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After years at Winchester C.C., Dan Higgins is part of the grow-in at Renaissance G.C.

By Jim McCabe,
The Boston Globe

Before when it would rain, Dan Higgins would merely shrug his shoulders and look at the bright side of the equation. "You could simply tell golfers the grass was too wet, so they couldn't play," he said, laughing. "But at least you had grass."

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Now?

He was at his office in late November, casting his eyes out upon torrential rain. But whereas he used to worry about how that would affect the grass, now he's concerned about how it will affect the process of "growing grass."

"Same weather, but everything takes on a different complexion now," said Higgins, who just recently celebrated his one-year anniversary as the head superintendent at The Renaissance Golf Club, an ambitious private club in Haverhill that has slowly, but passionately, been coming together.

"We hope to have nine holes opened in the spring of '05," said Higgins. "It's been a slow process at times. I mean, last winter it was almost impossible to work outside."

He came aboard at the Renaissance after a distinguished 14-year stint at Winchester Country Club, truly one of the great championship layouts in New England. A Donald Ross gem, Winchester C.C. is critically acclaimed and Higgins loved everything about his job – from the members to the pro staff to the club officials to the responsibility of caring for such a pristine golf course.

Almost the perfect job . . . except that Higgins saw an opportunity to fulfill a dream.

"I had always wanted to be involved in a grow-in, to watch a golf course take shape," said Higgins, who looked at the Renaissance as his chance to do just that. The timing, he said, was perfect, "because my two kids had grown and were out of the house and I had reached a

point in my life when I wanted to do a little more."

His duties at the Renaissance surely gave him "a little more." And then some. That's because he had a lot more to do than he ever dreamed, from being there for tree removal to watching fairways take shape to spending time with architect Brian Silva.

"Just watching Brian work is a pleasure," said Higgins. "Watching him take something, shape it, then refine it. I've learned so much."

It's not the first time they've been aboard the same project, either. After graduating from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture in 1978, Higgins worked at several Connecticut golf courses before he got his first head job, at Cohasse C.C. in Southbridge. That's where he first met Silva, who had been hired to do a renovation project at the club.

With the Cohasse job done, the men went their separate ways – Silva to a series of assignments that helped earn him an impeccable reputation in the golf world, Higgins to Winchester C.C.

They reunited again in the mud and dirt off of Route 495, but only after Higgins had been lured away from a job that he concedes "was extremely comfortable." Yet the challenge of pitching in to bring the concept of the Renaissance G.C. to fruition keeps Higgins going each day.

By the time Higgins had come aboard, decisions had been made about

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Dan Higgins, Renaissance G.C.

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which grass to use. Terry Buchen, a noted agronomist from Williamsburg, Va., had suggested L93 on the greens and tees, with the fairways a mixture of L93 and South Shore Bent Grass.

Higgins agrees with the choice, but it hasn't gone without some bumps in the road. Last winter was very cold. There was a wet spring and various other obstacles. Unlike his old job, which was a steady ride, "up here, it's a wide range of emotions," said Higgins.

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UMass & MALCP combine to present Lawn Care Seminar

The Annual Lawn Care Seminar is scheduled for Jan 27, 2005 in Auburn, Mass.

The Lawn Care Seminar is an annual event co-sponsored by UMass Extension

and the Massachusetts Association of Lawn Care Professionals (MALCP). This seminar provides an excellent opportunity for professionals that are working in the landscape and lawn care industries to attend an educational session during the off-season.

Topics presented will include the impact of lawn care on the environment, aspects of turfgrass physiology, and other items of interest. Lawn, landscape, and municipal turf professionals, athletic field managers, regulatory and environmental agency staff, and volunteers should attend as they gear up for the 2005 season.

Pesticide applicator and re-certification contact hours will be awarded for all six New England states: five hours for category 37 (turf), five hours for pesticide applicator licenses, and two hours for category 36 (shade tree & ornamentals).

For further information on the Annual Lawn Care Seminar, contact the UMass Turf Program at (508) 892-0382 or the Massachusetts Association of Lawn Care Professionals at (781) 274-7373.

The final pieces to the irrigation system were being put down in late November and Higgins, like so many of his colleagues, was praying for good weather. At least for now, while work can still be performed.

There is a view from his office that is far different from all the years working at Winchester. It is a golf course, yes, but it is not the emerald look he is used to. That's OK, because his job at the Renaissance offers him such a different perspective of his career.

"It's incredibly gratifying," he said. "To see a piece of earth like this and to watch tree removal and the soil come together? It's great."

CALENDAR . . .

- March 2 **GCSANE Monthly Meeting**
Framingham Country Club
Framingham, Mass.
Supt. - Patrick Daly, CGCS
- April 25 **GCSANE Monthly Meeting**
Joint Meeting with Golf Course
Managers Association of Cape Cod
Segregansett Country Club
Taunton, Mass.
Supt. - Richard Gagnon
- May 23 **Superintendent/Club Official**
Worcester Country Club
Worcester, Mass.
Supt. - Steve Thys
- June 16 **Scholarship & Benevolence**
Tournament
The Country Club
Chestnut Hill, Mass.
Supt. - William Spence
- July 11 **GCSANE Monthly Meeting**
Team-of-Two Championship
Gardner Municipal Golf Course
Gardner, Mass.
Supt. - Michael Hermanson
- August 23 **GCSANE Monthly Meeting**
Individual Championship
Marlborough Country Club
(permanent yearly site)
Marlborough, Mass.
Supt. - Kenneth Crimmings
- Sept. 19 **GCSANE Monthly Meeting**
Eastward Ho! Country Club
Chatham, Mass.
Supt. - Brian Cowan
- October 6 **GCSANE Monthly Meeting**
Berkshire Hills Country Club
Pittsfield, Mass.
Supt. - Stephen Curry
- Nov. 1 **GCSANE Monthly Meeting**
Wampatuck Country Club
Canton, Mass.
Supt. - Edward Eardley

President describes responsibilities of office; board members to do the same in future articles

I look forward to seeing many of you at the GCSAA Conference in February in Orlando. We are all confident that GCSANE Past President Jim Fitzroy, CGCS, will be elected as a director of GCSAA. Good luck, Jim! If you are attending the conference, don't forget about the Nor'easter reception which is being held on Thursday evening, February 10 at the



Rosen Centre Hotel. Thanks to Bob Ruzala for chairing this event.

As I mentioned in my last President's Message, each issue for the next 12 months, a member of the GCSANE Board of Directors will explain a little more about their positions than the GCSANE Constitution & Bylaws tell you in the membership directory.

My job as president is a four-year commitment: Two years as president and two years as immediate past president. This, when added to my other years I served on the board, brings my total board service to 13 years. If your goal is to become president, this time requirement is probably fairly consistent. You can, however, serve for as little as two years if that is your personal preference.

I think one of the most demanding parts of the job is responding to the countless phone calls involving matters concerning the association. This includes calls from members and their concerns but also includes calls from the press which can be about good or bad things

involving the association. I have enjoyed representing GCSANE at the many functions I have been invited to by our allied associations.

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Then there are also the many trips to Norton attending board meetings of the Ouimet Fund and Massachusetts Golf Association. The GCSANE president serves as an ex-officio member of both of these groups.

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The president is a member of the Employment Advisory Committee which visits golf courses trying to fill open superintendent positions. He also is a voting delegate at the GCSAA Conference. I consider the appointment of each committee chair one of my most important jobs. Nearly all board members begin GCSANE service by serving on one of our many committees.

In conclusion, look at the job descriptions listed in our bylaws. You can see that what is listed above is only a small part of my responsibilities as President of GCSANE. Get involved! This is your association. We all want to make things better for those who follow us.

Next month, Pat Kriksceonaitis will explain what his position as vice president entails.

Best Wishes,
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GCSANE President

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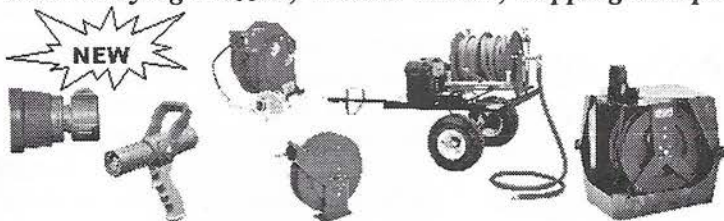
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Letters of appreciation flow for Tony Caranci for his years of dedication to the profession

Anthony B. Caranci, Jr., longtime golf course superintendent at Ledgemont Country Club, died on December 6, 2004. What follows are a 1998 letter in support of Tony Caranci from Joseph Troll, Ph.D., Professor Emeritus, University of Massachusetts; an appreciation from Gary Sykes, Executive Director, NERTF; and an appreciation from Mark Richard, CGCS, superintendent at Kirkbrae Country Club.

(The following letter is reprinted from the original letter that Dr. Joseph Troll sent to GCSAA in support of Tony Caranci's nomination for the GCSAA Distinguished Service Award. It was written July 28, 1998.)

This is in support of golf course superintendent Anthony B. Caranci, Jr. for the GCSAA Distinguished Service Award.

It was 1955 when I first met Tony on a golf course managed by his father. He so impressed me that thereafter I followed his career and noted his many contributions to his profession, municipality, and state.

In the early fifties, Tony was the superintendent of the 18-hole Louisquisset Golf Course designed by Donald Ross. However, he was called into the army during the Korean War, returning to the Louisquisset position two years later.

Tony attended the 1957 University of Massachusetts Winter School for Turf Managers. He was a much interested student, forever asking questions. He never hesitated to speak up when he doubted the instructor's factual presentation.

During his tenure on Louisquisset, he served a term as president of the Rhode Island Superintendent Association. Also, he was elected for three years as town councilman.

In the sixties, Tony left Louisquisset to become and presently is the superintendent of the Ledgemont Country Club.

Tony is a very knowledgeable turf manager. Most often he has and still does produce excellent playable turf on the golf courses he served and is serving. Still, what is unusual but gratifying, the

membership on both of his courses loved and backed him even when the weather conditions adversely affected his turf.

The Ledgemont membership is the first and only club that I know that honored its superintendent with an anniversary party. Every member wanted to attend but the dining room wasn't large enough to accommodate all. After a top-drawer cocktail party and dinner, they presented Tony with a \$5000 check, and to his wife, a necklace.

Tony not only contributed to his profession but also was kept busy with outside activities. He served as president of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of New England. He is chairman of the GCSANE student scholarship committee. More importantly, he made certain that it contained sufficient funds to be awarded yearly.

Tony has a keen business insight and the welfare of those in his profession.

He has the ability to sell his membership his presented budget and obtaining an increase in his salary. His fellow superintendents soon acknowledged his business sense. Once a year, Tony discusses his business methods with superintendents of the New England Association.

Knowing of his success with presenting and selling his budget to his membership, each year I invited him to teach a course in budgeting to my winter

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school students at the University of Massachusetts. Many of the winter school students were superintendents and to this day whenever I run into one of my students, they ask about him and sing his praise. Tony also taught a course at the University of Rhode Island.

As a board member of the Massachusetts Turf and Lawngrass Association, he contributed much to its success. He served a term as the president of the organization. He helped to plan the Mass Turf & Lawngrass Conferences that raised considerable money for turfgrass student scholarships and research. He played a role in setting up the Massachusetts Turfgrass Foundation that continues to fund UMass Turfgrass Scientists.

He gave a good deal of his time to meaningful services outside his profession.

During Rhode Island's Governor Chaffee's term in office, he appointed Tony chairman of the Providence-Worcester Railroad.

Years later, Rhode Island Governor Dupree appointed Tony as chairman of the Narragansett Bay Sewage Commission. As chairman, he was responsible for paying out millions of dollars for the cleaning of the bay.

Tony is well known and admired for his services to his profession. I highly recommend that he be awarded the GCSAA Distinguished Service Award.*

**Joseph Troll, Ph.D.
Professor Emeritus
University of Mass.**

*Tony Caranci was awarded with the GCSAA Distinguished Service Award that year.

From Gary Sykes:

Tony Caranci, was a friend to every superintendent he met. Young or old he always had time to talk shop and offer help and advice. I have been with him at many turf conferences and was always impressed with everyone who he talked with. Practically non-stop he would carry

**Always learning,
Tony was a model
for success in an ever
changing industry.**

**An Appreciation
of Tony Caranci,
by Gary Sykes
Executive Dir., NERTF**

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Pyraclostrobin receives approval in Mass.;

EPA issues 'Stop Sale' reminder for diazinon

Pyraclostrobin

The new Insignia(TM) (pyraclostrobin) label, EPA Reg. No. 7969-184, is now registered in Massachusetts. This new registration allows for use in residential and commercial lawns, recreational areas, and sod farms. Insignia(TM) is in the Qol (Strobilurin) fungicide group, is systemic, and is subject to fungicide resistance development. I recommend that this product be rotated with fungicides other than strobilurins. This product is labeled for: anthracnose, bentgrass dead spot,

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registration allows for use in residential and commercial lawns, recreational areas,

brown patch, dollar spot (suppression only), fairy ring, Fusarium patch, gray leaf spot, gray snow mold, leaf spot, melting out, pink patch, pink snow mold, powdery mildew, Pythium blight, rapid blight, red thread, rust, summer patch, and take-all patch.

Diazinon

EPA is issuing a final reminder notice to pesticide retailers that the stop-sale date for all outdoor diazinon home, lawn, and garden products is Dec. 31, 2004. After that date, it will be unlawful to sell diazinon outdoor non-agricultural use products in the United States. This provi-

sion is part of an agreement between EPA and diazinon registrants to phase out and eliminate virtually all residential uses of the insecticide. Discontinuing diazinon use in home, lawn, and garden care is part of EPA's ongoing effort under the 1996 Food Quality Protection Act to reduce the risk of pesticides, especially to children. After Dec. 31, 2004, diazinon registrants are offering a "buy back" program to assist with removing these products from the market and preventing further sale. Registrants will repurchase any unopened, unused outdoor residential products from retailers or formulators. As of Jan. 1, 2005, retailers should remove all diazinon outdoor home, lawn, and garden products from store shelves and store them safely until these products can be sold back to the manufacturers or disposed of properly.

Consumers may continue to use diazinon residential products according to label directions and precautions. If consumers choose to discontinue use, they should contact state or local hazardous waste disposal programs or local solid waste collection services for information on disposal. Consumers are advised not to dispose of pesticides in sinks, toilets, storm drains, or any body of water. Local governments may recommend consumers take diazinon products to a hazardous waste collection site. An organophosphate pesticide, diazinon has been one of the most widely used insecticides in the United States for lawn and garden pest control, as well as for indoor residential treatments. All indoor use product registrations have been canceled. Retail sale ended Dec. 31, 2002. More information is available at: www.epa.gov/pesticides/op/diazinon.htm.

'Tis the season for a snow mold refresher: keep fingers crossed for early spring melt

By Karl Danneberger, Ph.D.
Professor, Dept. of Horticulture
& Crop Science, Ohio State U.

With cold weather arriving yesterday, and the winter storm warning for tomorrow, followed by another blast of cold weather . . . it has got to be Christmas in Ohio. In the snowbelt region of Northeast Ohio snow molds are always a concern on creeping bentgrass and *Poa annua* turf.

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Typhula blight (*Typhula incarnata*) is a common snow mold in Ohio and is first evident at snowmelt in late winter. Symptoms appear as circular areas of straw to grayish brown turf. The turf may also appear matted with the appearance of a grayish-white mycelium at time of snowmelt. The mycelium often dries and becomes encrusted over the patch.

A diagnostic key to Typhula blight is the appearance of small hard spherical fruiting structures called sclerotia. Often times these sclerotia appear reddish to reddish-brown in color.

Pink snow mold and/or fusarium patch is probably the most common snow mold found in Ohio. It is often associated with Typhula blight. Pink snow mold is the term used when this

disease occurs with snow melts, while fusarium patch is used for the disease in the absence of snow. In both cases the organism causing the disease is *Microdochium nivale*. Circular patches of pinkish-orange to brown infected turf are common symptoms.

The following snow molds, *Coprinus* snow mold and snow scald, are not common in Ohio, but are a problem farther north and west of Ohio. *Coprinus* snow mold (*Coprinus psychromorbidus*) is often associated with the northern high elevation locations where extended periods of deep snow cover occur. The pathogen, *Coprinus psychromorbidus*, is considered a low-temperature basidiomycete, thus the term low temperature basidiomycete is often used to describe this disease. Two strains exist of the pathogen one that produces sclerotia and the other does not.

Under deep snow, snow scald (*Myriosclerotinia borealis*) may also occur. Snow scald is more severe if the ground is frozen. With both *Coprinus* snow mold and snow scald, promoting early spring melt will help reduce disease severity. ❄

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Campaign for Joseph Troll Turf Research Center reaches target; construction already in progress

By Melissa M. Wedig

The campaign to build a research and teaching facility at the Joseph Troll Turf Research Center has successfully met its fundraising target. The last few months have seen a flurry of donations, including over \$40,000 raised at a Golf Tournament at Hickory Ridge Country Club in Amherst, an additional \$75,000 pledge from the New England Regional Turfgrass Foundation (NERTF), as well as a generous gift from R.F. Morse Turf & Ornamental of West Wareham, Mass. "We're glad to be able to help. This research center is going to do a lot for the industry and we wanted to support the facilities they need to do top-notch research," said Dick Canning of R.F. Morse.

With the pledges in hand, and the target met, the university signed a construction contract with Garland Construction Company of Chicopee, Mass. A few short weeks later the bulldozer arrived on site, and on January 6 Joe Troll and many of the UMass turf team members met at the site to mark the start of construction. Gary Sykes, Executive Director of NERTF, joined the festivities, presenting Dean Willis with a check from the organization. "This sends a celebratory message of the great and unified accomplishment that has been made by the turfgrass industry together with the university," said a note from NERTF President Gary Watschke.

The substantial completion date is set for May 21, 2005, and the facility is expected to be one of the main attractions at the annual Turf Field Day, held in June. The building, at 3000 sq. ft., will include laboratory space, a meeting room for holding workshops, hosting meetings, and teaching small classes, as well as space for storing and maintaining equipment.

"We cannot overstate the extent to which the turf industry response has been a shot in the arm for the turf program at UMass-Amherst, motivating us to take a close look at what it will take to

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regain our reputation for being among the national leaders in turfgrass research and teaching. Our growing partnership with the turf industry is enabling us to set high goals and expectations," said Steve Goodwin, Associate Dean.

In addition to the new building, the UMass-Amherst turf program has initiated a search process for a new turf faculty

position, is revamping the internship program to ensure students get matched with the right turf industry experiences, and is considering ways to maximize use of the entire 18-acre facility.

"It's important to ensure that the potential that this building represents for all of us is realized," said Dean Willis. "That's why a campaign like this doesn't end, it just changes focus. We're not going to just say 'well, that's done' and walk away. There are other pieces to put in place so that the program as a whole is operating at the highest level. We've already begun working to ensure that there's an endowment for operations and maintenance, that there are funds for building new turf plots, new fairways, and new greens. These pieces are just as important to our success. And with the continued support of the turf industry, we're going to get there." ■



Pictured at the construction site on Jan. 6 are, l. to r.: Professor Pat Vittum; Peter Veneman, Plant, Soil, & Insect Sciences Department Head; Cleve Willis, Dean of the College of Natural Resources and the Environment at UMass-Amherst; Emeritus Professor Joseph Troll; Tom Griffin, Manager of the UMass-Amherst Turfgrass Facility; Gary Sykes, Executive Director of the New England Regional Turfgrass Foundation; and Professor Rob Wick. (Photo by Patricia Devine Cromack.)

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Asst. Dean Steve Goodwin expresses gratitude for support of UMass: 'They said it couldn't be done. But you did it.'

They said it couldn't be done. But you did it. A new 3000 sq. ft. building will be constructed on the site of the Joseph P. Troll Turf Research Center. The contracts have been signed, the purchase orders have been cut, and the clock is ticking. The substantial completion date is now May 21 2005 and the prime contractor is Garland Construction Co. of Chicopee, Mass.

We have all worked incredibly hard on this project, so who could blame us if we take a little time to pat ourselves on the back. The turf industry has made this project a reality. For the first time, there will be suitable space for storing and maintaining equipment. For the first time, there will be meeting space on the site for holding workshops, hosting meetings, and teaching small classes. For the first time, there will be modern laboratory space equipped with fume

hoods allowing us to push the research program to a new level of excellence.

We cannot overstate the extent to which the turf industry response these past few months has been a shot in the arm for the turf program at UMass-Amherst, motivating us to take a close look at what it will take to regain our reputation for being among the national leaders in turfgrass research and teaching. This building is a great step forward. It will surely help us to recruit the best faculty and students. The search process has already been initiated for the next turf faculty hire. We will be revamping our internship program to make sure that our students get matched with the right turf industry experiences so critical to the development of their careers. Our growing partnership with the turf industry is enabling us to set high goals and expectations for turfgrass research and teaching.

Of course there is still much to be done. We need to insure that the con-

struction is to the highest standards. We need to maximize how we utilize the entire 18-acre facility to take advantage of research opportunities. We need to continue our efforts with the campaign and not be satisfied getting near our goal, but rather push ourselves to get up and over the top. Please contact Rick Robar at (413) 577-1692 should you or anyone you know need more information on the turf center campaign.

You can be sure I'll be driving by the facility often to follow the progress of the construction and I'll keep you updated as we pass significant milestones.

For now, thanks for your efforts and thanks for your belief in the program.

**Steve Goodwin,
Asst. Dean, College of
Natural Resources
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Dean Cleve Willis applauds donors to Troll Building fund and turns attention to funding endowment & maintenance

Great news, folks! As you know from a recent e-mail sent by Steve Goodwin, we've signed the contracts and are one giant step closer to seeing the turf research building realized. I'm writing to

share even more good news. Through a generous gift from R.F. Morse Turf & Ornamental of West Wareham, Mass. the turf building campaign has reached its target goal! The new year, 2005, will indeed see the construction of a 3000 sq. ft. research and teaching building at the Joseph P. Troll Turf Research Center.

The campaign has consisted of over 250 donors. There have been donations from individuals (many of whom are alums of our two- and four-year programs), donations from foundations, donations from corporations, and donations from associations representing all facets of the turfgrass industry. The donations have been large, small, and every size in between, but they have all

been based on the belief that a new turf building will make a difference for the turf program at UMass-Amherst and that it will make a difference for the turf industry in New England.

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campaign like ours doesn't end, it just changes focus. The campaign changes its focus to ensuring that there is an endowment for operations and maintenance, it changes its focus to raising the funds for new turf plots, new fairways, and new greens. In short, it changes its focus to making sure that the research and teaching conducted at the Joseph P. Troll Turf Research Center is of the very highest quality.

It is never too late to become a part of the campaign and I ask you to encourage anyone who might need more information about the campaign to contact Rick Robar at (413) 577-1692.

The more I work with the turf industry, the more I realize that there is no limit to what we can accomplish as we partner together.

**Cleve Willis, Dean
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Appreciations flow for the late Tony Caranci

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on conversations with old and new friends as he greeted so many with his wide smile. Everyone who knew his maintenance habits knew he loved the Hahn triplex green/tee mowers. When Green Valley decided to change to other equipment, a quick call to Tony was all it took. The next morning bright and early, a one-ton pickup with Tony at the wheel arrived at our shop. He was excited and appreciative for everything the turf industry had given him. I was especially impressed when even approaching the end of his career, he still sat in the front row of the conference to hear the education programs completely. Always learning, Tony was a model for success in an ever changing industry.

Gary Sykes
Executive Dir., NERTF

From Mark Richard:

Anthony B. Caranci, Jr., long time golf course superintendent of

Ledgemont Country Club, died on December 6, 2004. Mr. Caranci, whom I and many of my colleagues would affectionately call "godfather," was a pioneer in his profession. I use the word "profession" because he believed every day that golf course superintendents were profes-

He was extremely confident in his ability, which allowed him to be a teacher to a generation of superintendents without fear for his own job. No subject or problem was too small for him to discuss with you.

An Appreciation of Tony Caranci, by Mark Richard, CGCS Kirkbrae C.C.

sionals engaging in the art of "greens keeping." He did it in a time, an era, where it was fashionable to look down on the greens superintendent as just another hired hand. Not Mr. Caranci. He was a man who would give respect but commanded respect in return. His forward thinking proved true down the road as the industry became more intricate and sophisticated and extensive knowledge would be required. He was extremely confident in his ability, which allowed him to be a teacher to a generation of superintendents without fear for his own job. No subject or problem was too small for him to discuss with you. He took satisfaction in helping us all understand the workings of our jobs and how to get better, how to get ahead. His own golf course over a 25 to 30 year period was second to none. To top it all off, he was just a really down to earth, nice guy, and a pleasure to be around. I can only hope that someday I may exhibit just a portion of the class and integrity that Mr. Caranci possessed. Thank you, Tony, for being a mentor to me and my generation of golf course superintendents. May you rest in peace.

Mark Richard, CGCS Superintendent Kirkbrae Country Club

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations to Jim Small, superintendent at Olde Scotland Links, on becoming a certified golf course superintendent as designated by the GCSAA.

Congratulations to superintendents who were recognized for beautiful golf courses in the November 2004 issue of *Golfdom* magazine. The article included photos of Old Sandwich G.C., Sean McCormick, supt.; Essex C.C., Pat Kriksceonaitis, supt.; Salem C.C., Kip Tyler, CGCS, supt.; Newport C.C., Bob Reynolds, CGCS, supt., and Marion G.C.

Our condolences go to Ed Gianni and family on the recent passing of Ed's mother.

Our condolences are extended to Mike and Joanne Cornicelli on the recent passing of Joanne's sister Linda Boyd.

Our condolences go to Matt Crowther and family on the recent passing of Matt's mother-in-law Anne Marie Deignan.

Congratulations to Kenneth Lallier, CGCS, superintendent at the Quechee Club, who is one of the recipients of the GCSAA 2005 Excellence in Government Relations award. The awards will be presented at the Golf Industry Show General Session, Friday, February 11, 8-9:30 a.m. The EGR Award winners will hang out and network with show attendees in the Agronomic Solutions Center on the trade show floor from 10-11 a.m. on Friday, February 11.

GCSANE NEWS

The GCSANE Forum section is now password protected. Please e-mail Russ Heller your name, club, username, and desired password and he will put you in the system. *You must be a current GCSANE member for this privilege.* Send all requests to rheller@gcsane.org.

GCSAA NEWS

Former NFL coach and player Dan Reeves will speak at this year's GCSAA Prayer Breakfast in Orlando. The event is 7:30 - 8:30 a.m. Saturday in room W303 of the Orange County Convention Center. All conference attendees are welcome to attend. There is no charge. Continental breakfast is served at 7:15 a.m.

Don't forget to join us at the Nor'easter Hospitality Room at the Golf Industry Show in Orlando 2005. This event will take place on Thursday, Feb. 10 at the Rosen Centre Hotel (Association Headquarters) "Signature One" room, 6-8 p.m.

Free ERS ads during the Golf Industry Show. Superintendents: Are you looking to hire an assistant or crew member? During the Golf Industry Show (Feb. 7-12), all Employment Referral Service postings are free. To receive your free posting, submit your position questionnaire by Feb. 7.

Three GCSAA scholarships have March deadlines. The Scotts Company Scholars Program has a March 1 deadline, Par Aide's Joseph S. Garske Collegiate Grant Program applications are due March 15, and submissions for the GCSAA Student Essay Contest are due March 31.

POSITION OPENINGS

Assistant Golf Course Superintendent, Brockton C.C., Brockton, Mass. Responsibilities include course set up, equipment operation, plant protectant applications, and equipment & irrigation repair, as well as many other duties. Applicant must be responsible and dependable, and must have or be able to obtain a Mass. pesticide license. Irrigation and equipment maintenance experience is a plus. Salary/wages commensurate with experience. Local conference and seminars and golf privileges are available. Deadline: Feb. 28, 2005. Please send resume to: David Devin, Supt., Brockton C.C., 265 Samuel Ave., Brockton, MA 02301.

Assistant Golf Course Superintendent, Norton C.C., Norton, Mass. Norton C.C. is a semi-private club located in southeastern Massachusetts. The club has approximately 300 members, and consists of an 18-hole, 6,546 yard golf course, a clubhouse with banquet facility, and a pool. The course has bent/poa greens, tees and fairways. Individual should have an associate's degree or certificate in turfgrass management. Individual must be self-motivated, be able to motivate others; and have the ability to organize and communicate with staff. Must have a Mass. pesticide license. Responsibilities include course setup, operation and maintenance of irrigation system, chemical and fertilizer applications, and supervision of crew. Salary is commensurate with experience and ability. Benefits include health and dental insurance, 401(k), annual vacation and dues for GCSAA membership. Deadline: Open until filled. Please send resume to: Peter Van Heest, Supt., Norton C.C., 188 Oak St., Norton, MA 02766; Fax (508) 285-5150.

Golf Course Superintendent, Atunyote Golf Club, Oneida, N.Y. Atunyote Golf Club is a new course just a few miles from the Turning Stone Resort. This course offers a parkland setting with countryside views and scenic lakes and streams. The course is 18 holes, 7,308 yards; with a projected 15,000

rounds annually. The course has bentgrass greens, tees, and fairways; and an automatic irrigation system. Metal spikes are banned. A B.S. degree in the turf management/agronomy field is required. Five to 10 years of experience as a superintendent, assistant, or golf course supervision is required. Individual should have experience in golf course maintenance, budget, purchasing, clubhouse lawns, flower gardens, trees & shrubbery, equipment maintenance, and fertilizer/pesticide applications. Experience with a tournament-condition course is preferred. Salary is commensurate with experience. Benefits include health insurance, annual vacation, annual sick time, bonus, and GCSAA membership dues. Deadline: Open until filled. Please send resume to: Turning Stone Resort & Casino, Human Resources Dept., 223 Genesee St., Oneida, NY 13421, Att: Chadia Saber.

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1950 Worthington Tractor that has been stored for a few years. Call Rich at Hatherly G.C. AT (781) 545-6121.

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Troy Built Roto Tiller, good working order; needing new engine; 1973 Cushman, still runs; next stop Antiques Road Show; Electro Magic Steam Cleaner, good working order; 1984 GM 62 Onan 20 h.p., light duty during 2004 season. Contact Jack Hasset, Mt. Pleasant G.C. at (978) 458-7300.

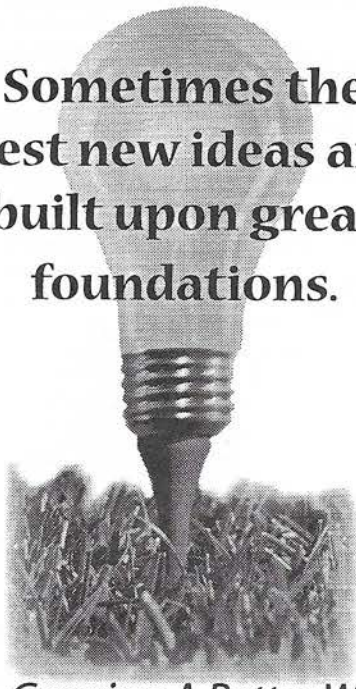
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