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Tony Caranci caps his 45 year career with GCSAA Distinguished Service Award

Tony Caranci has always been a 100 percent guy. Whatever the task, whatever the game Tony's involvement must be wall to wall. It's been that way for all of his working life . . . from its beginning when he was a 20 year old screening loam for fifty bucks a week to the culmination of a storied golf course superintendent's career that lasted almost half a century.

Recently, Tony realized his numbers were slipping a little. He couldn't give the Ledgemont Country Club his usual 100 percent effectiveness. So, at 68 and battling the degenerative symptoms and signs of Parkinson's disease, Tony has decided to retire.

Caranci, one of the giants of our profession, was working on his 45th year as head superintendent at Ledgemont. "Ledgemont is a great club and Ledgemont is me," Tony described the long, lasting relationship between the two.

"My members tell me that they're proud of their course. When you're a superintendent looking for signs and clues to your effectiveness, that's all you need to hear."

***Tony Caranci
Ledgemont C.C.***

"This was a very difficult decision for me. I could have stayed, but I didn't want the club to feel I wasn't doing my job. By that I mean if I couldn't be the 'old Tony', it wasn't fair to the club or me to remain superintendent."

However, Ledgemont didn't allow its prized superintendent to get off that easy. The club has hired Tony as a consultant for the next two years (at a handsome salary) and contributed to the finalization of his pension plan.

"That's typical of my membership," Caranci explained. "I've always looked at Ledgemont as a fabulous course with fabulous members. For all the years I served them, they were always a solid, supportive group. My members tell me that they're proud of their course. When you're a superintendent looking for signs and clues to your effectiveness, that's all you need to hear."

The sounds of success span out from there. Caranci, who served both the New England and Rhode Island golf course superintendents associations as president, has received praise, plaudits, and prizes throughout his career. The latest was the frosting on his cake, coming at this year's Golf Course Superintendents Association of America International conference in Orlando, Fla. where he was presented the GCSAA's Distinguished Service Award.

Obviously, Tony was impressed by the moment.

"Now I know what it feels like to be treated like a king," Tony gushed. "From the moment we (Tony and wife Matilda) arrived at the airport, everything came in style. Would you believe it? There was a guy waiting for us when we got off the plane, yelling my name . . . just like they do in the movies.

"Then, it was into a white limo and off to the hotel. Every moment after that was like a dream. Anything we wanted we got. There were no restrictions. And the night of the banquet and awards presentation! I must have shaken 5,000 sets of hands. I was sitting up there next to Barbara Bush (keynote speaker). She was very gracious, very nice. Everyone was. I can't begin to say how much that experience means to me."

So, how come all this fuss over a one-time North Providence High School upstart who saw that the school didn't have a golf team and up and formed one himself? That was back in 1946. Tony became captain of that first team, hacking

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his way through opponents with a driver he purchased for 25 cents. Such ingenuity (he cut the face of the club so he could use it on fairways) was the first warning no one, nothing could hold Tony back.

Eventually, Tony became a good golfer. But his interest in the game always had been rooted in golf course maintenance, when at the age of 13, he took that job screening loam for head super Pat Tameo at the Louisquisset Country Club.

"I was hooked on becoming a superintendent," Tony explained. "Pat took an interest in me and I really looked up to him as a mentor and friend. I learned a lot from him and my father who also was a superintendent. In fact, as time went on he took over for me at Louisquisset as head super while I was in the service during the Korean Conflict. That's probably the only time a father succeeded a son in our business."

When Tony returned and reclaimed his job at Louisquisset, he scouted around and actually found a place for his dad at a course in Warwick. Five years later the folks at Ledgemont did some scouting of their own and decided on Tony as their next superintendent. Almost 45 years have passed since the day Tony took over at Ledgemont and everything that followed has been smooth as silk.

Education always was paramount during Tony's coming of age and beyond as a golf course superintendent. His thirst for knowledge was quenched by nonstop attendance at meetings, seminars and conferences. In fact, Tony became addicted to learning and teaching turfgrass grooming and saving theories, so much so that he taught budgeting and turf management at both the University of Massachusetts and the University of Rhode Island, where he was on the staff for 38 years.

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Tony Caranci

"That's one part of my life that I really relate to when I look back at what's happened these last 50 years," Tony told. "When it was announced that I was to receive the national award (DSA), I received letters from all over the country from old interns and students. I had more than 40 interns go through me and on to head super jobs. In fact, four of them went to the top, earning their Ph.Ds."

So, the time has come for Tony Caranci to wrap up his memories and take a break from a self-imposed demanding but rewarding schedule. He's the man of the year in GCSAA circles and New England's golden gift to a profession that is slowly but surely becoming golf's greatest asset.

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Calendar

- April 20 **GCSANE Monthly Meeting**
Joint meeting with Cape Cod
Eastward Ho Country Club
Chatham, Mass.
Supt. - Brian Cowan, CGCS
- May 17 **GCSANE Monthly Meeting**
Scholarship & Benevolence
Tournament
Wachusett Country Club
West Boylston, Mass.
Supt. - Don Marrone
- June 14 **GCSANE Monthly Meeting**
Hickory Hill Golf Course
Methuen, Mass.
Team of Two Championship
Supt. - Eric Brox
- June 23 **UMass Turf Field Day**
South Deerfield, Mass.
- July 19 **GCSANE Monthly Meeting**
75th Anniversary Tournament
Marshfield Country Club
Marshfield, Mass.
Supt. - Bob Matthews, CGCS
- August 9 **GCSANE Monthly Meeting**
Poquoy Brook Golf Club
Lakeville, Mass.
Individual Championship
Supt. - Charles Dickow
- August 11 **Athletic Turf Field Day**
Nashua, N.H.
- October 4 **GCSANE Monthly Meeting**
White Cliffs Country Club
Plymouth, Mass.
Supt. - Lianne Larson
- November 1 **GCSANE Monthly Meeting**
Brae Burn Country Club
The Highland Course (9 Holes)
Supt. - Bob DiRico, CGCS

The Super Speaks Out

This month's question: What are the practice facilities at your golf course and what is the agenda for maintaining them?

Steve Tibbels, CGCS, Segregansett Country Club: "We are a club of enthusiastic golfers. For example, a few weeks ago the temperature was eight degrees, the wind was blowing about 30 miles an hour, and I was pinching myself.

"Why? Because there were four guys out on the course playing away as if it were the middle of July.

"I bring this up because there's the same kind of enthusiasm here when it comes to practicing. We have golfers on the practice tee at all hours of the day and I'd say we have a steady flow of them from the first of April until the first of October when we usually close down the practice area.

"We have a driving range at the present. The tee is 22,000 square feet and the landing area probably is the star of the whole thing. It's a sculptured fairway with woods on either side. Thus, not only do golfers get a chance to let out the shaft, they also can work on their accuracy off the tee by trying to hit the fairway.

"A lot of maintenance goes into this operation because the area gets a pounding all day during the golf season. We cut the tee three times a week, and the landing area is irrigated just as the rest of the course is, so it gives the effect of a drive or iron shot off the first tee.

"The practice area is located right behind my maintenance building, so on occasion I open it up if the pro has some

important business at another part of the golf course. It's really no bother, though, because operation of the facility is a responsibility of the pro shop.

"Picking up balls can be a problem because of the layout, a landing area where balls can disappear because of the woods on both sides of the simulated fairway. My crew doesn't do much in that respect, other than tossing balls back onto the fairway when they're doing cleanup work in the area.

"I'd really like to have another teeing area so I could use a rotation system to facilitate turf healing time. That could be in the works. I don't know at this time."

Arthur Silva, CGCS, Belmont Country Club: "A refurbished driving range, complete with two target greens and maybe a couple of traps, is on the drawing board here because all of a sudden practice has become part of the country club lifestyle.

"It's understandable, too, because of the impact the PGA Tour and its players have on the country club golfer. The amateur reads, hears about, and sees practice featured as part of the touring pro's agenda and figures that's going to be part of his agenda. At least, it appears that way because we have heavy practice play.

"As a matter of fact, the cost of practice for members has become part of the dues structure at Belmont. Since that happened, practice has almost doubled. That means it has to be a strain on the practice turf.

"Presently, we have a 20,000 square foot practice tee. We don't have any designated accuracy-related landing areas as yet but we put out directional flags so the golfer can feel a sense of playing target golf.

"The actual operation of the practice area comes from the pro shop and the first tee starter generally has that responsibility. However, with the

increased amount of practice area use, maintenance of the area takes on a new look and much more input than in the past.

"I try to rotate the hitting areas, front and back, and there's even talk of using driving mats if the tee gets cut up too much. It probably would be a good idea to use the mats anyway, especially when it's wet.

"So, my maintenance schedule follows the dictate of practice area use. The more it's used, the more maintenance goes into it. And down the road is another plan to redo the entire practice area. This stuff is getting big."

Paul Miller, CGCS, Nashawtuc Country Club: "We have a big problem here when visions of an expansive and all encompassing practice area shoot out from our membership. Simply put, we don't have the room.

"This is true of most of the older courses because practice is something that's surfaced with the increased exposure of the PGA Tour. In the old days, members never practiced. They just came to the course, teed it up and away they went down the first fairway. But this is now and courses like Nashawtuc face the impossible - finding land for an updated practice area.

"At the moment we have a 22,000 square foot practice tee. That's about 35 percent of what it could be. What's more, we have a Senior PGA Tour event and must make makeshift arrangements to accommodate the senior pro's practice needs. That's more than a problem because it's only temporary and the members never get to use it.

"Regardless, we are going to need adequate practice facilities because it's what golf's all about in this day and age. I've been traveling around the country doing a little golfing, and in many places the practice area has its own attendant, and he's full-time.

"Practice has become a big issue here. We've brought in architects to solve the problem but no one has come up with the real solution: some way to manufacture land. Until that happens, we're working on relocating the putting green as a starter and going from there to realize a marked improvement.

"It's going to be done. How? That's a good question."

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**Paul Miller, CGCS
Nashawtuc C.C.**

Open Green Space

A superintendent reflects on internships

by Steve Curry
Superintendent, Berkshire Hills C.C.

Recently I learned that the Stockbridge School has devised a plan to shorten its internship program by 8 weeks. This decision has led to a flood of thoughts on my part and conversations with colleagues and administrators. The consensus of those responsible for the change was that the curriculum needed to be elevated and that the best plan to achieve that was to lengthen the second semester by 8 weeks. Evidently the plan is final and takes effect in the Y2K.

Regardless of this change, one issue that led us here is that many of the students are not gaining enough viable education or experience while on their internship. While I attribute this in part to the school's lack of direction and follow through, an issue also being addressed, I am now concerned with reaching out to superintendents. It is my credo that we are in a greater part responsible for the training, education, and direction of our intern students.

I am fallible! This basic thought, concentration, or mental marker is the foundation of my managerial approach. It gives me the ability to guide with strength in that those I teach do not feel inferior and I guard against developing a superiority complex. This creates a more comfortable learning environment. I listen to thoughts and suggestions and am receptive to questions. This should not be misconstrued as weak leadership; a fine line, the open-minded approach leads to a greater responsiveness. This, combined with cross-training, leads to employees that are better utilized and more content.

Intern students come to us in the process of educating themselves to be superintendents, a simple thought sometimes overlooked. Why is this important? While they will not be prepared at the end of the internship to be a superintendent, the more they have learned and experienced in that period, the farther along they will be. I focus on involving them in every aspect of my endeavors. While this may detract from the total productivity for the season, it will pay dividends. As they

are that involved, they quickly become another pair of trained and intelligent eyes. They care.

As responsible administrators of intern students, we must: teach as much as possible, question their thinking, allow them to question ours, pressure them, give them responsibility, assist with school work, direct them on future employment, and care about them. Those that pass through your program and move on are your reflection; if they succeed then so

have you. In general terms this applies to all that are employed by us. It is important to further their progress within our means. I want to thank again: Bill Bianowicz, Rick Christian, Bill Kelch, Clark Weld, Ron Luepke, and Dave Pease, as they are the superintendents that helped to develop my skills as a golf course superintendent.

Steve Curry is superintendent at Berkshire Hills Country Club in Pittsfield, Mass.

Remember When?

Remember When?: GCSANE's past

Remember when? looks at significant individuals and events of GCSANE's past.

25 years ago

The life expectancy of golf's green chairman has been a hot topic among GCSANE members and much bantering on the subject took up some time during the recent Massachusetts Turf Conference in Chicopee.

In a spot check interview with conference-attending superintendents, the most popular response was to have green chairmen follow the term conditions of country club presidents, thus creating a situation where they are appointed on a limited tenure basis.

One superintendent noted, "A green chairman with unlimited tenure could be preventing new ideas from flourishing. He might settle into a routine of overseeing the operation and soon that routine becomes a rut. You see it happen every day in political circles at the local and national levels. So, sometime change for the sake of change is good."

No chairmen were polled on the issue. However, the orderly turnover in club presidents would appear to bring forth reason for applying the same terms to the green chairmanship.

15 years ago

The computer and stress-related presentations were eye-catchers during the educational segment of the 53rd Mass. Turfgrass Conference in Springfield.

Bill Smart of the Country Club in Poughkeepsie handled the stress-related section of the program. The conclusion of his presentation found that superintendents have to cope with stress.

Conference chief Dr. Joe Troll said, "In order to get ahead in the game, the superintendent must be assertive. And, when he's assertive, stress is bound to occur. So, what we wanted to do was help him recognize it and deal with it. Bill Smart clicked famously on that score."

Computer effect and contribution to the profession was ably presented by the GCSANE's own Bob Grant, who showed how computers can be a help to superintendents in a number of ways. It was unanimous that computers will be a vital part of the superintendent's working arsenal, both in the field and on the administrative front.

5 years ago

Golf results at Pine Ridge Country Club, Team of four scramble: 1st place, 62 - Kevin Lyons, Daryn Brown, Ed Uhlman, Sr., and Dave Stowe. 2nd place, 63 - Mike Hermanson, Wayne LaCroix, Kip Tyler, and Chris Peterson.

It's been reported that on the last run on the last day of the ski season, Jack "Alberto Tomba" Hasset decided to go for broke off a large mogul. Apparently the mogul was too large. Jack is resting with a broken wing.

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"The mesostemic mode of action represents an exciting opportunity because *continued on page 8*

From the GCSANE archives

Greenskeepers Club of New England NEWSLETTER September, 1943

The August meeting of the Greenskeepers Club of New England was held at the Hotel Statler in Boston, Monday, August 9th.
Arthur Anderson was elected Golf Committee chairman for the balance of the season.

Rulings on labor under 18 years of age were discussed, special permits are necessary for working and also for operating tractors, but not the hand operated power mowers.

Those present at the meeting agreed that it is a hard season on greens turf. Members who are using Thiosan for Brown-Patch control with power sprayers recommended adding 2 pounds of Arsenate of Lead to 50 gals. of solution to keep the Thiosan in suspension.

It was duly voted that should the gas restriction be lifted, the next meeting would be held outdoors at some club.

The Golf Committee chairman announced Brae Burn Country Club would be available for our Club Championship tournament.

The SEPTEMBER meeting will be held Monday, September 13th at the Brae Burn C. C. Luncheon will be served promptly at 12 o'clock noon. At that time it will be decided whether to hold our business meeting before or after the Club Championship Tournament.

It is reported that Charlie Parker has been appointed Agronomist and Superintendent of Grounds Maintenance for Camp Edwards, Otis Field and Hyannis Airport.

Golf machinery has gone to war; by that we mean that the Worthington Mower Co. is proudly displaying the Army-Navy "E" production award!

Following are some excerpts of a letter from Charlie O'Keefe to Orville Clapper: "Well, here I am, in Dear Old England. And a very interesting country it is too, even in wartime. Every time I hear an Englishman talk, I turn around expecting to see some of those Greenskeepers back home. And incidentally, the Golf Courses over here are still about fifty years behind times, according to our standards. Even the greensmowers still have those handles like the old Ideal power mower. Individual ones. And almost all lawn mowers are driven by chains. The most popular type of mower made over here, the ones made by the Fairway mowers. And of all the fairway mowers has pressed steel sides, the Fairway mowers. And of all the fairway mowers is the roller type, including Ransomes, Ltd., of Ipswich are the most popular. This machine has pressed steel sides, and driven on both sides, with about a 2 1/2" cut. It resembles the one made by Bob Booth years ago. It has a split sectional roller, not unlike the one used by the Jacobson people, and about that size, about three inches in diameter. This is the only gear driven machine they really weigh more than the old National outfit. Fordsons are the popular tractor over here. The old heavy type, I mean. Of course the only courses I have been on so far have been nine holers, and mostly small town ones at that.—The fairways and greens on these courses are beginning to show signs of neglect, mostly due to underfeeding, more than any other cause. Weeds most popular here are scotch thistle, plantain, ragweed and mouse ear chickweed. The greens seem to be rolled all the time, they are so hard.—Please forward my address to the Greenskeepers Club.—Remember me to all the boys over there."

Charlie's address is:
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Sit down and write a few lines to Charlie and the other fellows now in the service.
Don't forget Brae Burn C. C. Monday, September 13th at 12 o'clock noon!

At left is a copy of the September 1943 Newsletter as published by the Greenskeepers Club of New England.

GCSANE News

Help us find the missing newsletters

The 75th Anniversary Committee, during its research of the older Newsletters on file (through 1970), has determined the following months are missing from our archives: 1940 - December; 1941 - February, October, & December; 1942 - February, August, November, & December. (Feb. & Aug. may not have been published.); 1943 - January; 1944 - March, May, & July; 1958 - May & June; 1959 - January; 1962 - November; 1964 - June; 1965 - January; and 1967 - January & June

Prior to 1940, all Newsletter issues indicated "volume and issue", since that time the practice has not continued. During the war years, in some cases, with the paper shortages, the "Missing Newsletters" may not have been even published. Hints in some Newsletter issues indicate November, December, January, and February issues in the late 1940s and 1950s were sometimes not published due to lack of advertising funds. We are not sure if some issues are missing or were never published.

Please search your old files and locate our long lost friends. Please get the original or a copy to a member of the committee or send it to the GCSANE in Needham.

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As you may know, Pat Vittum and her turf insect group are trying to determine the distribution of white grubs throughout New England. Several species of grubs occur in the region, and each species has a slightly different life cycle. Perhaps even more importantly, different species respond to insecticides differently. So it is becoming increasingly important to know which grub species you are dealing with. To add to the confusion, it is not unusual to have more than one species in a given location. There are courses on Long Island with four different grub species on one fairway!

We seem to be dealing with Japanese beetle, European chafer, oriental beetle, and Asiatic garden beetle grubs in various parts of New England. (There are also occasional outbreaks of June beetles in some areas.) For descriptions of the grubs and

our current understanding of their distribution, see our web page (www.umass.edu/umext/turf) and click the "Pest ID" button.

How Can You Help? We are trying to collect samples of grubs from as many locations in New England as possible. If you have a grub infestation and would like to know what species is involved, collect at least 50 of those grubs (100 grubs would be ideal) and send them to us for identification. We will identify each grub to species and let you know exactly what you have at least in that location!

There are two options for preparing the grubs. You can send them alive by putting them in a plastic container with lots of soil. (Otherwise the grubs will get cranky and attack each other.) Or you can put them in rubbing alcohol to kill them and put them in a tightly sealed container. Tape the con-

tainer very securely. Post office personnel get very upset when packages leak or smell!

In either case send the package to us by overnight delivery. Live grubs will not stay alive forever, and will begin to suffer in the high temperatures of summer. "Pickled" grubs start to break down pretty quickly, so rapid delivery is crucial. Also do not mail on Thursday or Friday to ensure that the specimens will not spend the week-end in a mail room.

Send them to: Dr. Pat Vittum, Dept. of Entomology, Fernald Hall, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA 01003-2410. And please call us (413-545-0268) to alert us, so we know to look for the package.

Thanks for your help. We hope to be able to refine our grub management recommendations once we have a better understanding of which grubs are where.

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

MEMBERSHIP

Welcome New Members: Michael Stachowicz, Supt., Cranwell Golf Resort; Karl Heintzelmann, Supt., Ipswich C.C.; Chris Albrecht, Asst., Ipswich C.C.; Paul Hallock, Supt., Goodwin C.C.; Robert Cullen, Asst., Juniper Hill G.C.; Stephen Keith, Asst., Ridder Farm C.C.; Mark Pendergast, Asst., Poquoy Brook C.C.; Darren Flutie, Affiliate, Read Custom Soils; Northshore Hydroseeding, Friend.

Proposed for Membership: Jeff Brown, Supt., Souhegan Woods; Robert Bianco, Supt., Pawtucket C.C.; Michael Hightower, Supt., Green Hill G.C.; Michael Fontaine, Supt., Northfield G.C.; Brian Walters, Supt., Walpole C.C.; Bill Affinino, Asst., Norfolk G.C.; Michael O'Connell, Asst., Indian Ridge C.C.; Waterflowers Ecological Design, Friend.

INFORMATION

The application deadline for GCSANE scholarships is July 1. For information, contact Dave Comee at (978) 297-1223 (day) or (978) 632-0250 (night).

Congratulations are extended to Dave and Andrea Stowe on the recent birth of their second child. Samuel David Stowe was born on February 24, weighing in at 9 lbs., 14 oz.

Jim & Jackie Favreau are pleased to announce the birth of their first child. Emily Rose was born on March 26. Both mother and child are doing well.

Best wishes for a speedy recovery to Bob Healey, who was hospitalized for a short time.

Matthew Grady has left Groton C.C. to take the superintendent position at Long Meadow G.C.

Mark Casey has accepted the superintendent position at the Willowbend Club. All those who know Mark are especially pleased since this means we have a new place to play.

Your editor is pleased to report he has found a new home at Chelmsford C.C. Thus, my phone and fax number has changed to (978) 256-5664. Thanks to all the folks who provided help and encouragement while I was job-hunting.

Subscribe to the fax or e-mail version of the Landscape Message. It is now possible to have the Cape Cod, Eastern (Norfolk, Middlesex, Essex, Suffolk, Plymouth, Bristol and eastern Worcester counties), or Western (Pioneer Valley, Berkshire and western Worcester counties) message faxed or e-mailed. Information will reflect landscape and grounds management in these regions. Those subscribing to the faxed or e-mailed versions will receive approximately 20 messages per year, weekly during the growing season and monthly in the off-season. The cost to subscribe is \$30 (check payable to UMass). Subscriptions run from March to March. Include name, company name, mailing address, daytime phone, fax number, or e-mail address. Specify which region you choose to subscribe (Cape Cod, Eastern, or Western). Return

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MEETING NOTES

Thanks to Bob Ruszala, the Hickory Ridge staff and board of directors, and J&L Catering for hosting the weather-delayed March meeting. The small crowd had the opportunity to learn from three excellent speakers: Robert Wick, Scott Ebdon, and Pat Vittum of UMass-Amherst.

POSITION AVAILABLE

1st and 2nd Assistant Superintendent. Winchester C.C. is seeking qualified individuals to fill both positions. The 1st assistant must have a two or four-year degree in turfgrass management or related field. Individual must have a Mass. pesticide applicator's license. The 2nd assistant must have a winter school certificate and two years of turf management or an extensive golf course management background. Individual must be able to obtain a Mass. pesticide applicator's license. Salaries are commensurate with experience. Compensation also includes paid vacations, personal days, 85% employer-paid health & dental insurance, 401K pension plan, dues for local and national associations, uniforms, and golf privileges. Send resume by April 24 to Daniel Higgins, CGCS, Winchester C.C., 468 Mystic St., Winchester, MA 01890.

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Host Superintendent Profile

Meet host superintendent Brian Cowan, Eastward Ho! C.C.

The host superintendent for our April meeting is Brian Cowan of Eastward Ho! Country Club in Chatham, Mass.

Brian is starting his 32nd year as golf course superintendent at Eastward Ho!, having started there in January of 1968. After graduating from Portland H.S. in Maine in 1961, he moved to Massachusetts and worked summers at Spring Valley C.C. for the late John P. Callahan. "John was instrumental in my involvement in golf course management," says Brian.

After graduating from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture in 1965, he took the assistant's position at Hampshire C.C. in Mamaroneck, N.Y., working under the tutelage of Chuck Fatum. Late in 1966, Brian and his family moved back to Massachusetts and Cape Cod. He oversaw the completion of Fiddler's Green, which eventually became known as Tara

Hyannis. "My biggest thrill came in the spring of 1967, when Guy Tedesco told me of a position that was coming up on the lower Cape. Undoubtedly, the best move of my career." That move brought Brian to Eastward Ho!, where he remains.

Brian has been a member of the GCSANE since 1972. He served the as president and 1st liaison representative for the GCSANE/MGA in 1982-83. He has also been a member of the GCMA of Cape Cod since 1968, having served as golf chairman (1975-78) and president (1979-80).

Brian was a Certified Golf Course Superintendent for 20 years. He is part of the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program, having completed all six requirements two years ago. Brian is also working on the GCSAA's Environmental Management Program, having completed IPM, UST, and Water Quality Application requirements.

Brian and his wife, Joan, currently reside in Harwich, Mass. His son, Chris, is no stranger to superintendents. He works as a sales representative for R.F. Morse & Son, Inc. Brian also has two daughters, Cheryl and Jennifer. When not working, Brian enjoys fishing and golf, two activities that make Cape Cod so enjoyable.

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