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President's Message

Dear fellow GCSANE members:

Summer is beginning to wind down and hopefully the recent cool weather stretch is welcome relief for you all. The longer term forecast calls for another brief heat spell before we enter the fall golf season which, by the way, looks to be extremely action packed here in GCSANE land. More on this later.

The August monthly meeting was held at Wayland Country Club with GCSANE member Harris Schnare our host for the day. In short, Harris and his team had the course in outstanding condition despite a late breaking curveball thrown at them just days before our event. A passing weather cell dumped a brief but intense hail and wind storm on the Wayland Country Club property over just a 20 minute period. Speaking with club owner Bob Quirk before the meeting, Bob proudly mentioned the maintenance staff quickly organized to restore the course to normal after the storm passed. Some rolling, topdressing, and needle tine aeration were performed to help alleviate thousands of small dents left behind on the greens by the hail. A tremendous effort was put forth to clean up all the leaves and debris, leaving the course in pristine condition for our event. I even noticed the flower beds were perfect! Once again, a big high five goes out to the entire Wayland CC staff who also had the nerve to spoil us with a steak and lobster dinner after the event.

Operationally we continue to exceed expectations and I anticipate a favorable financial position for us when the fiscal year ends. As usual, the "Dons" (D'Errico and Hearn) have kept a close eye on our finances and have put us in position to meet all of our annual financial goals, and then some.

The first pass of our bylaws overhaul has been completed and is currently being reviewed by counsel. As I mentioned in earlier communications, we'll pass the proposed bylaw changes over to GCSAA after counsel review to make sure we conform with their standards. Once we hear back from GCSAA we're planning to hold a meeting for the entire GCSANE membership, possibly with a December time frame. Given the scope and number of proposed changes the board feels it's appropriate to hold an informational meeting prior to asking for a vote. As always, we'll make it well worth your time and effort to attend.

Our annual Scholarship and Benevolence tournament to be held at Vesper Country Club is just over one month away. Invitations have been sent to all members. This year's event features a \$10,000 hole in one contest and the chance to play one of the premier clubs in the northeast. More importantly, all event profits will go towards our S and B fund, which was established to aid our members and their families in times of need and also help offset higher education expenses. I'm looking forward to seeing many of you there.

Best Regards, Michael D. Luccini CGCS GCSANE President



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Monday, September 14, 2015

Vesper Country Club

Host: Steve Hicks



Hole #10 Vesper Country Club

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Superintendent Profile - Steve Hicks, Vesper Country Club

Stephen Hicks will be hosting the Scholarship and Benevolence Tournament for GCSANE in September at Vesper Country Club. Stephen has been the Golf Course Superintendent at Vesper for the past 3 years. He is originally from Whitefield, NH and now lives in Hudson, NH with his wife Caitlin.

Stephen started his career in the golf industry working summers at the Mount Washington Resort. From there, he attended UMASS Stockbridge and earned a Bachelor's Degree. Throughout his schooling he interned at The Country Club in Brookline, MA and at Oakmont Country Club in Pittsburg, PA.



Stephen Hicks

After school Stephen decided to return to Oakmont Country Club to train under Golf Course Superintendent, John Zimmers. Working at one of the top 10 clubs in the country put him on the fast track to becoming a superintendent. During his years at Oakmont, John Zimmers taught him everything he needed to know to become a successful superintendent. Stephen also had the opportunity to help coordinate all of the logistics for the 2007 U.S. Open and the 2010 Women's U.S. Open.

Wayland Country Club-Host of 2015 GCSANE Individual Championship

By Harris Schnare, Golf Course Superintendent

Wayland Country Club is a daily fee public golf course that was built in 1920 as a 9 hole golf course, the architect is unknown. The Quirk family purchased the golf course in the 1943 and it was soon shut down due to World War Two. In 1946 the course reopened, and in 1953 architect William Mitchell expanded it to 18 holes. Wayland Country Club has been owned and operated by the Quirk family for over 70 years, and for the last 30 years owned by Bob and Tom Quirk of Sudbury.

My educational background includes an associate's degree in turf from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture and a bachelor's degree in plant soil science from the University of Massachusetts Amherst. The most valuable class I took at UMass was Integrated Turf Management with Dr. Pat Vittum. It was the first class that brought superintendents into the classroom who taught us real world golf course problems and scenarios and their approach to tackling these situations. Now, every spring I return as a guest speaker on the topic of Pathways to Success after school in which we talk about the difference between the high end private course world and daily fee public golf operations.

My career began in 2000 at Stow Acres Country Club, I was 13 years old and the course was close enough for me to ride my bike to work. Superintendent Erick Koskinen offered me my first job and helped mentor me into the turf industry. My sophomore year of college I interned at Westchester Country Club in New York. Prepping and hosting a PGA event is a life changing experience and I learned many detail aspects of turf management from my summer at Westchester. I was planning on returning to Westchester the following summer when Jason VanBuskirk from Stow Acres CC offered me an Assistant Superintendents job. I was 21 years old and could not pass up on the opportunity to become an assistant and still be able to finish my senior year of college. I worked as an assistant at Stow Acres until spring of 2012 when I became the Superintendent at Wayland Country Club. I am currently 28 and this is my fourth season at Wayland Country Club. Peter Rappoccio, of Concord Country Club, gave me a wise word of advice when I was first hired,



he told me to "treat every year like it's your first". These words have held true and have helped our team at Wayland avoid becoming complacent and continue to improve the golf course every day we arrive to work.

I have worked in both the private and public sectors of golf and I would say that they both have their own unique challenges. The audible calling that occurs daily at a public golf course does help to keep me on my toes, for example, having to prep for a 7 am shotgun while walk-on golfers are teeing off at 4:30 am is a regular occurrence at a public course. The ability to communicate with two golf course owners on upcoming projects and purchases does make getting approval easier than having to convince a board of members. In the public golf course world the budget is revenue driven so when we have a slow spring or extreme weather wipes out play on a typically busy weekend, we sometimes have to become creative with how we will maintain high turf quality standards and continue projects while monitoring the bottom line.





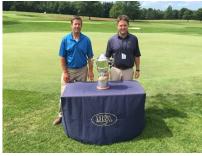


Thoughts From Your Association Manager

Last month I attended the UMass Turf Research Field Day held at the Joseph Troll Turf Research Center in South Deerfield, MA. The day was devoted to the memory of Dr. Joe Troll, the facility's namesake. Joe passed away June 14, 2015 at the age of 95. To remember Joe, the staff at the facility had brushed a "Thanks Joe!" in the turf area beside the research building. The program included various research programs dealing with efficient irrigation use, chemical and cultural practices for disease management, fairway rolling for dollar spot control, and a very interesting project creating an artificial wetland to cleanse rinse water from spray tank rinsing. These were just a few among many others carried out by the UMass team at the research plots. The photo below shows the "THANKS JOE!" brushed into the turf, the research building and a small portion of the research facility.



photo courtesy of Heather Garvin



from left, Scott Lagana and Kevin Eldridge the MGA's Director of Rules and Competitions

The Massachusetts Golf Association held their 2015 Amateur Championship at the Oak Hill Country Club, July 13 – 17. Scott Lagana, CGCS is the superintendent at Oak Hill. He and his team put in a lot of hours making sure the course was in excellent condition for the event. The MGA staff recognizes the effort required

and is a pleasure to work with. I know they and the superintendents they work with have a very respectful relationship. I also know what the superintendents and their staffs do to prepare for these events and I admire their skills and the dedication required to pull together all the parts that make hosting an MGA event an exciting time for all. The MGA staff devotes considerable time meeting with the club staff and officials to go over all the details of the event to help make sure everyone is on the same page when the event begins. Kevin Eldridge is the main person onsite making decisions that might have an impact on the course maintenance plan, but all who have worked with Kevin have found that he's an extremely reasonable and understanding person. He helps make the superintendents responsibilities go very smoothly.

There was a very nice article written about Salem Country Club by Gary Larrabee, the well known and highly regarded golf writer from the North Shore, in the July issue of New England Golf Monthly magazine. In the article he writes about the 2017 USGA Senior Open, the history of the club, the championships held there and the outstanding contributions of Kip Tyler, the long time superintendent at Salem. It was wonderful to see Gary key in on the service that Kip has provided to the membership of Salem. Gary certainly tells it better than I so please click this link and turn to page 30 to read what he has written about Kip and Salem CC.

Mark Mungeam is another member of the Association who recently received some well-deserved recognition. Mark's work is featured in the July issue of *Golf Course Architecture* magazine. Mark has completed a master plan update and restoration of some features of the North course at Olympia Fields in Chicago. His handiwork has been well received and you can read more about it by clicking this link.

As many know, Jim Beane, a long time member of the Association, passed away July 17, 2015. Jim was an avid supporter of our Association and loved the game of golf.

His close friend and fellow superintendent, Dick Zepp, has captured a snapshot of Jim's life and I've included it below.

The following was written by Dick Zepp, Superintendent at Cyprian Keyes Golf Club, about his friend, Jim Beane:



Jim Beane joined the U.S. Marine Corps as a teenager and soon was sent to the Korean War. He and 9000 Marines of the 1st Division marched 80 miles into North Korea in the worst winter weather in 100 years. They were stopped by 70,000 Chinese soldiers who had managed to infiltrate into North Korea unnoticed. The Marines fought their way 80 miles back to the coast, losing 800 men on the way. About 6000 were wounded or severely frostbitten. Only 2000 men made it back uninjured.

One was Private James Beane. Jim later became a bomb disposal expert and served a tour in Viet Nam. After that, he retired with 21 years in the Marine Corps.

Jim, his wife Phyllis and sons Jeff and Greg moved to Massachusetts and while looking for work came across an ad in the paper for part-time workers at Mt. Pleasant C.C. He started there in the early 70's and soon was full-time. His great work ethic resulted in a promotion to Assistant Superintendent and then to Superintendent. He attended the Winter School and was Certified in 1982. He retired in 1995 and immediately began working as Construction Superintendent at Cyprian Keyes Golf Club. He retired again after the club opened in 1997. He continued to work part-time but also studied to become a rules official. He started a new career as an official with the NEPGA. He officiated at 60-65 Junior tournaments a year and also served as a starter for the NEPGA major tournaments. Quite a guy—three major careers, two wars and not a scratch on him! ❖

By Don Hearn

I have been married for almost two years now to my beautiful wife Jenna. Our wedding was on the practice fairway at Wayland Country Club. She really understands the requirements that I have to put in to the golf course and helps in the fall with morning course prep, carts, and picking up course accessories before the snow falls. We have a daughter named Alexa who is almost 6 months old. It is a nice way to unwind after a long day of work being able to hang out with Alexa at night. I also have a 5 year old Australian Shepard named Zoey that comes to work with me every day and helps fend off

the goose population.

Younger people in this industry or people that have been in the same position for many years should wait for the

right superintendent job opening that fits their expectations of course conditions and quality of life. Building a strong network and getting your name into the industry through social media, attending conferences, or supporting your local chapter at meetings or golf tournaments might be a leg up when a new job opening occurs. Working hard and building a positive reputation will help with getting to a superintendent job but the old saying "it's not what



Moving Forward: Turfgrass Conference & Show 2016

It has now been more than six months since some of us were in Providence hoping to have another successful turfgrass conference like we have become accustomed to. We all know the end of that story and how we limped home afterward. But, time moves on and as we prepare the way for our 19th consecutive conference and show we look forward to greater success. Over the past 18 years our show has generated enough funds to support nearly \$2 million in research funding here in New England helping to grow our industry, secure research & educational programs, and fulfill some of the needs of turfgrass management professionals! Our first slogan back in 1998 as we prepared for our first show was "Building Together" and the combined interest of all of New England seemed to fuel the effort at that time. In 2016, with that same excitement we announce that we are still in it together and continue to move forward!

Our 2016 show dates will be February 29th -March 3rd. Yes, a leap year! As we leap past the disappointment of 2015, we would like to announce a few important marketing messages! First, to all of our 2015 exhibitors, from our Board of Directors, it has been decided to offer each exhibitor up to 50% of the value of your 2015 booth space to be used towards booth purchases for our 2016 show. This offer can be used to purchase up to 50% of each booth for 2016. The board has also agreed to discount any expanded booth space beyond 2015 totals by 25%. This would mean if you purchased 2 booths in 2015 and wish to maintain the same amount of booth space, then the price of each booth for 2016 will be reduced by 50%. If you want to expand your booth space, as an example, from 2 to 4 booths, then you would receive two booths discounted 50% and two booths discounted 25%. We will be happy to answer any questions concerning this policy. We greatly appreciate your support of our show and the industry. Let's look forward to a great event in 2016 together!

We also extend a similar opportunity for attendees who were registered for 2015. Each 2015 registered attendee's company will receive a discount of up to 50% of any conference and show attendee registration fees that can be used towards pre-registration for 2016 not to exceed 50% of the amount paid in 2015. This will be handled by our very capable registration company when you pre-register for 2016

through the online registration process. Sorry, but this does not include seminar registration in 2015 or for 2016. We hope that you will take advantage of your discount and preregister early for 2016!

You may be wondering how the foundation can afford to do this and not be "scalped" financially. The board had decided early on that hosting a show in January could be risky and so it decided to take out an insurance policy that would cover event cancellation due to inclement weather among other reasons. This policy was designed to cover any revenue loss caused by unforeseen reasons during the show. Though we have been in negotiations with our 2015 show insurance provider since February, we were finally offered a settlement that would cover the discounts in full for exhibitors and attendees that we felt would be fair. The settlement would recuperate all revenue loss and 2016 discounts. This is all we were hoping for and are excited to share with everyone who tried to be with us back in January. If you have any questions, please call my office at 401-841-5490.

Another important announcement we would like to make are some schedule changes to our 4-day event. In 2016, we will no longer offer early morning seminars on the Monday of the show week. Seminars will begin at 1pm Monday afternoon and we will also offer 2 and 4-hour seminars on Tuesday Morning that will conclude at 12noon followed by the USGA Session and the trade show opening. Some have expressed that the event is too long when you come in on Sunday night and leave on Thursday. We hope by condensing the schedule a little attendees will be more likely to participate on Thursday morning. Another small change is the trade show floor will also close 1 hour earlier on Thursday morning at 12 noon. This should help exhibitors and attendees get out on the road earlier, but not reduce trade show time. To make this work, education on Thursday will begin at 8 am. We will continue to tweak things as we go along to try to make the conference and show schedule more attractive for all our attendees and exhibitors. Please stay tuned for more information as we prepare our program and schedule for our 2016 show. The show goes on! And our plans, with your help, are to continue to be the best conference and show on Turf! .

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Kevin Doyle - GCSAA Updates



With *GCM*'s July issue featuring a tremendous article regarding mentorship in golf course management; it gave me a bit of nostalgia for when I started in the industry. I have written about that mentor relationship, and asked you, the reader, to consider reaching out to your mentor to express your gratitude on occasion. There is a lot to be said for the

special relationship and the *GCM* article stated those facts very eloquently. While superlatives to those who influence our career may be documented very well, what about the course itself? While it is hard to say that an inanimate object can really teach us anything, does it? Did that first golf course you worked at, the actual golf course, contribute to your future?

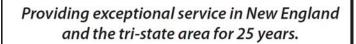
The people are often credited for making a house a home, not the structure itself. "Home is where the heart is," and all that jazz. But managing that structure can help the inhabitants create an identity, can't it? With all the hours, sweat and frustration helping to manage a golf facility for the first time, doesn't that course fall into that first "home" category as well? I took time recently to visit my mentor, and we drove around my first home and what a great trip down memory lane.

I had the fortune of working as an assistant for six years at a 39-hole daily fee facility where change was the norm. Today, that is still the case. There are trees that are no longer there, rebuilt holes and greens, and nearly every staff

member was unknown to me, but that was not at all what caught my eye. Nearly every view I had on our ride was of work I had done when I was an assistant there from 1995-2001. Small items like retaining walls and irrigation controllers that I installed are still there; it made me smile. I had argued then for large areas being mowed regularly to be naturalized, to no avail. Now those areas and additional are unmaintained. Bigger picture areas – like the five holes on my course that were rebuilt when I was there – really got my blood flowing. What is now a walk down memory lane brought back the visions of misery lane. Now I see all that went right, but memories only flooded back of what went wrong! Isn't this another highlight of what it means to be a golf course superintendent? Even 20 years later the perfectionist in us still rears its head!

I enjoy hearing about the history of GCSAA members' careers when I attend events, meetings, or conduct site visits. The passion superintendents develop from day one of their career is usually still there and continuing to rise. I feel blessed to be able to take my own career history – my first mentor and first "home" – and tie them into a nice bow. The first golf course I worked at is also where my mentor (Andy McHugh) works. I continue to learn from McHugh and lean on him for insights and, of course, laughs. Looking at the

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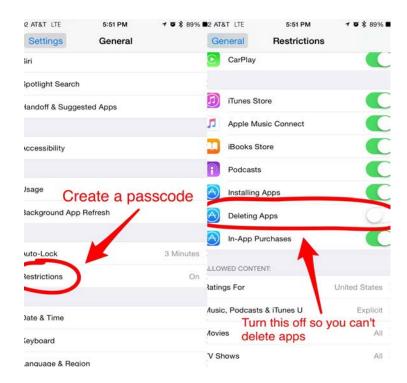
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Tech Tip

If you have young kids, then I'm sure you've experienced the moment when you open up your iPad after your child has been playing with it, and you're missing an important app. Yes, you can download the app again for free, but most of the data that was stored in the app is now gone. Well, then there is the suggestion of restoring the iPad from an iCloud backup to retrieve lost data. Seems like a lot of work. Well, you can child-proof your iPad to avoid this exact dilemma. Go into General Settings: Restrictions. Turn Restrictions on and choose a specific passcode that is easy to remember. Once you are in there, disable Deleting Apps. This will prohibit your child from holding down an app icon and deleting the app accidentally. Yes, you will have to go into General Settings: Restrictions to enable Deleting Apps, but it is far better than losing apps or information.

Jason VanBuskirk Golf Course Superintendent, Class A Stow Acres Country Club







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golf course still floods me with why's and what-ifs. I don't think those will ever leave me. Maybe that is another trait of a golf course superintendent?

When is the last time you visited the first golf course you worked on, your first "home"? Did you feel differently? Let me know when we meet again!

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The WOTUS rule will become effective Aug. 28, 2015. To learn what these changes may mean to you, Diedre Duncan, partner at Hunton & Williams and the legal counsel to the Waters Advocacy Coalition, presented "WOTUS – Implementation of The Final Clean Water Rule," on Tuesday, July 28. This presentation was available free to all interested partie and is archived on GCSAA's website (linked here).

Melrose Leadership Academy applications open through Sept. 15

The EIFG's Melrose Leadership Academy is now accepting applications for its 2016 class. Applications are due Sept. 15. The Academy is open to Class SM and A members who have been a member for five or more years and have not attended GIS in the last five years. The program provides 20 scholarships every year for GCSAA members to attend the Golf Industry Show. For more info and to apply visit the EIFG website (linked here).

Help recruit new members, get rewarded

GCSAA's new Member-Get-A-Member program provides members with the opportunity to receive gift certificates for each new member that they recruit. Members will also receive one entry into the grand prize drawing for an all-expenses-paid trip to the 2016 Golf Industry Show in San Diego. Learn more about the program at www.gcsaa.org/member-get-a-member.

2015 ELGA applications now open

You can't win if you don't apply! Take time to submit your GCSAA/Golf Digest Environmental Leaders in Golf Awards (ELGA) application before Oct. 1, 2015. Presented in partnership with Syngenta and Rain Bird, the ELGAs recognize superintendents and golf courses for their commitment to environmental stewardship. To make that application, or NOMINATE A WORTHY PEER visit GCSAA.org (more info here).

Great Equipment Mangers Deal

Don't forget to sign up your equipment manager for this limited opportunity to enjoy full, complimentary membership in 2015. In February, GCSAA members approved the new membership classification, and equipment managers can now take advantage of benefits and resources available to GCSAA members, including new education opportunities tailored specifically for equipment managers. Sign up your equipment manager here for free membership through 2015

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

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Praise and Recognition Can Go a Long Way

I'm sure all of us know that positive recognition is one of the top human motivators. Who doesn't feel good when they get a pat on the back and a "thanks for a job well done" comment? Sure, you might be embarrassed by the praise but when you're alone and think back to it, there's usually a feeling of pride for carrying out in a positive way, what it was that created the praise.

Obviously, you have to be careful how you give out praise because it could create a situation where others who believe they deserve as much, if not more, recognition could end up creating problems for those receiving it. It's good practice to recognize "the team" for a project done well and equally good practice to recognize the key team members who had a large part in the overall success of the team.

In my opinion it's important to recognize your staff by boasting a bit about who they are, what some of their hobbies are, what they've accomplished, what they contribute to the success of the facility, what some of their duties are, where they received their training, what degrees they possess and anything else you believe will help others realize you've created a talented staff that is skilled with their duties.

When I was a practicing superintendent I tried to recognize employees by sending to each new member of the club's board of directors a bound copy of a document. This document contained past budgets, improvements made, and, most importantly, a listing of each full time employee's skills, background, length of service, current duties and any-

thing else I thought would create interest and open the eyes of those who would otherwise have no idea who these people were.

As a sampling, I once worked with a person who studied music at the Berklee College of Music, played the trombone and managed a college bookstore. Another was a superintendent before working with me and was also a selectman in his hometown. Another was a high school basketball coach. One was instrumental in the establishment of the local equipment technicians association.

I would also submit other information with this packet and had many positive comments and quite a few "jeez, I never knew (fill in the name) had that kind of background." It was an easy way to get some recognition for the staff and help others know the staff had talent outside their field of employment.

I noticed whenever people in other club departments were brought on board there would be an announcement listing their name, past employment, current responsibility at the club and past accomplishments. There's no reason why we shouldn't be doing the same. It goes a long way toward recognizing those responsible for producing a beautiful product. ❖

By Don Hearn

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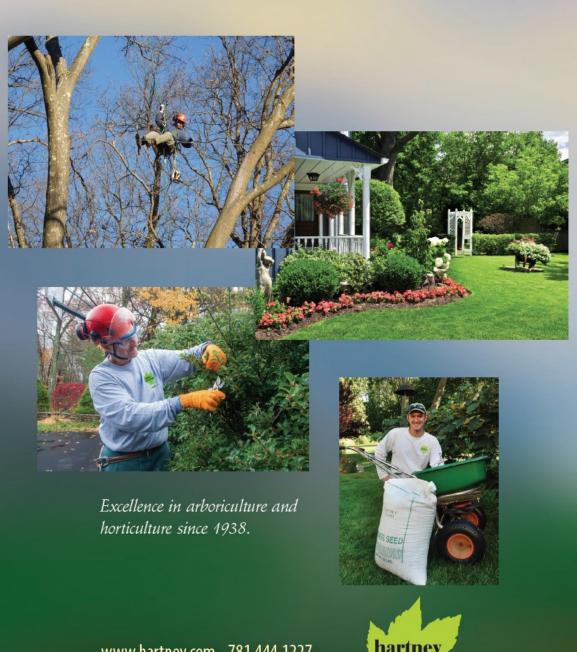
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The **5th Annual and Final** *Greg's Run 5K* will be held on Saturday, October 3, 2015 at 10:00 am at Apponequet Regional High School (ARHS). This run/walk event will benefit the **Gregory G. Misodoulakis Memorial Scholarship**, established by his family to honor the memory of 2010 Apponequet Regional High School graduate Gregory Misodoulakis. Greg died unexpectedly a few days prior to beginning his freshmen year at UMass Amherst. The financial and in-kind support of local businesses and community members is vital to ensure the success of this event.



While at ARHS, Greg was an engaged and dedicated student who volunteered many hours on behalf of the Apponequet community. He was a three season athlete – cross country, indoor track and spring track – and served as captain of the winter and spring track teams. Greg's dream was to become a history teacher, and he aspired to live up to the words of the late, great athlete Steve Prefontaine: "To give anything less than your best is to sacrifice the gift".

Since 2011, fourteen scholarships totaling \$14,100 have been awarded to Apponequet Regional High School graduates. It is our hope to award Greg's scholarship to deserving ARHS graduating seniors for years to come. Proceeds from this annual 5K fundraising road race will be put towards his scholarship, which is managed by the Community Foundation of Southeastern Massachusetts, a **501(c)(3)** tax exempt public charity.

As stated above, this will be our 5th and FINAL Greg's Run. This decision did not come lightly but with plenty of discussion, tears and reflection. We are so proud of how Greg's scholarship has grown...to the point that it is considered perpetual! The Gregory G. Misodoulakis Memorial Scholarship will continue to award Apponequet senior for DECADES to come. This is all thanks to our Donors and Supporters who have helped us achieve this goal in such a short time.

Please join us in making the 5th Annual and Final Greg's Run 5K a memorable event that benefits current and future students of the Freetown and Lakeville communities. Any donations -- monetary, post-race refreshments or raffle prizes -- would be greatly appreciated. Attached you will find information about corporate and individual sponsorship opportunities. All sponsors will be listed according to their sponsorship level on the race webpage www.gregsrun.org and will be recognized during race day activities. Sponsors may set up a display table the day of the event and distribute promotional materials (if desired). Sponsors may also display a banner or logo at the event.

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Our condolences are extended to the Piquette family on the passing of Jim Piquette on July 3, 2015. Jim was a member of the Rhode Island GCSA and Managing Partner of Mulligan's Island, a golf and sports facility in Cranston, Rhode Island. Jim was a long-time superintendent and a friend to many of us in the GCSA of New England.

Our condolences are extended to the Beane family on the passing of Jim Beane on July 17, 2015. Jim was a long time active member of the Association and was a Life Member at the time of his death.

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Please look out for future notices; you will be able to register in August.

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A NOTE OF THANKS

I want to send my heart-felt thanks to all my husbands' past students and colleagues who upon his passing sent letters, mass cards and money to the Joseph Troll Turf Research Fund at UMass.

It has been 30 years since Joe retired and it means so much to me that you still remember him. Joe was proud of his family and often spoke of his wonderful career which included teaching over 1000 students. He would always say, "My students made me who I am today."

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Lonnie Troll



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