Dave Johnson. "I have to thank Dave" he said. "The week I was supposed to start at Whitinsville I had broken my hand. I had Doctor's appointments and I couldn't work for a while." He hinted at the fact that he could sense the disappointment in Dave's voice but Dave stuck to his word and put him to work when his hand was better. "To top it off I hurt my back that season and had to take more time out of work." Again, Dave made the best of the situation.

Ben must have made quite an impression because when he finished school he became Dave's Assistant at Whitinsville. He worked there for a few years and then the Superintendent's position at Cohasse in Southbridge opened up. Ben got the job in 2008 and has been there since.

Ben noted that his biggest challenge going from Assistant to Superintendent was the management of staff, budget and inven-

tory. "Discipline, encouragement and motivation are something I work on with my staff." "How do you work with people to create a team?" he pondered. Ben feels it takes someone special to succeed in this business and he tries to instill that in his workers. He told me that while he is enjoying his time at Cohasse and has many ideas for improvements, he would still like to venture on to an 18 hole golf course or larger in his future. Projects are something he really enjoys and loves making a visible difference in any property he is managing.

Another trait I picked up on about Ben was the love for family. Ben is a big guy with a big heart. He told me that if he won the lottery he would pay off some bills and help his family with theirs. Then he said he would buy a house in Georgia so that he, his wife and their son Levi could visit her family. His wife Melissa is originally from Georgia. Ben also had a twinkle in his eye when he mentioned that there will be another Haringa soon as he and his wife are expecting their second child.

When Ben gets to spend time with Melissa and Levi they will typically go backpacking and 21 month old Levi is in Ben's backpack. He and Melissa used to do some remote backpacking but that is a bit more challenging now with a toddler. Ben was smiling when he told me he likes to go anywhere his cell phone is out of range. In the winter Ben likes to watch the Patriots since it is one of the few sports that fall during the season where he has time.

As Ben and I were wrapping up our conversation we talked about what he would be doing if he wasn't working on a golf course. He told me that he always thought he would like to be an Environmental Police Officer. He even told me that in his earlier years he applied for a job as a Grassland Conservation Ranger. He would have to ride a horse and camp out overnight to check on the range grasses, check on soil conditions and make sure there was enough food for the animals. Once Ben and I finished our appetizer and paid the tab I asked him "what is your favorite food?" He said a burger. "And not one of those puny, skinny burgers! I mean a good meaty burger." ❖



Ben Haringa

By Tom Albert

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President's Message

It was a privilege to be able to host our annual S&B tournament at Walpole on June 30th. The support from our members, friends and affiliates was outstanding and contributed to another successful event that directly benefits our members in need and provides scholarship funds to our member's families. The funds raised this year will go towards building the fund to provide financial assistance for future generations. I want to personally thank everyone who took time out to participate and also the sponsors that helped make the day possible:

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Our honoree this year was Leon St. Pierre, the longtime superintendent at Longmeadow Country Club and GCSANE Past President and DSA recipient. It was a pleasure to meet and learn more about Leon from the members of his family who were in attendance.

Without a doubt, it was an appearance by Gloria VanBuskirk and her husband Jason's heartfelt speech that was one of the highlights of the dinner. It was great to see Gloria doing so well and making progress towards her recovery.

We greatly appreciate the efforts of the entire S&B committee and my hat goes off to Dave Stowe, Mike Hermanson, Bob Healy and Don Hearn for coordinating an organized and enjoyable event. Speaking for the Board of Directors, I can tell you we are very fortunate to have Don serving as our Association Manager. He is always front and center at our events but most may not know of the tireless effort he puts in behind the scenes to make our association run smoothly and represent GCSANE with our allied organizations. We greatly appreciate his professionalism and dedication.

Our next event will be held on August 12th at Marlborough Country Club, when Ken Crimmings will host the individual championship. We also look forward to seeing and recognizing our retired members at this annual event. I hope you take time out to join us and look forward to seeing you then. ❖

Mark Gagne

University of Massachusetts Alumni Honored Professor Pat Vittum Ph.D, by the Alumni Turf Group

Old Oaks Country Club in Purchase, New York and UMASS graduate Superintendent Mark Millett played host to a full field of University of Massachusetts Turf Program Alumni at the tenth annual Joseph Troll Turf Classic where Dr. Pat Vittum was honored.

Dr. Vittum received a B.S. in Chemistry from The College of Wooster in Ohio in 1974 and earned her Ph.D. in Entomology from Cornell University in 1980. Her doctoral advisor was Dr. Haruo Tashiro, who was an international expert in the biology of turf insects, especially white grubs. She has been at UMass since June 1980. She spent the first ten years at the Waltham Field Station, working in commercial floriculture and turf. She moved to Amherst in 1990, where she climbed to hold leadership positions within the program and the University. Dr. Vittum is the senior author of Turfgrass Insects of the United States and Canada, which is widely regarded as the bible of turf entomology. Her research interests involve the biology and management of several turfgrass insects, with a concentration on white grubs and annual bluegrass weevils, has cemented her as the foremost expert on these subjects.

Pat endeared herself further to alum when she worked with Dr. Michelle DaCosta as advisor to the University of Massachusetts team of students who won the prestigious Turf Bowl competition at the 2013 Golf Industry Show in

San Diego.

Of the award, Alumni Turf Group (ATG) President Steve Curry stated: "Dr. Patricia Vittum was honored for her enduring contributions for turf students, superintendents and research. Pat's impact on our industry and many of our successes as individuals, made easy the decision for her to be the tenth honoree joining Joseph Troll, Sherwood Moore, Ted Horton, Geoffrey Cornish, George Thompson, Leon St. Pierre, Don Hearn, Bill Spence and Michael Wallace."

The event was a fundraising success thanks to industry support. The Premier Sponsor, Tom Irwin has been involved with this event since its inception. In addition, crucial support came from Turf Products Corporation, LaCorte Equipment, Aquatrols, Phoenix, Syngenta, BASF, Harrells,



Dr. Pat Vittum

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Thoughts From Your Association Manager

The 22nd Scholarship and Benevolence Tournament is now history. Close to one hundred players teed up at Walpole Country Club for this fundraiser, which benefits all members of the Association and their families.



Mark Gagne presented a framed flag with plaque to Andrew St. Pierre, Andrea Marcaurelle and Jeanne Moser. The children of Leon St. Pierre.

Our sincere appreciation goes out to those who played, sold and purchased raffle tickets, sponsored, donated and supported this event by their presence.

Mark Gagne, Superintendent, and Assistants Chris Cyr, Mark MacDonald, and Dan Vetre; Ed Iodice, General Manager; Mike Lawler, Clubhouse Manager; Matt Sennot and Mike Sullivan, Asst. Golf Professionals; Chef Andy Texiera and their respective staffs went all out to be helpful, and make the day a wonderful experience. The golf course was in magnificent condition and the food prepared by Chef Andy was superb.

This year's event was in memory of Leon St. Pierre, a Past President, Distinguished Service Award recipient and long-time Superintendent at the Longmeadow Country Club in Longmeadow, MA. We were very fortunate to have Leon's son and daughters attend the event. I had the opportunity to talk with them and learn more about Leon and how dedicated he was to our Association.



Another special person attended with her family. Gloria VanBuskirk came with her mother Claudia, father Dick, and sister Molly. Her husband Jason was on the course playing in the event. During the evening Jason spoke about

Gloria, her status and how much progress she's made since the day last December when she was admitted to the hospital. Gloria also expressed her heart felt "thank you" to all in attendance. Jason and Gloria's presentations created a full complement of tears. It was a truly emotional evening!

Recently there was a story in the Wall Street Journal about a former member of the Association – Mike Stachowicz. Bob Healey sent along the article about Mike and his responsibilities on the Washington Mall. You can read it by clicking online.wsj.com/weblog.

Gerry Finn the longtime contributor to our publication, the NEWSLETTER, died Monday, June 30, 2014.

Gerry was a wonderful person, with a sense of humor that made his stories fun to read. He was a very gifted writer as shown by the many awards he received. He was always trying to help with our public relations and to raise our stature with others in the business and sport of golf.

He was quick to offer an amusing comment or observation of what was happening in our business and was interested in making what we did more understandable to golfers.

He was recognized for his contributions to our members by receiving the Association's Distinguished Service Award in 2006.

Gerry was recruited to be the NEWSLETTER contributor by Leon St. Pierre, who was recognized as this year's memorial honoree at the Scholarship and Benevolence tournament. This event was held Monday, June 30, the same day as Gerry's death.

Please read more about Gerry by clicking [this link](#).



For the fourth consecutive year Kevin Corvino, Superintendent of the Dedham Country and Polo Club, will represent the GCSA of New England in the Ouimet Golf Marathon Fundraiser. This year's event will take place Wednesday, August 13, at Stow Acres Country Club. Last year Kevin played 104 holes and raised almost \$3800.00. He hopes to top that total this year.

This will be the Ouimet Fund's 22nd annual event to raise funds to help with educational costs for need-based college scholarships. This year's goal is to raise \$275,000. This is a large sum, but one that can be realized if everyone helps out.

Please keep in mind that some of the scholarships granted are awarded to those who have worked on the courses of members of the GCSA of New England.

Kevin doesn't do this alone. He is ably assisted by his caddie, Eric Dolt, and fundraiser, Nat Binns. This year the team is again asking for your help. It's very easy to make a donation. To do so [click here](#). Once on the site click on SUPPORT A TEAM, then click on the GCSANE link, once on this page click the GIVE NOW link. It's a very easy process. Really, all it takes is the time to care.



Eric Dolt, left and Kevin Corvino

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Kevin Doyle - GCSAA Updates



I am often asked what I miss about being a superintendent. Involving my family in the sport is usually my first response. I always enjoyed the time spent on my course with my children and wife. I miss playing two or three holes (small children), or an impromptu lunch visit followed by one staying with me for hot afternoon syringe duty. Do work and family

always have to conflict? Can they coexist? Those are two questions that many facilities, chapters, even your national association are often faced with. Superintendents seem to have become much more active in family events. This makes it harder to chisel out time to participate in industry related events outside of the typical work hours. Many chapters work to bring the two together as well. Here are some of the many ways in which members are no longer forced to choose:

Picnic:

The Chapter Picnic is a popular one. Several chapters make the opportunity available during summer months. Often a low-key, fun event striving for social time and family involvement. Many take place at a local park. One such event is described by the chapter with: "This is a great event to spend some fun quality time with your family, friends and fellow members. Please come and join us for a fun ball game, a swim in the pool, jumping in the Bouncy Castle and a delicious BBQ." While shop talk often takes place, it is not always the superintendents leading the charge in this department. The significant others can get comfort from those with whom they can relate. Relax, unwind, and spend time with the family at a chapter picnic.

Sports event:

Here in the Northeast we are lucky to have some great, family friendly and affordable sports options. Whether it is minor league baseball or hockey, chapters have included these opportunities into their meeting schedule. Sports are another great avenue for social interaction with peers, and entertainment for the family as well. Hockey in golf's offseason has become a staple of some chapter offerings with success.

Parent/Child golf event:

The Metropolitan GCSA hosts a parent/child golf event, at which time they award and recognize the recipients of the chapter scholarships. It is a nine-hole scramble after working hours, at a child friendly location with a simple meal to follow. The scholarships are presented, and the best part, those awarded are often playing in the event or have in the past. Because of a limited field, this event often fills up quick. What better way to promote the scholarship benefit than to involve the children in the event long before they are even eligible. It is also a great way to get on the course with family!

Amusement park:

The Connecticut AGCS hosts a day at a local amusement park. With ticket prices skyrocketing, a group event that includes an all you can eat buffet for nearly half the price is a steal! In addition, an entire amusement park at the children's disposal means entertainment for the family is guaranteed!

I've done the amusement park thing with my family recently, and the children aren't the only ones going to have a good night sleep. More importantly, time with the family is added to the CAGCS calendar, and the attendance continues to show the value the members see in the event.

It is often hard to make decisions to attend Chapter meetings or events, and often family commitments are the reason. Perhaps there is a way family and Chapter events can coexist after all?

GCSAA Resources and Deadlines

GCSAA Compliance resources:

GCSAA works hard to ensure our members are compliant with the many federal regulation changes that occur frequently. Have you visited GCSAA.org to see the articles, webcasts, links, and presentations that you can utilize to make sure your facility is up to date? Here are just a few:

- [Legislative fix for NPDES permits for pesticides introduced in U.S. House](#)
- [SDS Employee Training Form](#)
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Mike Whitmer, golf writer for the Boston Globe, wrote a very nice article about Jason VanBuskirk, a member of our Board of Directors, and Dave McAdams, the Tournament Director for the New England PGA. This article was posted on our website homepage and I've included it here for those who haven't seen it. This article appeared first in the Golf Section of the Boston Globe, July 10. Thanks to Mike Whitmer for writing about these two families. Please click on the link below to read how Jason and Dave have dealt with their circumstances.

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Congratulations to Superintendent John Eggleston (shown at right in the photo) and his team at Kernwood Country Club for the successful hosting of the MGA's 106th State Amateur Championship. It poured during the Championship, play was delayed several times, but the course was in excellent condition and the competitors enjoyed the week at Kernwood.



Photo by David Colt

The GCSAA has awarded the GCSA of New England a \$2,000.00 grant for the recently completed Demo Day at Blue Hill Country Club. The contribution was the result of many hours of work by Brian Skinner, who planted the seed for the event, Mark Casey, who nurtured the event and spent many hours coordinating the needs of the companies and people who displayed their products and services, and Kevin Doyle, GCSAA's Regional Representative, who guided us to the finish line for the grant request. Thank you Brian, Mark and Kevin for your hard work and caring to make this event successful. The grant is one of many ways GCSAA contributes to the success of our Association and Members. ❖

By Don Hearn

Winfield Nurseries, John Deere Landscapes, Steven Wiland, Tanto Irrigation, New England Soils, Westchester Turf Supplies, and Helena. Association support came from the Golf Course Superintendents association of New Jersey Foundation, Golf Course Superintendents Association of New England, the MET Golf Course Superintendents Association, and Connecticut Association of Golf Course Superintendents.

Curry added, "Thanks all our sponsors and a full field of participants, we were able to donate \$20,000 that night to support turf research and education at the University of Massachusetts."

The fundraiser was initiated in 2004 as a means to raise money for the new Dr. Joseph Troll Turf Research Center at the University of Massachusetts Amherst. With the building completed, the Alumni Turf Group has continued the fundraising efforts to support the turf program at the University.

The Alumni Turf Group (ATG), formed in 2005, is a 501c3 organization made up of turf professionals who are graduates of the Stockbridge School of Agriculture and the University of Massachusetts. Through fundraising, ATG hopes to further research and education, promote UMass alumni in the turf management profession, and instill pride and commitment in the turf programs at the University of Massachusetts.

Entry forms, additional information for this event, membership applications, and ATG information are available online at www.alumniturfgroup.com. ❖

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GCSAA Grassroots Network - Building our Grassroots Army

Advocacy is one of the most powerful ways to impact public policy. Successful association advocacy and lobbying efforts depend upon establishing strong relationships with elected officials. Ad hoc advocacy makes it hard to build strong, long-term relationships with elected officials and have a positive impact on policy decisions.

The GCSAA Grassroots Network is a new, dedicated group of GCSAA members who want to engage in the association's government relations efforts.

Being part of the GCSAA Grassroots Network gives you the opportunity to:

- Learn about legislative and regulatory issues affecting the golf course management profession
- Learn about GCSAA's advocacy activities
- Actively participate in the association's government relations efforts
- Communicate with your legislators about issues critical to the golf industry
- Learn about upcoming GCSAA Grassroots Network events
- Become part of a movement standing up for the golf course management profession and golf industry

Individuals in the GCSAA Grassroots Network also have the opportunity to serve as a [GCSAA Grassroots Ambassador](#). GCSAA will give its Grassroots Ambassadors personalized training on building relationships with Members of Congress.

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New York: 5

There is still a great need for more support of this program from all northeast states. If you have any questions regarding the program, please do not hesitate to contact me.

GIS Housing Opens August 12th

If everything is big in Texas, you don't want to be late to the housing sign-ups! With all hotels within walking distance to the convention center, other desirable hotel characteristics will take precedence. If you have certain features or desire the best value for your hotel dollars, don't delay. GIS in San Antonio is where Big Things Happen!

Upcoming FREE webcasts:

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- [Sept. 18: Herbicide Resistance in Turf: An Emerging Issue Facing Golf Course Superintendents](#)
- [Sept. 25: Soil Physical and Chemical Properties – The Analogy Webinar](#)
- [Oct. 8: Today's Turf is Creeping Bentgrass](#)
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Everyday Etiquette: How to Hold the Door Open for Others

Have you ever been in a situation when someone tried to hold the door open for you before they walked through it, semi-blocking the path? It happened recently to me where someone was standing in the path of the door rather than actually stepping aside with it. In order to walk through the door, I would have to push the door myself to keep it from closing. This is one of those things that are leading to quite a few awkward moments at the door because of the way the door swings.

TIP: Generally speaking when holding the door, you open the door and walk with the door where it swings and stand with the door holding it open until people pass through. It doesn't matter which way the door swings. Sometimes you will walk through the door first depending on which way it swings. Do NOT stand in the path of the door.

TIP: It's OK to go through an outward opening door first and step back with the door then hold it for the person to walk through. Stand close to the door still holding it open so that the person realizes that they will not have to hold it also.

I've also approached the outward swinging door from outside and then opened it myself since I'm never sure if I should wait. The person behind me then pulls the door open wider and holds the door open for the person behind them as they pass through the door. Each person then holds the door slightly for himself or herself. This is acceptable in instances where several people approach a door together as a group.

TIP: If you intend to open the door for another person or for a group, get to the door first, open it toward you by stepping back with the door and hold it by standing next to the open door for all to pass through it and then go through last.

TIP: If two people reach the door on opposite side of the door at the same time, the person on the outside of the door should hold it for the person going out by stepping back with the door. Otherwise a traffic jam ensues.

It's really impressive when someone figures this out and understands the traffic flow mechanics that make it work.

This is an almost. The man looks as if he's still walking and



the next person reaches for the door because he looks like he's going to let it go. **AWKWARD and RUDE** no matter what your gender! If he were standing closer to the door and looking for

the next person to pass through, she might not feel like she had to then hold the door also. If you are going to hold the door, really hold it. This isn't truly holding the door properly no matter what your gender. ❖

By Don Hearn

From the Massachusetts Green Industry Alliance

Pesticide Board Subcommittee

The next scheduled meeting is for Wednesday, July 16th and a discussion of the reclassification of subsurface termiticide and subcommittee policy is on the agenda. A vote on the issue is possible. We have reached out to the members directly to provide the industry's perspective on the issue and know that Subcommittee member Richard Berman has been very diligent in his advocacy on this issue. We will monitor the meeting and provide a summary.

Direct Supervision Regulations (333 CMR10.00)

The Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources continues to consider the feedback provided through a series of public hearings from green industry professionals and other stakeholders. The draft regulations onerous, costly and we still haven't seen any evidence that they will do anything to protect the public health or environment, so we continue to push for improvements. We tried to make changes to the DAR's authority over these changes via amendments to the Senate budget and while we generated some discussion and interest, the amendments failed. We are not sure when the DAR will produce a final product but will continue to closely monitor the situation.

Fertilizer/Nutrient Management (330 CMR 31.00)

The Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources continues to consider the feedback provided through a series of public hearings from green industry professionals, farmers and other stakeholders. The proposed regulations to implement the law passed in 2012 (Chapter 262 of the Acts of 2012) that gives them statewide authority over when and how fertilizer and other nutrients may be applied. However, the law states these must be consistent with UMass Extension's best management practices and they clearly are not, so we continue to push for improvements. Similarly, we have not been given any information regarding a timeline but will continue to press our messages and monitor the situation.

GCSAA Government Relations Page

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| May 12 | Alumni Turf Group - 10th Annual Dr. Joseph
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| June 9 | Challenger Demo Day
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| June 30 | Walpole Country Club
Scholarship & Benevolence Tournament |
| August 12 | Marlborough Country Club
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| Sept. 8 | Renaissance - Two Person Team Championship |
| Oct. 7 | New England Superintendent Championship
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

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Our condolences to the Finn family on the passing of **Gerry Finn** on June 30, 2014. Gerry Finn was the longtime contributor to our publication, the NEWSLETTER.

Congratulations to **John LeClair** a certified golf course superintendent (CGCS) at Warwick Country Club, Warwick, RI, who has completed the renewal process for maintaining his elite status with the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA). LeClair has been at Warwick Country Club since 1999. A 22-year GCSAA member, he initially achieved his certification in 2004. Only about 1,500 golf course superintendents worldwide currently hold top-level status as a certified golf course superintendent.

Congratulations to **Peter Rappoccio** who recently became a GCSAA certified golf course superintendent (CGCS). Peter is the golf course superintendent at Concord Country Club. Here is what Peter had to say about the CGCS program.

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