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of the **Golf Course Superintendents Association of New England, Inc.**

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Superintendent Profile: Mike Hughes Whitinsville Golf Club

Mike Hughes is a patient man. He just landed the job he wanted ten years ago. Mike says, “ten years ago when Dave Johnson got the job at Whitinsville I thought what a track that is and how lucky someone is to be the Superintendent there.” He thought to himself, “if Dave ever moves on from there I want to be in the running to replace him.” His wish came true late last winter.

Mike was born in Boston and grew up in Dedham. His family moved there just before he was born. That is how he started working at Dedham Country and Polo as a caddie at the age of 12. As a high school freshman he worked in a limited capacity on the grounds crew.

When it was time for college Mike chose the four year program at UMass in the Plant and Soil Sciences. Mike admits that he admired the camaraderie that the Stockbridge students had right out of the gate but said he found that camaraderie himself as time went on and he got to know more people.

While Mike was in college he interned at Charles River Country Club. He was there during the dreaded 2002 winter kill year. He chuckled and said “I guess it was a good learning experience” relating it to what some golf courses are going through this spring. From there Mike moved on to Wellesley as an Assistant Superintendent and then on to Granite Links. As Mike got older and kept thinking about Whitinsville he wanted even more experience on a native soil golf course with bentgrass and poa greens. It was then that he moved on to Walpole Country Club as the senior Assistant.

While Mike thought back to being a young man in the Boston area he reflected on how he learned hard work and dedication from both his parents and grandparents and how it has helped him in his career. He talked about how at the age of nine he had a paper route and until he was old enough to ride a bike with the papers, his parents drove him every single day at three o'clock in the morning to make the deliveries. “The newspaper had a program to earn money for college so I did it. I was preparing for college at a very young age” he later said.

Mike wasn't always sure he wanted to work on a golf course however. He said he got a nomination from Congressman Joe Moakley to attend the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs. He had other jobs along the way to fill in the gaps such as stacking books at the UMass library which

he was not particularly fond of. Mike was quick to say that if he wasn't working on a golf course he would have probably been a teacher. “Everyone in my family is or was a teacher. My parents, brothers, sisters, even my girlfriend Erin who works in the Boston public school system.”

While talking about his family he spoke of how he likes to spend time with them. He talked about time with his nieces and nephews and the rest of the family at a modest cottage they have in Dennisport. While he likes the Cape, he also likes to vacation anywhere in the Carribean.

Mike's career has been shaped by many people in the business. He wanted to point out Superintendents Bill Sansone, Brad MacDonald and Mark Gagne. He mentioned how Mark Gagne taught him a lot about being a Superintendent and many of the things that go along with it not necessarily related to the grass. Mike also talked about Paul Blanus and Kevin Corvino who both guided him as an Assistant.

When Mike is not at the golf course he likes to play in a basketball league. He told me he played this winter and actually got to play with some retired New England football players. Mike admitted growing up in the suburbs of Boston he is a diehard Boston sports fan. “I didn't have a choice, my family would have disowned me” he laughed. Now that he and his girlfriend Erin are making their home in Southborough, he looks forward to spending some time on nature walks and exploring the outdoors off of the golf course. When the weather isn't cooperating outdoors Mike likes to follow politics and enjoys reading a good book.

Mike was eager to tell me that he has no regrets on his chosen career path. In fact he even said that some day if he ever had the money he would like to buy George Wright and make it Massachusetts' own Beth Page. While saying that he feels fortunate to have landed at Whitinsville and that all his hard work and preparation has paid off. Ten years ago he felt he wasn't ready for the challenge but his patience and dedication got him where he wants to be. ♦

Written by Tom Albert



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Support the Scholarship and Benevolence Tournament

Dear Friends and Affiliates,

The Golf Course Superintendents Association of New England Scholarship and Benevolence Committee is seeking the financial support of your company for this year's S&B Tournament being held **Monday, June 30, at the Walpole Country Club.**

The S&B Fund has awarded more than \$240,000 in aid to Superintendent, Friend and Affiliate members and their families since it's inception in 1993. This tournament, your donations and the sale of raffle tickets are the only source of revenue for this worthy cause. If you or your company donated last year, could you possibly match or exceed that in 2014? If you did not make a donation in the past would you consider doing so this year? Sponsorship levels have been established in the following increments:

- ◇ **Premier \$2000 includes Foursome**
- ◇ **Gold \$1500 includes Twosome**
- ◇ **Silver \$1000**
- ◇ **Bronze \$100-500**

You or your company may also receive a follow-up phone call from a committee member regarding this letter. Further information regarding this year's event will be released soon in a mailing and on the GCSA of New England's website.

We are asking all members to show support and participate in this event by a combination of the following:

- ◇ **Playing in the event**
- ◇ **Buying/Selling raffle tickets for rounds of golf**
- ◇ **Provide corporate seats to sporting events, airline tickets, etc.**
- ◇ **Volunteer time at registration**
- ◇ **Donating directly to the fund**

Donations may be mailed to:

Don Hearn, Association Manager

GCSA of New England

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Thank you in advance for your support and we hope you will participate, as the Scholarship & Benevolence Fund is an important benefit to all members in need.

Sincerely,

David Stowe

David A. Stowe, CGCS

Chairman, Scholarship & Benevolence

GCSA of New England TO PROMOTE DEMONSTRATION DAY

Environmental sustainability in today's world is the responsibility of everyone. Best Management Practices demonstrate a turf manager's commitment to sound and environmentally sustainable ways of maintaining a property or facility.

With that in mind, The Golf Course Superintendents Association of New England will be sponsoring a demonstration day **June 9, 2014 at the Blue Hill Country Club in Canton, MA.** Demonstrations will range from aeration equipment to GPS guided sprayers to bunker reconstruction and will be staged on several holes of Blue Hill's Challenger course throughout the day.

Complimentary coffee and lunch will be served and representatives will be available to discuss their products and services.

There will be no strict adherence to an agenda. The day will be free flowing and continuous.

**Hours are 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
There is no cost to attend**

If you would like to attend and are not a member of the GCSA of New England, please send an email to: donhearn@gcsane.org and type "Demo Day Yes" in the text field.

Members of the GCSA of New England will be sent a separate notice and registration link three weeks before the event date.

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Thoughts From Your Association Manager

I want you to know what happens to your credits after a meeting. As most of you know, credit is given to GCSA of New England members who are also members of the GCSAA and attend various meetings during the course of the year. After the meeting I enter your name and attendance at the meeting to the GCSAA. This is done electronically. The amount of credit granted varies with the type of meeting and whether education is part of the day's event. You should keep track of your points by viewing your transcript online at gcsaa.org. If you need any help with this please let me know.

The first golf meeting of the season was held April 28, at Cohasset Golf Club where the annual Bear Cup trophy was up for grabs. The Cape won again this year, and will hold the trophy for a year. This is a very nice event with a friendly competition between New England and the Cape and is a good way to meet others in the industry.

Superintendent Glen Misiaszek and his staff had the course in fantastic condition and all who played had a great time. Glen utilizes goats as part of his maintenance of rough areas on the course and these animals were doing what they do best while we were at Cohasset. Glen and his team have made many changes and improvements during their time at the club and are now in the process of expanding the practice area.



Photo by Mark Casey

The Bear Cup tournament is named in memory of Gary Luccini, the long time superintendent at the Franklin Country Club who passed away in 2001. His sons, Brian and Mike, are golf course superintendents who ply their trade in our area. Brian, a non-practicing superintendent, is a sales representative for Tom Irwin Inc., and Mike is the superintendent at Franklin Country Club following in his father's footsteps.



From the left: Brian Luccini; Mike Luccini; Tom Colombo, supt. at the Hyannisport Club; Pete Jacobson, sales representative for BASF

Our monthly meetings require a lot of coordination and advance preparation between the Association and the host club. Though it may sometimes seem like there's not much to making the day's event run smoothly, believe me, there's a lot going on behind the scene. For those attending, it usually requires registering with your name, email address (in case you have to be notified of a change), and handicap index. You receive a confirmation and we receive your registration. No big deal. Not much effort to do this. But, while this is taking place, the club has to know how many will be playing, arrival time, starting time, lunch and/or dinner time, and there's also a deadline for registration so the food service team can order enough for the registered attendees. In addition, the attendees' names, handicaps and group assignments are submitted to the golf shop staff to arrange the tee assignments, print the names in each group and then be ready to make last minute changes. The goal is to have as many attend a meeting as possible. And we don't want to turn away anyone. Even those who have shown up without registering have been accommodated. The best thought-out plans can go awry and we know that anyone can have their plan disrupted in an instant. So, when this happens we understand and try not to make a big deal out of it. But, when people just don't show up, don't call, or make contact before the meeting, that's a different matter. It tells me that the person who acts this way really doesn't care what was done on their behalf to make the day a pleasant one for them to be a part of. So, please be courteous and contact me if you have an unexpected change in plans. It's courteous, and the right thing to do.

The May meeting was a joint meeting with the Rhode Island Golf Course Superintendents Association held May 5, at Worcester Country Club. It was a wonderful day, on a beautiful course. The clubhouse and golf shop staff at Worcester was very helpful and did all they could to provide an outstanding day for the 80 people who attended. Jason Harrison and his staff worked very hard to have the course in excellent condition and all who played had a very enjoyable day.



From the left: Asst. Supt. Adam Moore, Asst. Supt. Shaun Miller, Host Supt. Jason Harrison

The winners were:

1st Gross, 64: John Bresnahan, Mike Nagle, Joe Felicetti, Andy Drohen

1st Net, 55: Garrett Whitney, Adam Moore, Sean Mitchell

2nd Gross, 67: Mike Whitehead, Tom Fox, Mike Luccini, Bob Dembek

2nd Net, 61: Joe Iazaro, Ron Kirkman, Ernie Ketchum, Doug Hopper

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The 10th Joseph Troll Classic Tournament, named in honor of Dr. Joseph Troll, was held May 12, at the Old Oaks Country Club in Purchase, NY. While Dr. Troll was unable to attend because of the travel required from his home in Florida, close to 120 players enjoyed a warm and sunny day on a course superbly conditioned by Mark Millet and his hard working staff. The Alumni Turf Group (ATG) put a lot of effort and caring into the day's event. The sponsors, lead by 10-year Premier Sponsor, the Tom Irwin Company, were very generous with their support and without them this event wouldn't be possible. It was gratifying to see the level of caring so many companies have to support our business to the level they do. Remember the support they provide when planning for the future. The proceeds from this tournament help fund turf research at UMass. The day was capped off with the presentation of this year's honoree; Dr. Pat Vittum. Pat is a friend to all in our profession, a renowned entomologist, a multi-talented sports-woman and, as all would agree, - a sincerely nice person. Her accomplishments were touched on by Bill Spence, Superintendent of The Country Club in Brookline, MA; Jim Skorulski, USGA Agronomist; Steve Goodwin, Dean of the College of Natural Sciences at UMass Amherst and others. Pat was ever so humble with her acceptance of the award and gracious with her praise of others who helped her along the way. ❖



Steve Goodwin presents Pat Vittum a Norman Rockwell print, symbolic of the honoree's award each year.

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By Don Hearn



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Another Big Victory for Bubba and Turfgrass Research



How can you not love a guy who goes to the local "Wafflehouse" to celebrate winning the Masters! Go Bubba, Go! He played the final round like a kid living a dream. Just about every shot he hit seemed to bring him closer to his destiny. Our Tee-Up New England Auction began just hours after Bubba finished his waffles. Turfgrass research and Bubba are similar....they are both

good for the game! With the close of the auction on Monday, March 21, as marathoners quietly crossed the finish line in Boston, the final auction bidding intensified as the 3rd successful Tee-Up New England event that will help to benefit turfgrass research in New England concluded. More than 9000 views of the auction website were recorded and 100+ bidders registered in an attempt to purchase rounds of golf for the 2014 playing season during the auction week. More than \$20,400 was raised by the auction (a new high). Most lots were foursomes (w/carts) and bids went as high as \$700 at Wannamoisett Country Club with the average bid of \$226/course. Traffic on the website increased most likely through exposure from advertising on the radio (WEEI) and in print in N.E. Golf Monthly. New England State Golf Associations also supported the initiative and helped to spread the word

among golfers by getting the information to their members electronically. Tee-up New England is starting to become a recognized opportunity to purchase rare rounds of golf at premier private facilities along with some bargains for the more accessible facilities throughout New England.

We thank all 87 contributors to the auction. A new donation this year was a "Golden Passport to N.E. Golf" booklet from our friends in the New England Golf Course Owners Association that included free twosomes and foursomes from 34 different facilities. It went for more money than its retail price! Adult /Youth packages at MGA Links and range balls at Button Hole were donated and auctioned. All facilities are welcomed to participate. We wish to also thank all New England chapters and their members for contributing, supporting and spreading the word about Tee-Up New England. The plan is to expand the effort to more and more courses over the next couple of years, to increase research funding opportunities and to get new players out on your courses! I think we can agree that all courses can afford to donate a foursome to help build the industry through research! I hope you will plan to participate in 2015! ❖

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Kevin Doyle - GCSAA Updates



I have no doubt that listening to someone rail on about the same message time after time can get annoying. I agree whole heartedly. So I will not do it this time, I will instead use some excerpts from GCSAA's Washington based lobby firm Reed Smith client alert to do it for me instead. If your course puddles when heavy rain takes place, you will be affected.

Proposed Rule from EPA and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Seeks To Expand Federal Jurisdiction of Water

2 May 2014

Reed Smith Client Alerts

*After years of study, litigation, controversy – and mayhem – the Environmental Protection Agency (“EPA”) and Army Corps of Engineers (“Corps”), on April 21, 2014, jointly published, for comment, a new definition of “waters of the United States” under the Clean Water Act (“CWA”). 79 Fed. Reg. 22188-22275. According to the Preamble: “[t]he purposes of the proposed rule are to ensure protection of our nation’s aquatic resources and make the process of identifying waters of the United States” less complicated and more efficient.” FR at 22188. The agencies further promise that, “[t]his rule will result in more effective and efficient CWA permit evaluations and increased certainty and less litigation.” FR at 22190. Under the proposed rule, (1) all tributaries, including those that are either perennial, ephemeral, or intermittent; and (2) all adjacent waters, including adjacent wetlands, would be categorically subject to federal oversight with no additional analysis required. Additionally, so-called “other waters” would be included on a case-by-case basis. The key here is the term “significant nexus,” language first used by Justice Anthony Kennedy in his concurring opinion to *Rapanos v. United States*. 547 U.S. 715 (2006). If any of those waters have a significant nexus to those navigable waters already under the jurisdiction of the CWA, they are now included.*

The purpose of this rule is to settle 40 years of debate as to what constitutes waters of the United States. But in fact, the new policy presents an aggressive direction for EPA and the Corps, threatening to place broad areas of wetlands and streams – including intermittent streams – under federal scrutiny. In doing so, the proposed rule would have a major impact on individuals and businesses that develop, use, or change land, including oil and gas companies, pipeline operators, developers, golf courses and many others.

The alert addresses important issues and questions including:

- *Moving from a traditional definition of “navigable waters” to waters connected by a “significant nexus”*
- *Reach of the proposed rule: Tributaries, Adjacent Waters and Other Waters, and beyond*
- *What does and does not constitute a “tributary”?*
- *What about ditches, artificial lakes, or ponds?*
- *How close is adjacent?*
- *Will the definition of “other waters” be interpreted to include everything else?*

This topic was a large part of GCSAA’s message at National Golf Day on the 21st of May. Your association, government relations committee, and members took an aggressive stance on this issue. Your voice and actions can make a difference! GCSAA is asking members to push for a 90-day extension to the comment period. It is easy to do and will take only a minute or two. If you feel that is too much to ask, consider adding the time, expense, and effort needed to apply for a federal permit so you can make necessary applications to critical areas of your course that hold water after heavy rains. Will those areas fall under the proposed rule changes? Yes, and others as well. Find out how to aide in getting an extension and more information at [GCSAA's Take Action](#) page.

GCSAA Resources and Deadlines

GCSAA operations surveys

In 2012, GCSAA began a series of surveys aimed at gathering in-depth operational data for the golf course management industry. The operations surveys provide data that allows superintendents to compare their facility to nationwide and regional data averages, as well as averages by facility type and green fee.

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Survey results:

- [2012 Maintenance Budget Survey](#)
- [2012 Capital Budget and Labor Survey Report](#)
- [2013 Cultivation and Cultural Practices Survey](#)
- [2013 Technology Survey](#)

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

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It's why Garret Bodington changed his entire fleet to John Deere.

Sebonack Golf Club, Southampton, NY

With the US Women's Open coming to Sebonack in 2013, Garret Bodington made the decision to go with John Deere. Why? "John Deere gave us tremendous support for the Women's Open, from existing equipment to loaners. Also, the E-Cut™ Hybrid technology was a big selling point. We use E-Cuts on every fairway and every green." From E-Cut Hybrid technology to heavy-duty utility vehicles, Garret trusts his entire course to John Deere. To see the difference we can make on your course and call your John Deere Golf distributor today.

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- 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.

Call for nominations

The following offices will be up for election for the GCSAA Board of Directors at the 2015 Annual Meeting in San Antonio, Texas:

- President
 - Vice president
 - Secretary/treasurer
- Director (three positions)

The deadline for nominations for the 2015 GCSAA Board of Directors is July 1, 2014.

GCSAA launches new and improved Job Board

GCSAA has enhanced its popular job board, making it easier for job seekers and job posters to connect. Now job seekers can sign up for daily or weekly job alerts and create or upload their resume. Employers will now be able to preview their job listings before they are posted and include company profiles and logos in listings. Visit gcsaa.org/jobs today

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- **Oct. 8: Today's Turf is Creeping Bentgrass**
- **Oct. 23: Grow Your Own! The Value in Veggies**

Again, if I can be of any assistance, please feel free to contact me. ❖

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IDENTIFICATION OF TURF DAMAGING DISEASES WORKSHOP

Event Date: Tuesday, July 29, 2014

Time: 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM

Location: UMass Amherst Campus Center & UMass Joseph Troll Turf Research Center, South Deerfield, MA

Accurate identification of turf damaging pests is the first step toward effective, integrated management. Knowing the target pest is key to understanding the biology and life cycle, determining threshold levels for damage, and making informed and responsible control decisions. UMass Turf Pathologist Geunhwa Jung will lead this session focusing on the identification of turf disease pathogens common in the Northeast. Diseases covered will include patch diseases, root diseases, stress diseases, dollar spot, snow molds, anthracnose, red thread and rusts. Lecture material will be coupled with examination of turf in the field, and IPM considerations and resistance management will be highlighted.

Up to 4 pesticide re-certification contact hours have been requested for all New England states, as have education credits for various professional turf certifications.

Pre-registration is required as space is limited. The registration deadline is July 25, 2014.

For more information and to register visit:

<http://extension.umass.edu/turf/events/diseaseid>



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The Art of Conversation

The real art of conversation is not only to say the right thing at the right place but to leave unsaid the wrong thing at the tempting moment. - **Dorothy Nevill**

Conversation is a great tool which not only helps us gauge the other person's personality, attitude, and nature, but we also get to know their views and opinions on subjects that matter. Not many people understand the importance of a good, intelligent, and well thought out conversation and take it for granted. People focus on dressing well and looking good, while going out on a date or attending a party. What they do not realize is that even superficial beauty and exterior glamor won't help if they lack presentable and polished conversing skills. So, the truest and surest way to impress someone is to be able enough to strike up a good conversation.

Of course, a lot of things do fall under conversation etiquette, but it is not very complicated. Rather, it is just a basic combination of good manners. Most of us must have come across incidents where people can unintentionally hurt others' feelings, just by saying inappropriate words at the wrong time. Conversation etiquette is all about developing an understanding of how to speak, how not to speak, what to speak, what not to speak, when to speak, and when not to speak.

Rule #1

How loud? Or how soft? One must avoid talking too loudly while conversing with someone. This is because, speaking very loudly is considered to be unsophisticated and boisterous. However, one must also avoid talking in a very low voice, as you don't want people to strain themselves to hear what you're saying. Your tone should be such that it is audible yet calm, composed, and pleasant. Apart from the way you speak, the way you laugh also says a lot about you. While laughing too loudly is considered to be impolite, snickering or covering your mouth while laughing is considered as social inadequacy. Also, never laugh or talk while you are chewing food.

Rule #2

Talk, but listen, too. You must have surely come across people who talk only about themselves during a conversation. This can be quite annoying for the other party. One must understand that a conversation is when two people talk with each other. Hence, listening to the other person is as important as speaking. A good way of starting a conversation is by asking questions to the other person. The questions should be such that it invites engaging and interesting replies from the other individual.

Even though our occupation revolves around golf it doesn't mean that's all we can talk about. At least I hope there's more to talk about than just golf and managing turfgrass. Surely the game of golf is important and is what occupies most of our time, but there's a lot more in the world to talk about. I've been surprised to find out the personal history of

some people I've met. To learn about their hobbies, passions and talents away from the golf course has been a pleasant surprise.

Rule #3

What should you talk about? Choose an appropriate topic for the conversation. A golden rule is to avoid talking about things that can make the other person uncomfortable. You can decide this based on the level of comfort you share with the other person. On the other hand, there are a variety of topics that can lead to a healthy, interesting, and lively conversation. Some of the topics that can be used safely for a conversation are current affairs, music, films, books, sports, technology, etc. In this case too, make sure that the topic you have selected is something that interests the other person. Only if he or she seems to be interested, should you continue talking about it. If the other person seems to be disinterested, move your conversation to some other topic to prevent him or her from getting bored.

Rule #4

To debate, or not to? Another thing that one should try avoiding is discussing things that can give rise to a debate. Everybody is entitled to his or her own opinions. It is not necessary that your views and opinions would match and complement the other's. However, this does not mean that you have to make them agree to your point of view. You must understand that people have the right to have their opinions and even if you are right, in no way can you or should you change their opinions. So, it would be best to steer away from such conversations, if you think that it would cause rifts between you and the other person.

Apart from all this, here are some other pointers:

- Making eye contact puts you across as confident.
- Do not look over the person's shoulder to see who else may be in the general area. This is a total turnoff and, in my opinion, puts an end to any sincerity and interest.
- Being polite makes you approachable.
- Avoid giving unwanted advice. It could put the other person off.
- Avoid getting into arguments that might cause an otherwise interesting conversation to come to an end.

It is crucial to keep these rules in mind to have an interesting and pleasant conversation.

Conversation etiquette is summed up perfectly by William Shakespeare's quote: *Conversation should be pleasant without scurrility, witty without affectation, free without indecency, learned without conceitedness, novel without falsehood.* ❖

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April Meeting Photos - Cohasset Golf Club 8th Annual Bear Cup Challenge



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Twosome on tee left to right - Keith Tortorella, Al Vadala



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Joint meeting with GCSA of Cape Cod |
| May 5 | Worcester Country Club
Joint meeting with Rhode Island GCSA |
| May 12 | Alumni Turf Group - 10th Annual Dr. Joseph
Troll Classic - Old Oaks Country Club |
| June 9 | Challenger Demo Day
Blue Hill Country Club |
| June 30 | Walpole Country Club
Scholarship & Benevolence Tournament |
| August 12 | Marlborough Country Club
Individual Championship |
| Sept. 8 | Renaissance - Two Person Team Championship |
| Oct. 7 | New England Superintendent Championship
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| Oct. 14 | Dedham Country and Polo Club
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9:00-11:30	Guided tour of research plots
11:30-12:00	Visit with exhibitors
12:00-1:00	Lunch
12:30	Ice cream social with exhibitors in vendor section
12:30	Silent auction ends
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Our condolences are extended to the Deemer family on the passing of Marvin Deemer on May 19, 2014. Marvin's son, Jerry, is the owner of Country Golf. Jerry and Country Golf are well known in this area and have done extensive renovations to many courses in New England.

MASSACHUSETTS GOLF ECONOMY MAKES AN IMPACT

The Massachusetts Golf Association (MGA) released an economic impact study on May 22, 2014. It's a good look at what's been happening with golf economically over the past few years and has lots of interesting data. The report can be accessed at the following link:

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