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March Meeting

Thursday, March 21, 1991
Nashawtuc C.C., Concord, MA

9:30 a.m.	Director's Meeting
11:00 a.m.	Regular Meeting
12:00 noon	Lunch
1:00 p.m.	Education

Host Superintendent
Paul Miller

Speaker
John Kenny
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Mass. Pesticide Bureau

Reservations Required
Call by March 15, 1991
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Paul has been superintendent at Nashawtuc C.C. for three years. Prior to Nashawtuc, Paul was superintendent at Tedesco C.C. for 11 years. Paul received his Associate Degree in Agronomy from the Univ. of Mass. and is currently President of GCSANE. Paul resides in Marblehead, MA with his wife Sally and children Jonathan, age 18, and Jennifer, age 14. In his spare time Paul enjoys golf, tennis, and skiing.

Directions: From Route 128 to Route 2 west, follow 2 west to Route 117 exit, cross Route 117, club is on your left.

Doug Johnson expands his horizons

Doug Johnson's been there before.

"It's a learning experience," Johnson said one day last month after reviewing his last three years as a superintendent without a green chairman. "This is the only way to go, at least for me. But you take your chances. I guess that's the price you pay for your independence."

Johnson pulled several years on the country club side of the street as a golf course superintendent, but always felt the urge to strike out on his own.

That option presented itself three years ago when he stepped into the contract management waters. He made a bid to manage the grounds at the Sky Meadow Country Club in Merrimack, New Hampshire. It was accepted and he's been overseeing that operation ever since.

"That was my first try to go on my own, so to speak," Doug explained. "Until that opportunity came along, my job and I were at the mercy of a third and sometimes fourth and fifth party. Not only did I have to make sure my conditioning work met specifications, I had to complement that with another successful attempt to make people like me. I'm talking about the green chairman and others on the various country club boards. After pleasing one chairman, there'd be a change and I'd have to learn to live with the next guy's whims and self-declared turf expertise."



Now, that's all changed and Doug's on his own. He even has the luxury of second-guessing himself.

"Yeah, I can even do that," he remarked. "But, to tell the truth, I don't have time for anything like that kind of stuff. In fact, with independence comes more responsibility. I'm on the go seven days a week at the height of the season. Sometimes it's hectic, but I love it."

Johnson takes to the course management business as if he has been in it all of his life. Since bringing Sky Meadow conditions up to satisfactory levels, he's taken on a second client, if you will—the Locust Valley Golf Course in Attleboro. Then, there's the possibility of a third venture. At press time, Doug had submitted a bid to take the South Shore Country Club under his wing and was waiting on a decision there. So, he's expanding his horizons, one leap at a time.

"With independence comes more responsibility."

Doug Johnson

"Well, I'm into this type of thing and there's a lot of opportunity out there to build on my ambitions," Doug told. "But there are two different operations involved. My contract at Sky Meadow is a straight-out fee setup. I submit a figure

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to take care of the grounds, only. If it's accepted, that represents my budget. So I have to stay within it to make it worth my while. There's a slight risk, but my experience with budgets should carry me through. That's the situation at Sky Meadow, Locust Valley. That's different."

There, Johnson leases the nine-hole course outright. He's in charge of the entire operation—from top to bottom, soup to nuts. He runs the golf course maintenance program, pro shop, and everything else.

Which just happens to be the more intriguing, the more challenging aspect of contract management.

"I look at Sky Meadow, where I have responsibility only in maintaining the golf course as the more stable part of my business," Doug disclosed. "The financial results are pretty much cut and dried. I know just about how much it's going to cost to groom the course and how much I'll have left to draw as my salary. Leasing is much different.

"Leasing is as close as you can get to outright owning a golf course without making a huge investment. As it is, I pay Locust Valley a rent figure and after that it's up to me to cover it or surpass it with revenue from operating the course. Hey, I could get burned or I could do all right. So far, I'm not getting hurt, but I'm not getting rich. However, I'm learning how to run my own business and depending on the experience to make it a solid investment of my money and time."

There's a definite difference in the grooming specs at Sky Meadow and Locust Valley. Sky Meadow is part of a condominium development that went through troubled times and is now owned by a bank. However, it has high-level grooming expectations because of the demands set by about 200 resident club members and guest green fees in the \$40 to \$50 range.

"I really have to give those people a top-notch course," Johnson revealed. "So far, so good. They seem to like the way the course looks and plays. And, remember, when I first took that account, there were only 12 holes in play. Therefore, I had to bring in the other eight and still make ends meet as far as my financial commitment was concerned."

On the other hand, Locust Valley is in the up and coming course category, not nearly as active as Sky Meadows is. Sky Meadows, for example, played to almost 30,000 rounds this past season. Johnson hopes for that kind of action once he's had time to lay a heavy hand on grooming Locust Valley.

"Locust Valley is more in the moderate class of golf course," Doug explained. "It has a membership of about 105 and is a public course in the sense that the main source of revenue comes from green fees. I have four people working there and the first year was a relatively successful one. In fact, my lease was just renewed for another year.

"This is where I really have to watch my budget because I'm responsible for everything connected with the course. I've hired a pro and superintendent and it's working out well. But I have to keep telling myself that I must always be aware of the fact that any mistake along financial lines is a mistake I'll pay for dearly because it comes out of my pocket. However, I prefer this type of operation because of the equity in the setup. In other words, I should get as much out of Locust Valley as I put into it."

And that's a lot—on both sides of Doug's management business.

The two courses are about one hour and 15 minutes of travel time apart. Johnson usually sets up his work day, starting at Sky Meadows and finishing at Locust Valley. It makes for long days, too. And there's no such thing as a short week. But Doug appears to be in it to stay and is trying to lift his effort into a thriving business.

"I'm feeling real good these days," he concluded. "My family's been great about, very supportive. In fact, for my 40th birthday my wife gave me a week at the Red Sox Fantasy Camp in Florida. What a present, huh? I'm really looking forward to that. This can be a good life, right?"

It can be and right now is for Doug Johnson who apparently is working harder than ever but enjoying it more than ever, too.

GERRY FINN

Calendar

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| Feb. 20 | Regular Meeting
Monoosnock C.C.
Leominster, MA
Lunch |
| Mar. 5-7 | Mass. Turfgrass
Conference |
| Mar. 9 | MGA Spring Meeting
Newton Marriot
Newton, MA |
| Mar. 21 | Regular Meeting
Nashawtuc C.C.
Concord, MA
Lunch |
| Mar. 25 | GCSANE and NEPGA
Joint Education Day
Colonial C.C.
Wakefield, MA |
| Apr. 4 | USGA Regional Seminar
Weston C.C.
Weston, MA |

The Super Speaks Out:

This month's question ---

"With a recession already accepted as being real and viable across the country, how do present economic conditions affect your maintenance program and the organization of your budget?"

Ron Kirkman, Needham Golf Club: "So far there doesn't seem to be any kind of a spinoff action from the so-called economic slowdown, and I'd classify the budget and financial spending outlook here as normal.

"The feeling at Needham always has been to give employee compensation top priority in setting up annual budgets. This is reflected in a 9.9 percent payroll hike for people working on the golf course. I should note that this approach was one taken by a former green chairman, Jim Cotter. Obviously, his philosophy must be a popular one with the membership since he is our incoming club president.

"Incidentally, our membership is as strong as ever in numbers. At the present time the overall figure stands at 395, remember we are a nine-hole golf course, and it is closed with a waiting list.

"There wasn't any mention of economic conditions when my budget was being considered, although I understand there could be changes should the situation affect our revenue intake. Then I would expect some cutbacks. In what areas? I haven't even given that a thought.

"The total budget for this year shows an overall increase of 7.4 percent. This is right in line with the 1990 budget, so I have to consider this a normal year as far as spending futures are concerned.

"There also is no change in our new projects or improvement outlook. The increase has been pegged at 8.9 percent, but no major projects are on the drawing board. There always is talk of such things as car paths and reconstructing the entire practice area. However, we look at those as being way down the road.

"The big difference here is that Needham makes no claims to being a luxury or status club. We have no swimming pool, tennis courts, or other extravagant facilities for members. Therefore, we never have to worry about maintaining or upgrading that type of facility. It means a big savings all the way down the line.

"So, there are no signs of a recession or

effects of one here. If and when they come, we'll be ready to deal with them."

Roy Mackintosh, Twin Hills Country Club: "If I tell you my approach to the maintenance program at Twin Hills this year is to be a little smarter and work a little harder, you have our reaction to the recession.

"In our minds, there's no question about it. The country is in an economic slide, slowdown...whatever they want to call it, and we're feeling its effects.

"I can't give you an exact percentage figure, but we definitely will be operating on a 'softer' budget this year. Perhaps the most telling item in the new budget is the fact that we're seeing no raises for anyone. We sat down in an executive session and, frankly, the key word in matter of financial outlay was 'pruning'. That we did. That everyone thought we had to do.

"We've felt the economics' change in many ways, but especially our membership figures. They have slipped a little and we have to operate according to a more prudent approach to maintaining the golf course.

"I've been told that high standards in that area have been established here. Therefore, the challenge this year is a little stronger than in the past. Regardless, I don't see any change in the condition of the course. That's where a more heady approach to the job and exemplary work ethic come into play.

"Actually, we are coming off one of our better years. It was a good year for revenues, but these were offset somewhat by a real estate evaluation that made for much higher taxes than in the past.

"Overall, then, this will be a year when capital expenditures are held to a bare minimum and we get the job done on what we have in the equipment field. It's not a crisis, just a time to be a little more diligent and mindful that we can't set up budgets as if we're operating out of an endless financial well. I'm looking forward to it, really."

Eric Newell, Rockland Golf Club: "We're just coming off one of our most active years in the area of improving conditions which means that our ownership invested in a lot of projects—like planting trees, rebuilding greens, and getting our drainage system streamlined and on track.



"Since we are privately owned, the custom in the past was to work with owners on an informal budget basis. In other words, money was spent as the occasion arose and things just fell into place almost by themselves.

"However, presently I'm engaged in setting up my first formal budget in the nine years I've been at Rockland. I haven't gotten to a bottom line, so I can't talk about financial outlay, not even increases because there never has been a budget as such here.

"I do know we are aware of economic conditions and that they will affect spending to the point that I've been told not to plan for any major projects or to purchase any new equipment.

"In other words, the program here this year will be one where I concentrate on maintenance and keeping playing conditions at the high level our members (250) and guests have come to expect.

"We are unique in that we are a par-three golf course. But being the longest par three layout in the country means that maintenance requirements and input are no different than a regulation-sized course.

"So, there's no panic here over the economy. We're doing business as usual but showing restraint as far as major capital outlay goes. I'm looking forward to what I would call a normal year."

GERRY FINN

From the Editor...

There is a new look to "The Newsletter" starting this month. We will make better use of our available space by eliminating the inside border on each page, thereby expanding our printed area. There will be a darker green and black print used. Regular monthly items such as "Next Meeting" will be located on the same page each month with bolder headlines. There will also be a section called Divot Drift that will house announcements, educational seminars, job opportunities, tournament results, and miscellaneous items of interest to the membership. Thanks to Zip Type Service in Newburyport, MA for their assistance.

A message from the President

I would like to take this opportunity to encourage everyone to take a moment and consider the question of pesticide exposure. We all presently practice posting and right to know, but I feel we should prepare a procedure if an employee or golfer should suffer a reaction. In the wake of constant sensationalism by the press, we must be prepared to identify the symptoms (by MSDS) and encourage treatment. We want everyone in golf to feel as comfortable around necessary chemicals as we do. I think a significant part of this comfort range is informing everyone in your Club of a contamination and treatment plan. The following is a procedure I would like you to consider:



Posting - In an obvious place.

Right to Know - Familiarizing the golf professional and his staff with material safety data sheets and encourage him to have them available on request.

Symptoms - As stated on MSDS.

Diagnosis - Hospital, trauma center, or doctor should be familiar with all chemicals you are using and eager to administer any treatment necessary. MSDS should accompany the individual for treatment. Speed is one of the most important factors in exposure, so selection of the treatment center and its location is vital to the success of this procedure.

Communication - Reinforcing to everyone that this is only a safeguard procedure and hopefully will never have to be implemented. Do not overreact!

I think that everyone in our business is a dedicated humanitarian. We have been educated to recognize turf grass reaction to chemicals, but human tolerances are varied. If we have this type of procedure in place, everyone should be as comfortable around pesticides as we are.

PAUL MILLER



GCSANE 25 Year Pin recipients - Wayne Zoppo (left) and David Barber.

Proposed by-law changes

Article VIII, Section 3, Paragraph 9 TURF RESEARCH COMMITTEE

Now Reads: An advisory committee shall consist of the Vice President (Chairman), Immediate Past President, one trustee of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of New England, two commercial representatives, and the head of the University of Massachusetts Turf Department. The two commercial representatives shall be appointed by the Board of Directors for a term of two years. The committee shall represent the Association on all matters pertaining to turf research and the solicitation of funds for turf research. A Turf Research Fund shall be established to fund and support research, teaching, and extension activities in turfgrass management.

Changed to read: An advisory committee shall consist of the Vice President (Chairman), Immediate Past President, one trustee of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of New England, one Golf Course Superintendents Association of New England member at large, two commercial representatives, and a university turf-related program representative. The Board of Directors shall appoint the trustee, member at large, two commercial representatives, and the university representative for one year terms. The committee shall represent the Association on all matters pertaining to turf research and the solicitation of funds for turf research. A Turf Research Fund shall be established to fund and support research, teaching, and extension activities in turfgrass management.

New Article IV, Section 9 to be inserted shall read:

STUDENT MEMBERS. A Student Member shall be a full-time student pursuing a degree in turf management or shall have completed such a degree within the previous one year and is not employed as a golf course superintendent or assistant. He or she shall have such privileges as established by the Association and shall pay initiation fees and dues as established by the Association.

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Friends of the Month

Bartlett Tree Experts

The F.A. Bartlett Tree Expert Company was founded by Dr. F.A. Bartlett in 1907. Initially the company supplied services to the southern Connecticut, Westchester County, and Long Island, New York areas. Currently the company has offices from Vermont and New Hampshire, south to Georgia, west to Illinois, and also in Texas and California.

Bartlett Tree Experts offer quality scientific care for both ornamental or shade trees and shrubs, and for public utility companies. Of specific interest to the golf industry is the care provided to ornamental trees and shrubs. This type of care we call our general tree care or GTC. It includes all types of pruning from removal of hazardous deadwood to whole crown reduction to a simple limb removal for clearance or visibility. We are equipped for tree removals, stump removals, tree or shrub installation, cabling, bracing, lightning protection, or simply a consultation by a thoroughly trained tree care professional.

We also provide excellent pest and disease management through effective use of our spray, fertilization, and integrated pest management (IPM) programs.

All of our tree care techniques and materials are constantly tested and updated at the Bartlett Tree Care Laboratories located in Charlotte, North Carolina. The labs were established in 1927 and have helped set us apart as a superior tree care provider since their existence.

Our services are offered year round. We look forward to being of service to the Golf Course Superintendents of New England.

Boston Irrigation Supply

Boston Irrigation Supply was incorporated in February 1985. The company, located in Dedham, MA, has expanded its inventory to over 5000 line items. "This sounds like a lot, but it is needed to serve the diverse needs of the golf course superintendent and the irrigation contractor," says John Ramey, President of BISCO. The range of products includes Weather-Matic, Hunter, and Toro sprinkler heads, valves, and controllers. All the accessories are available as well, i.e. fittings, pipe valve boxes, galvanized copper, brass, cements, wire trackers, and on and on.

Paul Kenyan, a former golf course superintendent and the other principal, states: "We always intended to become a one stop shop, and I feel we are there." The company offers free delivery (usually the same day), an 800 number from all over New England, and knowledgeable, well-trained, and personable people behind the counter and over the phone.

An emerging force in the company is the pump department headed by Ed Tierney. "With water more precious than ever, the need for efficient pump

stations will increase," says Ed. The pumping products include Grundfos, Sta-Rite, and Watertronics, which offers total pump packages.

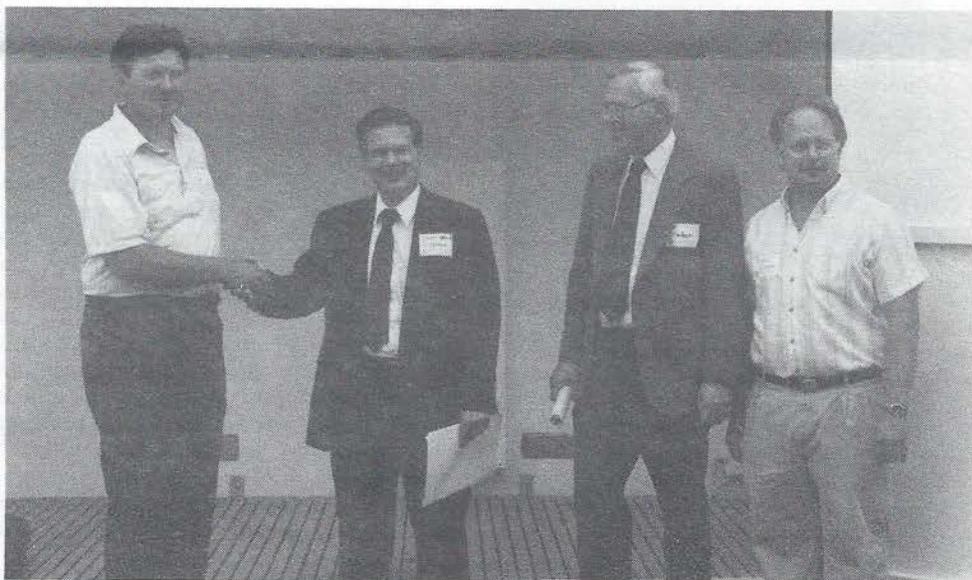
The need for efficient, energy saving pumping stations is becoming the number one priority for the 90s. Other golf pumping products include Data Industrial (flow monitors), CLA-Valve, Flo-Matic, Plum Creek Strainers, and Lakos separators and filters. Recently, drainage has become more important to golf courses. Other product lines include drainage highlighted by Eljen, and ADS and outdoor lighting. Eljen, the fabric wrapped composite drain, and ADS have sold well. NDS Drainage Products such as collection boxes, sumps, and grates have become more and more popular for draining surface water.

Proposed state regulation would limit turf chemicals

from GCSAA Briefing

A regulation proposed by the Massachusetts Department of Agriculture, (333 CMR 12.00 Protection of Public Drinking Water Supplies) may ban approximately 21 products from use in areas within a one-half mile radius of any public drinking-water supply well. Some of the proposed products include chlorothalonil, alachlor, bentazon, metolachlor, simazine, fenamiphos, disulfoton, lindane, and terbufos. The

Department may grant exceptions (which must be renewed annually) when there is no other viable alternative. After filing paperwork for a variance (exception), the Department has 60 days to make a decision. The Department held public hearings in November and is waiting for a report before submitting the regulations to the Pesticide Board. Because of the comments from the Massachusetts Green Industry Council during the hearing, they expect to make some changes.



Dick Zepp (left) presents to Dr. Helgesen (Dean of the College of Food & Natural Resources) a pesticide storage building donated by GCSANE last fall to U. of Mass. Looking on are Dr. Craker and Dr. Richard Cooper.

Are we too swift to be safe ?

by Scott Nesbitt

(Reprinted from Northern Turf Management magazine)

It was a pleasant mid-September afternoon and Michael Polski was driving with the side window down. Then the rock came.

A police dispatcher said the 4-pound field stone apparently hit a door post then continued through the open window and struck Polski in the head, killing him.

"If the window was up, the rock might have been deflected," the state police dispatcher commented.

The car carrying the 71-year-old victim ended up at the side of the road.

What puts this story into a turf magazine is the fact that the rock was thrown by a mower.

The police dispatcher relating the incident said he was not aware of any charges being filed against the operator of the mower, which was working in a roadside field.

The officer said, though, that he discussed the incident with an insurance adjuster, and was told there is a Florida court case pending in which a police

officer was permanently disabled after being struck by an object thrown by a mower.

Elsewhere in Pennsylvania, the people who maintain the grounds at the Gettysburg Military Cemetery and the adjacent Eisenhower historical site are getting rid of rotary tow-behind mowers and switching to flail mowers. The move was hastened after the side of an expensive new car was ripped up by a rotary's discharge. The risk of the same thing happening to flesh, rather than steel, helped speed up the process.

I was reminded of these events the other morning as I sat at a stop light and watched a commercial operator mow the lawn outside a restaurant. The lawn and adjacent sidewalk were dead flat and smooth. The only obstacle on the lawn was a fire hydrant. The grass wasn't all that high, and seemed to be in good shape for mowing, judging by the nice smooth clipping discharge stream the big multi-blade walk-behind mower was producing.

For some reason, the operator had his discharge chute deflector wired up, so the clippings came gushing out in a rooster-tail plume that dusted clippings all over the cars waiting at the stop light.

The physics of the situation are frightening. Rotary mowers are designed so the tips of their blades move at a rate between 150 and 200 miles per hour. At those speeds, a piece of straw can be driven through a telephone post. A discarded ball point pen picked up from the grass can become a lethal bullet. A few years ago, here in my hometown, a piece of wire flung by a rotary mower in a city park traveled several dozen feet, hit a young boy, and penetrated his heart.

That boy lived. Michael Polski died. Anyone sitting in one of those cars waiting for the light to change could

have become the victim of that commercial operator I watched the other morning.

Manufacturers, acting voluntarily, have begun installing some new safety devices on commercial mowers, generally as they come up with new designs. Some mid-sized walk-behinds have brakes that automatically lock if the operator releases the handles. Some riders have interlocks that prevent the engine from starting if the deck or transmission is engaged. Some have seat switches that kill the engine if the operator's weight comes off the seat. These and other safety devices will become more common on new machines.

But none of the devices does a bit of good if the people who operate the machines on a daily basis aren't willing to take the extra moment of time some of those devices require. The operator who wires a deflector chute up and leaves it up is the same operator who is likely to grab a roll of tape and defeat the safety levers on a new mower.

The justification used for defeating safety devices is generally that they require extra time, and everyone knows that "time is money."

Those who take that position should take some time during this off-season to discuss the matter with their insurance agents. Find out how much extra time you'll have to spend working to pay for an insurance premium increase if, say, rocks tossed by your mower destroy the paint job on a new Mercedes.

Better yet, discuss it with someone else's insurance agent, because if your agent finds you're running mowers with wired-up deflectors, there's a chance you'll find a cancellation notice in the next days mail.

Two Cape towns hit on fuel tank rules

from *The Boston Globe*

In the first action of its kind in New England, federal officials said yesterday that they had issued complaints against two Cape Cod towns and a petroleum company for failing to comply with underground storage tank regulations. Falmouth and Bourne have each been fined approximately \$3,700 and Sorenti Petroleum Inc. of Sagamore was fined \$23,521 for failing to test their tanks for leaks by the December 1989 date mandated by the regulations.

Scholarships available for children of GCSAA members

Please inform your members that the deadline for applications for the new GCSAA Legacy Awards is April 1, 1991.

The Legacy Awards were created to give college scholarships to academically talented children and grandchildren of GCSAA members. The awards are based on academic ability, community and extracurricular involvement, and an essay. Awards amounts can range up to \$5000, depending on financial need.

Interested GCSAA members may contact the Office of Scholarship at 913/841-2240 to get a copy of the application or to find out more information.

DIVOT DRIFT...announcements...educational seminars...job opportunities ...tournament results...and miscellaneous items of interest to the membership.

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Shaker Hills Golf Club in Harvard, MA is now looking for experienced golf course workers for the 1991 season and beyond. Shaker Hills GC is new, completed in October 1990, and will be opening to the public around July 1991.

- Cornish and Silva design
- Par 71, 6850 yards
- Bentgrass greens, tees, and fairways
- Toro irrigation system

Assistant Superintendent, Assoc. degree in Turf Management or the equivalent in experience. Knowledge of chemicals, irrigation and mechanics would be helpful. It will be required to obtain a Massachusetts Pesticide Applicators License. Salary commensurate with education and experience.

Mechanic - Should be experienced with hydraulics, reel grinding, etc. All equipment will be new in 1991 so the mechanic will also work on the grounds. Having your own tools would be a plus. Salary commensurate with experience. Send resume to: Paul Chesterton, Shaker Hills Golf Club, P. O. Box 327, Ayer, MA 01432, (508) 772-2227

Assistant Superintendent - Oakley Country Club, Requirements: Turf Grass Education, MA Pesticide License, 2-3 years practical experience. Contact Bob Piantedosi, Supt., 410 Belmont Street, Watertown, MA 02172

Greens Keeper for 1991 Season, Holyoke C.C., Holyoke, MA. Contact James Bartley, Holyoke C.C., P. O. Box 621, Holyoke, MA 01041.

Thank you for your response to our notice in November concerning the course superintendent position at Cohasset Golf Club. We are no longer accepting resumes, but the search committee is active. "Short List" applicants should be hearing from the Committee by February 25, 1991.

WANTED

Chip Brearley is looking for old pictures of GCSNE members and golf courses. Candid shots are most appreciated. These will be put in the archives of the Association. Pictures will be returned. Send to Chip Brearley, 189 Matfield Street, West Bridgewater, MA 02379.

EQUIPMENT FOR SALE

Equipment for Sale - (1) Cushman mounted top dresser. Very good condition, \$1500. (2) Cushman greensaver aerater with weight boxes and extra tines. Good condition, \$1000. (3) Toro 105 hand greens mowers. Condition varies, \$300 to \$600. Extra parts available (1) Jacobsen Turf King - make an offer. (2) Nationals 84" parts machine - make an offer. E-Z-Go gas golf cart parts and accessories - make an offer. Contact Roger Brink, Supt., Indian Ridge C.C., (508) 475-9493

INFORMATION

General Information - Re: Water Management Program. All registered water users were required to have a meter installed by January 1, 1991. By January 1, 1993 you will be required to supply the agency with two years of metered withdrawal.

GCSAA certification credits will be available at the Mass. Turf Conference March 5, 6, 7. Sign up at registration tables.

Wayne LaCroix, former superintendent at the now closed Ipswich C.C., is the new superintendent at Andover C.C., Andover, MA.

Tim Massucco is the new superintendent at the Haverhill C.C., Haverhill, MA. Tim was the superintendent at Stratton Mt. Golf Course.

Terry Baker is the new superintendent at Cohasset C.C. in Southbridge, MA. Terry was formerly the assistant.

Eric Oman, formerly of C&J Equipment, has taken a position with Hammond Tilton, Fairfield, Maine.

Steve Puvogel, formerly of Prolawn Inc., is now a sales rep with Turf Specialty Inc., Hooksett, NH. Steve will cover the Vermont and Albany, NY area.

COURSE OFFERING

A course is being offered to superintendents, assistants, and mechanics focusing on "Kohler" engines. It is being sponsored by W.J. Connell Co. in Foxboro and promoted by the New England Golf Course Mechanics Association (GCMA). The course will consist of "hands on" examination, teardown, failure analysis, and updating of latest products and improvements.

The tentative date for the one day course is March 20, 1991. The cost will be \$20 which will include lunch. The class will be limited to the first 25 people who register. Please contact Steve Lucas at Weston Golf Club, 275 Meadowbrook Road, Weston, MA 02193, 1-617-894-2383 by March 6, 1991.

CONFERENCE

1991 Maine Turfgrass Conference
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CONGRATULATIONS

Rebecca and Eric Lamont (Assistant Superintendent Brae Burn C.C.) are glowing with the recent birth of their daughter Hayleigh Ilyse at 9 lb. 7 oz.

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome new member **James Carroll**, Assistant, Cohasset Golf Club, Cohasset, MA.

Prospective New Member - **David Mucciarone**, Assistant Superintendent, Woodland Golf Club, Auburndale, MA.

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