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Golfers Go All Out for Guy

Danny Coon said it best.

"This is just the way this thing would have gone, if Guy had been here," the New Seabury pro commented. "It was as smooth as silk. Very fitting, too, because the man it honors was as close to perfection as close can be."

Coon is the head golf professional at the New Seabury Golf Club, site of the first Guy Tedesco Memorial Golf Tournament. His description of the kickoff effort has been echoed across Cape Cod. The event should be a fixture. The Golf Course Superintendents of New England Association is working on it.

"The success of the tournament is a tribute to Guy," Coon said of the charitable endeavor named after the New Seabury golf director and long-time superintendent who passed away last year. "We always looked at Guy as No. 1. If he were a Boston Celtic, his number would be hanging in the Garden rafters. So, it was automatic that anything connected with his memory would be top-shelf - the zenith, if you will."

The tournament was staged for the benefit of the Guy Tedesco Memorial Scholarship Fund, a venture undertaken by many of Guy's associates and friends. It has experienced a smashing lift-off. Young people from the Cape area will prosper from its existence, so far a success beyond anyone's dreams.

"It looks as though we've raised \$12,000," tournament general chairman Bill Clendenon informed. "That's more than we expected, far more. The field was full. We had many celebrities playing (Bob Cousy, Harry Sinden, Tom Johnson, Jimmy Hallett among them) and everybody had a wonderful time. I know Guy would have approved. There was a feeling that his presence was on the course. That's a wonder in itself."

The scholarship fund was born at the insistence of the man for whom it is named.

"It all started when we staged a dinner for Guy in March of '82," Clendenon disclosed. "We raised all this money and really didn't know what to do with it, Guy, as usual, came to the rescue. He sat down with us and suggested that we establish a perpetual fund to help educate the young people in the Cape area. It was his baby and, my, has it grown."

There is \$40,000 as its principal. The scholarship committee doesn't touch it, just draws from the interest for its yearly awards. This time around the two scholarship winners will receive \$2,000 each.

The qualifications for candidates are simple. They are based on financial need and educational talents. A candidate also must have some connection with golf. That's why the committee is exploring the idea of having the New England superintendents take over sponsorship of the tournament.

"We know Guy would have wanted it that way," Clendenon remarked. "He was very fond of the profession, dedicated to its ideals. Besides, the superintendents did much

of the heavy work in making the first tournament a success. It's a natural eventuality."

The scholarship fund is in good hands. Jimmy Tedesco, Guy's son, serves as its president, Earl Wallace is the vice-president. Robert Cotter, a prominent attorney, is its secretary and legal adviser - Clendenon the treasurer.

Staging the tournament at New Seabury also goes along with the program. Guy was first on the scene there in the resort's constructive stages, stayed on as superintendent and then was elevated to the post of golf director. He turned New Seabury into something special. Guy Tedesco was something special.

"I met Guy as a member at New Seabury," Clendenon told. "And we became friends at the opening handshake. But Guy was friends with everyone. I can't remember a golfing area I've visited when the first words I heard were,

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Next Meeting

Tuesday, August 2, 1983

Weston Golf Club
Weston, Mass.

Directors Meeting..... 9 am
Regular Meeting..... 11 am
Lunch 12 noon
Golf - Blind Draw 1 pm

Host Don Hearn, CGCS

Don is in his 11th year at Weston. Prior he was at Lexington Country Club for 5 yrs. He is also a graduate of the UMass Turf winter school.

Don currently serves GCSANE as 1st Vice President and is a director of GCSAA. He has also served our association as treasurer and 2nd Vice President.

Don lives in Chelmsford with his wife Joan and children Donny 12 and Kristin 9. We all look forward to a fine day on August 2nd.



Directions - Exit 49 off Rt. 128. Take Rt. 20 west. At first set of lights take a left. Then take first left onto Maple Rd. Straight to Club.

Please make a reservation, call Don at 894-5906.

No Excuse for Course Abuse

Noticed any ball marks on your greens lately? How's the litter around the litter basket; has it found a home inside the barrel or are your members off the mark again? How about your tees; are the rough riders still making figure-eights with tire marks?

If you accent the positive in response to these on-going questions on the incidence of a much-ignored wing of golf etiquette, maybe it's time to raise the possibility of subjecting frequent offenders to a clinic of another kind.

Golf clinics, as we know them, are confined to the intricacies of the golf swing. There, the pro tells you how to grip the club properly, how to take it away in a straight line, come back with a lateral return - all the little things that go into hitting a golf ball far and straight.

This type of tutoring is very nice, essential, especially if the golfer doesn't know the difference between the Vardon grip and the pro putting side of the cup. But it takes in only half of a golfer's education. The other half, or appreciation of the golf course, usually is left to work itself into the player's head by accident or chance. How unfortunate - for the golfer and the golf course superintendent.

Some of the scenes on the golf course are cause for alarm, not to mention cause for the superintendent to wonder if those playing the layout realize they have an obligation to treat it as they do their own homes or places of business.

There are countless ways to abuse the golf course. A foursome of junior golfers race out of the clubhouse - their pockets stuffed with candy bars and their hands full of soft drinks. Before a second or third shot is taken, the fairway takes the form of the city dump with papers flying in all directions and paper cups challenging the grass for squatting rights.

Tees are a particular sore spot, a locale where golfers do more damage with their carts than they do with their tee shots. It's almost automatic for a golfer to drag his cart across the tee, select his club, make the shot and then rip his way back to the fairway. Abuse? What takes a superintendent months to transform into a smooth and inviting area is turned into a scarred battleground in a matter of hours.

Greens constitute another area where golfers, whose minds are stuck on a single track of making their putt, ignore ball marks and perform other acts that inflict damage on the most significant product of a superintendent's maintenance efforts. It takes only a few seconds to repair a ball mark and weeks of conditioning to restore its place to its original state if the golfer allows the penetration to go unattended.

One could go on and on with examples of course desecration, most unintentional but recurring because the golfer refuses to take a few moments to appreciate the grounds on which he plays. How many burnt-out cigarettes work their way into the delicate turf? Don't count them. You'll be there forever.

These and other forms of course abuse never will be completely eliminated. It's the law of the beast. However,

a course appreciation clinic could help to keep it at a minimum. But it does take cooperation and the makings of a new and constructive relationship between player and superintendent.

Therefore, what's being suggested here is another kind of golf clinic - one with the welfare of the course in mind. Setting it up is simply a matter of rapport among the golf professional, green committee and course superintendent.

Starting with the juniors seems sensible. By no means are the newer golfers the only perpetrators in the act of abusing a golf course. However, they would be logical participants in a course appreciation clinic because of their impressionable status.

Sure, it sounds like a dead horse is being beaten because this same subject has been touched on here in the past. However, the incidence of abuse continues and has gone unchecked to the point where competition between golfers damaging the course and superintendents trying to preserve its playing condition has developed.

Actually, the highest station of responsibility lies with the country club officials or park commissions that administer municipal courses. Public courses are a separate entity. Their owners usually wield a heavier hand in demanding cooperation from players.

The golf course appreciation clinic, then, deserves to be explored and employed. There is nothing uglier than a course bent out of playing and aesthetic shape because golfers refuse to take part in retaining the condition a superintendent effects. If going to school will remedy the situation, so be it.

Gerry Finn



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'say hello to Guy Tedesco'. However, he was a no-nonsense guy on the job. He ran the show at New Seabury and the success there is a reflection of Guy's input. So, it's easy to see why the tournament and scholarship fund are an unqualified success.'

The memory of Guy Tedesco, then, is entrenched. He's always been No. 1 with New Seabury members and visitors who were exposed to his engaging personality and sweeping lifestyle. He's gone but a part of him still lives within the golfing community and its wonderful effects are eternal.

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Lawsuit Filed Against Makers of the Fungicide Daconil

During a week's leave from his job as a navigator at the Naval Research Laboratory in Washington last September, Lt. George M. Prior decided to polish his golf game at the Army Navy Club in Arlington a few miles from his home. But before he played out his customary 36 holes, Prior, 30, complained to his partner that he had a headache, Prior's wife, Liza, said. Later, the headache developed into what seemed like the flu and then a rash, she said. Four days after his golf game, Prior was in Bethesda Naval Hospital with a 104.5 degree temperature and blisters all over his body. Ten days later - after his kidneys, lungs, liver and heart failed - Prior was dead, his wife said.

This week Liza Prior filed a \$20 million lawsuit in Arlington County Circuit Court, contending that her husband's illness and death resulted from exposure to the fungicide Daconil, which is commonly used to prevent brown spots on lawns. The lawsuit alleges that the country club was negligent in spraying the chemical on the golf course and that it failed to adequately warn patrons about alleged dangers of exposure to the substance. It also alleges that the manufacturer, Diamond Shamrock Chemical Co., knew or should have known Daconil "posed a serious and potentially lethal health hazard" and that the company was "negligent and careless" in testing, designing, manufacturing, marketing and selling the chemical.

Ginger Shearburn, a spokeswoman for the chemical company, which is being sued for \$16 million, declined to comment on the lawsuit. Robert Bennie, assistant general manager of the Army Navy Country Club, also declined comment, other than to say, "We've never had anything like this before." Bennie said he did not know if the club, which is being sued for \$4 million, is currently using Daconil on its lawns.

The official cause of Prior's death was pneumonia due to a toxic skin syndrome, a burning of the skin caused by exposure to a toxic substance, according to Dr. Jack Lord, a forensic pathologist at the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology at Walter Reed Army Hospital. Lord, who did an autopsy on Prior, said in a telephone interview recently that through the use of special photographic equipment he has been able to detect the chemical on Prior's golf clubs, golf balls and shoes, as well as on the golf course. It is also possible, Lord said, that Prior may have inhaled it when swinging the golf club since the action could have caused the aerosol spray effect from the chemical on the tee.

Daconil has been approved by the Environmental Protection Agency, said Henry Jacoby of the EPA's pesticide office. While it is known to be a "skin sensitizer" because it can cause allergic reactions, Jacoby said, there is "nothing to indicate the use of it would cause any reaction like what happened to the man who died."

Liza Prior, 30, who owns a needlepoint shop in Georgetown, said it was "very devastating" to watch her husband languish in pain for 10 days before his death last Sept. 16. The couple had married in 1980 and "he was

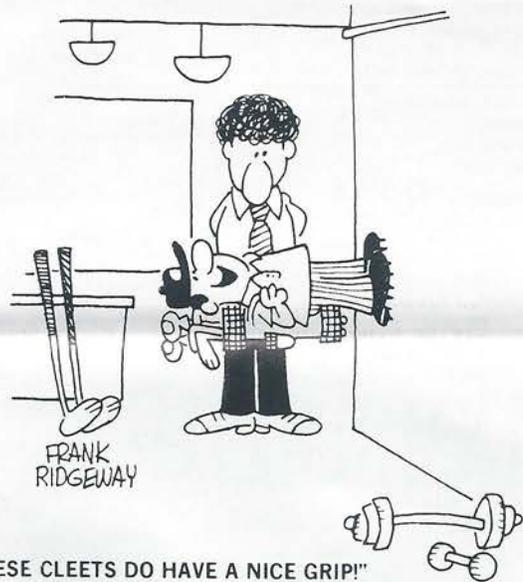
Jury at Marshfield

The GCSANE Championship was held with a good turnout. The home course advantage paid off for Mel O'Kelly who took home the honors. Our thanks to Mel and the staff at Marshfield for a fine day. Also our thanks to Manny Francis Sr. for being our guest speaker.

The champions are:

Gross	Mel O'Kelly	75
Net	Wayne Zoppo	91-22-69
Sales Net	Bob Brown	87-16-69

Divot Drift... Pete Coste had a surprise birthday party at Marshfield and what could have been more fitting than the gift presented by Brian Cowan, a helicopter... Congratulations to Kevin Lyons and his wife on their new arrival... At the recent manager-superintendent meeting at Kernwood they ran an interesting tournament by giving away high gross prizes as well as low gross... Speaking of high gross, it is beyond believable to think that Bobby Brown of Sawtelle Bros. is the new sales division champion. Either he sharpened his pencil and did plenty of pushing or he had a memory lapse and forgot to write down 18 scores on his card. Guys like Larry Bunn and Steve Butler should be ashamed to lose to a guy who normally can't break 100... Rumor has it that Kevin (8) Lyons and Joel "give me a six" McKoan have both quit golf and are now a tennis doubles team. The reason they both gave is that it takes too long to play golf... Finally, Golf Chairman Steve Murphy would like to remind everyone that the team of two championship will be held next month at Salem, so get a partner.



thinking of possibly going to law school. He had just taken his boards and had scored very well. He was very bright and a very good athlete," she said.

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