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Turf Conference to go regional in '98; cooperation of many paves the way

If anything, the decade of the 1990s has shown an overactive propensity for change. And if anything mirrors that tendency, it's the nonstop pursuit of perfection in expanding educational opportunities for members of the golf course superintendent profession.

Therefore, it comes as no surprise that the Massachusetts Turf Conference is on the move again. This is the big move - from local to regional status. Make way for the New England Regional Turf Conference and show! The initial offering unfolds the first week of March, 1998 at the Rhode Island Convention Center in Providence.

The regional level caps an evolution for the Mass. Conference. It began to materialize 18 months ago when the Golf Course Superintendents Association of New England assumed leadership in operating an educational endeavor that had flourished for more than 40 years in the western end of the Bay State.

An administrative change was accompanied by a change in conference sites, from the Springfield Civic Center to the Marriott Copley Place Hotel in Boston. Chip Brearley, then GCSANE president and a prime force in effecting the association's move to a stronger position in conference involvement, explained that the change from Springfield to Boston and alteration of the conference dates from March to January were product of the times. "We're just keeping up with the future," Brearley described the situation.

"The same theme applies now," he referred to the regional twist the event has taken. "In the back of everybody's minds was the thought that the conference should be presented on a regional basis. It took a lot of meetings, a lot of idea exchanges to bring this about. It's just where we ought to be. I'm not sure but our conference, when it gets going a little over a year from now, will be the fifth largest of its kind in the country."

The regional setup smacks of heavy golf course superintendent flavor. The superintendent associations of all New England states, will be steering the mechanics of the conference, along with representation from the Sports Turf Management and Mass. Lawn Care Professional fields. There also will be input from the various turf equipment and service industry companies, most important because it was that group absorbing much of the expense, being part of so-called local turf conferences and shows.

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President, GCSANE**

"They (vendors) were a big factor in consolidating all of the split-conference efforts into one offering," explained Brearley, who serves as co-chairman of the regional organizing group with Gary Sykes of Rhode Island. "It really wasn't fair to have the equipment and service people running around from one site to the next when it was more practical and economically sound to bring all of us together."

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 Co-Chairman,
 N.E. Turf Grass Foundation**

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The regional production will be grouped into sponsorship of the New England Turf Grass Foundation, a spinoff corporation made up of the superintendents and other groups putting on the show. The next major item on the agenda is seeking a show manager. Then, it's off to lining up a program.

Joining Brearley and Sykes in getting over the show's organizational hurdle were Mark Richards, Mike Iacono, and Jim Conant. They sifted through the pros and cons of the project and seem to have emerged with the educational outlet everyone hoped for in the first place.

During their discussions, the site of the first regional presentation turned into consideration of two cities, Providence and Boston. "There were pluses for both sites," Brearley disclosed. "After all, how can anyone question the convention possibilities of Boston? However, when all was said and done, and the air cleared, Providence got the nod. Why? Mostly economics. Boston is nice, but very, very expensive."

This doesn't mean the regional show is locked in there. "We are leaving ourselves open for the future," Brearley added. "We have visions of moving things to other sites. But for now we're very satisfied with Providence. The convention center is a new (two-year-old) facility, and everything is within reach. We think everyone will like it."

Certainly, it has gained the approval of GCSANE president Bob DiRico, who lends

energy and enthusiasm to every promising superintendents' venture.

"I think it's great for everyone," DiRico noted. "Most definitely this was our goal at the beginning. We had to respect and appreciate the strain the split-conferences had on the overall industry. They (vendors) were stretched out too thin. Our net revenue potential is way up there."

Net revenue is another integral part of the proceedings. All profits will be channeled to one project - turf research. Plus, it will be the superintendents' profession to administer, meaning a turfgrass foundation will oversee the disbursement of all monies. Research cutbacks appear to be a way of the academic world these days, and turf research has suffered because of them. The success of the regional show should correct that situation.

In the meantime, the last of the splintered conferences will on as scheduled: Rhode Island's show in December and the Mass. Turf Conference next month in Boston. After that (with the exception of an isolated event in Maine), the New England Turf Conference and Show will have the playing field to itself.

"This is how the future looks for us now," Brearley quipped. "Not too far down the road it will be the present. We had to go regional. It was the right thing to do."

GERRY FINN

Calendar

- December 15 **GCSANE Christmas Party**
Brae Burn Country Club
W. Newton, Mass.
- January 9 **GCSANE Annual Meeting**
1997
Brae Burn Country Club
West Newton, Mass.
- Jan. 13-15, **Mass. Turf Conference**
1997
Hynes Convention Center
Boston, Mass.
- Feb. 6-12, **68th GCSAA International
1997
Golf Course Conference
and Show**
Las Vegas, Nevada
- March 12 **GCSANE Monthly Meeting**
Dean Junior College
Franklin, Mass.

The end of the line . . .

As I leave *The Newsletter* as chairman and editor, certain things must be done. Files sent to the new chairman, files thrown out - and that includes photographs of a number of individuals. I thought I'd share a few of these with our readers. After all, it's Christmas time!



His family must be proud!



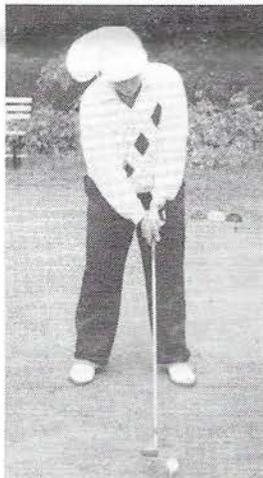
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I don't believe he fancies his picture being taken!



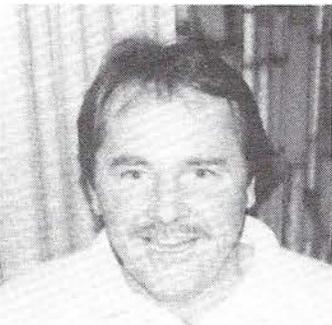
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Papa Smurf (left) and Bernie



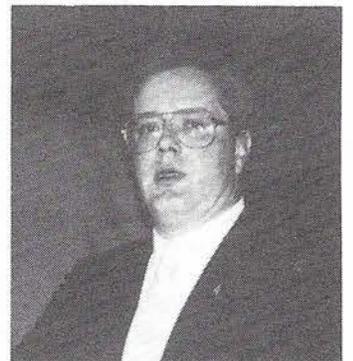
Here's a fellow who falls asleep standing up - smiling.



Boy! Am I happy!!!



Yeah, I know. It's just Coke.



So I had to wait for a fancy party to start teething. So what!

From the Editor

A message from the editor: This is it!

This is it! The last issue of *The Newsletter* that I'll be editor and chairman of! Although the last several months have dragged a bit, the three years I've been associated with this publication have been very good.

I'm not suggesting that thinking of an original feature article and a subject for "Super Speaks Out" and collecting pertinent articles for the body of *The Newsletter* and writing "Divot Drift" and trying to take a few snapshots at meetings and getting a meeting postcard out on time have been easy. None of it has been easy. But, it has been satisfying. I've been fortunate to have the support of a great board and membership that values a monthly publication. I've also leaned on several past newsletter chairmen for advice or feedback and for that I'm grateful.

The Newsletter had a good layout and format when I was elected chairman, so all I really had to do was provide information to fill the pages. Gerry Finn, who writes all of the feature articles and "Super Speaks Out", has done a great job. He makes all of the phone calls to individuals for interviews to write the stories and, believe me, it's a lot of work. Sheila and Russ Johnson and especially Reg Bacon of Zip Type Service - the company that prints our publication - have been terrific to work with. Reg was the one who made several design changes to the pages helping to highlight our features. His extensive background in this business and his originality have helped to make *The Newsletter* something to look forward to each month.

We tried to make some significant changes with *The Newsletter*: some were successful, some weren't. Advertising, in the form of inserts that would not affect the content of our publication, was approved for Friends of the Association. Although there were some objections initially, we went ahead with the newsletter name contest. Even though I would have liked to have seen an original title for our publication, we, as a group, decided to stick with *The Newsletter* as its name. We no longer have to rely on *The Newsletter* for meeting information. A postcard is

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Mike Nagle
Editor, *The Newsletter*

now sent to all regular, assistant, retired and affiliate members of our association detailing the times, cost, and directions for each meeting.

If I could wish for one thing for *The Newsletter* committee, it would be more membership involvement. If this is to continue to be an informative, interesting,

and successful publication, it will require the efforts of more than just a few people. Send in an article that may be pertinent for our association. Better yet, try writing one! You just may find that it's not that difficult to do! If you hear of information for "Divot Drift", call the editor with it. I was always racking my brain for new feature articles or a question for "Super Speaks Out". If you think of anything along those lines, let the committee know. In short, just try to get involved. If each member of this association sent in one article or had one thought for a feature *per year*, we would have more than enough information for *The Newsletter* for years to come!

Finally, I hope you have enjoyed or at least been satisfied with *The Newsletter* for the last three years. If you have, I've done my job.

MIKE NAGLE, Editor,
The Newsletter of the GCSANE

Quimet Fund News

Arnold Palmer in Boston Jan. 2 to receive Francis Ouimet Award

Arnold Palmer will be the guest speaker and will receive the Francis Ouimet Award for Lifelong Contributions to Golf at the Francis Ouimet Scholarship Fund's 48th Annual Banquet on Thursday, January 2, 1997 at the Sheraton-Boston Hotel.

"Arnold Palmer's contributions to golf are extraordinary. This is the first time we have awarded a 'Francis Ouimet Award' and I can think of no one more deserving of the recognition than Arnie. We believe that Francis Ouimet first popularized golf in this country with his stunning upset win in the 1913 US Open. However, Arnold Palmer made the game an American pastime with his dominance of the professional tour and magnetic personality. This is indeed a moment of history for us. We are very proud to have him, and deeply indebted to Dick Connolly for arranging Mr. Palmer's visit," said Stephen Buckley, Ouimet Fund President.

Paine Webber will be the presenting sponsor. Brian Leary, weekend anchor and Evening co-anchor of WCVB-TV in Boston, will be the master of ceremonies. The Ouimet "Student Speaker" will be named shortly. Tickets for the event will be priced at \$95, and various sponsorship packages will be available.

The Francis Ouimet Scholarship Fund was founded in 1949, and since that time has awarded over \$7.8 Million in need-based college tuition assistance to over 3300 young people who have given three years "service to golf" as caddies or helpers in pro shop or course superintendent operations in Massachusetts. The fund is awarding a record \$525,000 to 263 student in 1996-97. The Ouimet Fund is a 501 (c) (3) organization and is considered the "Golf Charity of Massachusetts."

Please call The Ouimet Fund at (617) 891-6400 for information.

GCSANE News

Amendments, bylaws, changes, & updates proposed for GCSANE book of bylaws

The following are the proposed bylaw amendments, proposed bylaws, and clerical updates/changes for the GCSANE bylaw book:

Clerical updates and changes for the bylaw book are:

(1) Add The Presidents, page 2: Edward L. Brearley, 1994 - 1995; and Robert F. DiRico, 1996 -1997.

(2) Add to History, page 5: "In 1993, the Association established the Scholarship and Benevolence fund. This fund offers assistance in time of need and scholarships to its members' families."

"In 1995, the Thomas Schofield Scholarship was established. This award, established in memory of the long time treasurer of the Association, is awarded to a deserving student."

"In 1996 the Association became the sponsor and organizer of the Massachusetts Turfgrass Conference and Trade Show.

(3) Change, Section 2, Classes of Membership: 1. There shall be seven classes of membership: Regular, Associate,

Assistant, Honorary, Life, Affiliate, and Student.

(Note: all the above additions are not changes to bylaws.)

Proposed bylaw amendments are:
Article IV, Membership, Section 8, paragraph 1, page 9: (1.) An affiliate member is a person employed by a company that is a "Friend of the Association". He or she shall have all the privileges of the Association except to vote and hold office. (1a.) A Friend of the Association is a company that sells a product or provides a service that is used in the maintenance of a golf course. The initiation fee and annual dues shall be fixed by the Board of Directors.

Article VIII, Committee, Section 2 - Standing committees, paragraph 1, page 18: (1.) The Standing Committees shall be as follows: a. Membership, b. Finance, c. Educational, d. Golf, e. Newsletter, f. Welfare, g. Employment, h. Publicity, i. Turf Research, j. Scholarship and Benevolence.

Article VIII, Committee, Section 3 - Duties and Responsibilities, paragraph 10, page 22: (10.) Scholarship and Benevolence Committee - This committee will consist of the following seven members: The President of GCSA of New England, Immediate Past President, three members of the Welfare committee, and two Affiliate members. The purpose of this committee shall be: (a.) Establish and maintain a Scholarship and Benevolence fund to support scholarships and financial aid. (b.) Grant need-based undergraduate college aid to immediate family members of the GCSA of New England. (c.) Grant financial aid to GCSA of New England members and/or immediate family in emergency situations. (d.) The award of Scholarships and Financial aid from this fund shall be determined by majority vote of the Board of Directors.

The following amendments are needed to comply with the new Affiliation Agreement and recommendations of GCSAA's legal counsel:

Add to Article IV, Membership, Section 1, page 8: (7.) Effective July 7, 1997, each applicant for Regular or Associate membership must present to the Membership Committee an application for membership or evidence of membership with the GCSAA.

Article V, Government, Section 1, page 12: The Officers of the association shall consist of a President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer elected as provided in Article VI. All officers of the association shall also be Class A or B members of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America.

Article V, Government, Section 2, page 12: The association shall be governed by a board of directors consisting of the aforementioned officers, three Trustees, the chairman of the Finance committee, Educational committee, Golf committee, Newsletter committee and the immediate Past President, all of whom shall be regular members of the association and a majority of whom shall be

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Tony Caranci to receive GCSANE Distinguished Service Award

Anthony B. (Tony) Caranci, longtime golf course superintendent at Ledgemont Country Club, Seekonk, Mass., will receive the Distinguished Service Award from the Golf Course Superintendents Association of New England at the 66th Massachusetts Turf Conference in Boston on Monday, January 13.

Everyone who registers for the conference is welcome to attend this award ceremony, which will be held during the cocktail reception on the 4th floor ballroom at the Marriot-Copley Place Hotel.



Tony, born and raised in Providence, R.I., is in his 41st year at Ledgemont as superintendent. He is a 1957 graduate of the Winter Turf School at UMass. Prior to Ledgemont, Tony was the golf course superintendent at Louisquisset C.C. His tenure there was interrupted by the Korean Conflict, in which he served two years. He held positions on the boards and was president of both the GCSANE (1968-69) and the RIGCSA (1957), and has also served on the Mass. Turf Conference Committee. Tony and his wife of 37 years, Matilda, reside in North Providence.

We all look forward to January 13 for this special night.

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regular members of the association and a majority of whom shall be Class A or B members of the Golf course Superintendents Association of America. They shall be elected for a term of one year, excepting the Trustees.

Article III, The Association's Code of Ethics, Section 1, paragraph 3, page 7: Delete this paragraph (paragraph 4 will become 3).

Article XIV, indemnification, page 24 (This is a new bylaw.): The Association shall indemnify any and all persons who serve or who have served at any time as officers or directors, and their respective heirs, paid administrators, successors and assigns, against any and all expenses, including amounts paid upon judgments, counsel fees and amounts paid in settlement (before or after suit is commenced), actually necessarily incurred by such person in connection with the defense or

settlement or any claim, action, suit or proceeding in which they, or any of them are made parties, or a party, or which may be asserted against them or any of them, by reason of being, or having been, an officer or director of this Association, except in relation to matters as to which any such officer or director, or former officer or director, shall be adjudged in any action, suit or proceeding to be liable for those acts and omissions arising out of his or her willful misfeasance. Such indemnification shall be in addition to any other rights to which those indemnified may be entitled including such immunities under any law, bylaw agreement, or otherwise.

Article XV, Dissolution, page 25 (This is a new bylaw.): In the event of the dissolution of the Association, after all liabilities and responsibilities have been met, its assets shall be distributed in accordance with Internal Revenue code concerning its exempt status or in accordance with State law. The decision of distribution shall be made by the Board of Directors.

Article VII, duties of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Auditors, Section 4 - duties of the Treasurer, paragraph 5, page 15: (5.) Issue annual membership cards to paid up members, send statements to delinquent members in accordance with Article IV, Section 11 paragraph 1, and notify the Directors of all delinquent members in arrears more than five months.

Article VII, Duties of Officers, Directors, Trustees, and Auditors, Section 5 - Board of Directors, paragraph 3b, page 15: (b.) To hear and determine charges made against any member, full and final authority being hereby granted, to reprimand, to suspend, and to expel any member in accordance with Article IV, section 12, paragraph 1.

Article VIII, Committee, Section 3 - Duties and Responsibilities, paragraph 7a: (a.) Maintain an active file of information pertaining to golf course superintendents positions open and a list of association members seeking positions.

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

MEMBERSHIP

Proposed for Membership: Dana Hancock, Regular, Tara Ferncroft C.C., Danvers, Mass.; Daniel Uhlman, Assistant, Westborough C.C., Westborough, Mass.; Richard Gagnon, Assistant, Salem C.C., Peabody, Mass.; Eric Anderson, Assistant, Salem C.C., Peabody, Mass.; Richard Francis, Regular, Milford C.C., Milford, Mass.

Welcome New Members: James Whitley, Regular, Maynard Country Club, Maynard, Mass.; Gregory Carr, Regular, George Wright Golf Course, Hyde Park, Mass.; Deneen Mackintosh, Assistant, Twin Hills Country Club, Longmeadow, Mass.; James Barr, Assistant, Larry Gannon Municipal G.C., Lynn, Mass.; Keith Savage, Affiliate, Larchmont Engineering, Lexington, Mass.

TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Nabnasset Lake 4-Person Scramble
Nov. 4, 1997

1st Gross: Carl Tesche, Tim Keating, Chuck Bramhall, & Dave (The Newsletter) Barber

2nd Gross: David Stowe, Kevin Osgood, Dennis Friel, & Joe Pianna

3rd Gross: Greg Frederick, Brian Linnehan, Palmer Whitney, & Doug Preston

INFORMATION

A special raffle will be held at the Annual Meeting at Brae Burn C.C. to benefit the family of Chicopee C.C. golf pro Mark Jamrog, who lost his life in an automobile accident in November. He leaves a wife and an infant daughter. Mark was the brother of Paul Jamrog, golf course superintendent at Metacomet C.C. in Rhode Island. The prize for the raffle will be two round-trip airline tickets to Florida.

Let's make sure everyone in Massachusetts that is a licensed pesticide applicator gets their renewals into the Mass. Pesticide Bureau before Jan. 1, 1997. The penalty for being late is a loss of your license and having to take the exam all over again!

On Tuesday, January 9, 1997, the Northeastern Weed Science Society will present a symposium on the biology and management of important turf and ornamental weeds. This program will be held at the Newport Marriot Hotel in Newport, R.I. from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. This program will include a new products update. For registration information, contact Kathleen Carroll, UMass Extension, at (413) 545-0895.

Mass. Turf Conference pre-registration is available until Dec. 30, 1996. Take advantage of this to save \$\$\$! All speakers and topics look excellent! We hope to see all of our members in Boston Jan. 13-15, 1997.

MEETING NOTES

Thanks to Artie Miller, manager John Cupo, golf professional Tom Thibeault, and the rest of the staff at Nabnasset Lake for a great job as hosts of the November meeting.

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

Golf Course Superintendent - Country Club of Pittsfield, Pittsfield, Mass. Send resumes by December 31, 1996 to: Country Club of Pittsfield, c/o Mr. James Tremblay, P.O. Box 538, Pittsfield, MA 01202-0538.

Assistant Superintendent - Easton Country Club, South Easton, Mass. Must have minimum two-year degree in turf management, and Mass. Pesticide Applicators license in Cat. 37. Send resumes to Eric Brown, Easton Country Club, P. O. Box 257, South Easton, MA 02375.

Corcoran Jennison Hospitality Management is accepting resumes for both Assistant Superintendent and Head Mechanic at The Widow's Walk Golf Course, Scituate, Mass. and The Olde Scotland Links Golf Course, Bridgewater, Mass. Send resumes by January 31, 1997 to: Mr. Jeffrey Carlson, c/o Corcoran Jennison Hospitality Management, 832 Villages Drive, Brewster, MA 02631. Positions are available in March, 1997.

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Host Superintendent Profile

Meet host superintendent Bob Matthews, Marshfield C.C.

Our host for the December meeting of the GCSANE was Bob Matthews, CGCS.

Bob has been the golf course superintendent at Marshfield Country Club since 1988. Prior to that, he was superintendent at Fox Run C.C. on Long Island, N.Y., for five years. Bob became a Certified Golf Course Superintendent in 1982. He is a graduate of Stockbridge, Class of 1973.

Bob and his wife, Robin, along with sons Eric (15) and Sean (12), reside in Marshfield. Incidentally, Eric is about to attain scouting's highest rank: Eagle Scout!

Bob has been one of the pioneers of birding, championing the merits of the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program in this area. He also is a youth hockey coach, and scoutmaster of Boy Scout Troop 101 in Marshfield.

Bob has served on the education committee of the GCSANE, and was recently voted in as a board director of the Golf Course Managers Association of Cape Cod.

In his free time Bob enjoys sailing, skiing, and golf.

We appreciated the opportunity to have our December meeting at Marshfield Country Club.



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