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## Profession has never been in better shape, says new GCSANE president Bob Ruzsala

Bob Ruzsala jumps into his new, hands-on position as president of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of New England waving a proven and popular maxim like it was the Bill of Rights. To wit, "If it ain't broke, don't fix it."

"Why not?" Ruzsala breezed through his first interview as head man of the local sod solution society. "We have a good program going now, so why talk about big changes when we don't need them? I had an outstanding predecessor, the same efficient and compatible board is returning and our profession has never been in better shape."

Or hands, as Ruzsala referred to the stewardship provided by outgoing president Kevin Osgood.

"I've got big shoes to fill," Bob explained. "Not too many people realize how many hours Kevin put into this job the last two years. He really set a high tone for me to emulate. His dedication to the lofty responsibility that comes with being president was amazing. He went about things in his own quiet way and got them done without fanfare. I only hope I can look back at my days as president the way he can. And those board meetings. I'm looking forward to the challenges of those. Regardless, Kevin set high standards for me to match."

"But that's the pattern set by all of our presidents. We've had a succession of true leaders. I think as you move up the ladder on the way to more responsibility and authority you acquire a sense of duty to the job and the members you're serving. That's the way I'm approaching my

tenure as president and it's why I'm full of enthusiasm and energy to do the job. I guess the feeling to carry on as your predecessor did rubs off on you."

Ruzsala could be a natural as the first GCSANE president from the western end of Massachusetts since Longmeadow's Leon St. Pierre 30 years ago. He's a natural because the golf course superintendents' profession came as second

Garry St. Jean at Chicopee High School. St. Jean's name should connect to those trolling the NBA waters. He was the coach of the Sacramento Kings for several years before moving on to his present post as general manager of the Golden State Warriors.

Mention of St. Jean is important in the life of Bob Ruzsala because of the

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**Hickory Ridge C.C.; President, GCSANE**

nature to him once he escaped his grandmother's garden for bigger and better things.

"That's right," Bob interjected. "When I was five or six years old, my grandmother gave me a small portion of her acre garden and I leaped right into growing things. That could have been my introduction to the superintendent business. I don't know, but I never thought of doing anything else once I graduated from high school."

High school for Bob was something special, too. He played basketball under

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influence generated by his coach's on and off-court teaching methods. "I learned my lessons in ethics and morals from Garry," Ruzala said. "Oh, he was an excellent coach. We had championship teams at Chicopee. But there were more than wins and losses with Garry. We went with discipline and the team concept. It was the St. Jean doctrine. I've molded my professional and home life after it and so far I have no complaints with his theories."

Ruzala took his first steps in the profession when he served his apprenticeship under another work ethic booster, Ed Majka, at the Springfield Country Club. After one year there Bob moved on to the head superintendent's job at Holyoke Country Club. That was 1976. He spent seven years there and then got the call from his present place of turf control, Hickory Ridge Country Club.

Bob is in his 16th year at Hickory Ridge, so he's demonstrated staying power in an otherwise changing world environment. There have been four different golf professionals and five food managers since he arrived on the scene. Therefore, Hickory membership and ownership have to be pleased with the way Bob handles his responsibilities.

"I have a good owner and good members," Ruzala remarked. "They're behind me one hundred percent in my association involvement. They realize I'll need extra time away from the course to do the kind of job they're always expecting of me. My family shares that reaction. I have a lot of support here and I know our membership will follow suit."

Speaking of family, Ruzala is blessed with loved ones right out of a television scriptwriter's fondest dreams. His wife, Denise, is a schoolteacher who once was administrative secretary for the Massachusetts Turf Conference and a two-year bookkeeper for the GCSANE. Son Paul, 16, is a junior at Holyoke Catholic High School. Daughter Jaclyn, 14, made it two for two for the family on the political front by winning a hotly contested election for presidency of her freshman class.

Ruzala's low key vision of his reign doesn't mean he's about to sit back and rest of Kevin Osgood's laurels. He has some ideas for making the GCSANE stronger within and outside its natural boundaries.

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In other words, the new GCSANE prexy isn't about to initiate change just for change's sake. He wants to put as many "o's" in the smooth operation of the association as he can. He just isn't doing any fixing unless fixing's needed. Makes sense, doesn't it?

**GERRY FINN**

## CALENDAR . . .

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| Feb. 8     | <b>UMass Job Fair</b><br>University of Massachusetts<br>Amherst, Mass.  |
| Feb. 14-20 | <b>GCSAA 71st International Golf Course Conference &amp; Show</b><br>New Orleans, La.                                       |
| Feb. 23    | <b>GCSANE Monthly Meeting</b><br>Salem Country Club<br>Peabody, Mass.<br>Supt. - Kip Tyler, CGCS                            |
| March 6-9  | <b>New England Regional Turfgrass Conference &amp; Show</b><br>Providence, R.I.   |
| March 28   | <b>GCSANE Monthly Meeting</b><br>USGA Seminar<br>The International Golf Club<br>Bolton, Mass.<br>Supt. - Ron Milenski, CGCS |



# Camaraderie of members & friends marks GCSANE's 75th Anniversary Gala

In the aftermath of last year's favorite sport, selecting and assembling best-of-the-century individuals and teams, we offer one of our own: Team New England, the compelling force behind the staging of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of New England's 75th birthday celebration at the Blue Hill Country Club.

The party's laughter and its success would have been only a glimmer of hope had it not been for the dedication and deliverance of the 75th Anniversary Committee, headed by chairman Bob Healey.

What began as a highly concerted effort evolved into outright obsession for Healey and his team. That charged up group included Dave Devin, Don Hearn, Mike Iacono, Patty Knaggs, Dean Robertson, Kip Tyler, and Palmer Whitney. No, you don't have to hold your applause. Let's hear it for them.

Everything about the gala affair came with built-in satisfaction. Even the weather, calm by any measure for a December 3rd evening, to the last dance, stepped off to the pleasing sounds of Rene Rancourt and his Society Swells Orchestra, exceeded hopes and expectations. Mostly the event epitomized the camaraderie that exists among GCSANE members and friends, from the past to the present. It was, it seemed, the highlight of everyone's night.

Not surprisingly, the ballroom and lounge were dotted with many retirees and life members. Some had not seen one another for more years than they were willing to confess. But that lapse was forgotten once the "remember when's" started to gather speed.

Bob Grant, a torchbearer of sorts since he was one of the first of the breed to make the transformation from superintendent to general manager at the Brae Burn Country Club, spied an old friend and the story-swapping got underway. Tom Curran, former superintendent of The Country Club and GCSANE president in 1974-75, was a sidekick of Grant back in those association growing-

up days. In fact, Curran succeeded Grant as its prexy.

Bob recalled the great strides taken in those days in the streamlining of the association Newsletter. He was among a group of public relations-minded members (Leon St. Pierre, Dean Robertson and Dick Blake) who believed the profession needed a voice to sell its accomplishments and standing to the golfing community. "And that's just what the Newsletter did," Grant offered. "We needed recognition to get on the professional rolls and that's how we did it."

Joining in that revisit to a vital part of GCSANE's past were the always-affable Mucciarone twins, Norm and Bob. They nodded in agreement over the fact that a good deal of the 50s, 60s, and 70s was devoted to reviewing and reshaping the public's image of the golf course superintendent, to the point that today the position commands a place at the top of the administrative ladder in golf and country club operations.

Then, too, the Mucciarones added to the moment by continuing to baffle even occasional friends with their identities.

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**Dave Clement**

Was it Bob or Norm who said we shouldn't wait until the 100th birthday for another celebration of this kind? Hmmm? Some of us will never know.

Another interesting meeting of turf minds brought the persons back to the present when Bert Frederick and Dave

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Clement played games about the good old days when they broke into the profession together. "We were just squirts in the business," Clement joked. "Now, here we are almost at the stage where we'll be put out to pasture. The times certainly have flown, but they have been good times because of the relationships formed in the association. So, don't even ask what I would do if I had my life to live over again."

The night's highlights had one of its own when the venerable and irresistible Phil Cassidy was honored as the official cutter of the GCSANE 75th birthday cake and its representative as one of its earliest members.

Cassidy is one of mankind's gems. He celebrates his 94th birthday next month and still retains a mindset almost equal to the time in his life when he was an association caretaker (during Work War II) and its leader as president in 1948-49. Phil's memory never slipped or flinched as he recalled the critical years of that war in respect to the profession. Someone had to hold it together as its ranks dwindled because of service obligations. Phil saw to it that his glue held things in place.

So, the GCSANE 75th birthday came across as envisioned by Healey and his committee, as well as the 150 or so who came aboard. It was a blast, for all sides, for all generations. Not surprisingly, the golf course superintendents of New England know how to celebrate and say, "Happy birthday to us."

**GERRY FINN**

*(The Super Speaks Out will resume next month)*



# Scenes from the 75th Anniversary Gala Event December 3 at Blue Hill C.C., Canton, Mass.



Above, the assembled past presidents of the GCSANE gather around the 75th Anniversary commemorative cake. At right above, GCSANE President Kevin Osgood introduces members of the 75th Anniversary Committee.



## Many thanks from the 75th Anniversary Committee . . .

The Golf Course Superintendents Association of New England and the 75th Anniversary Committee would like to express our gratitude to the following affiliates that made donations to the 75th Anniversary Gala:

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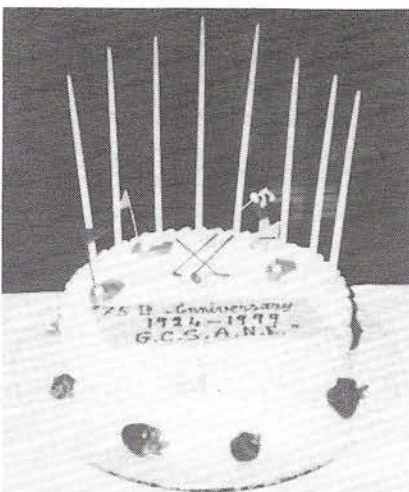
It is due to the generosity of these companies that the 75th Anniversary Gala was able to be the success it was. Thanks again!



GCSANE President Kevin Osgood presents a plaque to 70-year member Phil Cassidy.



GCSANE President Kevin Osgood receives a plaque from the GCSAA. The presentation was made by Gary Grigg.



"The cake!"

## . . . and an unpleasant observation . . .

Recently, the 75th Anniversary Committee sent invitations to 600 people to the 75th Gala Event at Blue Hill Country Club. The requested RSVPs included self-addressed, stamped envelopes. Regretfully 80%, or 480 people, lacked the basic social graces and skills to place a check mark, lick an envelope, and place the RSVP in the mail.

The committee found the response appalling and these members should look in the mirror, not only at the lack of involvement, but the lack of basic civility.

**75th Anniversary Committee**



# Mass. Pesticide Exam schedule for 2000

The following is the Massachusetts Pesticide Exam schedule for the year 2000 at the Cape Cod, Springfield, and Waltham locations.

## CAPE COD

### Cape Cod Community College

Rte. 132, 2249 Iyanough Road,  
West Barnstable, MA 02668

Exam Date (Snow Date)	Application Deadline
March 13 (March 14)	March 6
May 26 (No Snow Date)	May 19

(Snow date only if the Department-Pesticide Bureau reschedules exam due to inclement weather.)

## SPRINGFIELD

### Springfield Technical Community College

Bldg. 20-Cafeteria, One Armory Square  
Springfield, MA 01105

Exam Date (Snow Date)	Application Deadline
March 16 (March 17)	March 9
June 9 (No Snow Date)	June 2

(Snow date only if the Department-Pesticide Bureau reschedules exam due to inclement weather.)

## WALTHAM

### UMass Eastern Extension Center

240 Beaver Street, Waltham, MA 02154

Exam Date (Snow Date)	Application Deadline
January 21 (January 24)	January 4
February 11 (February 14)	February 4
February 25 (February 28)	February 18
March 3 (March 6)	February 25
March 10 (March 15)	March 3
March 24 (March 27)	March 20
March 31	
[April 5 (AM Class Rm/PM Aud)]	March 24
April 7 (AM Class Rm/PM Aud)	
[April 10 (AM Class Rm/PM Aud)]	March 31
April 18 (AM Class Rm/PM Aud)	
[April 19 (AM Class Rm/PM Aud)]	April 11
April 26 (No Snow Date)	April 19
May 11 (No Snow Date)	May 4
May 19 (No Snow Date)	May 12
June 2 (No Snow Date)	May 26
June 16 (No Snow Date)	June 9
July 14 (No Snow Date)	July 7
July 28 (No Snow Date)	July 21
August 11 (No Snow Date)	August 4
August 25 (No Snow Date)	August 18
September 15 (No Snow Date)	September 8
October 20 (October 23)	October 13
November 17 (November 20)	November 13
December 15 (December 18)	December 8

(Snow date only if the Department-Pesticide Bureau reschedules exam due to inclement weather)

## Exam Times

Private and Commercial Certification exams start promptly at 10:00 a.m.  
Commercial Applicator (core) exams and Dealer exams start promptly at 1 p.m.

## EXAM SCHEDULE

## Snow Times

Call 617-626-1841 for a pre-recorded message with exam dates, location, and cancellation information. In the event of bad weather, call after 6:30 a.m. the morning of scheduled exam and listen to the message. If the exam has been canceled, the message will inform you and indicate that you should report on the snow date.

## Remember When?: Taking a look back at GCSANE's past

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

### 15 years ago

Dr. Joseph Troll is at it again. At it again in the best interest of the golf course superintendent. His name will be added to the scholarship fund, which supports continuing education in turf-related subjects. From here on in, it will be called the Troll-Dickinson Fund. Originally, the endeavor honored the philosophical input of Dr. Lawrence Dickinson and it succeeded in the effort to encourage outstanding students to enter the turf field. "And stay there," Dr. Troll quipped.

Since its inception in 1968, the fund has awarded 35 scholarships. Thus, it has been an important link between higher education and the golf course superintendent profession. It also has been ongoing, but because of only one man, Dr. Troll.

"Hey, if it weren't for Joe Troll, who knows where the scholarship fund would be today?" GCSANE president Don Hearn remarked. "To be frank, he is the fund. He's its biggest booster and contributor. Having it named after him is something we should have done years ago."

As The Country Club gets ready to host the 1988 U.S. Open, Bill Spence is setting up shop as the storied course's new superintendent. Spence comes to TCC highly recommended after his latest stint at the Kansas City Country Club.

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How highly recommended, you ask? Well, there was a group of people sitting around the pro shop one day this fall when the phone rang. The caller asked if he could be connected with the green chairman because he wanted to recommend Spence. The caller? Someone named Tom Watson. Spence got the job. The move from Kansas City to Brookline will be sort of a homecoming for Spence. His wife is a Lexington native and Bill did his college study at UMass.

### 5 years ago

The Hyannisport Club is the first golf course in Massachusetts to achieve designation as "Certified Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary" by the Audubon Cooperative System, a program of the Audubon Society of New York and endorsed by the USGA.

The Hyannisport Club joined the program in 1992. The program provides information and guidance to golf courses to help them preserve and enhance wildlife habitat and protect natural resources.

"Certification comes with great pride for us at the Hyannis Club," stated golf course manager Charles Passios. "The Audubon Sanctuary System is a perfect program to promote awareness of golf's positive relationship with the natural ecology of the property and, most importantly, it is education for the public, management staffs and the students that participate in our specific programs."

**GERRY FINN**

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*Don Hearn, 1985*



# North Shore Hydroseeding completes fourth season

North Shore Hydroseeding, Inc. was established in 1995 and has just completed its fourth successful season. Much of its success is owed to the many superintendents who have given them the opportunity to perform hydroseeding and erosion control on numerous new and existing courses.

North Shore Hydroseeding is owned and operated by Brian King. Brian has a golf course construction background with Robert Trent Jones Intl. He first bought a small hydroseeder when he was superintendent of Mt. Hood G.C. in Melrose, Mass. The course was undergoing the first

phase of a renovation plan. "We needed a way to seed large, odd-shaped and severely sloped areas," Brian said. "Hydroseeding

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was the best solution. It also works very well for wildflower areas." North Shore Hydroseeding was soon formed and quickly expanded to two 1200+ gallon Finn hydroseeders.

"Golf course hydroseeding is a large part of our market," Brian explained. "We

work on many existing, mature courses, thus keeping our seeders in the mid-size range. This gives us the ability to travel on cartpaths and across fairways, while still being able to seed large areas efficiently. Larger machines, while fine for wide-open courses, do not give us the flexibility to perform in any location. We strive to do the best possible job, develop lasting relationships and support the golf course industry."

For more information on North Shore Hydroseeding, please contact Brian King at (978) 762-8737.

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

### MEMBERSHIP

**Welcome New Members:** Paul Hallock, Turf Products Corp., Affiliate.

**Proposed For Membership:** Kevin Corvino, Norfolk G.C., Assistant.

### INFORMATION

**Thank you to Len Curtin** and the staff of Lexington Golf Club for hosting the December meeting. Thanks also to Dave Ravel of Novartis who spoke on the Food Quality Protection Act.

**If anyone has recently changed** his or her job, address, phone number, etc., please contact Sharon Brownell at the GCSANE office with the new information at (508) 758-6474.

**The Newsletter** now has e-mail. While it is not available online, I can now receive information through my new e-mail address. If anyone has something that may be of interest for the Newsletter, please send it to me at [rheller@netway.com](mailto:rheller@netway.com).

**Congratulations** and best wishes to Len and Irina Curtin. They were married on November 26 and spent their honeymoon at Disney World.

**The New England Grows show** will be held Jan. 27-29 in Boston. For information, contact Virginia Wood at (508) 653-3009; [NEGrows@aol.com](mailto:NEGrows@aol.com).

**Pat Daly** has recently accepted the golf superintendent position at Framingham C.C. after serving in that role at the Milton-Hoosic Club. Good luck at your new position.

**Web site of the month:** Make sure you visit and bookmark [Turfnet.com](http://Turfnet.com). This site provides news, employment information, industry links, weather, and several other excellent sources.

**American Cyanamid** has announced it is continuing the Green Connection rebate program for professional turfgrass managers that make "in-season" purchases of Amdro Pro fire ant bait, Siege Pro fire ant bait, Image herbicide, Pendulum herbicide, and other Cyanamid pendimethalin-based products from Lesco, Inc. and The Scotts Company. To qualify, customers must purchase and take delivery of Amdro Pro, Siege Pro, or Image before Sept. 29, 2000. Qualified purchases and delivery of Pendulum and other Cyanamid pendimethalin-based products must occur by June 15, 2000. Purchases must also meet minimum volume requirements. To be eligible for the rebate, end-use customers must complete the rebate coupon and attach copies of distributor invoices as proof-of-purchase. For information or coupons, call Cyanamid at (800) 545-9525, ext. T2700, or visit them at [www.turfacts.com](http://www.turfacts.com).

**Congratulations** to Dave and Lianne Ravel. They recently adopted a girl, Linsie Mei Ravel.

### EDUCATION

**The GCSAA** is sponsoring an upcoming seminar: *Bentgrass Management and Rootzone Maintenance*. The class will be Tuesday, Feb. 22 in Albany, N.Y. The instructor is Milton Engelke from Texas A&M University Research and Extension Center. Cost is \$110. For more information, or to register, call (800) 472-7878.

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### POSITIONS AVAILABLE

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**Superintendent.** Country View G.C. is an 18-hole public daily fee facility in Harrisville, R.I. Applicant should have a two or four-year turf management degree, and three-to-five years of supervisory experience. Applicant must also possess or attain a valid R.I. pesticide applicator's license. Benefits include full medical insurance, vacation, professional fees, and continuing education fees. Salary is commensurate with experience. Send resume to: Rick Finlayson, Gen. Mgr., Country View G.C., 49 Club Ln., Harrisville, RI 02830.

**Superintendent & Asst. Supts.** The City of Springfield seeks a golf course superintendent and assistant for Veterans Memorial G.C. and an assistant for Franconia G.C. Individual will be responsible for maintenance of course & equipment, capital improvements, budgeting, and purchasing. Assistants will assist in all areas of course operations. Individual with a two or four-year degree in turf management or related field is preferred. We seek highly-motivated individuals with a minimum of three years as an assistant or superintendent. Salary is negotiable, with competitive benefits package including retirement. Send resume by Feb. 4 to: Springfield Dept. of Personnel, Springfield City Hall, 36 Court St., Springfield, MA 01103; fax: (413) 787-6572.



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# Meet Dick Zepp & Kevin Miller, Cyprian Keyes G.C.

The host superintendents for the January meeting of the GCSANE are Dick Zepp and Kevin Miller of Cyprian Keyes Golf Club in Boylston, Mass.

Dick is presently Director of Maintenance at Cyprian Keyes. He has been at that club since 1997. Dick's previous stints include Mt. Pleasant C.C. and 11 years as superintendent at Whitinsville G.C.

His education includes a B.S. in chemistry from Worcester Polytechnic Institute, an A.S. in turf management from Stockbridge, and a year in the chemistry Ph.D. program at UMass - Amherst.

In addition, he has served on the GCSANE board of directors as education chairman, secretary and vice president. He was also the GCSANE president in 1988-89. Dick also served on the GCSAA Bylaw and Standards committee in 1991-92. He has been a Certified Golf Course Superintendent for 16 years.

Dick and his wife Gigi live in Northbridge and have three children, Jennifer, Dayna, and Karie. In addition, they are blessed with two grandchildren, Kylie, 5, and Jocelyn, 3 months.

## HOST PROFILE

Kevin Miller is the new superintendent at Cyprian Keyes, having started last year. He began his journey in turf maintenance in 1990 when he enrolled at UMass - Amherst. Four years later he achieved a B.S. in plant and soil sciences.

After graduation he took the assistant superintendent position at Tatnuck C.C. He later spent a year with Agriturf, Inc. as a golf/turf agronomist. The next year he took over as head man at Bedrock Golf Course, spending three years there.

Kevin lives in Rutland with his wife, Gail, and their two children, Kevin, Jr., 7, and Maura, 5. He enjoys being a netminder in various men's hockey leagues and coaching his son's hockey team. When Kevin is not attending Worcester Ice Cats games with his family, he can often be seen at work exclaiming, "I wasn't hired because of my golf game!"

Cyprian Keyes is a 27-hole facility organized in 1997. Designed by architect Mark Mungear, the 18-hole course measures 6844 yards and plays to a testing slope of 132. Greens average 5500 square feet, tees 7000 square feet. There are 28 acres of fairway and 50 acres of rough. Greens consist of L-93 bentgrass. Fairways and tees were grown with PennTrio, while the rough is a blend of blue/rye/fescue. In addition to the championship course, there is a nine-hole par-3 course that has proved to be very popular.

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