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Rich Derby draws on tournament experience as host of 2002 Mass. Open Championship

Rich Derby brings a lot to the job. His is head golf course superintendent at the Longmeadow Country Club. Longmeadow hosts the Massachusetts Open Championship June 17-19 . . . 54 holes of gilt-edged golf competition. Rich is ready for it.

As the host superintendent, Derby, a certified golf course superintendent in his 10th year as head honcho at the Donald Ross designed layout, is responsible for presenting a high-end conditioned course and a challenge to the star-studded field. He works in concert with the Massachusetts Golf Association, which orchestrates state championship play. The two factions get

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together to plan, plot, devise and deliver a venue to produce a true champion.

“I’ve had a couple of meetings with MGA officials,” Rich told *The Newsletter* in coaxial conversation. “I had prepared the course just the way I do for our members. When the meetings were done with there was agreement all around. They said there was nothing else to be done. They liked the layout the way it was and how it played. They asked me what the Stimpmeter reading was. I said 10½ and they said that was OK, just right.”

When the tournament is in progress, Derby and designated MGA officials will set the cup placements, tee markers and check green speed. Rich will be a hands on participant in that daily procedure because he has first-hand experience in MGA-operated tournaments.

In fact, Derby goes way back in the history of state opens and amateur championships. He played in both events as a teenager, including a state open that was played at the old Runaway Brook course, forerunner to The International.

When you’re part of those events as a player it really gives you insight into how a course should be set up and how tough a challenge it should throw out to the field. You know what those things are all about once you’ve played in a state tournament. Rich will lean on that knowledge getting the course ready for this one.

Derby was an accomplished player out of the same Longmeadow course he grooms 35 years ago when he played one of the state’s legendary regional competitors, former Boston Bruin Ed Barry.

“I was 16 at the time and it was the quarterfinals of the state-am at Nashawtuc,” Rich recalled. “I had seen Ed play hockey. He was one of my favorite players. And I even got to know him. He was the reigning New England amateur champion and I sort of surprised him. I beat him. It was a good match and he just couldn’t believe how it ended. But he also was gentleman about the whole thing. I’ll never forget the look on his face. That’s probably my greatest moment in the game.”

Rich was 16 when he beat Barry. He played in other state-am events but admits he never could equal his performance against the old Bruin. “Eventually, I stuck my oar in the maintenance waters after going nowhere during two years of college,” he disclosed. “And along the way I had the pleasure of working under two of the best superintendents in the business.”

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Derby first came in contact with Roy Mackintosh as a member of the maintenance crew at Twin Hills Country Club, where the venerable superintendent also serves as a general manager. Rich stayed there for two years, then moved to the Oak Ridge Golf Club as head superintendent.

"I was really into it by then," he remarked. "But I still needed more solid experience, more guidance, if you will. That came when Leon St. Pierre was the main man at Longmeadow. I joined his staff, worked up to assistant, and took over as head superintendent in 1992 when Leon retired. The four years I worked for him were priceless.

"Longmeadow has a history of having long-term superintendents. I didn't know it at the time I succeeded Leon, but when it happened I became only the third superintendent in club history. The club was founded in 1922. Al Locke was the first, Leon followed Al and here I am into my 10th year. In fact, Longmeadow's been my home for most of my life."

Rich's family moved to Longmeadow when he was 12. Previously, the Derbys had lived in Winchester and Rich was introduced to the game by long-time Winchester Country Club pro Tex McReynolds. However, it was at Longmeadow where head pro Dick Stranahan worked with Rich and other juniors.

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"That's when I really learned to play," Derby said. "Dick Stranahan did a lot for me. He was great with us juniors. I owe him, I really do."

Derby thinks Longmeadow will be just as memorable for the field as it was the last time the open was played there when Dana Quigley, present Senior Tour star, won it. The course has been in a state of continuing restoration under architect Ron Pritchard and its length has been increased by 200 yards. It now plays over 6,800 yards. Length? An example is the par-three 13th, which now requires a tee-ball carry of 235 yards.

Rich, who hits balls to the greens on a regular basis to get the perspective from a player's standpoint, knows what's fair and what isn't in prepping for an important event like the state open. "I have the feel for what a course should be like for players of this caliber," he leveled. "That's what they'll get . . . challenging but fair. I almost wish I were playing in it. Uh, on second thought, I'm glad to be where I am. Regardless, I'm looking forward to it. I hope it's the success the tournament's always been."

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CALENDAR . . .

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| July 15 | GCSANE Monthly Meeting
Joint Meeting with Rhode Island
Fall River C.C.
Fall River, Mass.
Supt. - Tom Ohlson, CGCS |
| August 19 | GCSANE Monthly Meeting
Individual Championship
Blue Hill Country Club
Canton, Mass.
Supt. - Vincent Iacono |
| 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 |

GCSANE Scholarship & Benevolence Tournament attracts 160 players & supporters to Belmont C.C.

The 10th Annual GCSANE Scholarship and Benevolence Golf Tournament was held at Belmont Country Club on May 6, 2002. The tournament was over-sold, as we had 160 players in the event. The event had several highlights, including some wonderful words from Kathy Luccini, wife of the late Gary Luccini. The "ace" of the tournament was Chris Cowan, who scored his first career hole-in-one on Belmont's third hole. Playing over 170 yards uphill, Chris easily faded a five wood through the branches and watched his ball settle in the cup. It was, quite simply, the finest golf shot of the day.

The tournament was played as four-person teams with one best ball.

This years' net winners were:

1st Net - James Santoro, Ron Jacques, Chuck Bramhall, and Gary Sykes (52)

2nd Net - Charles Dickow, Bob Mather, Michael Hansen, and Steve Marullo (54)

3rd Net - Ron Dobosz, Mike Marshall, Ed Gianni, and Steve Keefe (55)

The winners in the gross category were:

1st Gross - Andy Langlois, Jeff Brem, Paul Miller, and Robin Hayes (65)

2nd Gross - Vincent Iacono, Art Perlis, Mike Cornicelli, and Paul Jamrog (67)

Additionally, Kirk Whiting was the winner of this years' Pot-of-Gold Shootout.

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His shot in the playoff on the 18th hole was inside his other four competitors.

The staff at Belmont C.C. was instrumental in making sure the event went flawlessly. The committee would like to thank the following people: Arthur Silva, CGCS, superintendent; Mike Rose, assistant superintendent; Bill Wild, general manager; Steve Sharad, executive chef;

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Heather Canny, assistant manager; John Fields, director of golf; Lynn San Filippo, golf shop manager; Andrew Sbordone, starter; and Peter Kress, Bob Stonehouse, Josh Olney, and Glen Sutton, assistant professionals.

The raffle was one of the largest in recent memory. The winner of the grand prize of two airline tickets and a week stay in Myrtle Beach was Peter Barber of Wellesley Country Club. Thanks to Colpitts World Travel for donating four roundtrip airline vouchers.

We would like to thank both the Massachusetts Golf Association and the Women's Golf Association of Massachusetts for their kind donations. We would also like to thank all the sponsors who generously donated to the event. These Friends of the Association include:

Platinum Level - Bayer Company, R.F. Morse & Sons, Sawtelle Brothers, and Turf Products Corporation.

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TurfLinks sponsored the beverage stations. Golf Carts were provided by Country Club Enterprises. EZ-GO Textron sponsored the Hole-in-One prize.

The committee would like to thank the following people for donating rounds of golf and other prizes for the event: Mike Luccini, Steve Mann, Bob LeBlanc, Jim Fitzroy, Wayne LaCroix, Carl Teschke, Erick Koskinen, Eric Sinasalo, Tom

Columbo, Mark Williams, Peter Hasak, Tom Ackley, Roger Brink, Bob Matthews, Manny Francis, Bob Ruszala, Daryn Brown, Mike Varkonyi, Dave Stowe, Brian Howard, Kevin Osgood, Mike Murphy, Joe Rybka, Ed Gianni, Dan Higgins, Todd Sauer, Dave Batzer from Golfing Careers.com, and Bob Healey for the week in Myrtle Beach.

Lastly, I would like to thank each member of the S&B committee for their help in setting up the event. They are: Jim Fitzroy, Arthur Silva, Mike Iacono, Bob Ruszala, Dave Stowe, Bob Healey, and Brian King. I would also like to thank our executive secretary, Sharon Brownell, for all her invaluable help.

RUSSELL HELLER
Scholarship & Benevolence
Committee Chairman

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This year's U.S. Open Championship is hosted by Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary course

When the nation's top golfers teed off for one of the most esteemed tournaments of the year, they had the privilege of golfing amidst the natural beauty of one of New York's most environmentally sensitive golf courses. The Black Course at Bethpage State Park, located in Farmingdale and site of the U.S. Open Championship in June, has recently been named a Certified Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary golf course.

The Black, Red, and Green Courses, members of the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program since 1997, have recently been designated as Certified Audubon Cooperative Sanctuaries. Courses earn this designation from Audubon International by implementing a full complement of environmental management practices in areas including environmental

planning, wildlife habitat management, chemical use reduction and safety, water conservation, water quality management, and outreach and education. Bethpage's Yellow and Blue Courses are working toward certification.

"This special designation underscores our commitment to protecting the natural environment at Bethpage State Park while offering outstanding recreational opportunities for our golfers," remarked N.Y. State Parks Commissioner Bernadette Castro. "We are particularly proud that the Black Course, the site of the 102nd U.S. Open Championship, has achieved this distinction."

Tournament attendees and television viewers were able to watch golfers playing amidst 205 acres of natural woodlands and meadow areas that characterize the

Black Course. Since 1997, Bethpage has converted approximately 10 acres of formerly mown turfgrass into meadow areas dotted with native plants, including little bluestem, purple coneflower, black-eyed Susan, and Joe Pye weed. The Black Course's natural areas are home to 57 species of birds, as well as a variety of amphibians, reptiles, and small mammals.

"As the spotlight is upon us for the U.S. Open, we hope to demonstrate our golf course's progressive attitude and actions for enhancing and protecting the environment," stated David Catalano, Director of Bethpage State Park. "The chance to establish the park's nearly 1500 acres of land as a nature sanctuary in such a developed part of the country provides great benefits for the community and the park."

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

25 Years Ago

Geoff Cornish, one of the most respected golf architects in recent times, took time out earlier this month to step up his leadership in a drive for the inclusion of legendary course designer Donald Ross in the Golf Hall of Fame.

Ross is held in high esteem by the group he founded, The Society of Golf Course Architects. "We honor him every day," Cornish reminded, "by wearing the architect blazer. It's made of Ross plaid, you know."

Cornish noted that some of the modern-day alterations to some of Ross' original layouts may appear out of line, but most of them have done nothing to diminish his impact as the patron saint of golf course architects. Practicality has demanded them.

The most frequent change in the old Ross style is getting the ninth green back to within reasonable distance of the clubhouse. "Playing only nine holes was a cardinal sin with Donald," Cornish quipped. "Consequently, when he laid out a course, he made sure the 9th green was as far away from the pro shop and clubhouse as possible. Well, times have changed under the urge of economics. We've had to re-label some holes so that the first and 10th holes start from the clubhouse."

Geoff also cited some incidental changes like enlarging greens and tees. However, he stressed that most of the alterations did little to take away from the original Ross design concept. "Donald was a pioneer in

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our field," Cornish remarked. "His ideas changed the whole concept of golf course design. His work rewarded shots rather than penalizing them. In effect, he opened up the game to all types of playing ability. That's why his contributions to the game of golf always will be perpetuated."

15 Years Ago

After a rough April, during which the area was hit by a severe, late-month snowstorm (7 to 18 inches), superintendents convened at Ocean Edge for a regular golf/meeting session of the GCSANE.

The day, May 4, turned cold, windy, drizzly, and then flat rainy. In the aftermath there emerged some remarkable scores in abbreviated nine-hole play. They were authored by Russ Bragdon (34), Dave Farina (36), Jim Amor (37), Tom Colombo (37), Dave Barber (37), and Jeff Carlson, host superintendent (38).

From a May 10 Paul Harber Boston Globe golf column: "At last week's meeting of the town council in Brookline, it was agreed to hire an independent environmental study (for \$3,500) to investigate the feasibility of parking on Putterham Meadows during the U.S. Open. Talk about wasting money. If the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America isn't good enough to figure out where to park automobiles on a golf course, no group has the credentials to work the details out. The GCSAA has made major strides in the last 20 years on the use of chemicals, insecticides, and fertilizers in the environment. They were tuned to the environment before it became the 'in' thing."

5 Years Ago

Jim Conant, superintendent at the C.C. of Pittsfield, has completed renewal of his Certified Golf Course Superintendent status.

Eastman superintendent Ron Hansen completed an EPA course, "Operation of Wastewater Treatment Plants," administered by Cal State-Sacramento. Hansen is responsible for an 18-hole course, 50 miles of roads, seven lake beaches, and all landscape and recreational grounds within the 3500-acre development.

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Shattuck G.C. announces new management

(The following is a press release from Sterling Golf Management, Inc.)

The Shattuck Golf Club, with 18 championship holes, located at the foot of Mount Monadnock and rated "Best Course in the State" in 1996 Golf Digest, is under new management and has opened for the 2002 golf season.

Sterling Golf Management, Inc., a reputable golf course management company from Newton, Mass., has taken over the facility and is moving forward toward a closing to purchase the course. Top-notch qualified personnel are already on the job to assure that all patrons will be pleased with Sterling Golf's operation. Superintendent Paul Lautner and staff are working diligently on the maintenance of the golf course, while Dean Helm, PGA golf professional, will be responsible for clubhouse management and golf instructions.

Sterling Golf Management, Inc. has operated and maintained courses in Massachusetts for 10 years. Newton Commonwealth G.C., Franklin Park G.C. in Boston, Chelmsford C.C., and the Sassamon Trace G.C. in Natick are completely managed by Sterling Golf, while maintenance programs are provided at the Brookline G.C. at Putterham Meadows and the Fore Kicks G.C. in Norfolk. Owner and president Kevin F. Osgood oversees the entire operation, making frequent site visits and hiring quality staff to implement his rigid requirements to provide the utmost in customer satisfaction and meticulous course conditions.

Concentrating his efforts on "controlled growth" where the company only takes on one or two golf courses each year, this will be Kevin's first venture into the actual ownership of a course. "I was captivated by the majestic views and the natural beauty of the course design," he declared when asked why he chose the Shattuck.

Designed by Brian Silva of the renowned architectural firm of Cornish, Silva, and Mungeam, the golf course originally opened in 1991 and was rated by Golf Digest as

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Gary Luccini Memorial 4-Ball Championship — Round I Results / Round 2 Matches —



Changes at Shattuck G.C.

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the No. 1 public course in New Hampshire every year from 1993 to 1996. Since then, "this gem of a target layout had lost almost all of its lustre." With the implementation of a methodical maintenance program, the course will undergo a total reconditioning. Plans are also underway to soften the playability by cutting brush to increase the sight lines from tees to fairways to greens and to decrease the number of bunkers in non-strategic areas without significantly affecting the architect's original intention. Also in the plans are adding many new tee complexes and moving and rebuilding at least two of the greens to improve the course's playability.

Since word has spread about Sterling Golf Management's involvement with the course, the company has been inundated with calls from people who typically play

the course two or three times each year. Because of SGM's excellent reputation in the golfing industry, interest in the course has been rejuvenated.

Even though there is no major highway to access the area, the region has become a destination resort for many people. With Mount Monadnock's popular trail system and a summit offering spectacular panoramas extending to all six New England States, it is the "second most climbed mountain in the world after Mount Fuji in Japan." The area is dotted with many small lakes and there is an abundance of small country inns and bed-and-breakfasts to choose from. The Shattuck will continue to attract tourists who may be visiting the area, but will definitely rely on the local golfers from Jaffrey and neighboring towns to keep up its business.

Permits allowing unlimited golf through a prepaid greens fee program are being

purchased by many regular patrons of the course. An added benefit to these permits is Sterling Golf Management's offer of two complimentary rounds of golf at three other courses under their management. Although the available permits seem to be popular and are selling fast, there is a feeling that some golfers may be waiting to see how things evolve before making a season's commitment. But veterans from the other SGM courses who have played at the Shattuck are thrilled with the arrangement. Not only do they know that Sterling Golf will do flips to get the course in shape, but the season permit-holders of these courses will be able to play two free rounds of golf at the Shattuck!

To keep abreast of what's happening at the Shattuck G.C. and at the other courses under Sterling Golf Management's operation, visit their web site at www.sterlinggolf.com.

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POSITION OPENINGS

Second Assistant Superintendent. Warwick Country Club is a private 1924 Donald Ross design course located on Greenwich Bay approximately 15 minutes from Providence. Applicant must have a two or four-year degree, have at least three seasons working in golf course management, and have the ability to obtain a Rhode Island pesticide license. Salary is commensurate with experience. Benefits include health insurance (100%), 401 k, vacation, sick days, dues to local and national associations and meals. Send resume and cover letter to: John LeClair, Superintendent, Warwick Country Club, 394 Narragansett Bay Avenue, Warwick, RI 02889; E-mail: JLwcc1@aol.com.

Mechanic and Irrigation Technician. The Harmon Club is a new 18-hole golf and practice facility opening later this year in Rockland, Mass. Applicant must have a minimum of two years of experience in the position. Pay is negotiable on the basis of experience and qualifications. Send resume to: Chris Tufts, Superintendent, The Harmon Club, 168 Concord Street, Rockland, MA 02370.

Second Assistant Superintendent. Andover Country Club is a private 1925 Ross 18-hole golf club. Andover is privately owned and operated (no greens committee), and is located 20 minutes north of Boston at the junction of Rte. 93 and Rte. 495. Applicant must have a two-year degree with

a minimum of three years working in golf course management. Alternatively, an applicant could have a turf management certificate with a minimum of five years working in golf course management. Must be able to obtain a Massachusetts pesticide license. The candidate will be involved in all aspects of golf course management. Salary or wages will be commensurate with experience. Benefits include health insurance, vacation, regional turf conference, dues to local and national associations, and meals. Please send resume to: Wayne F. LaCroix, CGCS, Andover Country Club, 60 Canterbury Street, Andover, MA 01810.

Assistant Superintendent. Easton Country Club is a privately owned semi-private 18-hole golf course with Bent-Poa greens and 24 acres of fairways. The course, designed by Sam Mitchell in 1961 and 1968, features automatic irrigation, and hosts 43,000 rounds per year. The position requires a 2 or 4-year degree in turf management. The applicant should have spraying knowledge and have or be able to obtain Mass. Pesticide applicator's license. Responsibilities include plant protectant applications, irrigation scheduling & maintenance, and staff supervision & training. The applicant will be required to work shortened hours on alternate weekends and extended hours when necessary. Compensation is commensurate with experience. Benefits include annual vacation, co-pay health insurance, employee benefits, association dues, and golf. Send resume to: Eric Brown, Easton Country Club, P.O. Box 257, South Easton, MA 02375.

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By Tom Ohlson, CGCS

I have had the pleasure of being the golf course superintendent at Fall River Country Club for the past 22 years. I'm very fortunate to have an industrious staff, a supportive membership, and an interesting piece of property to maintain. Fall River Country Club, established in 1895, is a very busy place with 550 playing members and 30 large outings per season, which adds up to over 40,000 rounds per year. The original nine holes were designed by Willie Parks, Jr., and the second nine by Geoff Cornish. We are home to constant winds, lots of poa annua, some pretty steep hills, and a couple of thousand woodchucks.

I am very proud of my golf-oriented family, as currently six Ohlsons work at six different country clubs. (Father Alex at Ballymeade, step-mom Jennifer at Woods

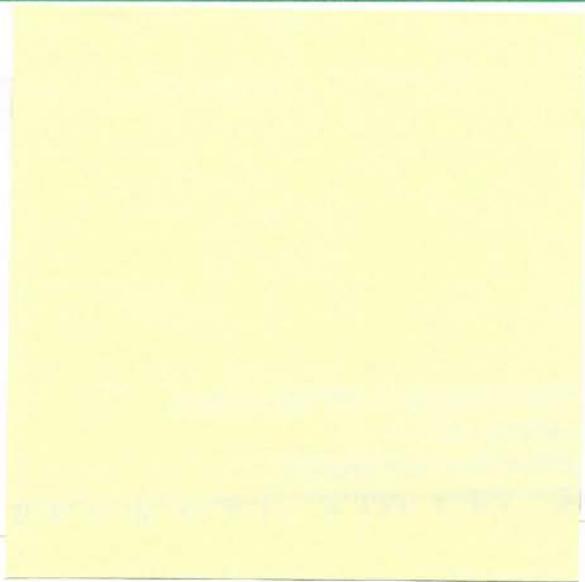
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Hole, brother Pete at Wentworth Hills, son Jonathan at Mt. Pleasant, son Stephen at Norton, and the red Converse guy at Fall River C.C.) Previous generations saw my grandfather Alex and his brother Ed as longtime greenkeepers at Lexington and Segregansett, respectively. I give them credit for figuring out that the golf season was a little too brief in Sweden and opting to take the boat to Ellis Island.

As a youth, I wanted to follow in my maternal grandfather's steps and become a gynecologist (figures!) but two years at Tufts University trampled that aspiration.

I finished my bachelor's degree at UMass-Boston, completed Winter School at UMass Stockbridge (with Mark Richards, CGCS), became a CGCS in 1988, served on the board and was president of the RIGCSA in the early '90s, and continue to serve on several committees.

After 48 years on this side of the turf (and one divorce), I have finally learned that the golf course is not as important as family and friends. I think that many superintendents suffer from a large dose of self-imposed stress. My favorite saying now is "Pep without Purpose is Piffle!" I'm currently seeing a lovely redhead from Narragansett named Kelly, who (unlike my ex) seems to understand why I can't go camping with the kids in New Hampshire in July.



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