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For Jeff Baker, developing a new golf course is a great opportunity for professional growth

By Anthony Pioppi

Becoming a head superintendent for the first time is a move filled with stress.

If that first job happens to be at an upscale private facility, the pressure can be even greater. And many would agree that growing-in a golf course is a fast-track ticket to a head of gray hair.

So the fact that Jeff Baker's first job as a head superintendent was the grow-in

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of The Golf Club of New England, a private course that straddles the New Hampshire towns of Greenland and Stratham, must mean he's a candidate for the funny farm.

Well, no. He's doing just fine. After all, this is a guy who didn't take the normal route into the golf course maintenance business, so why shouldn't he continue on a road less traveled?

Baker was hired by GCNE in February of 2001 before the first tree had been felled. He was involved in every aspect of the build from selecting grass types to choosing an irrigation system.

Four weeks after being hired, Baker's responsibility increased even more when the project manager walked off the job and was never replaced.

"It was trial by fire," Baker said in a world-class understatement.

Baker's road to GCNE began in 1990 after he graduated from Colby College in Maine with a degree in political science. After a fruitless eight-month job search, Baker went to work at The Country Club, in Brookline, Mass.

"I realized a nine-to-five office job was not something I wanted," Baker said.

A short time later he began taking classes at University of Massachusetts-Stockbridge. For three years he worked four days a week at the Country Club and commuted to school from his home in Framingham the other three days. He earned an associate's degree in 1993.

Baker credits The Country Club superintendent Bill Spence for his success. He said Spence gave him a lot of responsibility in many areas and that allowed him to grow as a superintendent. By the time the Ryder Cup rolled around in 1999, Baker had been an assistant superintendent for several years.

"The Country Club really prepared me well for the decision-making process," Baker said.

The following February he took the GCNE job. From the start it was an entirely different beast.

"The biggest thing is the magnitude of a project this size," Baker said.

The course takes up 285 acres of the 455-acre site.

"Each hole is unto itself," Baker said.

During construction, 10 acres of wetland was filled in, but the owners had to give back at a 4-to-1 ratio.

The distance from the maintenance facility to the three holes at the far end of the property is a mile-and-a-quarter. Baker said because of wetlands and protected areas there are no shortcuts. There are 7,000 linear feet of bridges.

Once work on the project began, Baker realized there was a large difference between building golf course and maintaining a golf course. For one thing, any schedule is out the window.

"You can't really plan your day," he said. "I just dealt with everything I could in a 12- or 14-hour day."

This is not to say that everyday was a grind. Baker said he especially enjoyed working with Erik Larsen, the lead architect on the job for Palmer Course design. Throughout the construction, Baker said Larsen elicited his input.

"He would look at me and say, 'how are you going to maintain this?'" Baker said.

Baker's goal was not to make the course easy to maintain at the expense of Larsen's vision.

"I wanted the full architectural flavor to come out," he said.

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Now entering his third season, Baker has settled into his job, but he has also taken a gander in his rearview mirror, and is amazed at all that happened as the course was built.

"Had I sat down and thought about the magnitude, I would have gone nuts," Baker said.

Although the club has declared bankruptcy, Baker said he has been assured by the new ownership, that he will be provided with a budget that will allow him to maintain the golf course in a way that members of an exclusive private club would expect. 🏌️

Anthony Pioppi is a Contributing Editor for Golfdom Magazine.

UConn's turf pathologist receives Musser Award

Dr. John Kaminski, turf pathologist in the Department of Plant Science at the University of Connecticut, received the 2005 Musser Award of Excellence from the Musser International Turfgrass Foundation.

The award was created in honor of Professor H. B. Musser, whose career in turfgrass at Penn State spanned four decades. The foundation began when a group

TURF SCIENCE of turfgrass researchers, educators, suppliers, and managers decided to create a vehicle for promoting the future of turfgrass. They focused on doctoral candidates who would be the educators and researchers of tomorrow. The award acknowledges the most outstanding scholars seeking a Ph.D. in the turfgrass sciences, encouraging the continued pursuit of excellence. The honor includes a commemorative plaque and cash award.

Dr. Kaminski joined UConn's Department of Plant Science in January 2005 as an assistant professor after completing his Ph.D. at the University of Maryland. Under the direction of Dr. Peter H. Dernoeden, John's graduate research involved the biology of *Ophiophaerella agrostis* and epidemiology of dead spot, a newly discovered disease of bentgrass putting greens. At UConn he will direct the Turfgrass Disease Diagnostic Center and conduct research that will have an immediate impact for the turfgrass industry in Connecticut and southern New England. 🏌️

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CALENDAR . . .

- April 25 **GCSANE Monthly Meeting**
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, CGCS
- Sept. 19 **GCSANE Monthly Meeting Joint Meeting with Golf Course Managers of Association of Cape Cod**
Eastward Ho! Country Club
Chatham, Mass.
Supt. Emeritus - Brian Cowan
Supt. - Frank Hancock
- October 6 **GCSANE Monthly Meeting Join Meeting with the Northeastern GCSA**
Berkshire Hills Country Club
Pittsfield, Mass.
Supt. - Stephen Curry
- Nov. 1 **GCSANE Monthly Meeting 9-Hole Meeting**
Wampatuck Country Club
Canton, Mass.
Supt. - Edward Eardley

President reflects on Orlando & Providence events with hearty combination of pride and pleasure

It was nice to see many of you in Orlando. I had a chance to play in my first GCSAA golf tournament and although I could have played better, it was quite the experience.

I'd like to congratulate Past President Jim Fitzroy, CGCS, who was elected a GCSAA Director. Jim received 97% of the votes cast. Those at the national level



have found out what we already knew that Jim is not only an outstanding candidate but a very special person as well. Vice President, Pat Krikscionaitis and I brought Jim around to all the other chapter's

hospitality rooms to meet other officers, delegates, and chapter members. It was a very long night and we ended up leaving Pat in the Michigan hospitality room where I think he still might be lobbying for votes.

Speaking of hospitality rooms, a special thank you to Bob Ruzala for chairing the hospitality room committee and doing another outstanding job. In Bob's never ending quest to improve The Nor'easter, Bob is working with Dave Schermerhorn of HTS, and has already received pledges of \$10,000.00 in national vendor support for next year's Nor'easter in New Orleans.

If you happen to see John Lenhart from Sawtelle Brothers, he needs to understand that you have to look at the

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entire name on the wall when entering a rest room in the Orlando Convention Center. Apparently, John saw the letters "MEN" on the way in but on the way out, upon closer examination, the letters "W" and "O" mysteriously appeared before "MEN." Nice going John.

I'd like to thank Pat Daly, CGCS, for hosting the March meeting. Thanks to Treasurer Ron Dobosz for his report on the status of the Troll-Dickinson Scholarship Fund. The funds lifetime return is 18.37% and as of 3/2/05 has a balance of \$91,143.76. The fund has awarded more than \$40,000 in scholarships since its inception in 1968. A special thanks to Scholarship Chairman Dean Robertson and committee members Bob Ruzala and Carl Teschke. I will have a report on our scholarship and benevolence fund in a future newsletter.

Holiday Party Chairman Arthur Silva, CGCS, reports that the 2005 GCSANE Holiday Gala will be held on December 16, 2005 at Belmont Country Club. Mark this date on your calendar.

I would like to congratulate everyone involved with the New England Regional

Conference recently held in Providence. Another great job!

While in Providence, I had the pleasure of attending the Stockbridge Breakfast, and with the help of Dr. Joseph Troll, presented this year's six Troll-Dickinson Scholarships totaling \$4,000. Many of us also had the opportunity to meet with Dr. Pat Vittum and several Stockbridge/UMass staff. During a two-hour open forum, suggestions pertaining to the entire Stockbridge/UMass program, including but not limited to the Internship Program, were discussed. We all know that we are in the construction phase of the Troll Building and this meeting was just another positive step in returning the Stockbridge/UMass Turf Program to the lofty position that it once held.

See you at our first outdoor meeting on April 25 at Segregansett.

**Best Wishes,
Michael J. Hermanson
GCSANE President**

Russ Heller reflects on the details of his position as GCSANE secretary

The GCSANE Board of Directors position of Secretary is similar to a World War II bomber. There are long stretches of inactivity only to be followed with periods of heightened activity.

My main function as Secretary is to record the minutes of both regular and board meetings. It can often be a challenge to accurately document this information. Thoughts and ideas are often thrown across a board table with dizzying speed. When a formal motion

is made, it is vital that all points are recorded with clarity. The minutes are the official records of the association, after all. To be sure all pertinent information is properly accounted for, I make every effort to write all meeting minutes no later than the next day. This describes the chaotic part of my job.

The remainder of my duties involve coordinating various office work with Sharon, our Executive Secretary. I make

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Mill Valley G.C. penalized for expansion without Water Management Act permits

Mill Valley Golf Links, Inc., the operator of the Mill Valley Golf Course in Belchertown, has been assessed a \$27,725 penalty by the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) for undertaking an expansion of the golf course without the necessary Water Management Act Permits.

The Water Management Act requires that any business, which uses an average of over 100,000 gallons per day of water or nine million gallons in a three-month period, must obtain a Water Management Act permit prior to construction. A DEP inspection and review of irrigation plans established that Mill Val-

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ley expanded the course and its capacity to withdraw water in an amount requiring a permit. In addition, DEP observed an expansion of the clubhouse into the protective zone (Zone I) of the clubhouse drinking water well in violation of the Public Water Supply statute.

In addition to the penalty, Mill Valley will be required to apply for a Water Management Act permit and address the encroachment of the clubhouse into the protective zone for the well. The permitting process under the Water Management Act provides for, among other things, the protection of wetlands

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and other resource areas, endangered species and the rights of other water users. Permitting also requires implementation of conservation measures, integrated pest management practices, stormwater controls, and metering of usage. In addition, there is an opportunity for public comment.

"The Water Management Act permitting process is designed to ensure that users of large quantities of water do not adversely affect critical environmental resources or nearby water users," said Michael Gorski, director of DEP's Western Regional Office in Springfield. "It is imperative that all environmental permits be obtained prior to starting a project. Permitting prior to construction allows DEP to review those impacts and appropriately condition permits."

From DEPNews,
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Environmental Protection.

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Dr. Rob Wick resumes position as lead turf pathologist at UMass

Rob Wick is back into turfgrass pathology. Rob has been a plant disease diagnostician his entire professional career, more than 25 years. At Virginia Tech, where he received his Ph.D. (1981) and tutelage under Houston Couch, Rob ran the Diagnostic Lab and Nematode Advisory Service. He was subsequently hired there as a faculty member but left for the University of Massachusetts in 1984.

At the UMass Suburban Experiment Station in Waltham, Mass., Rob's diagnostic lab covered vegetable and ornamental crops, and turfgrass diseases and nematodes. When Rob moved to the Amherst campus in 1991, he gave up turfgrass pathology for Gail Schumann. Gail quickly became an

outstanding turfgrass pathologist, gaining national recognition.

Gail has since left UMass, and several changes are taking place in diagnostics. An additional diagnostician is being hired to help cover some of Rob's workload so that he can concentrate more on turfgrasses. Rob brings 25 years of turfgrass nematology and 10 years of turfgrass pathology into the program. UMass will continue to be a leader in turfgrass sciences and diagnostics.

Specimens for turfgrass diagnostics and nematode assays should be sent to: Rob Wick, Department of Plant Soil & Insect Sciences, 270 Stockbridge Road, Fernald Hall, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA 01003. Please avoid having specimens arrive on Friday afternoon if possible. Please see this month's insert for a UMass Extension Plant Diagnostic Labs Turf Form. 🌱

Appreciation from New Jersey superintendents shows that Dr. Joseph Troll is 'No Average Joe'

By Dave Pease,
MCPS Golf Courses,
New Jersey

It was a warm September morning on the southwest lawn of Stockbridge Hall. Gathered around in a collective huddle with fellow students I heard our professor pause, then bending over requesting assistance in identifying a plant within the community of grasses present. It was my first day at the university and I was about to gain a valuable lesson if I were going to continue my studies at this institution of higher learning. A student up at the front of the group blurted out, "that's Poa." With immediacy, Dr. Troll responded to the collective mass standing deep to the rear of the group, "You know gentlemen, 25 cents and hanging in the back will only get you a cup of coffee. I suggest if you want to learn anything you better get up front." Enough said.

Deep in the bowels of Stockbridge Hall amongst the catacombs of research laboratories was Dr. Troll's office, an extension to his formal classroom setting two stories above. Like something out of a Mickey Spillane novel, the doorway, with its wainscoting frame and frosted widow pane embossed with gold leaf lettering, "Dr. Troll, Turf" greeted all who entered. His office was a most welcome place for his students. Doc, coming off as a no-nonsense guy, pretty much black-and-white when it came to issues

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of principle, was warm and approachable to his students, almost the antithesis of his classroom demeanor, peering over his reading glasses as if he could read your darkest thoughts. Joe had an open door policy, welcomed to visits at any time. However, his classroom was an area of business where lectures were given, notes taken, and above all, you had better be prepared for that day's lesson. His time was valuable and he required that his students respect their time as well. He provided guidance and an ear to your concerns, in addition to giving advice and snippets of wisdom beyond our years. The office was the "doorway to our future."

Prof Dickinson was a legendary figure who established the country's very first college-level course in turfgrass management and science at the University of Massachusetts (Mass Aggie, Mass State). Dr. Troll on the other hand is a "Legend in his own time." He took the virtues bestowed upon him back in 1957 and transcended their value for the hundreds of students who came under his tutelage. Doc championed the attitudes and resources necessary to be successful, not only in the profession of golf course stewardship, but in life as well. First and foremost Dr. Troll was a researcher and educator, which has been well documented. But his profound effect on the industry was his commitment to human resourcing; the emphasis in getting his students who had completed their studies into the field of golf course management. "To diversify ones knowledge, cut the apron strings, and get out into the world to expand your knowledge base by exploring opportunities beyond your backyard" was Joe's philosophy.

When I heard that the New Jersey Golf Course Superintendents Association Distinguished Service Award was being presented to Dr. Troll, I could not think of a more deserved person to receive such honor. His legacy extends deep within the fabric of our profession through the careers launched by his steadfast beliefs in getting his students into the field of golf course management. No other person has impacted the

"personnel landscape" of New Jersey golf courses more than Dr. Troll. His profound impact was felt by networking a placement program to promote the positioning of students with the opportunity to manage golf courses. For over three decades his impact has been felt by his students who have had careers and still have careers on New Jersey golf courses. To name a few: Steve Finamore, Bill Spence, Dick LaFlamme, Mike Minor, Eric Cadenelli, Jack Martin, Larry Dodge, Jeff Allen, Skip Cameron, Jan Kasyjanski, Sherwood Moore, Dave Heroian, Bruce Peebles, Rick Christian, Greg Nicoll, Steve Malikowski, Pete Coste, Steve Curry, Tom Grimac, Bob Dwyer, Bruce Cadenelli, Dick Bator, Harry Stafford, Doug Larson, Bob Tosh, Bill Murray, Bob Mathews, Charlie Cross, Steve Cadenelli, Matt Clement, Steve McNamara, Kevin Osgood, John O'Keefe, Gary Stedman, Phil Scott, Pete Pedrazzi, yours truly, and many more.

"I owe a debt of gratitude to Dr. Troll; I am where I am today because of him; I wish my children had someone like him to guide them on their professional pursuits." – Steve Finamore, Alpine Country Club, Demarest, N.J.

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Is PCNB still working? Careful application is crucial, as noted in checklist of considerations

By Joseph Rimelspach,
Ohio State University

Recently there have been questions about the impact of periodic heavy rainfall and warm weather this winter on the longevity and efficacy of PCNB products and snow mold control.

In doing some research it appears that the PCNB products should be relatively stable if properly applied. PCNB is

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a contact material with limited movement in the plant so initial coverage and placement is important as it is with all contact type fungicides. The following are some considerations to think about.

I. Did the application(s) properly cover the host and stabilize at the site?

Liquid applications. In the case of liquid treatments carefully consider if the product had adequate time to adhere to the turf and soil before excessive rainfall. If there was insufficient time to dry/stabilize then the product may have moved or been diluted. In late fall or early winter the "dry" time is slow and may be days compared to hours in summer. This is due to many environment factors such

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as low temperatures, short day length, cloudy conditions, relatively high humidity, etc. If the application did not have adequate time and subjected to heavy rains, product coverage would have been compromised and reduced disease protection would be expected. Check weather conditions experienced after the application(s).

Dry applications. Do not require a drying period. A concern would be if there was excessive rain that moved product and resulted in uneven particular distribution. Remember that the areas that are the most prone to the movement of product are often the most prone to disease development due to favorable microenvironments.

II. Is the turf growing and therefore lowering the amount of fungicide protection?

Excessive wet and warm weather conditions can greatly increase the growth rate of the host/turf. More snow mold

would be anticipated even with no loss of fungicide from runoff. Lush growing turf is substantially more susceptible to this disease and requires additional steps to manage. PCNB is not systemic so new growth is not protected by the fungicide. Also remember excessive wet weather is especially conducive for pink snow mold (*Microdochium nivale*) development and increased disease pressure.

III. High potential snow mold sites are often wet and the most prone to both reduced fungicide persistence and the highest amount of disease pressure.

Keep in mind that weather patterns can affect the fungicide product, the development and advance of the disease pathogen, and the growth and susceptibility of the host. In high disease pressure sites additional fungicide applications may well be needed to deliver high quality disease free turf. ■

Jack Nicklaus is entitled to his opinion as recipient of Old Tom Morris Award

The following are bullet points from the Q&A session with Jack Nicklaus after he accepted the Old Tom Morris Award at the 2005 GCSAA Golf Industry show last month in Orlando, Florida:

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• "I would like to see the return of furrowed rakes like they used to use at Oakmont. Bunkers have become to easy and are not the hazards they used to be."

• "Thirty years ago, at a Pro Am, if an amateur was having a good day he could beat a touring pro (at the amateur's) home course. Not today, the pros are to good and playing a much different game."

• "The ball is going too far. There should be a 10% reduction; this would

effect the tour pros much more than amateurs."

• "There use to be bentgrass players and bermuda grass players, but now courses are conditioned so well that it really doesn't matter."

• "Superintendents should be the first hire in the construction process."

• "Six inch rough doesn't allow for creativity or recovery on the golf course. Arnie was popular because of his recovery skills; that is missing today. Augusta used to be a second-shot course, [with rough and tree plantings] that has been taken away."

• "I am still hitting the ball as far as I did in my prime."

• "I believe a good member yardage is 6200 to 6700 yards." ■

Ohio State U. reports on a variety of herbicides as an effective way to control annual grassy weeds

By John Street, David Gardner, & Deb Holdren, Ohio State U.

Most turfgrass managers across the state (Ohio) continue to rely on the use of pre-emergence herbicides to control annual grass weeds.

Newly Seeded Turfgrass (mowed less than 3 times). Siduron should be applied at the time of seeding or prior to the emergence of the weed grasses. A second application may be necessary where weed pressure is heavy.

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Established Turf. Pre-emergence herbicides for 2005 include: Benefin (Balan), Bensulide (Betasan, others), Pendimethalin (Pre-M, Pendulum, others), Oxadiazon (Ronstar), Trifluralin + Benefin (Team Pro), Dithiopyr (Dimension), and Prodiamine (Barricade).

Monitor soil temperatures (2-inch depth) to predict annual grassy weed germination. Annual bluegrass germinates in soil temps of 45F (8C), Crabgrass = 50-55F (10-13C), Goosegrass = 60-65F (15-18C), Barnyardgrass = 60-65F (15-18C), and Foxtails = 65F (18C). In Northern Ohio, crabgrass emergence occurs around April 1 to May 1, Central Ohio it occurs around March 15 to April 15, and in Southern Ohio March 1 to April 1.

Post-emergence herbicides for annual grassy weeds

After annual grass weeds have established in grass areas, their removal usually necessitates the use of post-emergence control products. Those products for 2005 are: Monosodium Acid Methanearsonate (MSMA, Daconate, others), Fenoxaprop p-ethyl

(Acclaim Extra), Dithiopyr (Dimension), and Quinclorac (Drive).

Dimension is unique in that it exhibits both pre-emergence & post-emergence activity on crabgrass. It is most efficacious on young crabgrass that is beyond the 1-2 tiller maturity stage. Growth stoppage of crabgrass occurs within 3-5 days after application but actual kill takes 3-5 weeks. It is a good specialty herbicide for use where the critical target date for crabgrass has been missed, a post-emergence application is required, but seasonal pre-emergence control is still necessary.

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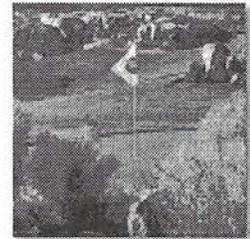
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New Jersey superintendents present Dr. Joseph Troll with the 2005 GCSANJ Distinguished Service Award

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"I was in his office one day while working on the Turf Bulletin, and Doc inquired: 'Spence, you ever heard of Mon-Mouth County?' With a smile I replied, 'Yes, that's where I'm from in New Jersey.' 'Well, Bill, they're looking for a superintendent.' That opportunity provided my first superintendent's job." – Bill Spence, The Country Club, Brookline, Mass.

"He has been committed to excellence in every aspect, in teaching, research, and in guiding his students. If it weren't for Dr. Troll, I wouldn't have enjoyed the career that I have." – Dave Sylvester, sales rep from Bayer Environmental Science and class of '75 graduate of the Turf Program.

"It was my first day of class sitting next to Teddy Maddox who's now in Vermont and I can remember ever so clearly Dr. Troll saying 'I don't care what you do in any of your other classes, but if you ever miss anyone of my eight o'clock classes you'll never get a job in this country, cause your grandfather only dies once,' insinuating that you've got one excused absence." – Steve Malikowski, Ponder Lodge Golf Club, Villas, N.J.

Joe Troll grew up in Paterson New Jersey, the son of a chemist. It's quite apparent that Joe got off to a pretty good start in his career, inheriting some prime

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DNA to pursue a career in the field of science. Dr. Troll joined the department of plant and soil sciences at UMass as an instructor in 1957 and was promoted to professor in 1959. He was responsible for teaching undergraduate and graduate courses, conducting an eight-week winter school for turfgrass managers, and teaching courses in a two-year program at the Stockbridge School, where he was chosen as Outstanding Professor of the Year on three occasions. Dr. Troll was recognized in 1983 by the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America with its

Distinguished Service Award. In 1991, Dr. Troll received the USGA Green Section award in recognition for his distinguish service to golf through work with turfgrass.

"He touched people's lives throughout their careers. His influence on his students was not limited to the two or four years they were at school. He would involve himself unselfishly throughout the careers of his students. He would be instrumental in placing his students in golf course positions throughout the nation. His far reaching contacts made it possible to run a job referral service and many of his students eventually occupied the most prestigious positions in the industry." – J. Barrie Robertson.

We in the business have been so fortunate to have known this man; he has been a mentor to me and so many others. He strived to get you to think outside the box, that there were no "cookbook answers" out there, and that one needed to expose themselves to the unanticipated changes one was about to have thrown at them. There was an excitement in his eyes when conversing about the business of managing turf, as if in another life, he too would like to drive the bus, to be a superintendent experiencing the constant trials and tribulations in maintaining high quality turf on golf courses. He loved the game of golf and like most of us was frustrated that he couldn't improve his handicap beyond his skill level. In the basement of Stockbridge Hall I recall seeing him donned in his white lab coat, doing research, reading his papers, and I wondered at times while observing him at his work just how approachable he was when it came to our life's pursuits. Dr. Troll has impacted my life in ways that I have yet to discover. Like many of us who studied under him, I pass on those virtues to my protégés. He continues to have a profound effect through his disciples of turf management. Joe is a powerful figure for all who have come to know him. 🏌️

**From the web site of the
Golf Course Superintendents
Association of New Jersey.**

Letter to the Editor recalls Bob Heeley, longtime superintendent at Quaboag C.C.

Dear Mike,

I'm a friend of Roy Mackintosh from Twin Hills Country Club. My name is Richard Kaczmarczyk and I am the director of public works for the Town of Palmer out in western Massachusetts.

A good friend of ours by the name of Bob Heeley, who was the greens superintendent for Quaboag Country Club in Monson, Mass. for years, passed away March 1, 2005 in Ocala, Florida. Bob and I were close friends for years. I did all his shaping work with my bulldozers

and Bob and I became good friends. Bob's son called me and asked if I could contact someone in the golf course superintendents association. I called Roy and that's how I got your name and e-mail.

His son would appreciate it if you would just mention Bob's passing in your newsletter to let his friends know of his passing. Bob died after a battle with cancer.

**Thank you,
Dick Kaczmarczyk**

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

MEMBERSHIP

Welcome new members: Andrew Eick, Assistant, Walpole C.C., Walpole, Mass.; Mick Echard, Assistant Superintendent, Walpole C.C., Walpole, Mass.; James Hastings, Assistant, Pine Meadows G.C., Lexington Mass. Welcome new Friend: Tree Tech, Inc., Foxboro, Mass.

Proposed for membership: David W. Johnson, Superintendent, Whitinsville G.C., Dudley, Mass.; Christopher M. Johnson, Superintendent, Milford C.C., Milford, Mass.; Bernard E. Meehan, Jr., Superintendent, Wahconah, Dalton, Mass.; Jeremy Stachowicz, Superintendent of Grounds, Wahconah, Dalton, Mass.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our condolences go to the Heeley family on the passing of our friend Bob Heeley. Bob was the superintendent for Quaboag Country Club in Monson, Mass. for many years, and he passed away March 1, 2005 in Ocala, Florida after a battle with cancer.

Our condolences are extended to the Snyder family on the passing of Arthur Jack Snyder, a Past President and Fellow of the American Society of Golf Course Architects and member since 1964, who died February 12 in Phoenix, Arizona. He was 87.

We wish Mary Armstrong a speedy recovery from her recent surgery.

Best wishes go to Peter Lund on a speedy recovery from his recent surgery.

Congratulations to Dick Duggan, CGCS, superintendent at The Meadow at Peabody, who was recently recognized by the mayor of Peabody for the completion of his third renewal as a Certified Golf Course Superintendent.

Richard Gagnon, superintendent at Segregansett C.C., was interviewed by Golf Course News on how superintendents are saving money during these budget-conscious times. To read this article, visit: <http://www.golf-coursenews.com/Features/Feature.asp?ID=8>.

GOVERNMENT RELATIONS

Pending Legislation: (1) New York S.B. 572 requires a golf facility to make available at least one functional cardiac defibrillator and requires that employees of the facility be trained in its proper operation and use. (2) Vermont S.B. 12 limits the amount of granular fertilizer that may be applied per 1,000 square feet of turf for non-agricultural uses including golf courses.

The proposed Mass. Fertilizer Preemption Bill is being revised. There was concern regarding the wording, and about who would become the source of information on fertilizer in the state. We will provide an update when more information becomes available.

GCSANE NEWS

If there is a cancellation of a GCSANE event, information will be (1) posted on the web site, (2) available on the association's office answering machine, and (3) delivered via an e-mail blast. Please make sure that you have given Sharon your correct e-mail address and that your email account is set up to accept association mass mailing. Many of our attempts to reach people are being rejected by spam filters.

Thanks to Bob Ruzala, CGCS, for putting together this year's Nor'easter in Orlando. It was well attended and a lot of fun.

The Turf Club is reforming at UMass after many years of hibernating.

There is a \$250 stipend for an article from a GCSANE member. The article doesn't have to be perfect – we will pretty it up if we have to. It is a great way for members make some money while beefing up their portfolio. A length of 600-700 words is all we ask, a mere two pages in MSWord in 12-point type, single spaced. *The Newsletter* would like to invite all affiliates to submit a press release about new hires or a company bio. We will print press releases on a first-come, first-served basis.

GCSAA NEWS

The new design of the online GCSAA member benefit directory – the benefit puzzle – can help you navigate through the many GCSAA programs and services offered. Let us help you make the most of your membership at the GCSAA web site: www.gcsaa.org.

UMASS NEWS

Free service. You can now post positions at the Stockbridge School web site free at: www.umass.edu/stockbridge/jobnet/listajob.php. Internship and permanent professional positions can be listed separately under Turfgrass Management.

INFORMATION

Turf & Surf Sweepstakes: Heritage-TL. To celebrate its new liquid formulation of Heritage, Syngenta Professional Products offers superintendents the chance to win a Caribbean trip for two in the "Turf & Surf Sweepstakes."

The winner receives a five-day, expenses-paid trip to the Sandals resort in the Bahamas. In addition to the grand prize, 25 superintendents will win a GCSAA self-study course, and 50 superintendents will win a GCSAA online course. To enter, visit www.heritageTL.com. The promotion ends May 1, with winners announced June 1. Entries limited to one per month.

POSITION OPENINGS

Assistant Superintendent, Charles River Country Club, Newton, Mass. Charles River C.C. is a Donald Ross designed club, located approximately five miles west of Boston in Newton Centre, Mass. The 219-acre facility includes driving range, pool, and tennis courts. Individual must have an associates or bachelors degree in turfgrass management or related field. Individual must be a team player with strong attention to detail. It is important that the candidate have previous experience in personnel management. The candidate will assist the superintendent in all aspects of golf course maintenance. Individual must be skilled in all facets of golf maintenance, daily set-up, and personnel management of teams of 10 or more. Salary is commensurate with experience and ability. Benefits include health insurance, 401(k) program, annual vacation-sick time, and annual dues paid to national & regional associations. Position open until filled. Please send resume to: Paul Blanus, Superintendent, Charles River C.C., 483 Dedham St., Newton Centre, MA 02459; E-mail: pblanus@charlesrivercc.org; Fax: 617-244-8553.

Golf Course Superintendent, Pleasant Valley C.C., 95 Armsby Road, Sutton, Mass. Pleasant Valley is a nationally-known private 18-hole championship course that has hosted 33 PGA Tour events and 14 LPGA events as well as Mass. Opens and NEPGA Section Championships over its 44 year history. Qualifications include a turf management degree and a minimum of three years of experience as a superintendent. A Massachusetts Pesticide License is required. Individual must have a proven track record in construction projects as well as experience in the development of long and short-term course improvement programs. Responsibilities include maintenance of entire golf course and grounds that feature an award-winning horticultural program. New construction is now underway on two holes. Individual must have a total understanding of budgets, purchasing, leasing, and administrative duties. The superintendent will direct a truly outstanding crew which remains in place. Compensation includes a competitive salary, based on experience, combined with an excellent benefit program. Deadline for responses in March 31, 2005. Fax resume to 508-865-0778, or e-mail resume to: ejm539@aol.com

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been formulated for more rapid burn-down of weeds in the new product called QuickPro, which discolors weeds in 2-3 days. The speed of initial discoloration can also be enhanced with the addition of non-selective contact herbicides such as Scythe or Reward.

Selective Controls. Corsair continues to be available for selective control

of Tall Fescue in established Kentucky bluegrass. This product should not be used on perennial ryegrass.

Annual bluegrass (ABG) control

Prograss is a post-emergence herbicide capable of eliminating ABG from turfgrass areas. Carefully assess the extent of the ABG population before using this product. The best efficacy from Pro-

grass occurs with multiple applications made in the fall.

Velocity (bispyribac sodium) (registration pending in Mass.) is an ALS inhibitor labeled in 2005 by Valent for postemergence control of ABG in creeping bentgrass. Velocity will kill ABG in 4-6 weeks depending on rate. At this time, it is labeled for golf course turf (not greens) and sod farms. It is labeled for creeping bentgrass & perennial ryegrass. Research is being done to evaluate effects on Kentucky bluegrass. We will keep field managers abreast of any new developments.

Certainty (sulfosulfuron) is marketed by Monsanto for selective control of *Poa annua* & *Poa trivialis* (roughstalk bluegrass) in creeping bentgrass fairways & tees on warm season turf. It will have a cool season label in 2006. 🏌️

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Russ Heller explains secretary role

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sure all proposed members have their paperwork in order and that they are invited to their second readings. I distribute 25-year member pins to the appropriate individuals. I generally try to keep the other board members up-to-date on various association doings.

These are the periods of inactivity that make up the easy part of my job.

I would like to end this by apologizing to bomber pilots everywhere. While my job may be hectic at times, theirs is much more dangerous. 🏌️

**Russell Heller
GCSANE Secretary**

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