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Bob Matthews cares for the course . . . and the birds . . . at Marshfield C.C.

If this were a brass knuckles-type novel, its title would be an easy, off-the-head, downhill roll . . . "Bob Matthews and the Purple Martin Gang".

Matthews' top priority, of course, is the preservation and improvement of the golfing grounds at the Marshfield Country Club. He's put a spit and polish to that layout for the last seven years as MCC head superintendent. However, his love and execution of his job don't stop there. He's into

birds, the ones with wings, and the relationship of the two falls just short of obsession.

Purple martins, those 8" x 12" summer residents at Marshfield, have renewed their lease for 16 years or so ever since former superintendent Mel O'Kelly and bird enthusiast Clyde Gurney installed houses at the end of March 1978 and attracted the first occupants almost two months later.

"Today, you can almost set your calendar by our birds' arrival," Matthews advised. "They start arriving April 15 and the numbers run as high as 22 nesting pairs that eventually produce 30 to 40 offspring."

For bird watchers in the Marshfield area, Marshfield CC is a regular Friday

morning stop on tours conducted by the Massachusetts Audubon Center. "They come to see our purple martins and bluebirds and they're never disappointed," Matthews noted.

Marshfield has seven purple martin houses with each house built with 12 openings. So, there's a potential for 84 "apartments". Add to this some 28 gourds, dried out to attract an eventual colony of bluebirds, and the golf course evolves into a true bird sanctuary.

In fact, Marshfield and Matthews are staunch believers and participants in the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program for existing golf courses. MCC became a member of that movement a year ago and sits back with an air of satisfaction as other

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2nd Annual Scholarship & Benevolence Fund Tournament

Tuesday, August 16, 1994

Wachusett Country Club
West Boylston, Massachusetts

Host Superintendent
Don Marrone, Jr.

Don has worked on his family-owned Wachusett C.C. since he was 14 years old. He has been the golf course superintendent for 22 years and became the general manager four years ago. Don and Pam Marrone have four children—Matt, 21 (a Michigan State Turf Program grad), Cara, 19, Michael, 17, and Nick, 14. When Don can find some spare time, he enjoys golfing and piloting airplanes.

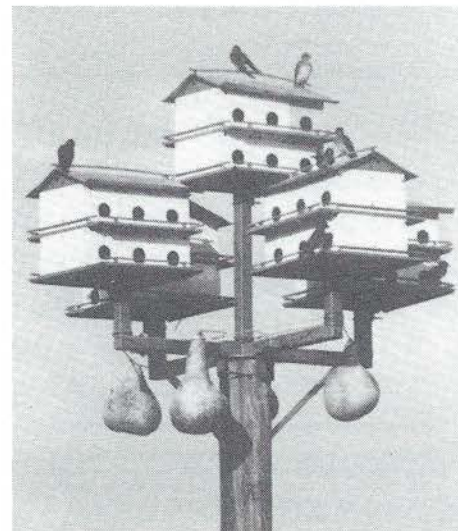
Directions: Take I-495 to I-290 West to Route 140 North. At the junction of Route 12, go left (South). Take first right on Franklin Street. At the stop sign, go left onto Prospect Street. Club is at the top of hill.



Bob Matthews, left, manages 84 purple martin "apartments" and 28 bluebird houses (gourds), actively integrating the birds into his golf course environment.

"Our birds remind me and my crew that an extra measure of caution accompany our use of pesticides . . ."

Bob Matthews



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courses and country clubs get on the bandwagon of a project inspired and initiated by the Audubon Society of New York state.

The venture is a winner in the eyes of Matthews, who has also served golfing groups on Long Island and the New Jersey shore during 20 years as a superintendent.

"I learned a lot in those positions (Charter Oaks C.C., Deal C.C.), but I always had returning here in the back of my mind," said Matthews, who grew up in Middleton where as a youngster he watched the construction of the Middleton Golf Course. "This (Mass.) is my home and I can't think of a better place than Marshfield to hang my super's hat."

That learning experience in New York and New Jersey was a solid foundation, too, since Bob served as an officer and director on the boards of those two state chapters of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America. Thus, a keen interest in the environmental spin-off projects associated with the Audubon Society comes natural.

Most Marshfield members share their superintendent's enthusiasm for turning the course into a veritable haven for such song birds as the purple martins and bluebirds.

Recently, the club staged a "bird night" with Matthews the focal point of a discussion on the advantages of heavy involvement in the bird sanctuary program. Bob is so caught up in it that he conducts appropriate seminars and writes articles on it for the MCC newsletter.

The Marshfield purple martins are blessed with ideal nesting conditions since the houses are located by the club's 10th hole pond. There are nearby electrical wires for them to perch on and acres of open space where they can feed. The same applies to the Bluebirds.

"As we mow the grass, the martins and bluebirds, as well as other tree and barn swallows, swoop around the mowers and other equipment to feed on disturbed insects. The golfers enjoy their cheery singing, chatter, and in the overall scheme of things they benefit from the mosquito control the birds provide. So the mosquito situation is better here than at any course around the local area," Matthews explained.

Because the Marshfield birds thrive on an insect diet, the expense to become part of the sanctuary program is reasonable and almost non-existent since Matthews and his crew build all of the bird houses from scratch. And, as previously noted, mosquito control has never been better.

"This has been a big mosquito year," Matthews told. "And because our birds oc-

cupy the area of 13 holes on one side of a road, their presence has created a unique situation. Those 13 bird-employed holes are virtually mosquito free, while the other five holes (what we call hawk territory) are loaded with the little devils."

The presence of the two bird colonies, plus the addition of a stray swallow nesting pair or more, has inspired another environmental booster at Marshfield.

"There is a new awareness pertaining to the application of chemicals on the course," Matthews disclosed. "I think our birds remind me and my crew that an extra measure of caution accompany our use of pesticides and other turf-saving items. It (the sanctuary program) serves as a check-point for all of us when we carry out my course conditioning schedule."

The purple martins will continue in residence until sometime in August when they begin their migration south to the tropical rain forests of Brazil and their winter home. Then there's the winter wait, followed by the recall anticipation in April.

Bob Matthews and the Purple Martin Gang. It's a story lived out every year, a story maybe every golf course superintendent will be part of once the sanctuary program bandwagon is filled.

GERRY FINN

Calendar

- Aug. 16 **2nd Annual GCSANE Scholarship & Benevolence Fund Tournament**
Wachusett C.C., W. Boylston, Mass.
- Aug. 24 **University of Rhode Island Field Day**
Exeter, R.I.
For information call (401) 792-2932
- Sept. 6 **GCSANE Monthly Meeting**
Twin Hills C.C., Longmeadow, Mass.
- Sept. 26 **6th Annual GCSANE Turf Research Tournament**
Worcester C.C., Worcester, Mass.
- Oct. 3 **Jimmy Fund Tournament**
(to benefit cancer research)
Nashawtuc C.C., Concord, Mass.
- Oct. 10 **The Tom Schofield Memorial Tournament**
Wellesley C.C., Wellesley, Mass.
- Oct. 17 **NEPGA Pro-Supt. Tournament**
Spring Valley C.C., Sharon, Mass.
- Nov. 7 **GCSANE Monthly Meeting**
Mount Pleasant GC, Lowell, Mass.
- Dec. 7&8 **GCSAA Regional Seminar**
(Tentative)
Golf Course Construction and Techniques
The International, Bolton, Mass.

The Super Speaks Out:

This month's question: *With the added responsibility of grooming your golf course for a PGA, Seniors, or LPGA circuit tournament, how do you approach the task, and what, if any, maintenance changes will take place this year?*

Randy Kehres, Pleasant Valley Country Club (site of the New England Classic, July 18-24): "I guess the most popular question I get around the tournament period is whether or not I present our course to the pros the same way I present it to other players the rest of the year. And, for the most part, I think it is the same.

"The only exception would be green speed, and that seems to be the prevailing conversation piece around golf—be it amateurs playing a friendly nassau and pros playing for big bucks.

"PGA Tour officials usually like our greens to read in the 10-10 1/2 area on the Stimpmeter for the New England Classic. That's what I shoot for and that's what the pros usually get. It means cutting the grass to a lower height and using groomers to roll the greens. That combination (lower cut, rolling) begins on the Friday before tournament week. The rolling takes place every night from that particular Friday until a champion is crowned.

"That type of speedy green may meet the needs of the pros for one week, but it's not practical when addressing the subject of maintaining the life of a green over the long haul.

"And you profit from your mistakes in this area. Because I was on a wave length suggesting that I give my members and guests the same course the pros play, I learned a valuable lesson. That was my first year here. When the pros left, I kept the greens as fast as they liked them. It didn't take long for the damage to set in. By the first of August I was kicking myself and paying for having little or no grass left on the greens.

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Blue Hill Country Club

"Preparing the course for the tournament takes a little more time and effort than usual because a superintendent always wants the layout to look nice under the scrutiny of the PGA Tour players and the observations of the galleries following play. It's a pride thing for me and our members and it's an incentive that usually works into praise for the course from both of those factions. Now, that's satisfying."

Dave Barber, Blue Hill Country Club (site of the Ping-Welch Championship, July 25-31): "It's true. The benchmarks for the aesthetic nature of our course go up about tournament time and prompt the usual inquiry of why can't it be like this all the time? My answer to that is simple. Give me another super and another crew and I'll make the golf course look like this all the time. Uh, so far I haven't had any takers.

"Giving the course that little extra touch around tournament time also has its advantages as far as the membership goes. They know the course is on display and like the prestige that goes with presenting a layout everyone looks at as some kind of golfing centerpiece.

"The LPGA has its guidelines for course conditions and other things. However, the ladies aren't all that determined to play a course with fast-as-you-can-get-'em greens. Sure, they like decent speed to go with the greens, but they're more concerned with the consistency of speed than straight pace. In other words, they want all greens to putt the same.

"I usually start moving in the direction of setting up a big tournament course around June 1st. I add one or two people to my crew and look for ways to give players a lush layout for that last week in July.

"The course is set up so that the ladies play most of the regular (men's) tees. The only time we move them to the shorter tees is to accommodate the galleries. Overall, they play to 6,200 yards. So, because we don't put a lot of slick to the greens, yes, I'd say the course the LPGA players play is just about the same our members play the rest of the year."

Paul Miller, Nashawtuc Country Club (site of the Bank of Boston Senior Classic, August 1-7): "I have to be truthful and frank. The course the senior players play is not the course we play every day. It's that way because at tournament time we like to showcase Nashawtuc as a peak-condition layout, primed for a special event. That's a fact of this whole business.

"The green-speed issue is another thing. As a proponent of fast greens, I've always sought to have ours as slick as possible, somewhere in the Stimpmeter range of 10 to 10 1/2. However, there's a different slant in that direction this year.

"My focus has changed in that I want to bring grass back into the picture. That means I've been shooting for speed, good grass, good turf, and reasonable height of cut on the greens. In order to achieve this, a lot of dependence on rollers, groomers, etc. is on my conditioning agenda. It's a different approach, but it can work.

"As for the PGA people making specific suggestions for the overall condition of the course at tournament time, I live by one rule: Tell me what you want, but don't tell me how to do it.

"Those are my marching orders for the tournament and the '90s. Grass, good solid turf with speed on the greens thrown in. I can march to that beat any time."

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Nashawtuc Country Club

Tom Schofield: a quiet and quality individual

For some of those who knew and loved him, it was a sentimental but painful journey—stepping back in time in their relationship with Tom Schofield whose untimely death in June shocked the golf community, especially those who make up the superintendent's work force in it.

Schofield, heart of the finely groomed golf course movement at Wellesley Country Club at the time of his passing, was a quiet man who let his accomplishments rather than words speak for him.

"He was a very quiet man," offered long-time Wellesley head pro Les Bond. "This was our 22nd year together as pro and superintendent. Over the long haul, we got to know each other real well. In fact, he was like a surrogate brother to me. I couldn't sleep for a week after he died. I'm still walking around in a trance."

That Tom was the quintessence of the golf course superintendent's profession is understood in the lofty praise tournament players had for the Wellesley layout. Bond was at the head of that list, but left it for former PGA Tour member Bob Menne to size up Tom's competence best.

"It was during a Mass. Open at Wellesley in the '80s," Bond recalled. "The course was set up perfect and its condition immaculate, prompting Menne to tell tournament officials, 'Everyone should come here and see this golf course; this is how a course should look for a championship.' But actually, he wasn't telling anyone anything. That's the way Wellesley looked all the time."

Tom's assistant Charley Harukewicz (now acting head super at Wellesley) enjoyed working under his boss for the better part of the last 15 years.

"Yes, he was, like everyone says, a man of few words," Charley noted. "But he also was a man of positive action when it came to grooming the golf course. We never had a hint of friction between us. It was a good working relationship. Maybe Tom didn't say much, but he sure knew how to communicate."

Schofield, born in Sudbury, was just out of the service (Air Force) when he began testing the work fields for what he hoped would be his life's endeavors when he signed on as an assistant superintendent at the Maynard Country Club.

He had married his wife Bette, met during a tour of duty in Bangor, Maine, when they mapped his future together.

"That was 30 years ago," Bette related. "We both knew Tom never could be happy tied down to a desk in some cramped office. So, we went for it all. He went to Stockbridge for his turf education, and before we knew it, he was on the job at Wellesley. They must have liked him, huh?"

Bette always was interested in Tom's career, even volunteering to take golf lessons. By the time they were underway, she was nine months pregnant with daughter Paula. "That meant most of my golf came from being on the sidelines," she said.

In his long and successful stay at Wellesley, Tom kept pretty much to the day-to-day grind of grooming the course the way members like to play it and, consequently, brag about it. Along the way he became involved with the Golf Course Superintendents Association of New England and touched many of its bases in keeping the group viable and visible.

"Tom and I started in the business and the association about the same time," Blue Hill Country Club head superintendent Dave Barber told. "He was at Maynard and I was at Wayland (CC). We hit it off right away and became close friends through the years. We had a lot of good times together,

too. He was quiet but effective. We made it a point to play golf at least once a month. Of course, it goes without saying. He was very, very good at his job. One look, one round at Wellesley said it all."

Another good friend and contemporary was Don Hearn, the Weston Golf Club super who went on to become president of the GCSAA. "Oh, Tom was the same with me as he was with everyone," Hearn said. "He was quiet, reserved. But he was a really solid person. If you had a problem, Tom was the type of guy you could count on to help resolve it. There was a respect for him among his peers that words cannot measure. He was just a top quality individual. I sure am going to miss him."

Bond, who met Schofield for coffee daily at Wellesley, played with his friend in many a pro-super golf tournament. "We played in so many with no success at all," Les laughed. "You see, Tom had this educated slice. He used to play the ball 100 or more yards to the left just to get it in the middle. On those days when the slice wasn't educated . . . well, I got to hit the second shot from places people never had been before. But . . . we had a lot of fun."

Les, who revealed that Wellesley's member-guest tournament has been renamed "The Tom Schofield Bowl", winced when he recalled the two's favorite topic of conversation during those coffee breaks.

"We always wound up wondering what we were going to do when we retired," Les choked. "Boy, it's going to be tough knowing he's not there when I need a lift or just someone to talk to. Tom was tops in my books."

Ours, too.

GERRY FINN

GCSAA donates \$25,000 to USGA for environmental research program

At a reception following the U.S. Open at Oakmont C.C. in June, GCSAA President Joseph G. Baidy, CGCS, donated \$25,000 on behalf of the association to the United States Golf Association's Environmental Research Program.

During the presentation Baidy said "As we all know, golf is facing heightened environmental awareness from the media and the public. This awareness is creating concerns that influence the management of our existing courses and the development of new ones. The issue of golf and the environment is extremely vital to the future of the game. The results from the USGA's Environmental Research program

should provide a better understanding of how golf courses can minimize their effects on the environment, as well as give golf a solid foundation for future research. Through this donation, GCSAA is proud to be a part of these efforts."

Accepting the donation was Thomas W. Chisholm, member of the USGA Executive Committee and Chairman of the USGA Green Section. "The work being done through the USGA's Environmental Research program will go a long way to ensuring the environmental safety of our golf courses. The generous donation from GCSAA will go a long way to seeing that the work gets done," he said.

Aerator maintenance tips from manufacturer

by Peter Whurr
Product Manager
Ransomes America Corporation

Preventive maintenance is extremely important for today's self-propelled, walk-behind aerators because they are workhorses.

For example, a roll-type aerator can punch more than 180,000 holes per hour. A reciprocating aerator is capable of producing 288,000 holes per hour.

The overall wear and tear on a walk-behind aerator operated eight hours a day, five days a week for 20 weeks is roughly equivalent to that sustained by a car pulling a trailer at 55 mph covering a total of 44,000 miles for the same period of time.

In situations where the ground is relatively hard, the process of making each hole is comparable to pushing the coring tine against a grinding wheel—thousands of times per hour.

A quality aerator is built to handle this workload. But, to keep it in good working order, proper maintenance is essential.

Ransomes America Corp., manufacturer of Cushman and Ryan aerators, recommends that the following preventive maintenance procedures be performed on a daily basis.

- Pressure wash the entire machine with water. For best results, wash after the day's work is over and the engine has cooled. If left overnight, dirt and grit can start eating away at vital parts—especially the aeration tines. Rust is the worst enemy of core aeration tines. Rust in tines can cause cores to stick, plugging the tines and causing a variety of related problems. Cleaning with steam is not recommended. If the aerator has sealed bearings, steam may get past the seal and cause the bearings to rust. A rusty bearing can put an aerator out of work and into the shop.
- Closely inspect all chains and sprockets for wear. Replace or adjust as needed. Do not overtighten roller chains, as this will shorten service life. To assure reliable performance, use only manufacturer-specified parts.
- Closely inspect all sealed bearings. Make sure the bearings are straight and the seals in place.
- Closely inspect tines for wear, cracks, bending, and other damage. Don't forget to inspect the tine mounting

hardware (nuts and bolts). Tighten all hardware according to torque specifications in the operator's manual.

- Make an overall inspection of moving parts and fasteners. Replace or tighten as necessary. Because of the extreme vibration generated by walk-behind aerators, this is a critical part of the preventive maintenance program. Again, manufacturer-specified hardware is recommended—it can withstand the vibration and other stresses common to hard-working aerators. Here's a useful tip that can help save inspection time: after installing a new bolt, give it a coat of paint. (Paint from a spray can works fine.) If the bolt starts to work loose, the paint on the threads will crack, providing an easy-to-see sign that tightening is needed.
- Lubricate all moving parts, including tines and chains. A lubricant such as WD 40 does an effective job in most cases. One exception is "O" ring sealed chains. A spray chain lubricant specifically for "O" ring chains should be used. Designed for strength and

durability, these chains are used on Ryan aerators and a few other brands.

- Lubricate all fittings. Wipe fittings before and after greasing.
- Inspect all belts for wear and proper adjustment.
- Check for proper oil levels. Follow manufacturer's recommendations for the type and grade of oil.
- Check the engine air filter system and clean, if necessary, following the manufacturer's recommendations.
- With a pressure gauge, check the air pressure of the tires. Keep tire pressure at manufacturer-recommended levels. Improper inflation can shorten tire life considerably; and, in some cases, change the performance of the machine.

All of the above maintenance procedures apply to both reciprocating and roll-type aerators. Refer to your operator's manual for specific recommendations.

With roll-type aerators, also check the rolling tine wheels for side-to-side movement. If a tine wheel can be easily moved back and forth by hand, it is likely that the bushings are badly worn. Replace them.

GCSAA honors MacCurrach, Spodnik

The Golf Course Superintendents Association of America's board of directors has presented Allan MacCurrach and John J. Spodnik the association's 1994 Distinguished Service Awards.

MacCurrach and Spodnik's contributions to the golf course management industry were recognized at this year's International Golf Course Conference and Show in Dallas.

As senior agronomist for the PGA Tour, MacCurrach makes advance agronomy visits to sites for Tour, Senior Tour, and Nike Tour events. He also assists Tournament Players Club superintendents in developing their agronomy programs. Before joining the PGA Tour in 1974, MacCurrach served as superintendent of Valley C.C. in Warwick, R.I. and Chevy Chase (Md.) C.C. He left the tour between 1984 and 1988 to work as a consulting agronomist for Golden Bear, Inc. He has been a member of GCSAA since 1962.

Spodnik has been superintendent at Westfield C.C. in Westfield Center, Ohio

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Preparing For Storage

When preparing to store an aerator for more than 30 days, Ransomes America Corp. suggests these additional maintenance procedures:

- Remove fuel from the system according to the engine manufacturer's recommendations.
- While the engine is still warm, drain the crankcase oil and replace with the grade and weight of oil best suited to the next season in which the aerator will be used.
- Remove the spark plug from the engine and squirt a small amount of oil into the cylinder. Turn the engine over a few times to distribute the oil, then replace the spark plug.
- As necessary, touch up all hardware with spray paint.
- Refer to the operator's manual for other specific recommendations.

Proper maintenance of aeration equipment takes time, but it is time well spent. A good preventive maintenance program can: (1) reduce wear, extending the machine's life; (2) cut downtime, which in turn lowers the unit cost of the machine; and (3) help control costs of repairs and operation.

From Northern Turf Management

Green industry legend to receive Old Tom Morris Award

A giant figure in the history of the golf course and turf industries, Dr. James Watson, has been chosen to receive the Old Tom Morris Award from the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America.

"Dr. Jim has been a great friend to GCSAA and its members for half a century," said GCSAA President Joseph G. Baidy, CGCS. "His career provides a perfect example of how one person can make a tremendous impact on an entire profession. We are delighted to be able to pay tribute to the contributions he has made."

The GCSAA established the award in 1982 to recognize individuals who have made outstanding lifetime contributions to the game. The award is in memory of Old Tom Morris (1821-1908), greenkeeper and golf professional at the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews, Scotland.

Watson's influence has been felt throughout the turfgrass profession. Following military service in World War II, he earned a bachelor's degree in agronomy from Texas A&M in 1947. Watson obtained his doctorate in agronomy from the Pennsylvania State University in 1950.

As a graduate student at Penn State, Watson was the recipient of the United States Golf Association (USGA) Green Section fellowship and studied under the

famed Dr. Burton Musser. He returned to A&M to serve as an assistant agronomy professor and conduct turfgrass research.

In 1952, Watson left A&M to begin his career with the Toro Company as director of agronomy. For over four decades with Toro, his research touched on nearly every aspect of turfgrass management. Later, as the company's agronomist and vice president of customer relations, he led Toro's efforts in equipment development and evaluation, and served as the liaison to professional groups such as GCSAA.

Watson has received nearly every major accolade the industry has to offer, including the USGA Green Section Award (1976), the American Society of Agronomy's Agronomic Service Award (1977), GCSAA's Distinguished Service Award (1983), and the Donald Ross Award from the American Society of Golf Course Architects (1994).

Watson is a fellow of the American Society of Agronomy and the Crop Science Society. He has served on the boards of the Sports Turf Managers Association, the Freshwater Foundation, and the National Golf Foundation. Semi-retired after 40 years with Toro, he currently serves on the planning council for the Irrigation Association and is agronomic coordinator for the seven 1994 World Cup soccer venues.

Watson joins Arnold Palmer, Bob Hope, Gerald Ford, Patty Berg, Robert Trent Jones, Gene Sarazen, Juan "Chi-Chi" Rodriguez, Sherwood Moore, CGCS, William Campbell, Tom Watson, Dinah Shore, and Byron Nelson as recipients of the Old Tom Morris Award. The GCSAA board of directors selects the Old Tom winner.

Watson will be honored during the closing banquet of GCSAA's 66th International Golf Course Conference and Show on February 27, 1995 in San Francisco.

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for 34 years, seeing the operation grow from nine to 36 holes. He also has held the position of secretary-treasurer for the Northern Ohio golf course superintendent chapter for 34 years. A director of the Midwest Regional Turf Foundation (Purdue University) for several years, he held the office of president in 1975. He served on the board of the Ohio Turfgrass Foundation during its formative years. Currently he is serving his third year as treasurer of the Musser/International Turf Foundation. He has been a member of the GCSAA for 35 years. In 1969 he served as the association's 33rd president.

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

MEMBERSHIP

Proposed for Membership: Sven Riesberg, Assistant, Woods Hole G.C.; and Dahn Tibbets' Professional Golf Services, Friend of Association

Welcome New Members: Randy Hamilton, Affiliate, O.M. Scotts Co.; and Paul McDonough, Affiliate, AgriTurf, Inc.

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Position Opening: Golf Course Mechanic at Franklin (Mass.) C.C. Good salary and benefits. Apply to Gary Luccini, Golf Course Superintendent, Franklin C.C., 115 Forest Street, Franklin, MA 02038.

Position Opening: Golf Course Superintendent at Blue Hill C.C., Canton, Mass. Send resume to Earl Burtman, c/o Blue Hill C.C., Pecunit Street, Canton, MA 02021.

INFORMATION

On July 5, 1994, Sean Patrick Kotoski was born. Proud parents are Donna and John Kotoski of Pine Ridge G.C., North Oxford, Mass. Congratulations!

Our condolences go out to Bob and Norm Mucciarone on the passing of their mother, Vera.

It's nice to see and hear that some supers are being recognized in various forms of the media. During a segment of WEEI Radio in early July, Host Craig Mustard dedicated one show to golf stories. Rich Tworig was mentioned a number of times for his role in the improvement of Pongkapoag G.C. Rich was also written up in the Boston Globe for his efforts. Andy Langlois of Stow Acres was also praised in the Globe for similar efforts. Daryn Brown even made the 10 o'clock WLVI TV-56 News when he was interviewed about the drought affecting the greater Boston area.

Congratulations to member Doug Preston for winning the MGA Amateur title at Charles River C.C. in July!

If there are any address changes of any Friend of Member of this association, please forward them to Scott Reynolds.

The Town of Nahant is now accepting bids for the maintenance of its 9-hole Kelley Greens G.C. Call 617-581-9927 for more information.

Bette and Paula Schofield wish to thank the GCSANE for its expressions of sympathy at the time of Tom's passing.



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