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Superintendents must work to maintain hard-won respect, says new GCSANE president

There's one given the Golf Course Superintendents Association of New England has embraced in its ongoing quest to create a history marked with dignity and distinction. Its members have a penchant for recognizing talent and dedication to purpose when they elect association officers.

This year Jim Fitzroy follows a long line of top-notch superintendents who have risen to become GCSANE president. In fact, Jim's only connection with the title of golf course superintendent is built-in, since he is, indeed, the man who keeps things tidy and smooth at Presidents Golf Course. He has been its one and only superintendent since its existence or its completion date in July 1977. That's when Fitzroy changed hats after he directed its rebirth as construction chief of a project resurrecting and redesigning the old Wollaston Golf Club.

Therefore, Jim is used to assuming assignments carrying heavy responsibility. He revels in them. He loves challenges.

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*Jim Fitzroy
President, GCSANE*

He's determined to carry out his responsibilities as association president in the same manner he displayed in turning Presidents into a South Shore beacon as a public golf course. He lives by a one-word slogan: efficiency.

One of Fitzroy's characteristics is his ability to look at things from a realistic standpoint. His hindsight tells him that the superintendent's gradual acceptance as probably the most important part of the game's big picture is based on a long haul of accomplishments that caused golfers to realize that it is the superintendent that directs the course's destiny.

“I've been a superintendent for more than 25 years,” Jim reminded during a recent telephone chat. “I think I was around when the public perception of our profession began to take a positive shape.

Until then we were looked upon as raw grass growers and cutters. The typical picture of a superintendent pushing a mower and having a hose wrapped around his neck was popular until we set out to educating people rather than something based on a guess or a whim.”

Fitzroy, then, looks back at the work of those who walked the president's beat before him as the basis for the image of the superintendent as perceived by today's golfing public. His goal? To build on that image.

“As the commercial suggests, we have come a long way,” Jim described the plight of his profession. “There have been large changes in the way golfers hold the superintendent. We have grown from a fraternity to a major golf organization. We're represented on the MGA Board, the Ouimet Board; we're also represented at virtually every major golf function. We are a force in the game and golfers now realize that the golf course is the starting point from which the country club, public course, and municipal course get their thrust to operate successfully.

“All you have to do is drive past a club or course on a rainy day. The parking lots are empty and there are very few signs of life. It tells you that the golf course and its condition are the driving forces behind keeping the game active. And we, as superintendents, are given the responsibility of providing the means to increase and retain that activity.”

Here's where Jim's foresight kicks in.

“There's a lot on our table,” Fitzroy explained. “If anyone saw a recent edition of the Mass. Golfer, they'd realize just

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how important the superintendent has become in the eyes of the golfer. Almost the whole magazine featured the expertise of GCSANE member superintendents. It really showcased our profession and put another feather in our caps.

"However, it also told us to beware of an old axiom . . . that getting to the top is one thing but staying there is another; staying there, in fact, is harder. "That's why we can't afford to rest on our laurels. We have to think and act up to our level of recognition. It may mean reorganizing the way we conduct meetings, the way we react to national scrutiny, and the way we accept changes in conditioning theories and practices."

Fitzroy cites a personal experience as an example of the impact change can make in the game of golf. "I'm talking about green speeds," he explained. "I remember when we were cutting four times a week at one-quarter inch at Presidents and we were considered fast. Now, we cut six days a week at five thirty-seconds and we're looked at as only moderate in way of green speed. We have to accept certain things we don't totally agree with. It's part of change."

The new prexy is also aware of the raising of course condition standards. "Let's face it," he said. "We've set our goals and standards high. We've attained a level of experience once thought impossible. We never thought the levels would get this high. So, we have to gather all our skills and energy and focus on those levels.

"This leads to summer meeting schedules. There's a declining attendance at our summer sessions. Some superintendents can't get away for a whole day. Maybe we could change the hours when we meet. It's something to think about. We're in this position where we have to maintain that level of excellence we've worked so hard to reach for so many years."

Fitzroy, then, insists the profession has come a long way, but also believes there's still a ways to go, as demands for perfection walk hand-in-hand with the reward superintendents have realized in the long haul up the ladder of success. His foresight has overcome his hindsight. He thinks it's on target and his fetish for efficiency should land the profession smack dab in the middle of that target.

GERRY FINN

CALENDAR . . .

- Feb. 3-10 **GCSAA 73rd International Golf Course Conference & Show**
Orlando, Fla.
- Feb. 7-9 **New England Grows**
Hynes Convention Center
Boston, Mass.
www.negrows.org
- Feb. 12 **Stockbridge School Job Fair**
University of Massachusetts
Amherst, Mass.
- Feb. 27 **GCSANE Monthly Meeting**
Framingham C.C.
Framingham, Mass.
Supt. - Pat Daly, CGCS
- March 2 **MGA Spring Conference**
Westin Hotel
Boston, Mass.
- March 5-7 **New England Regional Turfgrass Conference & Show**
Providence, R.I.
www.turfshow.com
- March 21 **GCSANE Monthly Meeting**
Jointly with USGA Seminar
The International G.C.
Bolton, Mass.
Supts. - Brett Johnson, CGCS & Jim Whitley, CGCS
- April 22 **GCSANE Monthly Meeting**
Juniper Hill G.C.
Northboro, Mass.
Supt. - Tom Ackley, CGCS
- May 6 **Scholarship & Benevolence Tournament**
Belmont C.C.
Belmont, Mass.
Supt. - Arthur Silva, CGCS
- June 10 **GCSANE Monthly Meeting Joint Meeting with Cape Cod**
Indian Pond G.C.
Kingston, Mass.
Supt. - Tom Harrington
- July **GCSANE Monthly Meeting Joint Meeting with Rhode Island**
Kirkbrae C.C.
Lincoln, R.I.
Supt. - Mark Richard, CGCS
- August **GCSANE Monthly Meeting Individual Championship**
TBA
- Sept. 23 **GCSANE Monthly Meeting Supt./Club Official Tournament**
Wellesley C.C.
Wellesley, Mass.
Supt. - David Barber, CGCS
- Oct. 7 **GCSANE Monthly Meeting Team-of-Two Championship**
The Ranch G.C.
Southwick, Mass.
Supt. - Mike Stachowicz
- Nov. 4 **GCSANE Monthly Meeting Nine-Hole Meeting**
Whitinsville G.C.
Whitinsville, Mass.
Supt. - Paul Wilson

Opinions differ, but Penn State's Dr. Landschoot makes a convincing case for late-fall fertilization

**Dr. Peter Landschoot,
Penn State University**

Dollar for dollar, fertilization does more to improve turfgrass quality than any other single maintenance practice. The challenge in developing a good program is to apply the correct amount of fertilizer at the time of year that will most benefit turf health.

Although few people dispute the need for spring and late summer fertilization of cool-season turfgrasses, opinions differ on the benefits of late-fall fertilizer applications. The following is a description of how late-fall fertilization influences turf performance and which types of fertilizers and rates provide the best response.

Late fall fertilization defined:

At least some of the different opinions about late-fall fertilization stem from confusion about the meaning of this term. Some turf managers refer to late-fall fertilization as simply "fall fertilization". It is important to realize that fall fertilization is not the same as late-fall fertilization.

Fall fertilization could occur anytime from late September to just before Christmas. Most experts agree that late-fall fertilization should take place when foliar growth stops (or slows to the point that turf no longer needs to be mowed); grass is still green; and before the soil freezes.

In Pennsylvania, this period usually occurs around Thanksgiving, however, it may occur later in transition-zone states and earlier in northernmost portions of the United States. Application timing also may vary from year to year depending on weather conditions.

Why fertilize in late fall?

Fall is the time of year when cool-season turfgrasses recover from summer stress-related conditions, such as drought, heat, and disease. The cooler temperatures and moist conditions are conducive to good turf growth.

Provided plants are properly fertilized, turf begins to accumulate carbohydrates in stems, rhizomes, and stolons. This reserve will help turf resist winter injury for root and shoot growth the following spring.

Late-summer fertilization can aid in turf recovery and carbohydrate accumulation. However, by late fall the response to late summer applications has usually dissipated. Research has shown that if fertilizer applications are made while shoot growth is still active (during mid-fall), the turf may not harden properly, increasing potential for winter injury and disease.

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Late-fall fertilization has been promoted as a means of prolonging turf color into early winter without increasing the chance of winter injury and disease. Winter color will be more noticeable in regions where winters are warmer (transition-zone states) and during mild winters.

Late-fall fertilization can also enhance spring green-up without the excessive stimulation of growth that often accompanies early spring fertilization. This green-up often will last into mid-spring. A fertilizer application in mid- to late spring is usually required to provide additional nutrients to plants.

A small but potentially important increase in the plant's carbohydrate

reserves occurs when fertilizer is applied in late fall instead of early spring. This increase may provide a slight advantage by promoting better stress tolerance and disease resistance.

Another reported effect of late-fall fertilization is an increase in rooting, though precisely when and how this increase occurs is a source of some debate.

Maximum root growth of cool-season turfgrasses occurs in spring and fall, with early to mid-spring being optimum. Some root growth will occur in winter if temperatures are above 32 degrees. Little, if any, growth occurs in summer.

Most fertilizer applications are made in spring and late summer in attempts to promote root growth. One problem in using this approach is that much of the fertilizer is used by the shoots, sometimes preferentially over roots.

One reported advantage of late fall fertilization is that roots are still growing at a time when top growth has ceased, thus allowing the roots to make full use of the fertilizer. But the roots are growing very slowly, and if the soil is frozen, not at all.

Studies in Virginia have shown that moderate rates of soluble nitrogen (1 lb. N/1000 sq. ft.) increased rooting of creeping bentgrass without a noticeable increase in top growth.

In contrast, studies in Ohio showed no increase in Kentucky bluegrass root growth during late fall or winter following late fall fertilizer applications. However, when compared to early spring applications of nitrogen, late fall fertilization increased rooting in spring.

Presumably, this benefit was due to early spring green-up from a late-fall application, which alleviated the need for early spring fertilization. When fertilizer was not applied in late fall but instead in early spring, excessive shoot growth occurred, depleting carbohydrate reserves that would have otherwise gone into root production late in spring.

One could derive from these studies that while the net effect of late-fall fertilization on rooting is slight, application

It is important to realize that late-fall fertilization is not the same as fall fertilization.

Late-fall fertilization should take place when foliar growth stops, grass is still green, and before the soil freezes.

Another chance to study proposed bylaws

The following are the proposed changes to the GCSANE Bylaws. All proposed changes are in italics.

Page 21, Article XIII, Bylaw Amendments. These bylaws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the regular members present at any regular meeting of the association providing the amendments are held over for one meeting and the proposed amendments are included in the notice of said meeting.

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Page 5, Article IV, Membership, Section 2 - Classes of Membership

1. There shall be seven classes of membership: Regular, Associate, Assistant, Honorary, Life, Affiliate, and Student.

1. There shall be nine classes of membership: Class AA - Life members, Class A - Golf Course Superintendent, Golf Course Superintendent, Class C - Assistant Golf Course Superintendent, Honorary, Affiliate, Associate, Student, and Inactive.

Section 3. Regular Members Class A - Golf Course Superintendent

Section 4. Associate Members Golf Course Superintendent

Section 5. Assistant Members Class C - Assistant Golf Course Superintendent

Thanks, Friends, for first-class Holiday Gala

The GCSANE would like to thank the following Friends of the Association for their kind donations to the Holiday Gala held on December 16, 2001 at Wellesley Country Club:

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Section 7. Life Members Class AA - Life Members

Section 10. Inactive Member

1. An inactive member is an individual who, by reason of unemployment, illness or other adverse circumstances, has been placed in this class upon his or her application. The Board of Directors shall have the authority to act on such application and to place a member on Inactive status subject to terms and conditions as the Board of Directors may specify by Standing Rules.

Section 11, Associate Member

An Associate Member is an individual that is involved in the growing or production of fine turfgrass, and who does not qualify for membership in another category. He or she shall have all the privileges of the Association except to vote and to hold office. He or she shall pay such initiation fee and annual dues as established by the Association.

Page 19, Article IX, Meetings, Section I

Regular meetings of the association shall be held monthly on a date approved by the Board of Directors.

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Dr. Landschoot counts all the reasons for late-fall fertilization

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in late fall may be more beneficial than in early spring.

Late-fall fertilization is occasionally blamed for increased winter injury, snow mold and annual bluegrass encroachment. A few studies have been designed to examine the influence of late-fall fertilization on winter injury. But none has conclusively demonstrated detrimental effects.

Heavy fertilization in mid-fall, when grass shoots are actively growing, can enhance snow mold (presumably due to reduced hardening and increased succulence of plant tissue). But this should not occur with late fall-fertilization. In fact, reports from several universities have shown that late-fall fertilization may actually reduce winter diseases.

While studies have shown increased annual bluegrass populations in fall, there

is no good evidence to show that this increase is related to late fall fertilization.

Fertilizer sources and rates

Most late-fall fertilization programs include moderate amounts of nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium. Rates of 1/2 to 1 lb. soluble N/1000 sq. ft. are recommended over higher rates (assuming a late-summer application was made) to avoid winter injury, excessive growth in spring, and leaching or runoff.

A recent study at the University of Illinois showed that when nitrogen was applied at moderate rates in late fall (1 lb. of N/1000 sq. ft.), both urea and sulfur-coated urea provided a better early-spring color response than Milorganite.

However, when Milorganite or sulfur-coated urea was applied in late fall at a higher rate (2 lb. of N/1000 sq. ft.), results as far as spring green-up were similar to

those obtained from applying urea at a lower rate (1 lb. of N/1000 sq. ft. in late fall and 1/2 lb. of N/1000 sq. ft. in early spring).

Slow or controlled-release nitrogen sources are better than soluble sources on sandy soils because of reduced potential for leaching. Nitrogen fertilizer should never be applied to frozen soil due to the increased chance of nutrient runoff.

Suggested rates of nitrogen fertilizers for late-fall fertilization

Bentgrass fairways and greens: 1/2 lb. soluble N/1000 sq. ft.; 1 lb. slow-release N/1000 sq. ft.

Kentucky bluegrass/perennial ryegrass/fine fescue turf: 1 lb. soluble N/1000 sq. ft.; 1 1/2 - 2 lb. slow-release N/1000 sq. ft.

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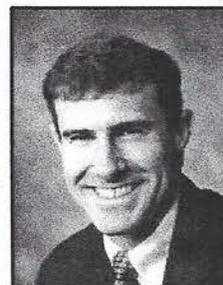
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Photo miscellany shows many faces of GCSANE

Outgoing Newsletter editor Russ Heller reaches way back in his desk drawer to find a collection of photos that never 'made the cut' . . . until now!



Ever the optimist, even in the spring of 2001, this superintendent is determined to find at least one living blade of grass.



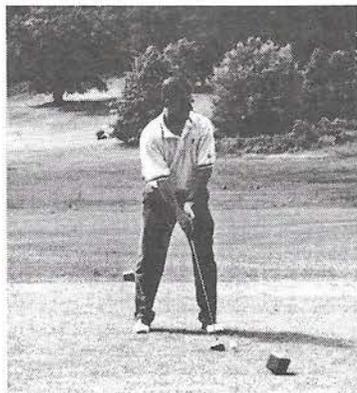
GCSANE members know how to relax, as evidenced in this photo from the archives that documents one of the Holiday Gala events.



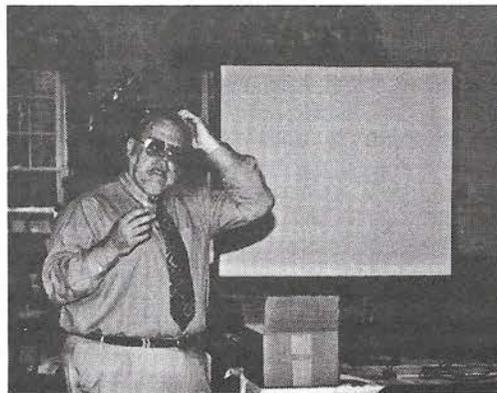
Most of us know that a superintendent can be a 'cool dude' even without the sunglasses.



Even though the chain is down, these docile, well-domesticated superintendents don't seem at all interested in the wide-open escape route.



This golfer is ready to send the ball all the way to the next month's venue.



This lecturer shares with GCSANE his close-up view of a typical golf course in the winter of 2001.



Who knows what photos this former editor might have in his desk drawer?

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

MEMBERSHIP

Proposed for Membership: Paul Veshi, Superintendent, Webster Dudley G.C.; Brian Mulrenan, Superintendent, Widow's Walk G.C.; R.A.D. Corp., Friend; Holliston Sand Co. Inc., Friend; Putnam Pipe Corp., Friend.

INFORMATION

Brian Linehan, formerly superintendent at Heritage Hill C.C., is now superintendent at Brookmeadow C.C.

Mike Varkonyi, formerly superintendent at Reservation G.C., is now superintendent at Potowomut G.C.

Congratulations to Dick Zepp, CGCS, on receiving his 25-year pin from GCSANE, and to Robert Mucciarone on becoming a 50-year member of GCSANE.

Our condolences go to Neil Wendell and family on the recent passing of Neil's sister.

GCSANE was recently presented a check from Turf Seed, Inc. on behalf of Glen LaChapelle. Glen submitted blue tags from qualifying seed varieties. Thank you to both Glen and Turf Seed, Inc.

EMPLOYMENT

Assistant Superintendent. Sterling C.C. is a privately owned 18-hole country club located 18 minutes north of Worcester. A certified Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary, the course has four acres of Bentgrass greens, four acres of bent/rye tees, and 18 acres of Bentgrass fairways. The course has an automatic Toro OSMAC irrigation system, and hosts 30,000 rounds annually. Responsibilities include working with superintendent and one other assistant to manage, train, and supervise a crew of 20+ individuals; plus general golf course maintenance, chemical/fertilizer applications, overseeing projects, irrigation & drainage repairs, scheduling, record-keeping, and day-to-day operations. Qualifications include a two-year degree in turf management, a valid Mass. pesticide applicator's license, and should have 3-5 years of experience as an assistant. Applicant needs to be a team player with good communications skills who is committed, motivated, and ready to have fun. Salary is competitive, with full medical benefits, 401(k), golf privileges, two weeks of vacation, and paid association dues. The position is open until filled. Please send resume to: Greg Tower, Sterling C.C., 33 Albright Road, Sterling, MA 01564; fax: 978-422-8055; E-mail: sterlingcc@aol.com.

Assistant. Lexington G.C. is a private, 9-hole golf club located 15 miles north and west of Boston in the historic town of Lexington. The club has completed a long-range master plan and many course improvements in the last few years. We will be undertaking the installation of a new irrigation system in the fall of 2002. Lexington is seeking a qualified, self-motivated individual to fill the assistant position. Individual should have aspirations to become a superintendent in the future. Duties include course set-up, plant protectant applications, course scouting/pest monitoring, employee training, purchasing, budget assistance, record-keeping, equipment repair, winter snow removal, and intimate involvement with upcoming irrigation installation. Benefits include meals (seasonal), 80% health insurance, two weeks paid vacation, holiday bonus, and golf privileges. Position available February 18. Send resume to: Len Curtin, Superintendent, Lexington G.C., P.O. Box 177, Lexington, MA 02421; phone: (781) 862-5167.

Foreman. The Dedham Country & Polo Club, a private 18-hole club that opened in 1920 with bent/poa greens, tees, and fairways, is seeking two highly-motivated individuals to fill these positions. Responsible for mowing, golf course set-up, fertilizer and pesticide applications, maintenance of Toro Network 8000 irrigation system, golf course construction projects, and training of new employees. This is an hourly-wage position based on experience and qualifications. Also included are health/dental insurance, 401(k), paid annual vacation, and golf privileges. Send resume to: David J. Ferrantino, Director of Golf Course & Grounds Operation, Dedham Country & Polo Club, 124 Country Club Rd., Dedham, MA 02027.

Superintendent. Stowe Acres C.C., Stow, Mass. Seeks head superintendent for a 36-hole public golf facility in Boston's western suburbs. The award-winning facility, host of the 1995 USGA Public Links Championship, includes two 18-hole championship courses, a golf school, and active function facility. The superintendent is responsible for year around care of all landscaped areas including the golf courses, golf school, driving range and clubhouse areas. Superintendent is responsible for care and maintenance of all equipment and golf cars, and hiring, training, and management of the maintenance staff. The superintendent reports directly to the owner. The job requires a degree in turfgrass management or related fields and thorough knowledge of modern agronomic practices, including fertilization, cultivation, and IPM. The applicant must have a current pesticide license and strong experience as well as a working knowledge of irrigation systems and equipment maintenance practices. Strong leadership, organizational, communication, and team building skills required. Three-plus years experience as a superintendent required and multi-course experience

would be a plus. Salary is commensurate with experience and education. The company offers health benefits, a profit-sharing retirement plan, paid vacations and holidays, meal allowances, and paid association dues and conference attendance. Send resume by Feb. 1, 2002 to Walter Lankau, Stow Acres C.C., 58 Randall Rd., Stow, MA 01775; or e-mail: wlankau@stoeacres.com

Superintendent, The C.C. of Wilbraham, Wilbraham, Mass. Semi-private newly expanded to 18-hole course located in western Massachusetts. The new back-9 holes are scheduled to open in May 2002. New automated irrigation system and updated grounds equipment and facility. Position reports to general manager. Maintain all grounds inclusive of country club property. Golf course maintenance, including landscaping and improvements to tees, fairways, bunkers, greens, cart paths; and adjacent play areas, including club house area, trees, flowers, and portions of unimproved properties as directed. Equipment and facility maintenance including newly-constructed maintenance building, pump house, golf carts, and all equipment related to performance of duties. Snow and ice removal including roadways, parking area, and walkways. Establish and develop short and long-term financial and operational plans to meet objectives established by the general manager. Maintain excellent customer/member relations. Keep current on environmental issues as they relate to course maintenance. Must have a four-year degree in turf management or related field, or equivalent experience plus at least five (5) years of golf course experience, three of which as an assistant or superintendent. Must have Massachusetts pesticide applicator's license. Certificate from Golf Course Superintendents Association preferred. Send resume to C.C. of Wilbraham, Attn. Search Committee - Paul Lane, P.O. Box 61, Wilbraham, MA 01095.

GOLF RESULTS

Congratulations to 2001 golf award winners:

2001 GCSANE Individual Championship
Pine Ridge Country Club

Superintendent 1st Gross: Chris Tufts, 72
Superintendent 1st Net: David Barber, 67
Affiliate 1st Gross: David Antunes, 78
Affiliate 1st Net: Scott McCleod, 63

2001 GCSANE Team-of-Two Championship
Hickory Ridge Country Club

Superintendent 1st Gross: Ron Dobosz & Ed Gianni, 63
Superintendent 1st Net: Ed Eardley & Joe Piana, 61
Affiliate 1st Gross: Larry Anshewitz & Sean Moran, 74
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Edward Gianni, superintendent at Ridder Farm Golf Club, hosted GCSANE's Annual Meeting on January 14, 2002. The membership was well represented to enjoy the hospitality and fine luncheon to start off the new year of 2002.

Ed has been at Ridder Farm Golf Club for the past 6 years. His past experience includes working as the assistant at Cedar Hill Golf Club from 1993-1994 and then as a technician at New Seabury Country Club in 1995.

Ridder Farm Golf Club is located in Whitman, Massachusetts and was designed by Geoffery Cornish. It is a public, 18-hole, par 70 course that opened in 1961. The

HOST PROFILE

course is made up of 18 acres of fairways and 60 acres of rough. The lush greens are pennncross/poa annua with bent/rye/poa tees. Ed has helped to enhance the course by growing and planting some difficult species of trees.

Ed has been a member of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of New England for eight years, and has also been a member of the Golf Course

Managers Association of Cape Cod since 1998. His education includes graduating with a bachelor of science degree in plant soil science from the University of Massachusetts-Amherst in 1996 and earning a B.S. in plant management from Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts in 1993.

When Ed is not busy on the golf course, he enjoys spending time with his wife Erin and their 11-month-old daughter Lauren. He also enjoys snowboarding during the off season and finding time to play the piano.



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