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Tworig's career blossoms after he revives "the worst golf course in the country"

August Meeting

Monday, August 14, 1995
Ponkapoag Club
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Richard Tworig II

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Richard Tworig has been the golf course superintendent at Ponkapoag Golf Club since 1993. Prior to that he was the superintendent at Cedar Hill Golf Course for 3½ years. Richard also worked at Halifax Country Club for seven years and at Taconic Golf Club in Williamstown, Mass. Richard was named Director of Golf Course Operations for the MDC in July 1995. He now oversees both state-owned facilities. Richard is a 1983 graduate of the Stockbridge School of Agriculture. He and his wife, Lisa, daughters Ashley (age 5), and Brittany (age 2), reside in Pembroke, Mass. In his spare time Richard enjoys golf and spending time with his family.

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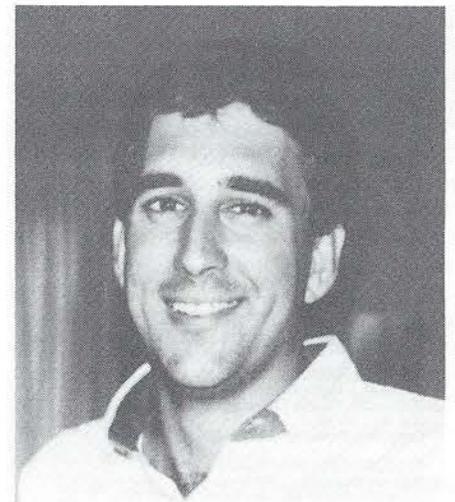
When Richard Tworig arrived at Ponkapoag Golf Course, one of several Massachusetts District Commission operations in the Greater Boston area, he thought he might have run into a buzz saw.

"Just for openers, it was voted worst golf course in the country," Tworig shrugged. "But that's not all. Because Ponkapoag has 36 holes, it should have been tagged worst two golf courses in the country. I mean, it was 'vintage ruin', a mess."

But that was in the not-too-long-ago - a little more than two years, in fact. In that short space of time, the two Donald Ross-designed Ponkapoag layouts have enjoyed a remarkable conditioning turnaround, a major facelift. So much so that Tworig's career has taken off in a new and challenging direction. As of, say two months ago, Richard was named to the newly created position of Director of Golf Operations, and another MDC and Ross-connected course, Leo Martin, has been placed in his care.

The new job, with its enormous upgrade in responsibility, is something Tworig looks forward to with renewed vigor and confidence. "The title implies that I'm in charge of everything at the two operations and that's basically it," Richard explained. "I'm running the whole show, from putting green to clubhouse. What I hope to do is build on the positive things I managed to create at Ponkapoag in restoring the course to decent playing standards. I'll expand on that and see what happens."

The entire experience almost came close to being a "never happen" job change for Tworig, who left a successful tour at Cedar Hill to jump into the fire raging at



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Jack Neville
Ponkapoag Golf Pro

Ponkapoag in 1993. "Yeah, it sort of was up in the air for a while," he told. "My dad (another Richard Tworig and super who stirred up the profession's juices in his son at the Taconic Golf Club) came down from the Berkshires to see the place before I signed on. He took one look and insisted I'd be crazy to take the job. Well, he's changed his tune since that day."

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Tworig, himself, insists that two factors put the conditioning train on the right track at Ponkapoag - common sense and hard work. He also got a helping hand from the MDC and its golf commissioner, David Belfour. The commish saw to it that his new super got the go-ahead on an outlay of \$130,000 in equipment and a steady increase in the number of work crew personnel. At first it was doubled to 12, then rose to its present size (18) as the course took on the shape of a top-notch layout in the remaking.

"I even have to laugh at the way things had been handled before I got here," Richard commented. "There was no superintendent as such, one greens mower to take care of 36 holes, and a few hired hands who had no direction. Before I came their day consisted of turning on a few antiquated irrigation valves, most of which didn't work, mow a few greens and go home. No wonder this place was a s disaster area."

Things could only get better at that point in time and they did.

"There was a noticeable improvement in the condition of the course after about three months," Tworig recalled. "Things began to look up, the golfers became aware of our attempt to give them a credible version of a Donald Ross course and spirits all around the place started to lift."

Ponkapoag pro Jack Neville remembers the pre-Richard Tworig days. "This place was an embarrassment before Richard arrived," Neville said. "He did more to shape up things in 18 months than had been done in the last 15 years. I can remember people coming here, playing a couple of holes and asking for their money back. That doesn't happen anymore."

Neville also is encouraged by the fact the MDC chose Tworig to assume his new 54-hole command post because of his ability, not his familiarity with the powers-to-be that operate the commission. "That's something I really get a kick out of," Jack informed. "And why not? I've been here 21 years and have never seen the course in better shape."

Another Tworig booster is Gary Doak, the former Boston Bruin who came aboard the MDC as its director of recreation last year. "They tell me that Ponkapoag was the worst course around," Doak remarked. "Well, I played nine holes on Course No. 2 the other day and I really was impressed. They tell me that the No. 1 course is even better. From everything that I see, Richard has done a fantastic job. Now, he's headed for Leo Martin which may even be a bigger challenge than Ponkapoag. However, we

feel he'll get that course turned around, too."

Tworig, who is steeped in golf course conditioning tradition, was the driving force behind another restoration project at Cedar Hill, a nine-hole municipal spread in Stoughton. When he took the job there, Cedar Hill was doing \$100,000 a year in green fees. When he left, the golf course revenues had zoomed to \$240,000.

"I feel with the Donald Ross link to the basis for good golf courses, I'm one-up in my attempt to give our golfers top-notch playing conditions," he said. "But I have no magic formula, no magic wand to bring about a quick and lasting improvement. I just put my faith in the experience I gained as a kid growing up at Taconic, the plant and soil-related education I got at UMass, and what I've done in my travels as a super. You also need a little luck and I'll welcome all I can get as my responsibilities expand."

Richard plans to delegate some authority in his every day obligations on the course, but he also believes he has to divide his time between head super duties and management chores. "That's how I hope to bring everything up to snuff," he added. "I'll have to work harder, but that's what success is all about. I wouldn't want it any other way."

GERRY FINN

Calendar

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| Aug. 14 | GCSANE Monthly Meeting
Ponkapoag G.C.
Canton, Mass. |
| Sept. 11 | GCSANE Monthly Meeting & Team of Two Championship Tournament
Westminster C.C.
Westminster, Mass. |
| Oct. 16 | GCSANE Turf Research Tournament
Salem C.C.
Peabody, Mass. |
| Oct. 18 | Shanahan Memorial Pro-Superintendent Tournament
Willowbend Club
Cotuit, Mass. |
| Nov. 6 | GCSANE Monthly Meeting
Hopedale C.C.
Hopedale, Mass. |
| Nov. 28-29 | GCSAA Regional Seminar
Golf History, Theory, Construction, and Maintenance
The International
Bolton, Mass. |
| Jan. 15-17, 1996 | 65th Mass. Turf Conference & 20th Industrial Show
Boston Marriott - Copley Place
Boston, Mass. |

The Super Speaks Out:

This month's question: What is the attitude of golfers on your course as to the sometimes controversial green speed syndrome – now that the phenomenon has had a chance to sink in?

Brian Giblin, Country Club of New Bedford: "I've been here only six months, so I really don't have anything to go on in judging present green speed attitudes to what was popular in the past.

"However, I'm very aware of the comments members make about the condition of the greens and other parts of the golf course. So far the reaction appears to be one of satisfaction because of the improved condition of the greens. It appears that members are tuned in more to the overall puttability of the greens instead of how fast or slow they're putting.

"I've been taking stimpmeter readings here and have set an 8½ speed as my guideline. Therefore, I'd say that the speed is on the moderate side and not greased lightning like you hear about.

"Ah, but. But now and then I hear whippers like, 'maybe they could speed 'em up a little' by some members. Sure, I hear them, but my top priority remains the same as when I took this job. That's to get the greens in shape and keep them that way. Right now I'd say green speed is secondary."

Mike Iacono, Pine Brook Country Club: "I think the green speed question is about the same it was when the fast-as-can-be theory first became popular. At least I can see no back-off signs from my members.



"My approach to green speed also remains the same. I have to arrive at a situation where the speed of the greens coincides with the greens' physical condition or its health. Often this means that speed must be sacrificed in order to maintain consistency in the other factors affecting putting, chipping, and approach shots. If that boils down to finding a speed somewhere in the middle of fast and slow, so be it.

"Our members have left it up to me to reach that middle ground, although there still is a certain number that wants to see the greens scraped down to the point they attain a 'fast-as-can-be' quality.

"The only time I use a stimpmeter is when I think the greens may be getting a little slower than they normally are. Regardless, I'm still in that mind set where I bring the greens up to speed while making sure the greens make it through the season. Definitely, the end result (loss of a green) is not worth the risk presented because you want to move it up a notch on the stimpmeter. At least it's not worth it to me."

Scott Merrill, Wayland Country Club: "I've been here nine years and the complaints about the greens never change. They only come when the golfers think the greens are putting too slow.

"We're a public golf course and that means the traffic usually is in that all-time-high mode. Therefore, keeping up the health of the greens becomes more important as the wear and tear grinds on.

"I try to set the speed of the greens according to the situation or what kind of play is going on at the moment.

"So, I must admit I speed them up for certain events, like our member-guest tournament. This means double cutting them, rolling after and getting some zip into putting attempts. It's normal for low handicap golfers, especially when they're showing off the course at member-guest time, to want incredibly fast greens. The thinking there is that the faster the greens, the harder the course becomes.

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**Scott Merrill
Wayland C.C.**

"However, I never get them to the point where they're super-fast and for the most part I keep them somewhere in the middle of being too fast and too slow. I don't use a stimpmeter, either. I just go by observation and feel. You can tell. You don't have to play a numbers game."

Ron Kirkman, Needham Golf Club:

"First of all, allow me to suggest that the speed of greens stands as a bragging point for most member-golfers. It's got so far and so ridiculous that I've heard of golfers who four-putt a green and then brag about it because of the green's super speed. That's life on the golf course. Who can explain it?"



"Here, there is a constant call to keep the greens fast. I do, too, when I can assure myself that putting a slick cut on them won't result in serious damage to the green's turf.

"Personally, I like consistency in the greens and I strive to reach that situation throughout the golf season. And, yes, I speed up the greens for certain tournaments. Remember those things I said about a bragging point?"

"Of course, the weather is a big factor, and I use it as my guideline to the speed of our greens. The weather and the heavy traffic that pounds the golf course tell me just how fast I can allow the greens to become.

"One thing is apparent and everyone knows it, too. The slower the greens, the healthier the turf. In contrast, the faster the greens the more prone the greens are to damage and disease. So, perhaps getting there to Mr. In-between in speed should be the typical superintendent's goal.

"Oh, another ingredient that goes into the speed of our greens. It's the fact that I cut the greens every day of the week (except Monday). So, Tuesday through Sunday golfers get a fresh look at their putting assignments. That tells you something about my concern for giving members the fastest greens I can afford to give them without losing them altogether."

GERRY FINN

Former DEC inspector explains how to survive a random pesticide inspection

by Mike Cook,
former inspector, N.Y. State DEC

You've just dropped by the shop for a quick cup of coffee and an unfamiliar face makes an appearance at the door. As you're preparing an "I'm too busy to talk" excuse for what you believe to be a new sales rep, the fellow flips out a photo ID and identifies himself as a pesticide enforcement inspector with the DEC (Department of Environmental Conservation), or DEP (Department of Environmental Protection), if you're in New Jersey or Connecticut. The jig's up.

Your operation is about to undergo a surprise inspection for compliance with federal and/or state pesticide regulations.

If you think this is one of those "It'll never happen to me" scenarios, think again. All it takes to prompt a DEC inspection is a call from a disgruntled employee or a neighbor who believes chemicals are being misapplied or mishandled.

On rare occasions, you'll receive a warning call. But more often than not, an inspector will just show up at your door. The reason is obvious: The DEC wants to see how you really operate.

To help you inspection-proof your operation, Mike Cook of Alpine, the Care of Trees, draws from experience as a pesticide inspector for the New York DEC to offer insight into what to expect, and how to conduct yourself, when an inspector calls.

First Things First. When a DEC inspector walks through your door - and it's usually during the thick of the season, when you're at your busiest - your worst mistake would be to treat this person as an unwelcome guest. Work hard at being cordial and cooperative. And know that you'll be expected to drop everything - even if your greens are wilting - for the duration of the inspection.

Inspections are generally a minimum of one hour, but will vary depending on the size of your operation, the readiness of your records, and the overall appearance of your facility.

The inspector will first want general information pertaining to your business, including:

- Type of operation: public or private?
- Certification and/or business registration numbers

- Types & quantities of equipment
- Types & quantities of pesticides used
- Type of storage area
- Disposal procedures

Digging a Little Deeper. The inspector will then begin to look a little more closely at your operation, starting with your pesticide application records. This is the portion of the inspection that, without question, generates the most violations and fines (and they can run from \$2,000 to \$5,000 for each first offense). If you can maintain your daily use pesticide records in a fashion required by your state regulator, you can eliminate more than 50% of potential violations.

Most state agencies require that your records include the following specifics:

- Date of pesticide application
- Target organism
- Pesticide used
- Dosage rate
- Total quantity used
- Place and method of application
- Use of pesticide

Next in the lineup is your pesticide application equipment. Here, the inspector will want to ensure every piece of equipment is:

- Clean of pesticide residuals that can pose a contamination problem
- Equipped with an antisiphon device
- In good running order

The added bonus of keeping your spray equipment in top-notch condition is that it presents a favorable image to the inspector and the public.

Storage Do's and Don'ts. With all that said and done, the inspector will ask to see your pesticide storage area. Though some states, such as New York, do not have specific regulations pertaining to pesticide storage, most do have published recommendations that will guide you in setting up a responsible storage facility. You could also look to the pesticide container label for guidance. It generally lists storage requirements - and, of course, instructions for proper use and container disposal.

To pass an inspector's scrutiny of your storage area, you should take the following precautions:

- Lock and eliminate unauthorized access to your storage area.
- Post warning signs in and around the facility.

- Be sure the storage area is both well ventilated and heated to prevent the pesticides from freezing - and potentially altering their potency - during the winter months.
- Store all pesticides in well-labeled, secure containers. All containers should be examined monthly for signs of deterioration.
- Post the telephone numbers of various emergency service agencies police, fire, and local poison control center.
- Keep sufficient spill control materials, such as kitty litter, on hand and a fire extinguisher on the inside of the storage facility.
- Follow proper protocol for container disposal, such as triple rinsing all containers before discarding them.
- Store herbicides and insecticides away from fertilizers to avoid cross-contamination.
- Store materials off the floor. Wooden pallets, for example, can be used.
- Be sure personal protective equipment - gloves, respirators, goggles, gloves, coveralls, aprons - are cleaned after each use and stored away from pesticides.

Once the Inspection is Complete.

When the inspection's finished, the inspector will ask that you sign a written inspection form. Read the form carefully, paying close attention to any violations listed and any recommendations for correcting them.

Frequently, you're expected to send in a written response at a later date, specifying the steps you've taken to correct violations cited during the inspection. Reply as soon as possible, but most definitely within the time requested by the inspector.

In the End. It's important to remember that there is no single article, publication, or seminar that will cover everything you must do to comply with federal and/or state regulations. But by constantly reading pesticide label directions, staying tuned to ever-changing pesticide regulations, and attending educational seminars, you can substantially reduce your risk of violation-or worse, a series of costly fines.

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I'm mad as hell, and . . .

When it comes to deflecting environmental criticism, the best defense is a good offense.

by Gary T. Grigg
President, GCSAA

Golf courses and golf course superintendents are getting an unfair reputation as some sort of environmental barbarians bent on pillaging the land through the use of destructive technologies and I'm getting – no, make that already – tired of it.

Golf course superintendents as a group are environmentally responsible with respect to our role as resource managers and good stewards of our golf courses and the land they encompass. And while I'm certain that my peers realize that some unreasonable people are taking their shots at us, I'm not sure they realize that we've had an environmental war declared on us.

I am speaking of the elitist environmentalists who believe that anything man does, he does at nature's expense, and, as such, they try to pass as many laws as possible restricting this perceived undesirable activity.

These elitists categorize the main environmental problems facing the U.S. – indeed, the world – as ozone depletion, pesticide use, acid rain, global warming, loss of wetlands and natural habitat, and population growth.

Most of the salvos being fired at golf course superintendents fall into two of those classifications: pesticide use and the loss of native land (whether they be wetlands or not).

Usually when you read about pesticides the news is bad. Have you ever wondered why, particularly in view of the fact that we are the healthiest nation in the world? The answer is that we are in the era of the activist, and too many of them have discovered that there's big bucks in environmentalism.

Today, there are 39 active environmental groups with annual revenues of nearly 900 million dollars. They receive grants from the top 19 environmental

grant makers and back in 1990, 2,937 grants totalling \$238 million were funded. But these numbers merely scratch the surface: environmental-related lobbying and litigation costs have reached a staggering \$8 billion per year.

The elitists are good at appealing to the core values that all people have in common. And one of those values is your health and safety. They tug at that particular heartstring by telling us that pesticides are poisoning our environment – and therefore, poisoning us. They claim that pesticide residues and the use of pesticides in general are responsible for many things, including cancer.

Environmental accusations, like the stories that appear in the supermarket tabloids, are usually based on a small grain of truth. The "headline" may shout, "Harmful Chemicals Found in Groundwater Aquifers!" and it's probably true. But what you don't hear is the incredibly small amount that has been found – an amount that poses no health risk whatsoever. In fact, there have been times where parts per trillion are used for ammunition in environmental horror stories. These people should understand that I have to raise my family in this world also. Many superintendents live right on the course. Would we really endanger ourselves and our children?

It is time that golfers understand that modern management allows our courses to be in harmony with nature. Professional golf course superintendents are true environmentalists. We are caretakers of the land. We have kept up with the demands of higher quality courses while cutting down on the use of toxic materials. It takes a skilled person to follow sound cultural practices and reduce the use of chemicals. Turf chemicals are very expensive and golf course superintendents have an economic incentive to apply them in moderation. Superintendents also give high priority to select maintenance practices that do not

have a negative impact on the environment.

Today's golf course superintendent is aware of and cares about the consequences of overuse of pesticides and fertilizers. Contrary to the opinion of some, there is not a more environmentally aware and sensitive group than today's golf course superintendents.

But instead of merely refuting the irresponsible allegations hurled at us, we also need to tell our story – that turfgrass has many environmental and community benefits. To those who say golf courses are not good neighbors, we must counter with the facts: they produce oxygen; they cool and remove pollutants from the air; they absorb sound and glare; prevent runoff and erosion; stabilize dust; filter contaminants from irrigation water, and recharge groundwater supplies.

Further, golf courses can be a conservatory for plant life as well as key sanctuaries for wildlife – especially birds and fish. They also provide thousands of skilled and semi-skilled jobs and provide a multi-billion dollar industry nationwide.

Golf courses also add value to land and increase tax bases, as well as providing important green space. They fill resort hotel rooms worldwide and provide billions in tax revenues – dollars that we, as taxpayers, don't have to cough up. They're places for community events which can fund major charities from contributions. Additionally, the game provides for the physical and mental well being of millions of golfers as well as those who use the course for non-golf activities such as jogging, walking, bird-watching, cross-country skiing, and fishing.

Anyone who cares about the game of golf must become active. We must address these issues now in our own communities before the environmental activists impede the growth of the game. I am asking every superintendent, golf professional, club manager, golf writer, and, most importantly, every club member and golfer to know the facts and tell others. I'm not asking you to do this for me, but for every person who has ever had the pleasure of playing this wonderful game and for yourself.

(Gary T. Grigg is the superintendent at Royal Poinciana Golf Club in Naples, Florida, and is the current President of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America.)

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Fazio to receive superintendents' highest honor

Tom Fazio, one of golf's top course designers, will receive the Old Tom Morris Award from the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA).

Fazio, of Hendersonville, N.C., will receive the award at the GCSAA's 1996 conference and show in Orlando, Fla.

GCSAA established the Old Tom Morris Award to recognize outstanding contributions to the game. The award is named for Old Tom Morris (1821-1908), greenkeeper and golf professional at the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews, Scotland.

Morris, a four-time British Open winner (1861, '62, '64 and '67), also was one of the top links designers of the 19th century.

"GCSAA is honored to pay tribute to Tom Fazio's lifelong contributions to the game," said GCSAA President Gary T. Grigg, CGCS. "His commitment to the game and to his community - especially all the personal time he devotes to the Boys and Girls Clubs - is a great example of the spirit that Old Tom brought to golf."

Fazio, a native of Norristown, Pa., began as a golf course designer with the Fazio

family firm in the 1960s, assisting his uncle George Fazio in course construction. In 1972, he established his own firm.

Fazio has been involved with the detail design and construction of golf courses all over the U.S., including Shadow Creek, Las Vegas, Nev.; Black Diamond, Lecanto, Fla.; Wade Hampton, Cashiers, N.C.; The Quarry at La Quinta, Calif.; Wild Dunes, Charleston, S.C.; World Woods, Homosassa, Fla.; and many other prestigious courses. In 1995, he was voted the best present-day architect by Golf Digest.

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INFORMATION

First, a retraction. In the July Divot Drift, it was erroneously reported that Ron Kirkman was enrolled in a class to cure the fear of flying in airplanes. The truth is that Ron is accompanying a family member who is in the class. Apologies to Capt. Kirk.

Rich Tworig of Ponkapoag G.C. is the new handicap chairman on the Golf Committee. Any scores, requests to establish a handicap, questions about handicaps, etc. should be directed to Rich at (617) 821-9957.

Your editor's fax machine hasn't exactly been clogged with new Friends of the Association Profiles lately. Come on! Take a few minutes out and type or hand-write a brief (3-5 paragraph) blurb about your business, its history and a sales representative with a phone and/or fax number. You can't beat the price of this advertising!

Jack Hassett wants to inform our membership again that forms are available for benevolent aid and scholarships through the GCSANE. For forms or more information call Jack at (508-458-7300).

During the USGA Amateur Championship at Newport Country Club, Newport R.I., the Rhode Island GCSA will be sponsoring a hospitality tent August 26 and 27 on the club grounds. RIGCSA President Vin Iacono would like to extend to all members of the GCSANE an invitation to stop by, relax and have a cold drink during the last two days of this prestigious tournament.

Bob DiRico is still accepting per hole donations for his participation in Golf Marathon 3 at Stow Acres C.C. on August 16 to benefit the Francis Ouimet Scholarship Fund. Presently about 20% of Ouimet scholars are from the golf course maintenance sector. This is a good opportunity for the GCSANE to give something back to Ouimet. As Bob stated in the letter you received about a week ago, our target amount is \$5,000. Donations of \$.25, \$.50, or more per hole will quickly add up. Please make a pledge to this worthwhile fund if you can.

Mary Owen of UMass Extension has announced that there are a limited number of openings in the Golf Course Turf IPM Scouting Workshop to be held at the Concord C.C. on August 31 from 11:30 - 1:30. The session will feature Drs. Noel Jackson, Pat Vittum, and Prasanta Bhowmik, and will cover insects, weeds, diseases, and cultural management. In addition, superintendent Dick Duggan will show the results of his renovation completed last year. The registration deadline is August 25, and pesticide recertification credits/contact hours will be available. Anyone interested can contact Mary at (508) 892-0382.

POSITION AVAILABLE

Golf Course Superintendent - Mink Meadows Golf Club, Vineyard Haven, Mass. Send resumes by Sept. 1, 1995 to Christopher D. Righter, MMGA Green Chmn., 826 Main St., Winchester, MA 01690 (617-729-2513).

MEETING NOTES

A "Thank You" to Roger Brink and all of the folks at Indian Ridge C.C. for a great job hosting the Superintendent Championship on July 10. It was a beautiful day playing a great golf course in spectacular condition. Thanks again, Roger!

TOURNEY RESULTS

**Green Chairman/
Superintendent Tournament**
June 29, Wachusett C.C., W. Boylston, Mass.

Low Gross 70 - Dick Gurski/Mike Gunn
(Hart Seed)
Low Net 60 - Gary Luccini/Ed Sheehan
(Match of Cards)
2nd Net Dave Barber/Robert Skolnick
(Wellesley C.C.)
3rd Net Todd Sauer/Bob Frem
(Mt. Pleasant C.C.)
Closest-to-pin #4 John Havens
Closest-to-pin #6 Bob DiRico
Closest-to-pin #13 Mike Gunn
Closest-to-pin #18 Pat Scenna
Long Drive Mike Cornicelli

Superintendent Championship
July 10, Indian Ridge C.C., Andover, Mass.

Superintendent Low Gross (Tie)-79
Paul Miller & Mark Taylor
Low Net 66 - Dave Barber
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GCSANE Fishing Trip June 5

At right are the participants – and two of the cod – aboard the Dolphin on the June 5 fishing trip out of Gloucester. At left, the first mate throws back Daryn Brown's date.



GCSAA makes major changes to conference schedule

The board of directors of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA) recently approved a new format for the association's annual conference and show. GCSAA's International Golf Course Conference and Show will now run on a Monday to Sunday schedule. Previously, the event had run Monday to Monday.

GCSAA's 67th International Golf Course Conference and Show is now scheduled for Feb. 5-11, 1996, at the Orange County Convention Center, Orlando, Fla.

The change was made because research had shown that a large majority of registrants currently leave on Sunday. By leaving early, registrants missed activities such as the final day of the trade show, the

association's annual meeting, the United States Golf Association Green Section session, and the banquet and show.

"The new format was approved to allow greater participation in these and other important events," said GCSAA President Gary T. Grigg, CGCS. "Now members can leave the conference and show on Sunday evening and not worry about missing anything."

Highlights of the new schedule, which will be implemented next year in Orlando, include:

Trade Show Hours	Were	Will Be
Distributor Preview	Fri. aft.	Fri. a.m.
Members Only	(New)	1-6 p.m.
Open Hours:	Sat. 9-5	(same)
Open Hours:	Sun. 9-5	9-3
Open Hours:	Mon. 9-1	(closed)

Event	Was	Will Be
Golf Championship	Mon.-Tues.	(same)
Seminars	Mon.-Thurs.	(same)
Opening Session	Thurs. eve.	Wed. eve.
Environmental General Session	Sun. morn.	Thurs. eve.
President's Reception	Sun. eve.	Fri. eve.
Banquet & Show	2nd Mon. eve.	Sat. eve.
Annual Meeting	2nd Mon. eve.	Sat. a.m.
Concurrent Session	Fri. all day	Fri.-Sat. a.m.
Architects Session	Sun. aft.	Sat. morn.*
Friends of the Foundation Reception	Sun. aft.	Sat. aft.
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