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### Tony Caranci — Model Super



Tony addressing guests and members of Ledgemont C.C. at his 25 year party.

Tony Caranci still can't believe it.

"I look at my 25-year pin from the national (GCSAA) and I say to myself, 'they pinned the wrong guy,'" he gushed. "Hey, I'm not a 25-year member. How could I be? I'm only 25 years old?"

Twenty-five. That's a hype number for the successful golf course superintendent at Seekonk's Ledgemont Country Club. Upon completion of 25 years service there, its members feted Tony with a gala party. It's said to have been one of the social events of the season.

"That was, if you'll pardon the expression, super," Tony beamed. "It just goes to prove what a good relationship between superintendent and members can effect. They told me they really appreciated what I had done for the club. Believe me, the feeling's mutual."

Caranci says he's from the old school. However, he's as up to date as anything they have in Kansas City. Possessing a youthful zest in the approach to his job, Tony has lived with the changes in his time and thrived with them. A born leader, this trait is the key to his ongoing success in the profession.

"I took the leadership role from the very first day the people at Ledgemont hired me," Tony disclosed. "That may sound like a secret for success, but it isn't. When you lead by your performance, you gain instant respect. So, my relationship with my employers has prospered by that situation."

Caranci has long and sustaining superintendent bloodlines.

His father - Antonio, Sr. - was police chief in the family hometown of North Providence. But he also worked a second job on a golf course. "Those were depression times," Tony recalled. "My father had to work two jobs to put bread on our table. Therefore, what was good enough for pop was good enough for me."

Tony started his career as an eighth-grader, rushing to the golf course after school and working until it ran out of daylight.

"That developed my work habits," Tony explained. "When I got my first head superintendent job (Louis Quisset in North Providence), I was way ahead of the game. I

never was afraid of hard work. And it's helped me become what I am today."

The Louis Quisset post lasted six years or until 1956 when Ledgemont called Tony to take over there and he's been on top of things ever since.

Getting involved professionally and in community affairs is another Caranci hallmark. *continued on page 3*

#### Next Meeting April 12, 1982

Eastward Ho  
Wayside Inn  
Chatham, Mass.



#### Wayside Inn

Director's meeting - 10 a.m.

Regular meeting and educational program - 10:45 a.m.

Guest speaker - Representative from Lowden Tree - slide presentation.

#### Lunch

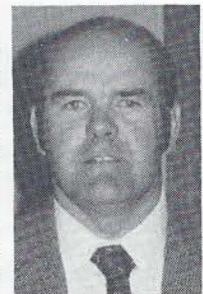
Golf at Eastward Ho to follow lunch  
Tournament - team of four blind draw (pairings will be announced at lunch).

#### Host Superintendent

- Brian Cowan, CGCS

Brian is currently President of GCSANE after being elected in January. Prior, he has served as golf chairman and vice president. He has also been active in the Cape Cod Turf Managers Association where he served as president.

Brian is beginning his fifteenth year at Eastward Ho. He resides in Harwich with his wife Joan and three children.



**Directions** - From route 6 (mid cape highway), take exit 11, take left then go 100 yds. and take left on to Pleasant Bay Rd. follow to end (cross rt. 39) to rt. 28. Take a right on rt. 28 and follow (course will be on left). To Wayside continue on rt. 28 to lights, take a right to the center of Chatham. Go around rotary thru center and the Wayside Inn will be on the left. Park in rear of building.

Please make Reservation by April 5, 1982. Call Brian at (617) 945-9230.

## Meet Janet Seagle

She oversees mowers, seeders, horse boots and other relics depicting the orderly progression of golf course maintenance methods.

"It's all there for the interested golfer to view because the golf course superintendent and the tools of his profession are very much an integral part of the game's history," Janet Seagle disclosed last month. "In fact, golf architects and superintendents are my specialty."

Ms. Seagle is the librarian/museum curator at the USGA's Golf House in Far Hills, N.J. Her expertise was in evidence during a well-received presentation as one of the features of the 51st Massachusetts Turfgrass Conference at the Springfield Civic Center. She was, as the theater critics sometime rave, a smash.

Janet makes one point clear. Since she is a woman, sort of one of a kind in the USGA environment, observers might add a liberation tag to her involvement with the game.

"My sex just happens to be a coincidence," she emphasized. "I'm not on a crusade, I'm not waving banners and I'm not advancing the proposal that more women be included in the administration of golf. I've been interested in the game all my life. Actually, it's a thrill for me to have some input in a sport I love."

Ms. Seagle has been with the USGA 18 years. Joe Dey, a giant on the list of the association's outstanding executive directors, hired Janet to work in the public information office and she moved up the ladder to her present position.

Janet is always in search of memorabilia to add to the magnificent collection at Golf House.

"Most of it comes to us through individual donations," she revealed. "On a rare occasion, we will pay someone for a piece of valuable equipment or an article linking certain eras of golf. But, most of the time, it appears because the person wants to contribute to the game's history and perpetuity."

Golf House is one of three noted golf museums in the country. There is one at the Golf Hall of Fame in Pinehurst, N.C. and another at the Miller Library in Industrial Hills, Cal.

"We're not in competition," Janet advised. "But, naturally, we'd like to think we have the most complete library of golf in the world. In fact, right now we're running out of room. There is a touch of prestige attached to donating material for our museum. It virtually makes the donor a part of golf history."

Some of the displays at Golf House are priceless.

"We have championship medals that make people drool when they view them," Janet explained. "Recently, I saw Nathaniel Crosby (present USGA amateur champion), locked in a trance looking over a collection of medals Bobby Jones won. In that group, too, is what is considered the oldest medal in golf - the one James Foulis won in the second U.S. Open in 1896."

In her position as collector of golf memorabilia, Janet has the opportunity to visit some of the world's finest golf courses.

One year, she was invited to Pine Valley - one of the last bastions of golfing's male preserve. PV officials presented her some of the original sand tees that were used before the conventional ones. And, while there, she was invited to play the course.

"It was a memorable occasion," she noted. "Naturally, the course was too big for me. However, I enjoyed every one of the strokes I needed to complete the round. Oh, women are allowed to play Pine Valley now. But they play only on Sundays and in the company of a male member."



Janet Seagle, USGA Librarian/  
Museum Curator

Another thrill for Janet was playing St. Andrews.

"I'll never forget that," she beamed. "I birdied the first hole, a wedge shot into the cup. That was something since I was trembling when I put my ball on the first tee."

Golf and its history, they walk hand in hand with the personable librarian/museum curator for the USGA.

Ms. Seagle revels in the opportunity to help perpetuate the same and catalogue the many physical attributes adding to golf's lore and history.

"I invite all to visit Golf House," she concluded. "Especially, the superintendents and architects responsible for providing players such outstanding courses. Their contributions to golf have been so important. They have a place in its history, a well-deserved place."

Gerry Finn

## Snowdrift A Time to reflect

Another Spring is upon us and let us not forget some of the valuable information that the winter conferences and seminars have bestowed upon us. As the snow melts from the winter's drifts snow, so will this valued information melt from our minds if we do not exercise our powers to put it to good use.

In January, at the University of New Hampshire, Dr. Stanley Swier of the University's Entomology Department related to us about the devastating effects of the gypsy moths in New Hampshire and the millions of acres these pests defoliated last year. This is not only someone else's problem but ours too. Look at the dramatic effects we would be faced with if our golf courses were denuded of trees that so esthetically line our fairways.

This is the time to determine if you feel you have to institute a program of control. On your Spring inspection of your golf course, keep in mind that five hundred to one thousand egg-masses are capable of defoliating one acre of trees. After that inspection you may realize that you, too, have a problem with this nemesis (pest).

There is concern that there will be a shortage of chemical to control the gypsy moth in 1982. This is a good reason to evaluate your situation early. The proper selection of chemical and good timing will enhance good control of the insect with one application.

There has been a lot of attention to the fact that the gypsy moth will eventually kill itself by a bacteria transmitted from its own body. Dr. Swier points out that this is true. However, this bacteria is only a threat to the insect when it is under a stressful condition brought on by starvation. This is not an actual control practice we would want instituted, for if the moth is starving, quite obviously it has eaten all the leaves off your trees and thus it is no longer a problem to you.

As pointed out by the New Hampshire Entomologist, it appears that the insect is migrating toward the coastal areas of New England. The essential procedures, (permits, notification to abutters) are time consuming, so don't delay. If we act promptly we will all benefit from the control of this insect.

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## Tuco Scholarship Awarded

Jeff Houston, a senior in Turf Management at Stockbridge School of Agriculture, U. Mass. has received a TUCO Turf Scholarship for 1982. The award was recently presented at Mass. Turf Conference by Dave Sylvester, TUCO representative.

The annual scholarship is sponsored by TUCO, Division of The Upjohn Company, to assist turfgrass students in meeting their educational needs. The scholarship is awarded for scholastic ability, personal integrity, and professed career interest in turfgrass management.

**DIVOT DRIFT**.....Congratulations to Manny Francis Sr. of Green Harbor in Marshfield for being named "Man of the Year" by the N.E.P.G.A.....Once again Joe Troll did an outstanding job with the Mass. Turf Conference and Show recently held in Springfield. Part of Joe's planning committee consisted of Tony Caranci of Ledgemont, Bobby Johnston of Hampden and Max Mierzwa of Chicopee. They did a fine job in representing GCSANE. At the Industrial Show the GCSANE booth had quite a bit of activity due to the following who volunteered their own time - Brian Cowan, Jim Bean, Neil Loomis, Pete Coste, Max Mierzwa, Chip Brearley and Paul Miller.....We would like to thank Dick Haskell and Dick Crosby of the M.G.A. for letting us be a part of the M.G.A. Mass. Spring Conference held at the Marriott in Newton on March 13. We were represented by Brian Cowan, who spoke on Irrigation installation, Dave Barber on Communications between the superintendent and club members, and Pete Coste on his preparation for the upcoming U.S. Amateur. Also our thanks to Brian Silva of the U.S.G.A., who had a fine presentation on Golf Cart Paths.

### Tony Caranci *continued from page 1*

Tony became a visible and viable force in the New England Golf Course Superintendents Association and carried over involvement there to the political scene in North Providence.

"I was on the City Council for six years and I once ran for mayor," Tony said. "In fact, I was chairman of my party (Republican) for 25 years before I recently gave it up. The experience was priceless."

The Rhode Island Superintendent's Association took advantage of Tony's leadership qualities in the late 1950's when it elected him president of that group. Then, he rose to the administrative top in the NEGCSA by serving as its president in 1968-69. It was during his term that the NEGCSA Newsletter was revamped and turned into the vibrant voice of the superintendent it is today.

"We went through a change during my administration, just like it's happening now," Tony advised. "Of course, keeping up with change is mandatory as far as I'm concerned. I've always prided myself on furthering my professional education. A stagnant superintendent is in danger of losing touch with the present, certainly the future. My advice to all supers is to keep abreast of our own little changing world."

Caranci's philosophy for cementing relations with his members is based on that mutual respect he's fostered.

"I never lose sight of the fact that the golfer owns the golf course," he said. "Our main function is to provide that golfer with the best playing conditions within our means and expertise. That's why we're there — to guide the improvement of the club through our knowledge of golf course maintenance."

As for the NEGCSA, Tony sees only one problem.

"It seems that it takes us too long to travel a short dis-

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On left, Max Mierzwa of Chicopee C.C., Buddy Young of Country Club Enterprises, and in the back Paul Johnson of Ferncroft C.C. Frank Higgins of Sawtelle Bros. and Arthur Washburn of Cohasset C.C. make a test drive.

## Gypsy Moth Update

The Gypsy Moth outlook for 1982 is for continuation of a problem in most areas, perhaps not quite as bad in some places, but on the whole expect another serious year, according to state officials. There will be new areas affected this year such as Brookline, Dedham and West Roxbury. The pest seems to be pushing more seriously toward Boston, which hasn't been as badly infested as the suburbs.

Spraying does little in eliminating the pest altogether, but effective spraying each year will control 85-95% of the caterpillars and stop most noticeable feeding. Timing, as is the case in most pesticide applications, is the key. The gypsy moth eggs hatch in early May about the time the shadebush blooms, making May 18th to the 25th target date.

The most effective application methods are aerial spray of a mist sprayer in order to reach the tops of all trees that are to be treated. A handgun application on large trees would be of little or no value. The best registered chemical for control in the past has been Carbaryl (SEVIN). Some other insecticides registered for gypsy moth control are: Acephate (Orthene), Imidan, Dylox (TRICHLORFAN), Methoxychlor, Malathion, Bacillus Thuringiensis (BT), Bidrin (DICROTOPHOS), Disparlure, Diflubenzuron (DIMLIN) and Gypcheck. For further information on all of these insecticides and what cautions should be taken contact the U Mass. Cooperative Extension Service.

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tance," he opined. "Some of the things we're doing now I proposed almost 15 years ago. Therefore, I'd have to say that we have to get moving in the direction of updating our outlook of the profession and execution of our job. It can be done, but we can't continue to sit on it."

The future for Caranci describes his present.

"I'm still as enthusiastic about my job as I was the first day I walked into Ledgemont," he remarked. "I plan to stay on the job just as long as I enjoy it and, honestly, it's still a joy to walk into my office and face any challenge waiting for me. If things ran smoothly all the time, there wouldn't be any need for me to be there. So, I don't walk away from problems, I meet them head-on."

Tony Caranci. He's a 25-year-man with the energy and drive of a rookie. He definitely is equipped for a model role in the profession. That's the highest compliment we can pay him.

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