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Wisdom of many superintendent mentors helps Casey on the way to Willowbend

It took five years for Mark Casey to go from aimless to direct hit.

Aimless describes his four years of floating like a butterfly, stinging like a fruit fly. In other words, Mark spent four years at Boston College but his major, sociology, didn't do much, to turn on his ambition. So, he said good-bye to that projected confined life and headed for the outdoors. This translated into life as a golf course superintendent as he scored a direct hit on landing the head superintendent job at Willowbend.

Sounds like a rags to riches story, which it is. After all, Casey really didn't know what his life's work would be until he realized that testing the waters at the Mt. Hood Golf Course while a Melrose High School student was the awakening of a golf course superintendent in waiting.

"I got started playing at age 13 by caddying once for my brother," Mark told of his introduction to the game. "Summer days spent on the links playing up to 36

holes a day lead into full time summer employment for BC Flynn's Golf Course Management Company. They offered me a job running carts in the morning and evenings. At sixteen I was working on the maintenance crew. Spending summers on the golf course as a high school student got into my blood. However, family tradition headed me to BC and I fought through the next four years in the sociology field."

After graduation Mark knew his future was vested in golf. He signed up for the two-year course at Stockbridge School, raced through the paces there, and cast his aspirations upon the superintendents' apprentice waters.

Mark admits that everything fell into place after finishing Boston College. "I had high aspirations to excel in the profession," he said. His first stop on the way to that goal was the Ferncroft Country Club where Paul Johnson calls the shots.

"Working at Ferncroft and for Paul Johnson gave me a chance to develop my work ethics in the profession," Mark said "Working under Paul was a real education in itself. He taught me the meaning of the word commitment. It was nothing for me to work three straight weeks without a day off."

"Those two years of total commitment proved to be the basis for my determination to move along and get my career in an upbeat mode. That came when I left Ferncroft and joined Bob Hobbs at the Haverhill Country Club."

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**Mark Casey
Willowbend**

The Haverhill stay was a short one. Casey explained that he went back to basics there, concentrating on turf agronomy and putting another impressive notation on his resume. Casey spent only one year at Haverhill, but he used the advice of a former superintendent and successful salesman, Jack Cronin, to quicken his steps to the top.

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advantage of feeding off a lot of different professional approaches.”

Thus, with that mentality in place, Mark accepted an offer to become an assistant superintendent at the Winchester Country Club under the direction of a solid GCSANE citizen, Dan Higgins. “My two years with Dan at Winchester proved to be a kind of post-graduate course for me in the profession,” Mark said, “Dan was the perfect person to learn from and Winchester is a great course from which to launch a career.”

“Dan was willing to give me as much responsibility as I could manage without faltering. I absorbed everything. I was hungry to become someone in Dan’s mold, so I took every bit of help he offered through the two seasons. He had me involved in IPM and Audubon programs and allowed me to schedule the crew and manage the chemical application program. Dan showed me how to manage people and to delegate authority. I hope for his sake he fulfills his dream of becoming a rock-and-roll star.”

The Willowbend position opened up when Chris Tufts left to take over the top post at the Pleasant Valley Country Club. Casey had to convince Willowbend owner Paul Fireman (who said, “No pressure, Mark, just make it perfect.”) and director of golf Bob St. Thomas that he was ready for a giant step in his career, and he came through with flying colors.

The appointment was announced in April, and Casey’s been riding the high road at Willowbend ever since. In that span, between spring and late summer, he’s been on a merry-go-round of excitement and pressure.

Mark had 12 weeks to prepare for a posh pro-am tourney, featuring the likes of Greg Norman and Fuzzy Zoeller, and all coming under the strain of preparing the course in drought conditions.

“I was a little jumpy at first,” Mark admitted. “But I relied on an outstanding crew that had experience preparing for the event. They had set up and broken down miles of rope, fence, and tents for the previous five years. They have done a great job for me all year. The tournament was a success, raising approximately \$60,000 for charity. I also had wonderful support from my wife, Laura, who was thrust into a pressure situation bringing

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up our daughter, Alyssa, while awaiting the arrival of another addition to the Casey family.”

On top of all this, Mark has caught on as a volunteer on-course worker for the Ryder Cup matches at The Country Club. All of this, too, in five short years. An instant success story? Hmmm. You just read it.

GERRY FINN

Calendar

- September 28 **GCSANE Monthly Meeting**
Presidents Golf Course
Quincy, Mass.
Supt. - Jim Fitzroy, CGCS
- 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.
- December 3 **75th Anniversary Gala**
Blue Hills Country Club
Canton, Mass.

The Super Speaks Out

This month's question: Is there stress connected with your job, and if so, how do you handle it?

Brian Linehan, Heritage Hill Country Club: "Being a golf course superintendent is definitely a stress situation. Lots of pressure and demands that seem to increase every year. In fact, the job would be a source of stress even without those demands because I think we are inclined to be our own worst critics. So, in many instances we bring stress on ourselves.

"I'm like a lot of other superintendents, a perfectionist. I guess that adds to the pressure I feel. I think I want my golf course to be in better shape than even the players do. Therefore, I feel I'm under the gun all the time.

"It's probably a little tougher on me to release that pressure, stick pins in the stress because I live on the golf course. That means when I go home, I go home to the golf course. Trying to get it, the surroundings, out of mind isn't easy.

"There are a number of ways I handle the stress and try to neutralize it. One of my favorite relief activities is to take my dog, Guinness, for a walk. You'd be surprised how much something like that can relax you. I look forward to those walks because my dog really turns my thinking away from my everyday chores and problems.

"Because living on the course makes my overall life more confining than if I lived away from it, that's just what I do. I get away from the course by going out to dinner, to the movies, or taking part in some other form of entertainment. In fact, one of the activities that really helps clear my mind is working out in the gym. That actually is a double-edged aid for me because it's a plus both physically and mentally.

"Oh, one other relaxing activity for me is to keep in touch with other superintendents. I like to discuss mutual problems with them. That way it's sort of a team feeling in an attempt to reduce stress.

"I think all these things work because I'm still happy with my job and anxious to keep the course in the best condition I can."

Steve Cronin, Pinecrest Golf Club: "This is my fifth year as a head superintendent, and I can say without hesitation that it's the most stressful I've ever experienced. The weather has been the trigger for this. Having to operate under drought conditions with a manual irrigation system isn't exactly the road to fun, games, and relaxation.

"Because of these circumstances, this has been a season when I've had to keep my attention riveted to the course seven days and nights a week. Trying to hold off the effects of extremely dry conditions with what amounts to antiquated equipment has pushed my stress button and held it down there.

"There's another distraction to my everyday problems that is part of this year's stress buildup. A mosquito control project, conducted by the state, is being conducted on our course. In the end, it's going to help because they're digging out an old pond and the water will help when we get our automatic irrigation system in place. That's half-complete, so there's a light at the end of the tunnel.

"However, there's still this year to cope with and I do whatever I can to get my mind off what's going on here.

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**Steve Curry
Berkshire Hills C. C.**

"One of my helping activities is mountain biking. I do a lot of that when I can get away from the course. It's really good for the body and good for the mind. It's a release thing and it works when I'm trying to push all my job problems to the back burner.

"The one big weapon I have in trying to keep stress from overwhelming my life is the future or the things I have working for me down the road. First of all, there's the new automatic irrigation system. Just the thought of having that to rely on is a huge relief. Also on the agenda here is a new maintenance building and a new clubhouse. Projecting working conditions with these welcomed additions on hand keeps me going the 100 percent I always put into my job. I know that eventually my stress will be under control."

Steve Curry, Berkshire Hills Country Club: "There's no other way to describe my place on the stress scale. Because of a lot of ice damage from the typical Berkshire winter and the dry season that followed, the stress meter here is jumping through the ceiling. In a word, it's been a golf season when it's been as stressful as it ever gets.

"Just to add to the normal flow of pressure, I've changed my maintenance approach which means I have to re-educate my crew as well as the players. This is something that would require much more time and space to explain. Regardless, the modification means everyone has to adjust - course workers and course players. That's a cue for stress to increase.

"Getting through these periods of stress requires some doing. One of the relaxing activities for me is playing golf. I'm able to play with my board members on occasion and it helps. It gets everybody involved in problems they may not realize until they see them for themselves.

"Getaway time is another stress fighter. I use this by taking two directions. One is available in the off-season because I'm an avid hunter. The other is my favorite, just taking my five-year-old daughter out for the day and having one-on-one fun time.

"Stress comes with the job, especially this one. Oh, yes, there's one other relief aid I use when all the other things fail. I just punch out the nearest wall. Funny, I never feel a thing."

GERRY FINN

Remember When?

Remember When?: A look at GCSANE's past

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

25 years ago

It was a championship month for sweet swingers of the association and the results found Phil Cassidy emerging as seniors champion, Brian Cowan coming out on top as super champion and net prizes going to Mark Taylor, Bruce Petrelli and Dave Barber.

Congratulations go out to Eric Brown, Ronald Hanson, Allen Deblasio and Michael Hermanson, voted in as associate members. Also, a special welcome to new honorary members Dr. Eliot Roberts and Dr. Richard Skogley.

15 years ago

One of the patriarchs of the profession has decided to dust off the old rocking chair and try his hand at doing nothing.

"In other words, I've decided to retire," cracked Narry Sperandio who has walked the golf course superintendent's tightrope without a slip for 50 years, the last 40 as head super at the Concord Country Club.

To say that Sperandio is a legend goes with the program. When he first applied for the job at Concord, Narry shocked the membership with salary demands

that seemed way out of line. Then he punctuated the scene by telling club officials they'd have to come to him with a job offer if they wanted him.

"I suppose you could call me the original rebel of our business," commented Narry, who recently celebrated his 71st birthday. "I guess I didn't mince my words. But there was another side to my approach. For the last 40 years at Concord I've been saying, yes, yes, yes to

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my bosses, then do what I wanted to do. I've always made my own decisions.

However, my relation with Concord and its members has been wonderful."

So wonderful, in fact, that at the time of his retirement the club is building a retirement home for Narry and his family. It's located behind the 11th green at Concord, so Narry can serve watch on his successor.

It just so happened that Sperandio and Concord were the hosts for the monthly meeting of the GCSANE. There, the monthly tournament was a blind draw during which the subject of their handicaps crowded other conservation from the 19th hole with all eyes and complaining mouths stuck on the net 59 turned in by the team of Ron Kirkman and Dick Duggan.

5 years ago

The association lost one of its popular members when Mike Legere pulled stakes to accept the head superintendent's job at the Holly Hills Country Club in Ijamsville, Maryland. The club is noted for some of its more renowned players, especially President Bill Clinton, who uses Holly Hills as a birdie and bogey stop.

GERRY FINN

UMass News

UMass Winter School for Turf Managers accepting applications for 7-week course

The University of Massachusetts Winter School for Turf Managers is now accepting applications. This seven-week course is designed to furnish students with the concepts essential to maintaining high quality turfgrass.

The deadline for applications is October 1, 1999. Classes run from January 3 through February 18, 2000.

UMass Winter School for Turf Managers is intended especially for the professional who wants to expand his skills and advance in his chosen career but cannot schedule a two or four year program. Winter School is most

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appropriate for those professionals associated with the management of golf courses, athletic fields, parks, industrial, municipal and private grounds, fine lawns, and other fine quality turf situations.

Enrollment is limited. A high school diploma is required. This course has been approved for pesticide applicator contact hours in the New England states. Most

other states accept this approval toward their own applicator licensing and certification programs.

For a brochure describing the UMass Winter School for Turf Managers, and for an application, contact: Trudie Goodchild, Division of Continuing Education, Winter School for Turf Managers, University of Massachusetts, Box 31650, Amherst, MA 01003-1650; tel. (413) 545-2484 or e-mail goodchild@admin.umass.edu. You may also visit the UMass Turf Program web page at www.umass.edu/umext/turf. For curriculum questions, call Mary Owen, UMass Extension, at (508) 892-0382.

UMass News

Stockbridge turfgrass curriculum revisions include Cooperative Work Training program

By Dr. Gail L. Schumann
and Dr. Scott Ebdon

Over the past year, the faculty who teach in the Stockbridge Turf Management Program have worked closely with the UMass Turfgrass Program Advisory Board, additional professional turfgrass managers, and Stockbridge Director Nancy Garrabrants to revise and improve the curriculum. These changes go into effect with the incoming class of students in September 1999.

One of the most significant changes was to shorten the Cooperative Work Training to allow more classroom time. We hope increased classwork will improve academic preparation of turf students to meet the higher demands of today's working environment and will offset disadvantages of less time as a summer intern. Luckily, most Stockbridge turf students come to the program with considerable work experience. Those who work on golf courses also will probably have supervision by a superintendent for several years following Cooperative Work Training.

The turf faculty are working together to supervise the Cooperative Work Training assignments. We would like to receive position listings by November 15 so students can make requests known to the faculty before the end of the fall semester. We strongly recommend that they do their Cooperative Work Training at a location different from where they previously worked, so they can observe a different management approach. The faculty will meet during winter semester break to make assignments, which will be made known to students when they return to school at the end of January. Students will then contact their assigned supervisor to determine if they will be accepted. If the assignment is not acceptable to all parties, students will return to the turf faculty for re-assignment.

Position descriptions should be sent to the Stockbridge School office, where they will be placed in a notebook for students. For \$15 you may also have your listing posted on the Stockbridge School website (www.umass.edu/stockbridge).

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One of the biggest changes will be the starting date. Students can begin training following the end of classes. Classes end Thursday, May 11, so students could start working on Monday, May 15. All of us who participated in the curriculum revision considered problems and inconveniences for both students and employers before we established these changes. We feel strongly that benefits outweigh disadvantages.

We will monitor effects of the changes and modify the program as needed. In the meantime, we welcome comments and suggestions on both academic and Cooperative Work Training changes, and look forward to working with all of you to continue to improve the Stockbridge Turf Management Program. The program would not be possible without your valuable instruction and supervision of our student

interns. We send our appreciation to all of you who accommodate these students in your workplace and help prepare them for their future professional careers.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact one of the following: Dr. Gail Schumann, (413) 545-3413; Dr. Scott Ebdon, (413) 545-2506; Ms. Nancy Garrabrants, Director, Stockbridge School, (413) 545-2222.

Recommended information for Cooperative Work Training positions:

- Company name, address, phone, fax, e-mail address, website address
- Contact person
- Number of holes, public /private
- Job description and responsibilities
- Special opportunities such as construction or design projects
- Requirements/Qualifications
- Wage/Salary/Benefits (e.g. housing)
- Application requirements (resume, cover letter, etc.)
- Application deadline

Mail by November 15 to: Stockbridge School of Agriculture, Stockbridge Hall Rm. 115, University of Massachusetts at Amherst, Amherst, MA 01003. Or visit the Stockbridge website at www.umass.edu/stockbridge/jobs.

GCSAA NEWS

GCSAA New England seminars 1999-2000

The following GCSAA seminars will be coming to New England soon:

10/25/99 - *Wildlife Management & Habitat Conservation*, Manchester, N.H.

10/26/99 - *Physical Problems of Turfgrass Soils: Identification & Correction*, Brewster, Mass.

11/16/99 - *Human Resource Management*, Bolton, Mass.

11/17/99 - *Budgeting & Forecasting*, Bolton, Mass.

12/1/99 - *Bentgrass Summer Stress Management for Cool/Humid Regions*, Berlin, Conn.

12/2/99 - *Problems and Solutions: Using Annuals & Perennials in the Golfscape*, Berlin, Conn.

1/18/00 - *Evaluating Your Golf Course Irrigation System*, Rockport, Maine

3/6/00 - *Managing Turfgrass Root Systems*, Providence, R.I.

3/6/00 - *Management of Localized Dry Spots & Water Repellent Soils*, Providence, R.I.

3/15/00 - *Bentgrass Management & Rootzone Maintenance*, Manchester, Vt.

GCSAA News

GCSAA seeks volunteers for committee service

The GCSAA is looking for volunteers to join a GCSAA committee. If you're interested, please submit the volunteer interest form by October 1. The GCSAA will request evaluation information from your local association president. Then the GCSAA will review the information and make appointments by early April.

Responsibilities include:

- Preparing for or participating in one committee meeting and/or one or more conference calls. Meetings are one to two days and usually held at GCSAA headquarters. The GCSAA pays travel expenses.
- Responding to phone, fax, and/or E-mail requests for information and

feedback throughout the committee year.

- Communicating ideas and issues to the committee chairman and staff liaison.

If you are selected for a GCSAA committee, the rewards for your involvement include:

- Networking with other GCSAA leaders from around the country.
- Knowing that you are contributing to the value and quality of membership in GCSAA.
- Honing your communication, planning and analytical skills to enhance your own career.

You can volunteer by submitting the online volunteer interest form in the committee directory section of GCSAA's web site at www.gcsaa.org. You can also obtain a form by contacting GCSAA's service center at mbrhelp@gcsaa.org or by phone at (800) 472-7878.

If you're interested in committee service for next year, all you need to do is submit the volunteer interest form by October 1.

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

MEMBERSHIP

Welcome New Members: Thomas Barnes, Superintendent, Acushnet Valley G.C.; Matthew Barrett, Assistant, Acushnet Valley G.C.; Ted Zubiell, Assistant, Rolling Green G.C.; Stephen Brochu, Assistant, Middleton G.C.; Timothy Strano, Superintendent, Concord C.C.; Petrie Anton, Assistant, Newton Commonwealth G.C.; Greeno, Friend.

Proposed For Membership: Andy Langlois, Affiliate, P.I.E. Supply Co.; Paul Rothwell, Superintendent, Port Royal G.C.; John Dryjowicz, Superintendent, Westover G.C.

INFORMATION

Whoever left two golf clubs behind at the 75th Anniversary Tournament in Marshfield should call Bob Matthews at (781) 837-3047 to claim them.

The GCSANE has awarded two scholarships from money raised at the Scholarship and Benevolence Tournament held this past May. The Thomas Schofield Award went to Eric Matthews, son of Bob Matthews. Eric is a first year student at Brandeis University. The second scholarship went to Hayley Ann Barber, daughter of Dave Barber. Hayley is attending Fitchburg State College. Congratulations to both.

On November 3, 1999, the New Hampshire GCSA will host the USGA Green Section. This educational event will take place at the Executive Court in Manchester, N.H. The NHGCSA invites all golf course superintendents, green committee chairpersons, owners, and club officials to attend. Registration, coffee, and danish are from 8-8:45 a.m. USGA education is 9 a.m.-12 noon. Proper dress requested. The price of this event is \$45. Checks can be made out to NHGCSA and sent to 80 Nashua Road, #C3, Box 15, Londonderry, NH 03053. Directions: Route 93 north to exit 5 to route 28 north.

Please note that the November 16 and 17 GCSAA conferences have been moved to the Framingham Sheraton Hotel. The dates have not changed.

The "Nor'easter" Hospitality Room will be held on Thursday, February 17 from 6-8 p.m. at the New Orleans Marriott. Please be sure to attend.

Congratulations to Bill Affinito on recently accepting the head superintendent position at the Miacomet Golf Club.

Dave and Kathy Comee recently celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary. Here's to 25 more. Congratulations Dave and Kathy.

Speaking of weddings, I am very pleased to announce that on September 11 I took the lovely Raina Brickley as my wife.

SEMINARS

UMass Extension is sponsoring two pesticide recertification training workshops: Pesticide Storage, Transportation, Disposal & Collection, and Current National Issues Relating to Pesticides. For more information contact UMass Extension at (413) 545-1044.

ITEMS FOR SALE

Dan Higgins is having his annual fall house cleaning. He has the following items available at rock-bottom prices:

1997 Toro 216 mower w/ 5-bladed reels and 3-wheel drive, \$9000

2 Terra 320 Aerifiers w/ hydraulic hook to tractor, \$1000 each; Rogers Slice Seeder, \$1500

Toro Sand Plow Blade, \$250

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Call Dan Higgins or Steve Hunt at (781) 729-3809 for further information.

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Our host for the September meeting of the GCSANE is Jim Fitzroy of Presidents Golf Course in Quincy, Mass.

Jim graduated from Stockbridge School of Agriculture with a degree in turfgrass management, and from there went on to the University of Massachusetts, graduating in 1970 with a B.S. in park administration and a minor in plant and soil science. He was a recipient of the Lawrence Dickinson Award (as it was known then) in 1968.

After graduation, Jim went to work at the Cazenovia (N.Y.) Country Club, followed by a short stint at Pleasant Valley Country Club. In 1979 he went to work at Presidents and he has been grooming the turf there ever since. In addition, Jim became a Certified Golf Course Superintendent the following year.

Jim has served the GCSANE since 1991. He began as the Golf Chairman, moved to Trustee in 1994, and to Finance Chairman in 1995. The following year he became Secretary and still holds that position. In addition, he serves on the GCSAA Ambassador Speakers Program and the GCSAA Certification Committee.

When not working, Jim enjoys playing golf and officiating basketball. He is an accomplished referee, having pulled on the zebra stripes since 1981.

Jim also enjoys spending time with his three children. Timothy, 26, is an architect; Kathryn, 22, is currently a senior at Mass. College of Liberal Arts; and Peter, 14, is starting his freshman year at Franklin High School.

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