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Ouimet Scholarship Fund: A living memorial to America's first golf hero . . . and more

Usually, it's just a squib in this publication's notes and quotes section, something we call Divot Drift. Each year, on an otherwise lazy day in August, Dick Duggan huffs and puffs through a strenuous exercise known as the Francis Ouimet Scholarship Fund Golf Marathon.

What's this? Just Dick Duggan working another benefit?

Not quite. Duggan, who is currently building the new Peabody Municipal Golf Course in Peabody, Mass., is a marathon regular. He and other masters of endurance and dedication play as many holes as they can in a one-day show of physical and mental toughness at the Stow Acres Country Club. Last year only nine golfers played more holes than Durable Dick. His total of 175 holes helped the marathon top \$1 million in contributions to the fund in just its seventh year of existence.

Duggan's heroics were sponsored by the Golf Course Superintendents Association of New England. GCSANE plays a significant role in the promotion of the fund and is

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The Ouimet fund, then, is close to the hearts of all golf course superintendents as it is in most golf circles. In fact, superintendents and fund officials have established close ties since 1949, the first year of what has developed into a living memorial to America's first golf hero, Francis DeSales Ouimet. The current GCSANE president, plus other ranking superintendents, serves on the fund's board of directors. For example, Charles Dickow of Poquoy Brook holds a place on the present board.

Originally the Ouimet Fund was perceived as an academic helping hand for caddies. Ouimet, of course, also could be tabbed, "America's first caddy" because he found his way to the game by toting golf bags for members of The Country Club. Incidentally, TCC was the Ouimet family's neighbor, since Francis lived across the street from the club in Brookline.

Ouimet's caddying days fell at the turn of the 20th century. But through a combination of practice and observation, he soon became a capable amateur player who elevated his game to the tournament level while still in his teens. There followed the golf shots heard 'round the world. After capturing the Massachusetts State Amateur title in 1913, he received an invitation to the U.S. Open, contested at The Country Club that same year. Ouimet was 20 years old at the time.

The stunning result of that Open set American golf history in motion. The unassuming Ouimet, who admitted he played only because he wanted to watch British immortal Harry Vardon swing the club, went on to birdie the 71st hole and par the 72nd to tie Vardon and compatriot Ted Ray to force a playoff. The next day he fired a 72 to Vardon's 77 and Ray's 78 to win the championship. In effect, the shocking victory projected Ouimet as the father of American golf.

Francis Ouimet stories abound. In fact, if fund director Bob Donovan ever finds time away from his executive duties, he could well pen a script that any Hollywood director would kill for.

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The incident at TCC was only the beginning for the son of a part-time gardener and part-time limo driver. After establishing himself as a champion on the golf course, Ouimet burst into prominence while dividing his time between sports management and investments. Back and forth he went along a trail that included stints as president of the Boston Bruins and vice-president of the Boston Braves.

That Francis was loyal to friends and convictions has been chronicled earlier. In early tournament successes, Francis enlisted a 10-year-old caddy, Eddie Lowery. "Little Eddie" was his sobriquet. TCC members thought Ouimet should have had an older, more experienced caddy as the Open approached. But the 20-year-old underdog stuck with his little friend.

After the big victory, Lowery was asked if he'd given any advice to Ouimet in the heat of the battle. "I just told him, 'keep your head down and everything will be all right, Francis,'" Lowery said. "And it did turn out all right."

Lowery, by the way, benefited from his close association with Ouimet. It was as if he were trying to emulate his hero. He plunged into the game as a player and made strides toward Ouimet territory. First, he won the Massachusetts junior championship, played at TCC. Then he won the state amateur title. He went on to become a successful businessman on the West Coast. Then, out of the blue, he appeared at the Bing Crosby Pro-Am and won. His partner? Byron Nelson.

All along, through the gradual rise in contributions and endowments to the scholarship fund, named in his honor, Ouimet's concern for inclusion of all kids as recipients was met by its officials. Now, award winners include those who have served three years at a club: in the pro shop, on the course as a caddy, in grounds

maintenance, as a starter/ranger, or in other club-related duties. In other words, the fund's not just for caddies anymore.

Distinguished names dot the ranks of fund officials, recipients, graduates, and friends. Among them: Arnold Palmer, Ben Crenshaw, Gene Sarazen, Peter Lynch, Richard Connolly, Charles Fox, Guy Tedesco, Joseph Morrill. The list goes on.

However, the premier name remains Francis DeSales Ouimet. His life, his deeds, his demeanor, and his indefinable presence. They all worked themselves into that living memorial, the Francis Ouimet Scholarship Fund. It walks hand in hand with the golf course superintendent . . . with all of golf.

GERRY FINN

CALENDAR . . .

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| July 10 | GCSANE Monthly Meeting Supt./Club Official Tournament
Pleasant Valley Country Club
Sutton, Mass.
Supt. - Chris Tufts |
| August 14 | GCSANE Monthly Meeting
Acushnet River Valley Golf Course
Acushnet, Mass.
Supt. - Lionel Mello |
| Sept. 25 | GCSANE Monthly Meeting Team of Two Championship
Country Club of Pittsfield
Pittsfield, Mass.
Supt. - Jim Conant, CGCS |
| October 2 | GCSANE Monthly Meeting Individual Championship
Mt. Pleasant Country Club
Boylston, Mass.
Supt. - Todd Sauer |
| October 18 | John Shanahan Memorial Pro/Supt. Tournament*
Willowbend Country Club
Mashpee, Mass.
Supt. - Mark Casey
(*Register through NEPGA) |
| November 6 | GCSANE Monthly Meeting Annual 9-Hole Meeting
Lexington Country Club
Lexington, Mass.
Supt. - Len Curtin |
| Nov. 14 | GCSAA Seminar
Integrated Environmental Mgmt.
The International Golf Club
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| Nov. 15 | GCSAA Seminar
Turfgrass Traffic Stress Mgmt.
The International Golf Club
Bolton, Mass. |
| Feb. 11-18, 2001 | GCSAA 72nd International Golf Course Conference & Show
Dallas, Texas |

The Super Speaks Out

This month's question: *With the influence of attitudes suggesting using fewer chemicals (and chemicals with reduced levels of strength) directed at the golf course superintendent, how does this affect your maintenance program?*

Steve Cadenelli, CGCS, Cape Cod National Golf Club: "This could be another example of the dreaded situation when you're damned if you do and damned if you don't.

"Let's face it. We live in an era when golfers want everything to be perfect in relation to golf course conditions. They want everything to be as good as it can be. It doesn't matter what the circumstances. They look at everything, find perfection and ask themselves, 'why can't we be like that?'"

"We look around, I mean 'we' as superintendents, and discover that in order to have a chance of reaching that perfection we have to be able to utilize every grooming aid we can lay our hands on. At this point we find ourselves in the middle of a quandary because of environmental pressures. While seeking that level of perfection we have to please the golfers and environmentalists at the same time. Chances of that? Unlikely.

"In other words, it's almost impossible for a golf course to be playing-perfect and environmentally perfect. Therefore, there has to be some compromising and, unfortunately, public opinion suggests that playing conditions don't have to be perfect.

"That's one side of the equation. The other promotes the realization that chemicals, pesticides, whatever, can be brought into the conditioning process if they are applied properly and under environment-friendly guidelines. Maybe those guidelines are the result of inaccurate information. It's happened, that's for sure. Regardless, until the golf industry can convince everyone that its product does more to enhance than harm the environment, we have to accept restrictions, even as unreasonable as they appear to be.

"Somehow, golf has to promote its place as a protector of the environment. In another twist of reality, golf course superintendents have become champions of protecting the environment. We have

to get that message out because we are not the bad guys in this situation. Then perhaps both parties will be happy as we raise playing conditions to impossible levels."

THE SUPER SPEAKS

David Copeland, Townsend Ridge Country Club: "Communications. That's the key in this controversy over chemical use, reductions, restrictions and the like. We have to educate the golfers in the matter of giving them as good playing conditions that we can deliver without making the game look like an ogre out to destroy the environment in the interest of producing a perfect playing field.

"We also must make the public mindful of the fact that the golf course superintendent is the environment's friend. We have to make it clear to the people that there is no abuse of chemical use where golf course maintenance is concerned. This and the fact that superintendents have been practicing this approach to the job for more years than the environment craze has existed.

"Personally, I am an IPM booster and run my program according to pesticide management standards. When I do have a turf problem, I spot it and try to do as little, chemically, as possible to fix it.

"I think a lot of golfers know what is involved in trying to evaluate playing conditions wherever they play their rounds. Ours is an outing course, so it is exposed to a cross-section of golfers. We're really out to impress them with top playing conditions. Therefore, I have to know where, when, and how to spray my chemicals properly. That puts me in sort of a pickle but I've adjusted to restrictions.

"We have to realize that the consumer today is a well-informed consumer. They

know what's going on with environmental issues and they've become environment conscious. So, I look at the chemical restriction problem not as one I should handle but one I will handle. There's always that chance that chemical companies will come up with something new and just as effective. It's something we as superintendents have to learn to live with."

David Stowe, Newton Commonwealth Golf Course: "I guess the public perception of the golf course superintendent as a turf disease warrior and fighter could be inserted here. For example, they know that in order to win, the Red Sox must have all their weapons in working order. So, in an analogy offering, shouldn't the golf course superintendent be able to use all of his weapons to battle turf diseases?

"There are so many sides to the chemical use situation that you can make a case for each mentality. Here, as a public course, we are on a low-use chemical budget. So, I am able to put up with most restrictions because I'm not as dependent on chemicals as some of my colleagues.

"Regardless, we have all kinds of concerns when restrictions and more stringent regulations are put out there for us to adhere to. We have to wonder what the latest set of rules will lead to. Will it lead to the eventual complete banning of all chemicals on the golf course? Who knows?

"At the heart of all the arguments for and against use of chemicals is the fact that the superintendent always has been a leader in using environment-friendly materials to do his job. In fact, 10 or 12 years ago a lot of superintendents reduced the use of chemicals in their maintenance programs. They did it on their own but never got credit for it.

"Whatever, the pressure is always out there. It won't go away."

GERRY FINN

Sponsors, clubs, supporters, & members make Scholarship & Benevolence Tournament a success

Once again the Scholarship & Benevolent Fund Golf Tournament was a rousing success. This, the eighth annual edition, proved to be as enjoyable as any.

With a host site still unknown as of late February and time running out, Kevin Osgood offered Franklin Park. Of course, Kevin being Kevin, he informed superintendent Dave Laffey of the tournament in the buffet line at our April meeting in Chicopee. Dave gave a strange little grin and said, "What?" Much to Dave's credit, the golf course was in great shape in spite of the short notice and the crazy spring weather. Rumor has it that Dave was so nervous about the event that after we all teed off he went home to pass out.

With the help of a clear sunny day, 107 golfers, 24 sponsors, raffle sales, mulligans, and other assorted items, we raised a net total of \$17,711.

I would like to express my sincere appreciation to the Scholarship & Benevolence Committee: Kevin Osgood, Bob Ruzsala, Mike Iacono, Arthur Silva, Bob Healey, Russ Heller and Ron Dobosz for their many hours of hard work. A big thanks also to Sharon Brownell for her endless help, her organizational skills, and for putting up with me.

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I would also like to thank Kevin Osgood, Dave Laffey, and the entire staff at Franklin Park for a job very well done. Also to our many (24) tournament sponsors, the 31 area clubs for donating rounds of golf, the PGA sales reps for their generous contributions, Bob and Ginger Healey for their never ending

support, Joe Lazaro for his donation, and last but not least, all of you who participated. We hope to see you again next June.

Sincerely,
Dave Comee
Tournament Chairman

Tournament Results

1st Gross: Dave Farina & Darren Orr (69)
2nd Gross: Tom Taylor & B. Hitchcock (70)
3rd Gross: Ron Dobosz & Mike Marshall (70)
1st Net: Pat Daly & Rick McHugh (56)
2nd Net: Matt Howland & Jon Lombardi (57)
3rd Net: Bob Healey & Bob Connolly (58)

Closest to the pin:

#8 - Jack McNulty (4'7")
#13 - Robin Hayes (9 inches)

Pot-of-Gold Shootout

Finalists: Jack McNulty, Steve Keefe, Dave Comee, John Gerber, Ed Gianni, Tom Taylor
Winner: John Gerber

A "Thank You" from the president

Our Scholarship and Benevolence Tournament was again a good fundraiser. This tournament was successful because of the hard work of chairman Dave Comee and his committee. The Scholarship and Benevolence committee put in a lot of time and effort to bring this fund close to the \$100,000 mark.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

A sincere thank you goes to everyone on this committee. A huge thank you also goes out to Kevin Osgood and his staff for an outstanding day at Franklin Park. Kevin, as always, has been very good to GC SANE in the past, present, and I'm sure to come in the future. Kevin donated Franklin Park for the day and helped this day to be successful.

A thank you is also in order for everyone who played in this event, donated gifts, donated rounds of golf, and sold raffle tickets. With everyone's help, this day was a huge success. Dave Comee will have a report that will show how successful we were financially on this day.

As we are now in our most difficult season, this is the time some of our members might need each other's help. If you know of some superintendent having trouble with turf, be it disease, insects, wilt, etc., let us take the initiative to help. As they say on "Who Wants To Be A Millionaire," use a Phone-A-Friend lifeline. We are all friends in GCSANE, or is it sister or brother superintendents? Let us offer our help to each other and strive to improve everyone's lifeline . . . *their job!*

Sincerely,
Bob Ruzsala

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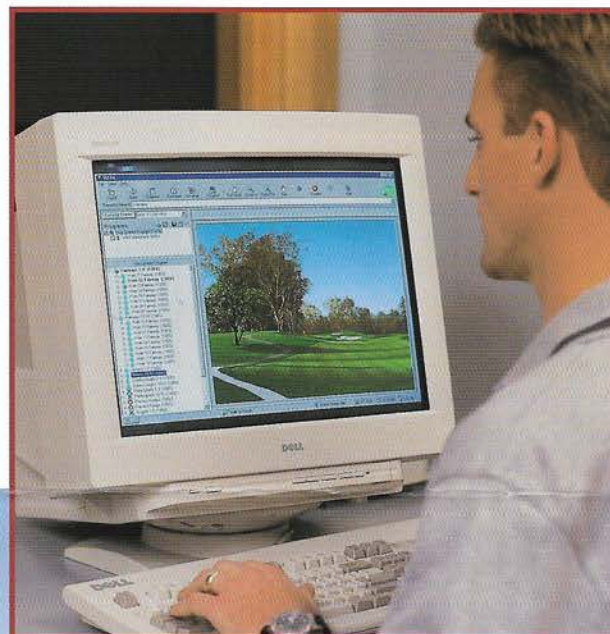
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Bentgrass overseeding & "altering the niche"

by Frank S. Rossi,
Cornell University Turfgrass Team

(Part I of two parts)

Player expectations continue to increase for superior conditions. In particular, the putting green is the most scrutinized, managed area on the golf course. It follows that golf course superintendents regularly strive to utilize all available technology to produce the highest quality product.

The golf course construction boom in the 1990s resulted in hundreds of new putting surfaces built with the aid of the latest technology in root zone and plant materials. In addition, superintendents are more aware of advantages of the "new generation" of bentgrass cultivars. This has occurred because golfers are playing on new surfaces and pressuring superintendents (a phenomenon that increased following the U.S. Open Championship at Pinehurst where greens were converted to a new cultivar), or as a result of research on cultivar performance. In either case, there is significant appeal to providing acceptable quality at mowing heights below 0.125" with ability to produce ball roll distances in the 11'-13' range.

Most golf facilities are not in a position to reconstruct putting greens. However, they would like the benefits of new technology, especially increased ball roll. As a result, golf course superintendents at established facilities have been interested in introducing the new cultivars into existing putting greens. This desire to alter the species composition of the putting green is not new. For years, superintendents have attempted to increase populations of bentgrass in mixed stands of annual bluegrass (*Poa annua*) and creeping bentgrass. The major obstacle to successful population shifts has been the obtrusiveness of practices required to effect noticeable change. Simply, it has been a challenge to shift populations in a way transparent to the golfer. Herein lie ecological principles that rule shifts in populations of organisms.

Competition for Resources

In early years of course management, it was common to manage weeds through drastic manipulation of soil pH. For example, large amounts of elemental sulfur or lime would be applied to alter the pH so that

weeds could not be successful. This is a practical example of "altering a niche."

A "niche" is the range of conditions required for a species to survive and reproduce. In the example above, by drastically altering pH, the niche is altered to the point that resource needs of the weed cannot be met. In addition, while severely weakened, turf is still able to exploit available resources so that it will successfully compete with the weeds and survive. The result is a population shift in favor of the turf.

PLANT SCIENCE

Researchers have suggested there are significant similarities among resource requirements for bentgrass cultivars. It was implied that the existing cultivar would always have the competitive advantage because it is established and already using resources that a new cultivar being introduced would also require. Therefore, it appears that without substantial alteration of the niche, the conversion seems a formidable challenge.

Conversion Techniques

Annual Bluegrass Conversion. The process begins with recognizing necessary requirements for altering the niche. This includes timing of procedures, chemical suppression of existing vegetation,

mechanical surface disruption, introduction of the new cultivar, and post-plant care. Individually or collectively, these techniques are used to weaken the existing vegetation, establish a seedbed, and implement practices that favor seedling growth.

The conversion process is similar to previous work conducted to investigate techniques for population shifts of bentgrass/annual bluegrass surfaces. Research on conversion from annual bluegrass has been primarily conducted on fairway height turf. While it may seem easier to convert from annual bluegrass to bentgrass, based on the previous assertion that different species may have different niches, annual bluegrass is well adapted to disturbed environments. Therefore, not only must practices address existing plants, but also must consider contributions from the seedbank when the surface is disrupted.

Researchers have identified several important aspects of the species conversion process that involve cultural practices. These practices, such as clipping removal, were suggested to result in altered soil fertility, potential allelopathic effects of clippings, and reduced contribution to the seedbank. Furthermore, our research indicates that annual bluegrass population shifts occur naturally in response to environmental factors and independent of conversion management procedures.

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Len Curtin – styling!

Scholarship & Benevolence Tournament June 19, 2000 at Franklin Park G.C.

The eighth annual GCSANE Scholarship & Benevolence Fund Golf Tournament drew 107 golfers and raised nearly \$18,000, thanks to the efforts of many volunteers and the generosity of numerous sponsors and other supporters of the association.



Mike Marshall and Ron Dobosz check out the competition.

Bentgrass conversion

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Types of cultural and environmental influences observed with annual bluegrass and bentgrass are not likely to exert a significant influence on existing bentgrass stands. In addition, surface disruption on putting greens is more frequent and intense

than what would occur on a fairway. Consequently, if high populations of annual bluegrass exist on surfaces where new bentgrass cultivars are to be introduced, techniques must consider altering the niche for the surface vegetation while taking into account contributions from the seedbank, likely to exploit a highly disrupted surface.

(Part II will appear in the August issue, and includes bentgrass conversion, altering the niche, and summary.)

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

MEMBERSHIP

Welcome New Members: James Cain, Asst., Pine Brook C.C.; Paul Onessimo, Asst., Ferncroft C.C.; Paul LaPenna, Asst., Ferncroft C.C.; Lionel Mello, Supt., Acushnet River Valley G.C.; Darren Orr, Affiliate, Country Club Enterprises; James Santoro, Affiliate, Bayer Corp.

Proposed For Membership: Frederick Swachak, Supt., Heritage & Quaboag C.C.

INFORMATION

Hats off to Jim Fitzroy, GCSANE Vice President and superintendent at Presidents G.C. He recently finished 4th in the Norfolk County Classic (Division 2).

A note to everyone currently holding a USGA handicap: If you have a GHIN number at your club and a GHIN number through our association, please be sure that both are the same. This way you will have a true handicap. If you have two different GHIN numbers, you must play to the lower number. If you would like to consolidate your GHIN numbers, please contact Dave Comee or your club pro and this can be taken care of.

We wish to pass our condolences to family of Kevin and Carolyn Osgood on the death of Carolyn's father.

Tee-2-Green Corp. introduces their Frequent Buyer program for superintendents or sod producers specifying Penn Pals(TM) creeping bentgrasses for greens, tees, and fairways. With this new program, superintendents accumulate travel and recreation dollars for themselves and their family. Each superintendent enrolled establishes an account with Tee-2-Green Corp., and is credited with \$0.30 per pound toward an approved recreational package for every pound of Penn Pals ordered over the remainder of his or her career. Cash for travel may be redeemed after 5,000 lbs., or may be accumulated for even greater premiums. For information, or to enroll in this program, superintendents should contact Charlotte Flowers at Tee-2-Green Corp., (800) 547-0255, or e-mail: bentinfo@tee-2-green.com.

GCSAA has recently developed a new career development booklet entitled, "How to Hire a General Manager." While the booklet is aimed at employers and owners of golf courses, it should be of interest to superintendents who are interested in pursuing a career as a general manager. Also, if a superintendent has a general manager position open at their facility, this booklet would be helpful to pass along to their employer. The booklet is complimentary to GCSAA members and can be ordered by calling the GCSAA Service Center at (800) 472-7878.

The Club Managers Association of America (CMAA) has extended an offer to GCSAA members to take education classes presented through CMAA. This should be of interest to superintendents who are interested in broadening their skills to pursue a career as a general manager. Refer to CMAA Web site at www.cmaa.org or call (703) 739-9500 for more information.

The Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts received the Award of Merit from the National Arborists Association. The award is given to individuals or organizations that have positively influenced arboriculture. According to the NAA, the Stockbridge School has had an enormous effect on arboriculture nationwide through the thousands of graduates it has sent into the tree industry.

Ms. Chris Bracken, the granddaughter of Peter Bracken, former superintendent at Framingham Country Club, is seeking information about his past history. If anyone is able to give any information, please contact Bob Ruzsala.

The Rutgers Golf Turf Management School is currently accepting applications. There are two sessions. The fall session is October 9 - December 15. The winter session is January 3 - March 16. Cost is \$2625 (\$2500 for N.J. residents). For more information, call (732) 932-9271 or visit their website: www.cook.rutgers.edu/~ocpe/turf.htm.

Thanks to Chris Tufts, head pro Gary Young, Ted Mingolla and family, and the entire staff at Pleasant Valley C.C. for hosting the Superintendent/Club Official tournament. The golf course was in terrific shape and the hospitality was fabulous.

POSITION OPENINGS

Assistant. Maynard Country Club, located near Route 2, is a 9-hole, semi-private course seeking an assistant superintendent. The club has a long-range master plan with renovations starting this year. Candidate must have experience in golf course maintenance. A degree in turf management is preferred. Individual must have or obtain a Mass. pesticide applicator's license. Salary is commensurate with experience. Send resume to Dan Pierce, Supt., Maynard C.C., P.O. Box 237, Maynard, MA 01754; or fax (978) 897-4037.

Assistant. Agawam Municipal Golf Course is seeking an individual responsible for assistance of maintenance, operation, and management of grounds. Qualifications include a two-year degree in a field related to agronomy or horticulture, or a degree from an intensive two-year turf management program; a Mass pesticide license (cat. 37); and a thorough understanding of the rules and strategies of golf. Prior experience as an assistant or superintendent is preferred. Salary includes benefits and a retirement plan. Send resume by August 1 to Personnel Office, Town of Agawam, 36 Main Street, Agawam, MA 01001.

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Pleasant Valley Country Club, Sutton, Mass. Superintendent/Club Official Tournament July 10, 2000

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Host superintendent for the July meeting of GCSANE is Chris Tufts of Pleasant Valley Country Club in Sutton, Mass.

Chris has been a member of GCSANE for the past six years. He is also a member of the Golf Course Managers Association of Cape Cod. He served on their board from 1994 until 1998. He resigned as vice president when he accepted the job at PVCC.

A graduate of Northampton High School, he began his golf course career at Hyannis G.C. in 1986. The following year he took the assistant superintendent position at The Willowbend Club in Mashpee, Mass. Three years later he was promoted to head superintendent, a position he would hold until the end of 1998. Chris' new home is Pleasant Valley C.C., a club that has hosted numerous PGA and LPGA events.

Chris is an accomplished golfer himself. He is a five-time GCMACC golf champion. In 1997 he won the GCSANE champion-

ship at Twin Hills C.C. One of his proudest moments came back in 1986. He won state qualifying and playing in the Public Links Championship at Tanglewood Park in Clemmons, N.C.

HOST PROFILE

He has been married to his wife, Maryanne, for 10 years, and they have three children: Alex (9), Savanna (8), and Nick (4). Chris works hard at balancing

golf and family. He enjoys spending a day boating with the family, followed by playing a \$50 Nassau the next.

Pleasant Valley C.C. opened in 1961. It was designed by Cuss Mingolla and Don Hennig. The Championship course is rated 74.2 and has a slope of 138. The large bent/poa greens average 8000 square feet. Tees and fairways are a blend of bent, poa, and ryegrass. The rough is predominately blue, rye, and fescue. In all, there are over 65 acres of turf to be maintained at a high level.

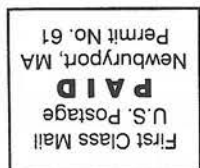
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