



Sponsors and administrators of the Lawrence S. Dickinson Scholarship Fund — Awarded yearly to deserving Turf Management Students.

Max Makes It Happen



Max Mierzwa remembers...

"My first day on the job my boss handed me a scythe, pointed to the rough and said, 'cut it.' I was making 90 cents an hour at the time. So, all of a sudden, I asked myself what in the heck I was doing there."

Max Mierzwa recalls...

"One of the first jobs I had on the golf course was mowing greens. I must have been good at it. I'd take a mower and cut 18 greens in one day. Of course, I finished in the dark, but I made it."

Max Mierzwa. The year was 1946 and he had just returned from a hitch in the U.S. Marine Corps where he had established a sound background in communications.

"I could have taken a job with the telephone company," Max mused the other day from his office at the Chicopee Country Club. "If I had, I'd be retired now. But what would I have? A nice fat pension and a fatter stomach. So, I'm still on the job. However, I wouldn't trade it for anything. I have golf. I have fine people."

Mierzwa, now 58 going on 40, has had only two head superintendent's positions in a career that spans 36 years.

After learning the ropes from Paul Bigos, Charlie Keefe and Larry Graham at the Springfield Country Club, he took over the top job there for 18 years or until he answered the call from Chicopee, a municipal layout, in 1966. He's been there ever since and still embraces the energy and enthusiasm of a raw rookie.

Evidence of his expertise glows in the reputation of

Chicopee as one of the finest municipal golf courses in the Northeast. Its top-notch condition is the talk of the town and points North, East, South and West.

"We must be doing something right," Max cracked. "Otherwise, we wouldn't be pushing 350 golfers around here every day. That's not bad with a work crew of five and myself. No, make that four. We're still without an automatic irrigation system, so I have one man exclusively for working that job."

Which is all the more amazing about Max's accomplishments. Even in the height of the season, he doesn't hire a single part-time employee. Obviously, he digs in up to his elbows, but he doesn't mind it a bit."

"I know we're supposed to be supervisors," he said. "And I don't fault anyone who can operate that way. But I have to make things work with what they give me. Sometimes, it's a struggle but who says life has to be easy?"

As a matter of fact, Max relishes the fact that he shunned the telephone company and entered the superintendent's ranks.

"I can't think of anything I'd rather do," he told. "Mostly it's because of the people I've met through golf and the friendships I've made within the profession. They are the real products of my association with the game. Whatever I've achieved it's because I've had the opportunity to be with genuine people."

Max is a GCSANE booster all the way. He's served as a director and become a fixture at meetings. He's proud to say that he seldom misses a gathering of his peers.

"And I really like the look of the association as it now stands and operates," he remarked. "We have young people with new and fresh ideas. I know some of the old-timers shudder a little at some of the changes, but that's what the whole world is all about. It's forever changing and you have to get in step with it."

Max also endorses the municipal course superintendent's world.

"I have five commissioners that I answer to," he explained. "Sure, there are golfers who think they're my boss, but we all have to live with that, too. I'm on civil service, building a pension, get holidays and vacation time. I only wish the National (Golf Course Superintendents Association of America) would do something to influence something like that in the private clubs."

Work at Chicopee is a seven-day tour for Max. However, he's allowed time to attend NEGCSA functions and, in a sense, is his own boss. He makes up his budget, presents it and usually comes away with what he's requested.

"It really is a wonderful setup for me," he concluded. "And, as I said before, I never stop meeting new people and gaining new friends. Believe me, it's not a case of being stuck here. I love it. We'll turn back \$100.00 to the city this year. Is that a success story or isn't it."

It sure is and simply follows the success story of one Max Mierzwa.

Gerry Finn

Next Meeting

FRANKLIN COUNTRY CLUB
FRANKLIN, MASS.

Monday, December 6, 1982

HOST - Gary Luccini
DIRECTORS MEETING - 10 a.m.
LUNCH - 11:30 a.m.
MEETING TO FOLLOW LUNCH

DIRECTIONS - from 495 take King St. exit. Continue, club will be on the right. Please make a reservation by calling Gary.



Orville Clapper - The Gentle Giant

Golf usually numbers its contributors within the sport's immediate family.

Surely, it is indebted to the scores of playing professionals who helped bring its popularity to a peak, then a re-evaluation of that plateau as witness the eight percent rise in play over the past year.

Obviously, there is a place in its history for the innovative golf course architects who have met the requirements of its participants with layouts that lend themselves to the picturesque and the practical.

Most assuredly, golf course superintendents have been stalwarts in the growth of the game and the streamlining of its playing grounds. Never have the conditions of those grounds sparkled as they have in the last decade.

There even is a spot in the annals of the sport for its chroniclers. Certain writers have dedicated themselves to trumpeting the joys playing golf generate and the thrills its competitors produce on the tournament scene.

And, then, there are the silent partners of golf's success story. They work hand in hand with supers every day in developing and distributing maintenance equipment, most of which has revolutionized the golf course conditioning process.

One of this unsung breed left us last March 18 when Orville Clapper died, four days after his 87th birthday.

"Orville Clapper," says patriarch Arthur Anderson, "was one of a kind. He could make a sale without blinking an eyelash which is testimony to his overwhelming personality. But he never pushed a product on the superintendent. He was a friend, first, a businessman afterward."

Clapper came from strong business and inventive bloodlines.

He was born in Missouri, raised on a Montana wheat ranch and brought up in an environment of strong, pioneer ingenuity. His father, John Samuel Clapper, founded the Toro Manufacturing Company and it was from this base that Orville built his reputation as a successful and respected businessman.

"I can't ever remember Orville approaching me with an idea that wouldn't benefit my operation in the end," notes retired super Phil Cassidy. "He was interested in our profession, not from just a sales standpoint but from a genuine feeling for and understanding of the many problems we faced. He would have considered himself a close friend even if he'd sold me only one coupling."

Clapper moved East in 1991 where he formed a distribution partnership that serviced locales from Boston to Buffalo. Shortly thereafter, he started the New England Toro Company in Newton, Mass and remained as its president, then chairman of the board until he retired and sold it to Bob Scagnetti in 1972.

During those 53 years, Orville developed strong ties with individual superintendents and the New England Association of Golf Course Superintendents.

"He was always there with wisdom, advice and certain tangibles which new associations need," remarks former NEGCSA president Leon St. Pierre of Longmeadow. "He

was a very special kind of person. Sure, he promoted his livelihood but never at anyone's expense. His input to the success of our profession is incalculable."

The relationship of Orville and his son, Sam, serves as a monument to the man's integrity and reputation.

"He was the last of self-made men," Sam characterizes his father. "There's no doubt that he was a champion salesman, but in achieving that status he always was a gentleman. I can't remember anyone saying an unkind word about dad. And, how he loved golf and the superintendents."

"Dad really appreciated what the super contributed to the game. In time of need, he was always there with assistance — whether it be physical or philosophical. Our relationship was father-son all the way. I caught it for 24 hours a day but I loved it. He just had a way of talking to people."

So, golf — especially those associated with it in the New England area ... owe a debt to this gentle man who was an awesome force in the business he represented, Orville Clapper. He was top of the line. We miss him. He holds a high place in our memories.

Gerry Finn

DIVOT DRIFT Don't forget the Christmas party at Blue Hill on December 3rd. Remember to get your reservation in Needham was in great shape. What made it even better was that I won Golf Chairman Keg Murphy is looking to line up next years golf slate. Anyone wishing to be a host should notify Baldy Paul Miller is working on an official GCSANE blazer. He may have one on display at Franklin. Be prepared to order if you wish



New Water Logo Established

A nation-wide campaign has begun to remove the game of golf from an often-pictured villainous role within nature's water cycle. A logo has been adopted and will serve as a readily identifiable symbol of the beneficial role golf plays in the never-ending challenge to equitably distribute a finite water supply. This campaign effort is spearheaded by a Research Task Force, representing the National Golf Association community.

According to G.C.S.A.A. Executive Director, James E. McLoughlin (spokesman for the Research Task Force.), "What we are trying to get across is that golf courses recycle water, whether it's by using effluent water or simply by filtering water from natural sources. The new water logo represents golf's initial effort to tell the public that it is not part of the water problem. It is part of the solution."

G.C.S.A.A. urges all members to give this new logo added exposure by requesting that it be run in your club newsletter with appropriate commentary. If your club is unable to reproduce the logo pictured above, you may contact G.C.S.A.A. Headquarters and one will be sent. Copy is also available for use with the logo, upon request. Questions may be directed to Jim McLoughlin at G.C.S.A.A. Headquarters.

— Credit: G.C.S.A.A. Newline

NEWSLETTER CONTEST

We are having a contest for a name for our newsletter. Anyone wishing to enter, send your choice to me (address is on newsletter). Oh yes, the winning name will receive a dinner for two, compliments of GCSANE.

PRESIDENT

Brian Cowan CGCS
Robins Way
Harwich, Mass 02645
Home Phone 432-9041
Office Phone 945-9230
Club Affiliation
Eastward Ho

FIRST VICE PRESIDENT

Donald Hearn CGCS
4 Topeka Rd.
Chelmsford, Mass 01824
Home Phone 256-8709
Office Phone 894-5906
Club Affiliation
Weston Golf Club

SECOND VICE PRESIDENT

David Barber CGCS
145 Dedham St.
Canton, Mass, 02021
Home Phone 828-7266
Office Phone 828-6540
Club Affiliation
Blue Hills C.C.

SECRETARY

Richard C. Zepp
27 Fowler Rd.
Northbridge, Mass. 01534
Home Phone 234-8480
Office Phone 234-2533
Club Affiliation
Whitinsville G. C.

TREASURER

Pete Coste CGCS
121 Granite St.
Medfield, Mass. 02052
Home Phone 359-7247
Office Phone 566-0240
Club Affiliation
The Country Club

TRUSTEE

Tom Schofield CGCS
290 North Rd.
Sudbury, Mass. 01776
Home Phone 443-3712
Office Phone 235-7333
Club Affiliation
Wellesley C.C.

TRUSTEE

Paul Miller
173 Salem St.
Swampscott, Mass 01907
Home Phone 581-2808
Office Phone 595-3107
Club Affiliation
Tedesco C.C.

TRUSTEE

Stephen A. Chivoroli Jr.
100 Airport Dr.
Worcester, Mass. 01602
Home Phone 752-6031
Office Phone 791-5373
Club Affiliation
Tatruk C.C.

FINANCE CHAIRMAN

Robert Johnston CGCS
128 Wilbraham Rd.
Hampden, Mass 01036
Home Phone 566-3075
Office Phone 566-3096
Club Affiliation
Hampden C.C.

President's Message

First of all, let me take this opportunity to thank Ron Kirkman and the entire staff of the Needham Golf Club for hosting our November meeting. Everything was just great and the weather was beautiful.

Due to the shortness of daylight, the regular meeting was called off. We did however, have a quorum of directors to hold a directors meeting. Some topics of discussion were:

1. The President of GCSANE being elected to the Executive Committee of the M.G.A. I personally feel this is a giant step forward that can only strengthen the ever growing bond between the M.G.A. and our association.

2. A letter of thanks was received from Joe Troll in regards to our nominating him for the Distinguished Service Award to be presented in Atlanta at the GCSAA Convention. For all that Joe has done for the superintendent and the turf industry he truly deserves it.

3. Paul Miller discussed the possibility of purchasing blazers with the association logo.

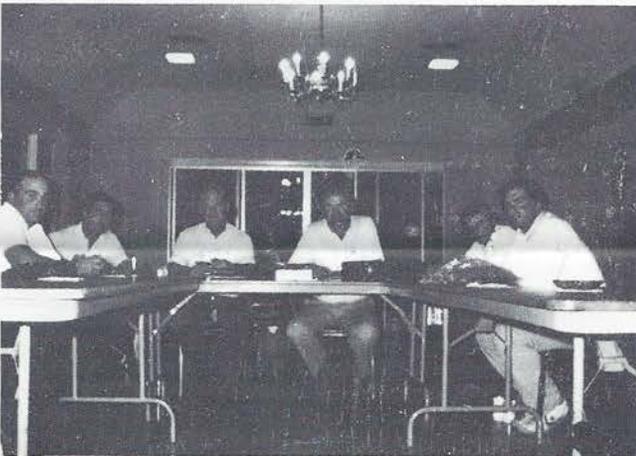
4. Doug Johnson, Newsletter chairman, is looking for new ideas as well as more input from the membership. The newsletter has been going well and should be receiving more support from all of us.

5. The M.G.A. always invites our association to their annual spring conference in March. We need three volunteers to speak on various topics. Anyone wishing to help please contact me. Brian Silva from the U.S.G.A. will be joining us on the program.

6. Congratulations to Kip Tyler and Billy Ziobro from Salem C.C. for winning the Pro-Supt. at Brae Burn. Bob Grant should take his hat off for a job well done.

Let's have a good turnout for the Franklin meeting. Don't forget to notify Gary (Bear). The annual Christmas party will be Dec. 3 at Blue Hill. For those of you who don't make it let me take this opportunity to wish you and yours a very merry Christmas.

Brian Cowan, CGCS



Directors meeting: the boys took time out for photo: (L-R) S. Murphy, P. Miller, P. Coste, B. Cowan, R. Kirkman and D. Johnson.

NEW MEMBERS

Congratulations to:

Les Kennedy Jr. of Belmont, Graham Justice of Norfolk, as associate members.

GOLF CHAIRMAN
Stephen M. Murphy
75 Woodland Ave.
Lynn, Mass. 01904
Home Phone 592-2554
Office Phone 592-8238
Club Affiliation
The Cannon G.C.

EDUCATIONAL CHAIRMAN
Antone DeBettencourt
7 Country Club Ln.
Merrimack, N.H. 03054
Home Phone 603-424-5390
Office Phone 475-6638
Club Affiliation
Andover C.C.

NEWSLETTER CHAIRMAN
Douglas W. Johnson, CGCS
50 Newton St.
Weston, Mass. 02193
Home Phone 894-7377
Office Phone 893-8264
Club Affiliation
Pine Brook C.C.

PAST PRESIDENT
Ronald Kirkman
25 Green St.
Needham, Mass. 02192
Home Phone 444-8412
Office Phone 444-5548
Club Affiliation
Needham Golf Club

November Meeting at Needham

What a great day at Needham. The weather was beautiful and the turnout was excellent. Mr. Kirkman had the course in fine condition.

The Winners were: Brian Cowan - low gross
Doug Johnson - low net
Max Mierzwa - 2nd net



Needham winners: low gross Brian Cowan, Low net Doug Johnson, 2nd net Max Mierzwa, all being congratulated by Steve Murphy.

TURF INSECT TRIALS 1982

P.J. Vittum, University of Massachusetts

Suburban Experiment Station, Waltham

INSECT: black turfgrass Ataenius (dung beetle)

SITE: Salem C.C., Salem

TEST: Insecticide screening

DATE TREATED: 3 June

DATE SAMPLED: 19 July

SAMPLE SIZE: 5 4-1/4 inch diam. plugs/plot, 5 replications

CHEMICAL	FORMULATION	RATE (# AI/A)	AVE. GRUBS PER 5 PLUGS*
Check	—	—	12.8 A
Dylox	4 EC	8	11.4 AB
Prox	80 SP	12	8.6 ABC
Mocap	10 G	2	8.0 ABC
Proxol	80 SP	8	4.8 ABC
Mocap	10 G	4	2.8 BC
Dursban	2 EC	2	2.4 BC
Scotts Insect/- Nem. (etho- prop)	5 G	4	2.2 BC
Diazinon	5 G	6	0.8 C
Scotts Insect/- Nem. (etho- prop)	5 G	8	0.4 C

DATE SAMPLED: 26 July

CHEMICAL	FORMULATION	RATE (# AI/A)	AVE. GRUBS PER 5 PLUGS*
Check	—	—	14.4 A
Turcam	76 WP	2	10.8 AB
Turcam	76 WP	4	6.6 BC
U-56295	85 WP	2.9	5.4 CD
U-56295	85 WP	1.5	3.8 CD
Diazinon	5 G	6	3.2 CD
Diazinon	2 E	6	1.8 CD
Oftanol	5 G	1	0.8 D
Dursban	2 EC	2	0.2 D
Scotts IV (iso- fenphos)	2 G	1	0.2 D
Oftanol	5 G	2	0.0 D
Scotts IV	2 G	2	0.0 D

* Numbers followed by same letter are not significantly different at 95% level (Duncans MRT).

Information contained in this publication may be used freely, in whole or in part, without special permission as long as the true context is maintained. We would appreciate a credit line.

Please patronize **FRIENDS OF THE ASSOCIATION**

Bacher Corporation
876 Boston Road
Billerica, Mass. 01866
Tel. 617-273-0398
Turf and Snow Equipment

Baker Tractor Corp., Ford Tractors
Harley Davidson Golf Cars
Swansea, Mass
Yamaha Golf Cars

Bordens Spreader Service
Maynard, Mass.
Tel. 617-897-2571
Sales Rep. Jack Borden
Bulk Limestone Dealer

C & J Lawnmower Service, Inc.
474 Main St., Wilmington, Mass 01887
Eric Oman - Sales Representative
Tel. 617-658-2022

The Clapper Co.
1121 Washington St.
Newton, Mass.
617-244-7929

* Geoffrey S. Cornish & William G. Robinson
Golf Course Architects
Fiddlers Green, Amherst, Mass. 01002

* Country Club Enterprises
Club Car Golf Cars
Tennis & Leisure Equipment
P.O. Box 400, W. Falmouth, Ma. 02574
617-563-2284

C.S. Curran
T.R.C. Products, Oils and Greases
7 Linden St., Framingham, Mass.

Chester Drake & Sons, Inc.
222 Walnut St.
Framingham, Mass. 01701
Golf Course Construction
617-875-7929

Gold Star Sod Farms, Inc.
Sod & Pine Bark Mulch
Canterbury, N.H. 603-783-4717
Weston, Mass. 617-894-5474

The Charles C. Hart Seed Co.
Weathersfield, Conn.
Bob Kennedy, Rep.
Roy Sibley, Rep.

Holliston Sand Co., Inc.
Lowland St., Holliston, Mass. 01746
Sand for topdressing and bunkers

I & E Supply, Inc.
66 Erna Ave.
Box 9, Milford, Conn. 06460
203-878-0658

Tom Irwin, Inc.
118 A St., Burlington, Mass.
Jack Peterson
Dennis Friel
Wayne Ripley

Lakeshore Equipment & Supply Co.
Mike Hannigan, Rep.
Abington, Mass.
800-321-5325

Larchmont Engineering and Irrig. Co.
Larchmont Lane, Lexington, Mass.
617-862-2550

The Magovern Co. Inc.
27 Lawnacre Road
Windsor Locks, Conn. 06096
Tel. 1-800-243-7718 or 1-203-623-2508
Louis C. Rogers, Vice Pres.

D. L. Maher
Box 127, Concord St.
N. Reading, Mass. 01864

R. F. Morse & Son, Inc.
W. Wareham, Mass. 02576
Tel. 617-295-1553
J. Willen Roell, Rep.
Larry Bunn, Rep.

Nardone Sand and Gravel Co. Inc.
37 Power Rd.
Westford MA. 01886
Boston Area 648-6222,
Lowell Area 692-8221
Robert D. Nardone, Gen. Mgr.

N.E. Chapter Land Improvement
Contractors of America
Professional Conservation of Soil
and Water. Contractor in your area,
call Peter Whiting, Pres.
617-877-5323

New England Sealcoating Co., Inc.
Tennis Court Const. and Maintenance
Sealcoating Hingham Inc. Center
Hingham, Mass. 749-6800

Old Fox Chemical Inc.
Fertilizers - Seeds - Turf Chemicals
66 Valley St.
E. Providence, R.I. 02914

Pro-Lawn Products Inc.
18 Legate Hill Road
Leominster, Mass. 01453
Sales Rep. Jerry Kolomick

Richey & Clapper, Inc.
28 Rutledge Rd., Natick, Mass. 01760

Sawtelle Bros.
565 Humphrey St., Swampscott, Mass.
617-599-4856

Scott Associates, Inc.
60 Water Street, Clinton, Mass.
617-365-6341
Pumps - Sales, service
Installation - Vertical
Turbine pumps specialists

Scotts Pro-Turf Div.
Rep. Ed Wiacek 1-401-253-4284
Rep. Kevin Lyons 1-617-366-4825

Tuckahoe Turf Farms, Inc.
Stocum, RI/Litchfield, N.H./Suffield, Conn.
1-800-556-6985
Largest Producer of Pennncross In New England
Alan Anderson, Sam Mitchell

Tuco Products Corp.
Div. of the Upjohn Co.
Kalamazoo, Mich.
David Sylvester, 203-828-3790

Turf Products Corp.
36 Sword St.
Auburn, Mass. 01501
617-791-2091
Charles Allen, Sales Rep.

* Turf Specialty, Inc.
84 Merrimac St., Hooksett, N.H. 03106
Turf & Ornamental Supplies
Ken Turner 617-263-7526

Valley Farms Nursery & Supply, Inc.
133 Hopemeadow St., Rt. 10
Simsbury, Ct. 06070
Putting Green Sod for the Professional
Joe Bidwell Pres.
Bus: 203-651-8555, Res: 203-658-6886

White Turf Engineering
5 Summer Dr., Winchendon, Mass. 01475
617-297-0941

Phillip Wogan
Golf Course Architect
31 Budleigh Ave., Beverly, Mass.

* Contributors to the Lawrence S. Dickinson
Scholarship Fund

NEWSLETTER

Golf Course Superintendents Association
OF NEW ENGLAND, INC.



DOUGLAS JOHNSON
Newsletter Chairman
50 Newton St.
Weston, MA 02193
Home Phone 894-7377
Office Phone 893-8264
Club Affiliation
Pine Brook C.C.

PETE COSTE
Business Manager

GERRY FINN
Contributing Editor

Return to:
DOUGLAS JOHNSON
50 Newton St.
Weston, MA 02193

FIRST CLASS

First Class
U. S. Postage
PAID
Framingham, MA
Permit 209