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Bob Grant's "accidental" career leads to GCSANE Distinguished Service Award

Is it possible that success is a state of accomplishment based on the theory that it was nothing more than an accident about to happen?

Bob Grant thinks so. But, for one of the few times in his life, Bob is prone to exaggeration.

Yes, he sort of stumbled into the golf course superintendents profession way back there when he was seeking ways to start a career. The story goes, and it goes on firm ground, that Bob was lured to the outdoors by the inclination to join the landscape field. However, when applying for that major at Stockbridge he found the course filled. So he opted for the turf school instead.

"I had no idea what golf was all about," he turned back the pages of what evolved into an illustrious golf course superintendent career. "All I knew at the

time (the late 1940s after service in the Air Force) was that I didn't want to be cooped inside for the rest of my life. I thought landscape work was the ideal road to travel. Being a superintendent? I didn't have a clue."

So, there he was, clueless and in a profession that he admitted was far removed from his remotest of remote interests but just curious to give it the old Stockbridge School try.

Those were among Grant's thoughts recently when he reached the brass ring and fondled it dearly as recipient of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of New England distinguished service award.

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recipient of GCSANE's
Distinguished Service Award**

Again, Bob was looking for the easy way out in expressing his reaction to one of golf's glitzy honors. "This is just one of those things that happens to other people, not me," he sighed. "But I still say I'm here by accident. I had no intentions of being a golf course superintendent. However, now that it's happened, I'm glad that landscape course was filled."

Grant's career deserves a little peeling back of time since it turned out to be a blend of two golf-related professions that lifted him to the top of both worlds.

Retracking, Bob was close to his early environs at Stockbridge, since he's a native of Northampton where life and higher education walk hand in hand. That turf education at Stockbridge ran its time, and when he was ready to test the practical waters, Bob hitched on as an intern at the Indian Hill Country Club. There, he refined his knowledge of the workload under Bob Smith who reflected both sides of the coin so to speak because he was the club's golf professional and course superintendent.

"That was a good cross of job approach and responsibility for me," Bob recalled his times at Indian Hill. "I got a good look at the game from two perspectives. This made me appreciate both aspects of serving the country club membership. Then, from there the field opened up."

Grant's next stop was the Bellow Falls Country Club, a folksy nine-hole layout that was conspicuous for the size

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of the maintenance staff. Stating it bluntly, Bob cracked, "there was one other guy and me."

After that uneventful fling in the Vermont hills, Bob took a post at the Wayne Country Club in New Jersey, a course designed by famed golf course architect Robert Trent Jones.

That valuable experience led to a unique quest for promotion, an application to take over the budding International Club, where self-made man specialist Bert Suprenant had to choose among Bob, Leon St. Pierre and Paul O'Lieri. After that interesting go-around, the results found Grant taking the International Club post, St. Pierre starting a lifetime job at the Longmeadow Country Club and O'Lieri latching on as head man at the famed Equinox in Manchester, Vermont.

Seven years later, Bob had undergone a wall-to-wall professional facelift working with Suprenant, who was one of the original weavers of impossible dreams.

"Bert inspired me," Grant recalled. "What an experience it was working with him. He made me believe I could tackle and handle any situation."

That situation was at hand, too, when Bob plopped himself into the size extra-large shoes of Arthur Andersen, the second of only two golf course superintendents in the 45-year history of the Brae Burn Country Club. Andersen, a legend, had followed another legend, John Shanahan, in the Brae Burn superintendent's post. So why not three legends in a row?

Grant, who had raised three children (Rick, Doug, and Linda) with wife Gladys, actually fitted into the Brae Burn job like he was wearing an old pair of shoes. He kept the wheels of top-notch course conditions spinning and added a new wrinkle to his success story when the club was in need of a general manager.

"Alan Chesboro had been the general manager for years and we had a wonderful relationship," Grant told. "But he retired, and unfortunately, his successor turned things into total disaster."

Bob had been aboard as superintendent for 15 years and the board of directors made a bold but fortuitous move. It asked Bob to take the job, and after two sleepless weeks, it became second nature with the reluctant legend. Ten years later, Bob

retired and became part of the fabled Brae Burn tradition.

Along the way, Bob churned up big things for the GCSANE, serving two terms as president, helping turn the association's *Newsletter* into a first-class publication and putting stronger feathers on its educational wing.

Bob Grant. An accident about to happen? No way!

GERRY FINN

Calendar

- July 12 **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. - Michael Cummings
- August 11 **Athletic Turf Field Day**
Nashua, N.H.
- August 18 **URI Turf Field Day**
Kingston, R.I.
- September 21 **GCSANE Monthly Meeting
Joint Meeting with Rhode Island
Quidnesset Country Club**
North Kingston, R.I.
Supt. - Dean Ricci
- October 7 **GCSANE Monthly Meeting**
White Cliffs Country Club
Plymouth, Mass.
Supt. - Lianne Larson
- October 12 **New England Championship**
Nashua Country Club
Nashua, N.H.
Supt. - Barrie Robertson
- October 20 **Pro/Supt. Tournament**
The Willowbend Club
Mashpee, Mass.
Supt. - Mark Casey
- November 1 **GCSANE Monthly Meeting**
Brae Burn Country Club
The Highland Course (9 Holes)
Supt. - Bob DiRico, CGCS
- November 16 **GCSAA Seminar**
Human Resource Management
The International
Bolton, Mass.
- November 17 **GCSAA Seminar**
Budgeting & Forecasting
The International
Bolton, Mass.

The Super Speaks Out

This month's question: How much involvement do you have in clubhouse and grounds maintenance?

Mike Gunn, CGCS, Sterling Country Club: "I've been here only since November and I'm on a sort of learning curve while I set my program in place. However, clubhouse appearance, the grounds and all surroundings here are a priority item since we're in the people business around the clock.

"First, let me explain that Sterling is a club that goes big for drawing outside participation. We reserve Monday and Tuesday for outings, the members have the course from Wednesday through Sunday, and outside events are welcome virtually at all times. For example, recently we had two outings on one day with shotgun starts at 8 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Then, all this was followed by a wedding.

"With that kind of visiting traffic, first appearances make a big impression on our guests and that's where my crew comes in. We have an average of 18 to 20 people on staff and they're going full tilt all the time.

"Naturally, I point to the weekend and the top of the ensuing week to concentrate on making the grounds attractive. We do all of the outside maintenance on grounds that were originally designed by an outside landscape company.

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**Mike Sosik
Middleton G. C.**

And anytime we can improve on the overall appearance, we do it.

"Much of the grounds maintenance comes with a personal touch, since that first impression attitude prevails year-round. We have extensive weeding sessions and often hand-watering of flowers and shrubs is the order of the day.

"Plug in plowing and snow removal in the winter with the heavy load coming during the Christmas party season, and you can appreciate the fact that clubhouse maintenance is a big deal here."

Dave Devin, Brockton Country Club: "The importance of keeping our grounds as presentable to the public and our members as possible is a highlight at Brockton even though we're only a nine-hole club. Sure, we have just those nine holes but the course bristles with activity at all hours of the day.

"During the high golf season my crew has nothing to do with maintenance of the clubhouse itself. However, come winter we take over that chore, plus throwing in repairs where needed. In fact, the inside involvement is kind of a tradeoff item in my budget. We do the winter inside work, and the club gives me an extra man for my staff.

"In that period when the golf course is busy, we do a hands-on job of keeping the grounds up to snuff on a daily basis. This means extensive cleanup measures on everything from the plants, flowers, and shrubs to the concrete and asphalt walks and driveways.

"Not only are me and my crew on alert about clubhouse grounds maintenance, the membership pitches in a big hand, too. The idea here is to keep the grounds in ongoing tip-top shape and attract outside business. With that in mind, there is a beautification committee, consisting of three or four members, that sets up projects each spring and actually does the work of bringing those projects into reality.

"This arrangement has worked out real well for both parties. The committee puts the improved appearance program on paper and in the ground and eventually my crew takes over maintaining it. I might add that any time a project needs more extensive involvement, I supply the labor to complete it.

"Overall, then, we are very aware of the importance of clubhouse appearance and keeping that appearance at quality level to help make the club more attractive for outside functions. Toss in the fact that we have 300 golfing members on a nine-hole course and you realize there's not much slack time around here."

Mike Sosik, Middleton Golf Course: "We're in a very competitive area as far as reaching out for the golf dollar is concerned. Therefore, the clubhouse and grounds maintenance program is a high priority item.

"We subscribe to the theory that a person's first impression of the club is also their last impression. So we make sure that everything is in a top-appearance mode from the moment a guest enters the property.

"The outside aesthetic design is of my making here. I design the landscaping arrangement and my crew picks it up from there. My motto always has been 'no bare ground allowed', and that's what I put to use when I'm setting up a plant or flower arrangement. I like lots of colors. The place has to catch the visitor's eye from the get-go.

"Actually, I have one man from my crew assigned to carrying out my design and maintenance program. He does the planting, fertilizing, and watering, and he really goes to town on those jobs. What we try to create among the first time visitors to the course is a feeling that the setting is something special and worth coming back to.

"As I said before, we have to meet our competition at every turn, and we begin with first impression concentration. We like it when we hear that many of our players make favorable comments about our overall appearance. It means that they're enjoying themselves at Middleton and have nothing but good reasons to return for a second, third, and fourth look. It's working for us. It has to work in our market."

GERRY FINN



Remember when?

Remember When?: Looking at GCSANE's past

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

25 years ago

Some worthwhile tips from veteran superintendents crossed the *Newsletter* editor's desk this month and make for valuable reading.

From Al Hawkins of the Hartford Golf Club: "I'm writing to my fellow superintendents with hope they can benefit from my experience with the labor force problem. The retired men of our community are organized by the City of West Hartford to form an available service in which it acts as an employment agent to line up part-time jobs. Presently, I have three men working those short-hours jobs and the results have been great. In fact, I have one man who does such a good job I don't have to give him any direction. He arrives, does his chores and it's as if he's never been here. I can't say enough for this employment aid."

From Leon St. Pierre of Longmeadow Country Club: "I'm writing on behalf of the elimination of knee-jerk solutions to one of Mother Nature's greatest assaults of summer: high humidity. Much too often we supers reach for the panic button at the first sign of a high-humidity/no clouds day. The panic button, of course, is the

one we use to put our irrigation systems to work. Then, too often we over-correct the situation, drowning the plants instead of cooling them, and inviting wilt. Too often we find high humidity has beaten us

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Leon St. Pierre
(from The Newsletter, July 1974)

without a fight. Therefore, I suggest that all of us keep that trigger finger in check before it gets too itchy."

15 years ago

Brian Silva was the star of the presentation show at last month's turnout for the Superintendent-Green Chairman Tournament.

Silva gave an interesting talk to a large gathering at the Mt. Pleasant Country Club, where host superintendent Jim Beane had the course in excellent condition for the combined strokes of superintendents and their "bosses".

When the exchange of shots was all over, the Weston Golf Club team of Don Hearn and Tom Duffy took top honors.

5 years ago

A local boy makes good story unwound recently with the announcement that Scott Mackintosh has been appointed station manager of the O.J. Noer Turfgrass Facility at the University of Wisconsin.

Scott is the son of Twin Hills Country Club superintendent and general manager A. Roy Mackintosh, whom Scott describes as a "working superintendent, dedicated and committed to enhancing the professionalism of the industry."

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UMass Extension News

Athletic Turf Field Day set for Aug. 12 in Nashua, N.H.

The eighth annual Athletic Turf Field Day, sponsored by the New England Sports Turf Managers Association in cooperation with the Umass Extension

Turf Program, is scheduled for Wednesday, August 12 at Holman Stadium in Nashua, N.H.

The day's activities will include:

- A presentation on the history, renovation, and management of the stadium
- An opportunity to observe pre-game field preparation as well as adjacent softball field reconstruction
- Visits with vendors
- A chance to see many demonstrations.

For more information about the Athletic Turf Field Day, contact Mary Owen, Umass Extension, (508) 892-0382; Bob LeBlanc, Boston College, (617) 552-4737; or Dave Pinsonneault, Town of South Kingstown, (401) 789-9301.

GCSANE News

GCSANE member dues clarification for 1999

The information below is provided to clear any confusion about 1999 GCSANE dues.

The 1999 GCSANE dues are as follows:

- 01-Regular (Superintendent) . . . \$150
- 01-Associate (Superintendent) . . \$150
- 01-Assistant (Superintendent) . . . \$150
- 02-Friend (Companies) \$250

- 03-Affiliates \$150
- 04-Students (*Newsletter* only) . . . \$40
- 05-Retired/Life Members \$0
- 06-Honorary \$0
- Initiation - Friend (02) \$500
- Initiation - Member (01, 03) \$75



Turf Science

Gray Leaf Spot: Coming your way? - Part II

By Peter McCormick
TurfNet

(Part II of two parts; Part I appeared in the June 1999 Newsletter.)

Predisposing factors

Dr. Wakar Uddin at Penn State has determined that a minimum of four hours of leaf wetness along with increasing temperature (24-28°C) yielded higher disease incidence in growth chamber studies. Turfgrass age appears to impact disease incidence as well, with decreased severity correlated with increasing age of the plant. As all of this can be predicted with a quadratic formula, Uddin wants to develop a disease severity prediction model based on historical patterns of disease incidence and weather data.

Research has shown a greater disease incidence at higher heights of cut, with 2.5" being the apparent "breakpoint" for both disease incidence and plant recovery (the lower HOC tending to have less disease and also recover quicker.)

Other predisposing factors currently being evaluated include the use of PGRs, herbicides, insecticides, compaction/traffic, nitrogen sources and rates, height of cut, and clipping removal.

Cultural control of GLS

Dr. Bruce Clarke of Rutgers recommends the following to minimize the potential for GLS infection:

- Spoon-feed nitrogen (.1 to .25#N/1000 sq. ft) during high stress periods. (High nitrogen fertilization can actually intensify the disease incidence and severity.)
- Don't irrigate near dusk.
- Avoid PGRs and herbicides in July and August.
- Mow when the turf is dry.
- Remove clippings where practical. (Clipping removal has been shown to be beneficial when disease incidence is low, but less so with high disease incidence.)

Chemical control

"Preventive fungicidal protection is now necessary to control GLS on high maintenance perennial ryegrass fairways and tees in the transition zone, and in many regions further north," according to Dr. Paul Vincelli of the University of Kentucky.

On established perennial ryegrass, preventative fungicidal protection is needed prior to the logarithmic (= explosive) phase of GLS development, which commonly occurs during August in most areas. However, the logarithmic phase can occur as early as mid-July and as late as early September. Thorough and regular scouting may help pinpoint the key times to spray, according to Vincelli.

One of the most important management tactics right now is to communicate the severity of the problem to green committees, club boards, and owners. Education, advance warning, and budget contingency provisions are far better than surprises and panic.

Azoxystrobin (Heritage) and thiophanate-methyl (Cleary's 3336) are the only labeled fungicides shown to be effective against GLS under high disease pressure. Unfortunately, there is a significant risk of a rapid development of resistance to both of these fungicides, although resistance to one will not confer resistance to the other. Superintendents are encouraged to avoid exclusive use of these products against GLS, and employ appropriate resistance management strategies to include tank mixes and/or the use of fungicides with other modes of action during periods of light to moderate disease pressure (before and after the logarithmic phase).

Chlorothalonil (Daconil, Thalonil) and certain DMI fungicides (Banner, Sentinel) are efficacious against GLS under low to moderate disease pressure. Iprodione (Chipco 26GT) and flutolanil (Prostar), fungicides commonly used for control of brown patch and other diseases on perennial ryegrass fairways, are ineffective against GLS. "Heritage applied at the high rate (0.4 oz) at the right time is a big gun for this disease," said Vincelli. "The key is

being able to predict the proper time of application."

Seedlings are more susceptible to GLS than established turf, so overseeding done in mid- to late-summer may need fungicidal protection from emergence until near the first frost.

A comparison of the relative costs of control using various fungicides yields some interesting results:

Product	Rate/1000	# of Apps	Total Cost
Heritage 50WG	0.4 oz.	2	\$22,000
Cleary's 3336	6.0 oz.	4	\$37,000
Daconil Ultrex	3.7 oz.	6	\$16,000
Banner MAXX	2.0 oz.	4	\$20,000

This data was developed for protection against gray leaf spot for an 8-week period from late July through late September, covering 30 acres of fairway turf, using current chemical pricing in Lexington, Ky. The cost of application labor is not included (but could be significant, given the difference between a 2- and 6-application treatment regimen).

Although Cleary's 3336 is now labeled for gray leaf spot, the cost of control using this product may be limiting.

Implications for the industry

Perennial ryegrass is the most widely planted turfgrass in the United States, and for good reason. It is, by and large, easily germinated, wear and herbicide tolerant, an attractive green color even while dormant due to drought, recently endophyte-enhanced for insect resistance, and very playable for the average golfer. However, it's Achilles heel has been disease susceptibility, historically with *Pythium* sp., and now with gray leaf spot as well. Those are two formidable problems. Coupled with the ice damage and associated winterkill seen in many areas during the '90s, the future of perennial ryegrass as monostands on golf course tees, fairways and roughs is in jeopardy.

Until some degree of GLS resistance can be bred into new perennial ryegrass cultivars, superintendents will have to find new ways to manage their ryegrass turf. GLS is an expensive disease to control, and for many courses chemical

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control of GLS on fairways will be out of reach. However, a preventative fungicidal program may be less expensive in the long run than reseeding damaged turf, protecting the new seeding from secondary GLS infection, loss of revenue, and tarnished public perception. As an aggressive damping-off agent, GLS can force delayed reseeding to the point where fairways cannot be properly restored before the onset of winter. And this doesn't even bring ryegrass roughs into the equation.

Some superintendents are interseeding Kentucky bluegrass, fine fescues and/or tall fescues into their roughs to introduce some genetic diversity. Each, unfortunately, has its own set of problems. Tall fescues can be a GLS host, although GLS hasn't been seen on tall fescue in the field north

of North Carolina. Many fine-leaved fescues won't be able to withstand the climatic stresses and mechanical damage from mowers and golf carts common in rough areas. Kentucky bluegrass requires more fertility, water and insect control, and also is susceptible to summer patch, which brings us back to the reasons perennial ryegrass is so widely used today. In the interim, some clubs in high GLS-risk areas with predominant populations of ryegrass in their roughs may have no choice but to spray from treeline to treeline until a better option is found.

The conversion of fairways from ryegrass to bentgrass has been ongoing in many areas over the past few years, with GLS just another reason to pursue that avenue. The trend with most new golf construction is toward bentgrass fairways, as well.

One of the most important management tactics right now is to communicate the

potential severity of this problem to green committees, club boards, and owners. Education, advance warning, and budget contingency provisions are far better than surprises and panic. The USGA featured a full page article on GLS in the March/April *Golf Journal*, a good example of the education that will be required for superintendents to survive GLS with employment intact.

(The Newsletter wishes to apologize to Peter McCormick for incorrectly crediting this article in last month's issue. We also wish to give him great thanks for allowing us the special permission to reprint this article from the April 1999 issue of TurfNet. For more information on Gray Leaf Spot or TurfNet, Peter may be reached at (800) 314-7929 or e-mail: bigmac@turfnet.com. Also, be sure to visit turfnet.com the next time you are surfing the web.)

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

MEMBERSHIP

Welcome New Members: Steve Thys, Superintendent, Worcester C.C.; Clifford Bicchieri, Assistant, Sterling C.C.; Neil Hanrahan, Assistant, Pine Ridge C.C.; and Daniel Pierce, Assistant, Maynard C.C.

Proposed for Membership: Kevin Taylor, Affiliate, Bruedan Corporation.

INFORMATION

Special thanks are extended to Don and Matt Marrone for hosting the Scholarship and Benevolence tournament at Wachusett C.C. The golf course was in terrific shape and the dinner afterward was excellent.

Speaking of the S&B tournament, this year the tournament raised approximately \$14,000. Thanks to all who helped organize the event and all those who donated items.

Thanks to the following people at Hickory Hill G.C. for hosting the June meeting: Eric Brox, Tony DeBettencourt, and Peter Brox. The course was in terrific shape and a great time was had by all.

The URI Turf Field Day will be held on Aug. 18, 1999 in Kingston, R.I. For more information, contact Dr. Bridget Rummele at (401) 874-2481.

Dr. Gail Schumann has recently returned from sabbatical and is now able to accept samples for the diagnostic lab.

Dr. Schumann, Dr. Vittum, and others will be providing weekly updates on the UMass web site. To view these updated weekly bulletins, check www.umass.edu/umext/turf.

Please be aware that the August 9 meeting at Poquoy Brook G.C. will serve as a qualifier for the New England Championship. More information will follow.

Mike Hermanson is still booking dates for 2000 and 2001 meeting sites. If you are interested in hosting a meeting, please contact Mike at (978) 632-2713.

The association needs a player and fundraisers for the upcoming Ouimet Marathon on August 11 at Stow Acres. If you are interested in playing or raising funds, please contact Dick Duggan at (508) 869-9900, ext. 22.

TOURNAMENT RESULTS

Team of Two Championship
June 14, 1999, Hickory Hill G.C., Methuen, Mass.

Superintendent Division
1st Gross: Arthur Miller, Jack Hassett (73)
1st Net: Ed Uhlman, Leroy Allen (62)
2nd Net: Dick Zepp, Jim Beane (63)

Affiliate Division
1st Gross: Joe Lazaro, Kevin Taylor (77)
1st Net: Ron Smith, P. Hess (66)
2nd Net: Chris Cowan, Jack Cronin (69)

Closest to the Pin - #13: Andy Langlois
Closest to the Pin - #17: Ed Uhlman

POSITION OPENINGS

2nd Assistant Superintendent. The Highland Country Club is seeking an applicant to fill a full-time year-round position. Send resume to: Highland Country Club, c/o Chris Bengston, 104 Mechanic Street, P. O. Box 1360, Attleboro, MA 02703; or fax to (508) 222-7335.

Assistant Superintendent. Furnace Brook Golf Club is a 9-hole semi-private course with approximately 250 regular members. Applicants should have three years of experience working on a golf course. A turf management degree or certificate is preferred but not required. Applicants must be able to obtain a Massachusetts pesticide applicator's license. Salary includes vacation time, medical, and golf privileges. Send resume to: Jeff Houde, Superintendent, Furnace Brook Golf Club, 74 Summit Ave., Quincy, MA 02170.

Superintendent. The Thomson Country Club is an 18-hole private member-owned facility with approximately 500 members. Some 30,000 rounds are played annually. Applicants must have a Mass. pesticide applicator's license. A two-year turf degree is preferred. The individual will assist in budgeting; manage day-to-day operations; and will report to the board of directors. Compensation is commensurate with experience, and includes 50% medical insurance, 401(k) program, and other benefits. Include salary requirements. Send resume by July 31 to: Arthur Regan, Thomson Country Club, 20 Elm Street, North Reading, MA 01864. (No phone calls.)

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Meet host superintendent Bob Matthews, Marshfield C.C.

Bob Matthews, CGCS, resides in Marshfield, Mass. with his wife Robin and two sons, Eric, 18 and Sean, 15. He is employed at the Marshfield Country Club as the Certified Golf Course Superintendent, and has been a superintendent for 25 years.

He has lived in Marshfield for 11 years. His childhood years were spent on the North Shore of Massachusetts. He

graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture, University of Mass., Amherst in 1973. He became a golf course superintendent immediately out of school at Huntington Golf and Tee. He has also spent years at Fox Run C.C. on Long Island, N.Y. (childhood home of Robin) and Deal Golf Course in Deal, N.J.

Bob currently serves as Secretary and Chapter Delegate for the Golf Course Managers Association of Cape Cod. He has served the GCSANE in the past on the education committee.

He and his sons keep busy playing golf, sailing, and skiing. They are also active in scouting. Bob formed Cub Scout

Pack 97 and served as Cubmaster for seven years. He is now serving as Scoutmaster of Boy Scout Troop 101, where Eric earned his Eagle rank, and Sean is a Patrol Leader.

Robin is a busy mother, as well as driving the senior citizens van for the Marshfield Council on Aging and assisting as a member of the Troop 101 committee.

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