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Nantucket's wind and fog present a challenge, but Sean Oberly is at home at Miacomet G.C.

**By Dick Trust,
The Patriot Ledger, Quincy, Mass.**

Sean Oberly is astounded by the traffic in his neck of the woods. No, not the automobiles that clog parts of Nantucket at the height of tourist season. It's the number of golfers who play Miacomet Golf Course at certain times of the year that raises his eyebrows.

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"We don't get much play out here at all until you get to the Fourth of July," said Oberly, in his first year as superintendent at Miacomet. "Once you get to the beginning of July, the floodgates open."

Oberly, 32, served two summer internships at Greenwich while a student at the University of Massachusetts-Amherst and later was assistant superintendent at Silver Spring.

As Nantucket's only 18-hole public course – three other golf courses are on the island, all in Siasconset at the eastern end of Nantucket – Miacomet (MY-a-comet) is bound to attract oodles of

visitors. And does. They flock to the course located in the scenic, rolling hummocks southwest of centralized Nantucket Town.

But, maintenance-wise, a price is paid for that popularity. Oberly, assistant Ryan O'Connor, and their crew must work around the large number of paying customers to keep the island layout, well, ship shape. "We're open year-round, but the play is sporadic," said Oberly, who took the reins at Miacomet in February 2005. "We can do a lot of things (most of the year). In the summer, we can't do exactly what I would like to do because there's a lot of play. I don't want to do anything to the golf course that's going to slow up play. These people are only out here for a little while. A lot of people are here only for the weekend or a few days, and I want them to get a good impression of the golf course."

So when does the actual maintenance get done? "We do everything early and as soon as everything starts to clear out," Oberly said. "We did quite a bit in June, knowing that July was going to get busy."

Has there been any course damage linked directly to the heavy traffic, to the extent that Oberly has had to stop play briefly in lieu of repairs? "Not yet," said Oberly, native to the small western Massachusetts town of Sunderland. "One thing I notice a lot is ball marks on the greens. When I went out there on July Fourth, we walked out first thing in the morning and you could just tell we had a lot of play. A lot of divots on the tees and a lot of ball marks on the greens."

Miacomet was a 9-hole course from its opening to the public in 1964 until 2003, when Moors Inc., which manages the environmentally sensitive course for the owner, the Nantucket Islands Land Bank, opened nine more holes. The Nantucket land bank is the country's first land-acquisition program of its kind, entrusted with protecting the island's endangered landscapes through land purchases funded by a two percent real estate transfer tax.

Unlike Nantucket's other golf courses, Miacomet (an early American Indian word meaning "meeting place" in the Algonquian language) is inland, landlocked to a point where fog is often trapped, and even the almost-constant breezes can't blow it away.

"We get fogged in," Oberly said mindful of how Nantucket earned its nickname, The Grey Lady. "We'll be fogged in all day. The fog can be awful during the summer. You can't even see 100 yards down the fairway. I was out on par-3 No. 3, checking the green, and a ball came flying in and I never saw it. I

"I was out on par-3 No. 3, checking the green, and a ball came flying in and I never saw it. I never saw the people on the tee, they never saw me, and the hole is only 173 yards long."

**Sean Oberly
Miacomet G.C.**

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never saw the people on the tee, they never saw me, and the hole is only 173 yards long. But I couldn't see.

"But wind is the bigger problem. It drives me crazier. It just seems like you're in it all the time, fall, winter, and spring. That's when you're trying to do everything outside. The wind is just unrelenting, especially in the winter, when you're doing a lot of the work outside. It's just constantly blowing out here. You're exhausted at the end of the day.

In reality, there are days bereft of wind on this stretch of the vacation island getaway, which is located some 30 miles south of Cape Cod. "It usually is always blowing out here," Oberly said. "If it doesn't blow, you notice it; put it that way.

"I absolutely love it here. My wife likes it here, which is the most important part, because if she didn't like it, we wouldn't be out here very much longer," Sean said of Bethany Oliver, who is executive director of Small Friends on Nantucket, an early childhood education center where their daughter, Catherine (born on Valentine's Day, 2004), is a regular. "Bethany loves the island and I really like it, so it worked out well. I hope I'm here for a while."

Oberly was no stranger to The Grey Lady when he landed at Miacomet. He had been the assistant superintendent at Nantucket Golf Club since 2001 and "it was an easy transition for me because I loved it so much out here that, when this did open up and I accepted it, we couldn't be happier."

After graduating from Frontier Regional High School in South Deerfield, Oberly wasn't sure what would make him happy but was soon to find out. He ventured to Florida and wound up working for UMass graduate Perry Payne at Crescent Oaks Country Club in Tarpon Springs. Something clicked. Oberly discovered that he and golf were a match. Payne's presence didn't hurt, either.

"We started talking and he really got me in the business," Oberly said of Payne. "I liked his job. I thought what he did was really cool. He's a great guy. He said to me, 'You should go to UMass.'"

Oberly returned to New England, acquiring a two-year degree in turfgrass management at UMass-Stockbridge School, for the position of assistant superintendent at Silver Spring. In March of 2001, he began his four-year stint as

assistant superintendent at Nantucket Golf Club (where he had interned for the summer of '97). Then came the job promotion, and the move cross-island to Miacomet. His first taste of Nantucket came in that summer of '97 and it has since become a real treat to live there year-round.

"The weather (fog/wind notwithstanding) is a draw. It usually never gets too hot in the summer, very rarely in the 90s, and then you get those nice 70s in late summer and early fall.

"I just love the island itself," he reiterated. "It's a small, tight-knit community where you get to know a lot of people quickly, especially in the winter. I love the feel of a small-town community, exactly like where I grew up in Sunderland." 🍷

CALENDAR . . .

Oct. 4 **New England Championship Tournament for Superintendents**

Franklin Country Club
Franklin, Mass.
Supt.: Michael Luccini, CGCS
(Hosted by GCSANE)

Oct. 6 **GCSANE Monthly Meeting Joint Meeting with the Northeastern GCSA**

Berkshire Hills Country Club
Pittsfield, Mass.
Supt. - Stephen Curry

Oct. 19 **Pro-Superintendent Tournament**

Pinehills Golf Club
Plymouth, Mass.
Supt.: Joe Felicetti, CGCS
(NEPGA event)

Oct. 20 **Dr. Joseph Troll Turf Education Fund Raiser Cape Cod National Golf Club**

Brewster, Mass.
Supt. - Stephen G. Cadanelli, CGCS
(Sponsored by UMass)

Nov. 1 **GCSANE Monthly Meeting 9-Hole Meeting**

Wampatuck Country Club
Canton, Mass.
Supt. - Edward Eardley

Championship results, People vs. Pros gratitude, a golf movie night, and a Troll Tournament reminder

I had the pleasure of playing 18 holes in the Individual Championship held on August 23 at Marlborough Country Club with Russ Heller, David Comee, and the inimitable Sir Leonard Blodgett. Lennie finished second in his division; Russ won low Superintendent Net; I played poorly; and David had one of the greatest hand mashes I've ever seen.



GCSANE Golf Chairman collaborates with many to schedule golf sites

I have served as Golf Chairman on the GCSANE Board of Directors for two years now. I would first like to start by saying thank you to all of our members who have hosted monthly meetings. You're the ones that make this whole thing work.

As golf chairman, it's my job to schedule all monthly golf meeting sites. I personally work with the host superintendent, general manager, and golf pro to coordinate and format the day. It's always a challenge trying to fill the upcoming year's site schedule, but our member superintendents always come through for us.

**Thanks again,
James A. Small III, CGCS
GCSANE Golf Chairman**

On a serious note, congratulations to Russ Heller, CGCS, who qualified and played in the People vs. The Pros Tournament in Texas in early September.

A special thank you goes to Bob York and BASF for not only sending Russ to

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Texas, but also for donating \$2,000 to our Scholarship & Benevolence Fund. They also provided several chemicals that superintendent Ken Crimmings, CGCS, applied to his golf course and gave us a brief summation of these product results.

My wife, Susan, and I had the pleasure of representing GCSANE at a recent

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premier of the movie "The Greatest Game Ever Played," which was shown in Attleboro, Mass. This included the red carpet with all the lights and cameras and a chance to visit with author Mark Frost, director Bill Paxton, and the various stars of the movie. This Disney movie tells the story of Francis Ouimet, a 20-year-old amateur, winning the United States Open at The Country Club in 1913. This was a tremendous movie that will be coming to theaters at the end of September.

It's not too soon to sign up for the Joseph Troll Tournament being hosted by Past GCSAA President Stephen Cadenelli, CGCS, at Cape Cod National Golf Club. This year's tournament will also honor Past GCSAA President Sherwood Moore, CGCS. I hope to see you there and at our October meeting hosted by Steve Curry at Berkshire Hills Country Club.

Best wishes, and winter is just around the corner.

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GCSANE's own Russ Heller wins regional event – and a berth in 2005 People vs. Pros tournament

Russ Heller won the BASF regional superintendent tournament, earning an all-expenses paid trip for a chance to compete against Justin Leonard and win a \$100,000 grand prize.

Russ Heller, superintendent of William J. Devine Golf Course (Franklin Park G.C.), Dorchester, Mass., will represent the Golf Course Superintendents Association of New England in the 2005 People vs. the Pros tournament presented by BASF. He will have a chance to compete head-to-head against professional Justin Leonard at Barton Creek Resort and Spa Sept. 12 in Austin, Texas, and win \$100,000.

Playing with his 17.1 U.S.G.A. handicap index, Heller's net score of 70 beat out participating superintendents from across New England during the August 23 regional qualifier at the Marlborough Country Club, Marlborough, Mass. He will now compete against 288 other amateurs for a chance to play with his handicap against a pro.

"I was stunned," said Heller. "I play in a lot of superintendent-sponsored tournaments, but I'm really excited to be participating at Barton Creek – this one certainly has more on the line than pro shop credits."

The regional qualifier was the last of 17 tournaments held nationwide on the road to the People vs. the Pros third annual tournament.

Dr. Toni Bucci, business manager for BASF Professional Turf & Ornamentals said, "Sponsoring these events locally and being a presenting sponsor at the national tournament provides BASF a national platform to recognize the professional dedication of golf course superintendents. It's our way of saluting the crucial work that superintendents around the country are doing to provide quality turf for their home courses and especially for the golfers who play on them."

Additionally, at every regional tournament, BASF donated \$2,000 to the hosting GCSA chapter to help support their superintendent's educational fund.

The Massachusetts event was held in conjunction with the association's August meeting, which included an educational session conducted by University of Massachusetts professor Dr. Patricia Vittum on regional insect problems and solutions to help reduce pests and related turf destruction.

The People vs. the Pros tournament allows two amateurs – one in a 50-and-over division and one in a 49-and-under division – to compete head-to-head against PGA pros Ben Crenshaw and Justin Leonard, respectively, in an 18-hole stroke-play match. The winner in each division, pro or amateur, wins \$100,000; the runner-up \$50,000.

Last year, professional golfers John Daly and Gary McCord were defeated by amateurs John Sniegowski of Cadillac, Mich., and Phil Johnson of McKinney, Texas.

In addition to the grand prize tournament, BASF Professional Turf and Ornamentals will host the second annual

BASF Superintendent's Cup on Barton Creek's Fazio Foothills course where the two golf course superintendents with the lowest net scores from the three-day, 54-hole handicapped stroke-play event, will in head-to-head match play for \$10,000 cash and BASF products for their home course. The runner-up will receive \$5,000 cash.

Last year, Kip Wilson, superintendent at the American Legion Golf Course in Kokomo, Ind., defeated Matthew Fitzpatrick of Dublin Country Club, Dublin, Ga., at the inaugural event played on the famed Pinehurst No. 2 course.

The final match-up between pro and amateur will be broadcast on ESPN on Sept. 19 and will feature highlights from the Superintendent's Cup event.

For more information on People vs. the Pros, visit www.peoplevsthepros.com. For more information on BASF Professional Turf & Ornamentals, visit www.turfacts.com.

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Association of New England in the 2005 People vs. the Pros tournament presented by BASF.

BASF marketing associate **Bob York** (left) and GCSA of New England president **Mike Hermanson** (right), congratulate the GCSA of New England regional winner, **Russ Heller**, CGCS (center), superintendent at Franklin Park Golf Course, on his winning for the 2005 People vs. The Pros Tournament presented by BASF Professional Turf and Ornamentals.



Bob York, BASF marketing associate (right), presents the GCSANE with a \$2,000 check for the superintendents' education fund to chapter president **Mike Hermanson** (center) and previous chapter and current GCSAA director, **Jim Fitzroy**, CGCS (left).

Cedar Hill may not match the great golf courses, but friendships of regulars make it fun to play

By Paul Harber,
The Boston Globe

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Cedar Hill Golf Course in Stoughton will never be confused with any of the great golf courses of the world.

Tiger Woods will never play here. Even the Massachusetts Golf Association

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would never consider holding a state championship at this municipal

track, which has a nondescript cinderblock clubhouse and nine rudimentary holes: six short par-4s and three par-3s.

But those who negotiate its dog-leg first hole and try to solve Cedar Hill's tricky putting surfaces are as passionate about their course as those who tread the manicured fairways of such exclusive haunts as Black Rock Country Club in Hingham and the Kittansett Club in Marion.

Cedar Hill regulars, like Bill Cronin of Stoughton and Jim Snow and Roy Burchstun of Brockton, realize what makes a course a great place to play: It isn't mammoth par-5s or par-3s with breathtaking vistas. Rather, recreational golf is about friendships, sharing the joys of birdies and commiserating over the anguish of triple-bogey.

It is playing your heart out to win a dollar bet, a victory that then costs the victor \$2.75 when he buys the loser a beer at the 19th hole.

"I've played all over, but this is my favorite course, because of the people," Burchstun said.

Courses such as Cedar Hill are as important to the golfing landscape as The Country Club in Brookline or nearby Thorny Lea Golf Club in Brockton.

Cedar Hill is a launching pad for new golfers. Thousands of golfers hit their first tee shots here, made their first par, and learned the basics of the game. Many go on to more difficult and more challenging courses.

Ron Dobosz, the club's manager since 1997 and the superintendent since 1994, has been involved in many

changes at Cedar Hill. For instance, the area to the left of the first green has been cleared out, all tee boxes are better maintained, the huge tree that towered over the eighth green has been removed, and the inside of the clubhouse has been renovated.

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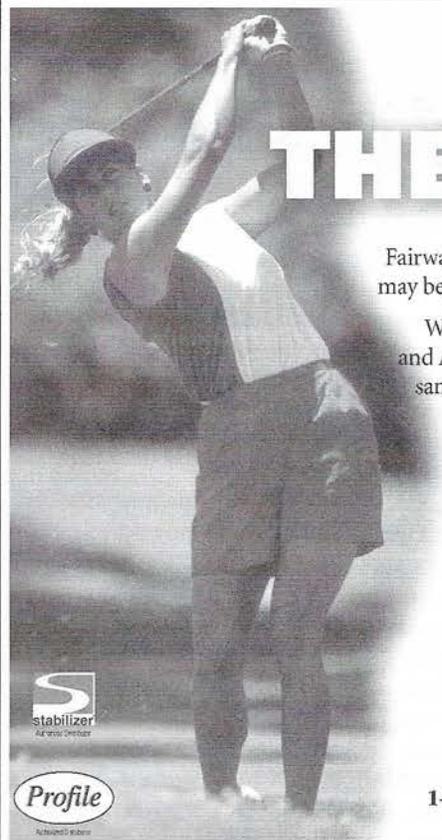
Ron Dobosz
Cedar Hill Golf Course

"Our regular players are mostly seniors and women," Dobosz said. "Most are high-handicappers, but we have some very good players. Why do they play here? It's about friendships. Guys talk about going to Brockton Country Club and other places, but they stay here.

"It's funny; there are really two types of members," he said. "We have seniors, who usually play Monday through Friday, and the regular guys, who play on the weekends. It's an active membership. We have leagues every night but Monday. It's a pretty active place. On Wednesday, for instance, 75 women show up in the afternoon to play in their league."

Dobosz said he has tried to strengthen his junior program. "But most of the juniors want to go to Ponkapoag (Golf Course in Canton), where they can smash their drivers. We try to do what we can for juniors. We have good prices. It's

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Don't have all day to spend on the golf course? Cape Cod offers a variety of attractive choices

By Bruce Vittner,
Ocean State Golf

Don't have all day to spend on the golf course? Wife and kids have other plans?

One of the beauties of having almost 50 golf courses to choose from is the opportunity to find some of them that don't take half a day to play.

Recently we were on Cape Cod as part of a media familiarization trip sponsored by the Cape Cod Chamber of Commerce. "We want to give you a chance to see some of our smaller gems," said Golf Director for the Chamber, Geoff Converse, to the assembled media.

He wasn't kidding. On one day we traveled down towards the Cape's elbow to play Chequessett in Wellfleet in the morning and Highland Links in Truro that afternoon. What a day.

Chequessett Yacht and Country Club is a scenic 9-hole course that was built in 1929. On one side you have Wellfleet Harbor and when you get up to the third green and fourth tee you look out at Cape Cod Bay. The fourth is the signature hole, a par-5 that measures 435 yards. The elevated tee makes you think you can drive the green, but watch out for the marsh on the right. It measures just over 5200 yards if you play 18, and there are different sets of tees for each nine. It is family-oriented with junior golf classes Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays all summer. The telephone number is 508-349-3704 and can make tee times well in advance.

We went from scenic to spectacular as we drove eight miles further down the Cape to Highland Links. Founded in 1892, it is the oldest of the 50 or so courses on the Cape. When asked who designed it, the fellow in the pro shop said, "The cows and the sheep." It did remind me of Brora Golf Club in Scotland that have sheep and cows roaming the course.

The lighthouse is a focal point for the course but certainly not the only great view. When you get on the second tee you will see that your drive is going to drop about 60 feet to the fairway that

goes off at an angle. The more you cut off, the shorter your second shot on this par-5, but beware of the wind.

Highland Links is appropriately named. It is a true links course and it is on one of the highest precipices on the Cape. There will be times that you think you are walking on the moon. The third hole is a par-3, 160 yards that goes straight uphill. Make sure you take enough club because the ball will roll down quite a ways if you don't reach the green.

Make sure you go back to the blue tee for the sixth hole. You look straight down

at the Atlantic Ocean about 100 feet below. Highland Links measures 5299 if you play all 18 holes. I can't believe I had never played this marvel of a course, but you can be sure that I'll be back. You can book tee times by calling 508-487-9201.

The last day of the trip was to Blue Rock in South Yarmouth. Sports Illustrated called this Geoffrey Cornish designed course "The Country's Finest Par-3," and I certainly wouldn't argue.

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by the Cape Cod Chamber of Commerce. "We want to give you a chance to

Few golf courses have escaped injury this season, say USGA agronomists

By Jim Skorulski,
USGA Senior Agronomist

The recent break in the heat and humidity has been welcomed by all, especially those fortunate enough to be core aerating their golf courses. The cooler soil temperatures and rain seem to have perked-up the turf and encouraged new growth in dormant areas. Is it an end to the tough summer weather, or just a brief respite? Who can say, but we'll take the opportunity to begin opening up and seeding some of the damaged areas. Coastal New England areas remain very dry to this point, but we had better be careful for what we wish for. Coastal storms in late summer have been known to occur . . . if you know what I mean.

Turf throughout much of the region has suffered this season, and some has paid the ultimate price. Few courses have escaped without injury, but some areas were particularly hard hit. For many, this has been the toughest season in many years; record-setting heat, drought, or torrential rains all have conspired to bring stress and disease pressure to incredible levels. If your course escaped damage, consider yourself lucky, good, or maybe both. Maybe your neighbor had a three-inch rain that missed your course.

Regardless, now is a good time to evaluate the strengths and weakness of your course. That may be the biggest value of a difficult season.

There is troubling news regarding annual bluegrass weevil resistance to the synthetic pyrethroid class of insecticides. It appears that weevil adults collected from several Hartford, Conn. area courses have shown resistance to 8x rates and higher of the insecticides. The test was conducted by Dr. Rich Cowles at the Connecticut Agricultural Experimental Station in Windsor, Conn. Remember, the work is providing preliminary data, and more testing is required to confirm results and determine the extent of resistance should it exist.

The pyrethroid insecticides continue to provide excellent control of adults at most locations in the region. However, it is always wise to rotate between insecticide chemistries to prevent resistant populations. Chlorpyrifos and carbaryl are still available and can be used in a rotation against adult weevils. Trichlorfon (Dylox) and Spinosad (Conserve) have received registration for controlling larva. The synthetic pyrethroid insecticides are too valuable to lose to resistance, so use them wisely and in combination with other available chemistries, especially when dealing with the annual bluegrass weevil. 🌱

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UMass-Amherst Turf Research Building opens Nov. 1

The ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new building at the University of Massachusetts-Amherst Turf Research Center will be Tuesday, November 1.

The celebration begins with a barbeque in front of Stockbridge Hall on the Amherst campus at 11:30 a.m., followed by a ribbon-cutting at 1:30 p.m. at the Joseph Troll Turf Research Center in South Deerfield, Mass. Presiding will be John V. Lombardi, Chancellor, University of Massachusetts-Amherst; and Cleve Willis, Dean of the College of Natural Resources and the Environment.

The building will support on-site research and enable more students to

get hands-on experience and be part of the research program. The 3000 sq. ft. building will house an equipment repair facility; a research lab; and meeting/conference space. The lab will streamline research by enabling experiment samples to be processed on-site.

The new building is part of a larger initiative over the past two years to make the UMass turf program nationally competitive.

The program, the first of its kind in the nation, has always been a partnership between the university and the turf industry. This has never been more apparent than during the campaign that made this building a reality.

The campaign was supported by major turf associations such as the New England Regional Turf Foundation, the New England Golf Course Owners Association, the Golf Course Superintendents Association of New England, the Golf Course Managers Association of Cape Cod, and the Massachusetts Golf Association. Substantial contributions from turf industry leaders like Turf Links, R.F. Morse Turf & Ornamental, and Johnson Golf Management helped to ensure the success of the campaign. Contributions from alumni, golf course superintendents, and friends of the turf program put the campaign over the top.

"We could not be more appreciative of the time and effort that all of you have put into the campaign, and we hope that you will be able to join us on November 1 as we look forward to the next 75 years, and making the UMass turf program the best in the nation," said Dean Willis.

For more information on these events, or to sign up to attend, please contact Rick Robar at (413) 577-1692 or rrobar@nre.umass.edu.

UMass Press Release

Distinguished superintendent Sherwood Moore to be honored at Troll Turf Education Fundraiser

Sherwood Arlington Moore, CGCS, will be honored at the Dr. Joseph Troll Turf Education Fundraiser on October 20 at Cape Cod National G.C., Brewster, Mass.

The fundraiser was initiated last year to raise money for the new Dr. Joseph Troll Turf Research Center. Alumni have continued fundraising to support the turf programs at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. Last year, the event was at Hickory Ridge Country Club, and brought in \$72,000 for the new building.

Sherwood Arlington Moore, CGCS, is without question one of our greatest Massachusetts turf alumni and arguably the greatest golf course superintendent ever. His honors and decorations are numerous, including:

- Golf Course Superintendents Association of America, Distinguished Service Award, 1982

- New York State Turfgrass Association, Citation of Merit, 1984; first-time award to a golf course superintendent

- Metropolitan Golf Association, Special Recognition for 45 years of service, 1984.

- Massachusetts Turfgrass Conference Dedication, 1985.

- New Jersey Turfgrass Hall of Fame Inductee, 1986; first time award to a golf course superintendent.

- United States Golf Association Green Section Award, 1987.

- Leo Feser Award for outstanding article submitted to Golf Course Management magazine, 1988.

- The Metropolitan Golf Course Superintendents Association; Sherwood

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Friendship & fun count as assets at Cedar Hill G.C.

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\$200 a year to be a junior member. But this is not their kind of golf course."

Play at Cedar Hill has remained relatively stable, despite the drop-off in golf played across the United States. The Florida-based National Golf Foundation reports that rounds of golf played have been decreasing since 1999.

At Cedar Hill, rounds have dropped, but not that badly. "At the peak of the golf boom, we had nearly 25,000 rounds played here during a year," Dobosz said. "Now, we are doing over 22,000 rounds, which is pretty good."

One reason is the cost of playing at Cedar Hill. The annual fees are relatively inexpensive. For the 62 members, it costs Stoughton residents \$700 per year, and nonresidents pay \$775.

The daily pay-as-you-play rate at Cedar Hill fluctuates. "We have a million rates. Juniors are \$12, seniors are \$16, regulars are \$18. Nine or 18 holes, it doesn't matter," said Dobosz, who offers cheaper rates on Mondays (\$12 for 18 holes) and frequent golfing discounts.

Because of the decline in rounds played and revenue, Cedar Hill's operating budget has been cut by approximately 15 percent.

"You have to do what you have to do," said Dobosz. "Our mowing hasn't changed. We've cut back on the fertilization programs. We do the fairways and rough once a year now, and we just have less people doing the work."

But guys like Cronin, Burchstun, and Snow see lush fairways and terrific greens.

Cronin, 75, a 17-handicapper, had his best round last month, shooting an even-par 33 for nine holes.

"I'm surprised he admitted it, because he is a major sandbagger," Snow, 71, an 18-handicapper, said jokingly.

The threesome all have their moments in the sun. They reminisced about a recent round, about how Cronin beat them on the par-3 eighth hole.

"Jim and I were almost on the green, and Bill was in the sand trap down below," said Burchstun.

"And he hits a shot that's headed to Quincy," added Snow. "But it hits a

worker's cart behind the green and ricochets next to the pin. Then he knocks in the putt to win the hole."

The regulars at Cedar Hill have all sorts of stories. George Ciardi, 72, of Braintree, who helps out as a ranger and plays in interclub competition, thought his golf season was over early last fall: He had to go to Boston Medical Center on a Friday for heart surgery.

"But when I got to the hospital, I was told to go home and come back the following Monday because they were too busy," he said.

"There was a tournament at Cedar Hill the next day, so I played," said Ciardi, who proceeded to score a hole-in-one on the seventh hole.

Not only did his team win the tournament, he also won the hole-in-one pool, which amounted to more than \$100.

"It's a good thing they have the pool, because I broke even," said Ciardi, who set up the bar and bought a drink for everyone who played.

That's the way it is at Cedar Hill. ♣

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For the golfer who is pressed for time, there are plenty of choices on Cape Cod

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"The course was designed to be as good as any course, but without the tee shot," said head professional Patrick Fannon. What you have are 18 great par-3s that measure everywhere from 95 yards to 255 yards (par-4 for me). The greens are huge, fast, and true. The course is pristine and you will use almost every club in your bag. Fannon runs a large golf school at the course that is part of the Red Jacket Resorts. "This is a great place to come for a golf school and vacation," said Fannon, who works with many juniors and is hosting a big junior tournament this summer. Additional information about the course is available at www.redjacketresorts.com or by calling the course at 508-398-9295.

The Cape Cod Chamber has a website, www.CapeCodGolfCoast.com that gives information about golf as well as other valuable information for the

visitors. With over 50 courses to choose from, you're really are in golfer's heaven.

"There are four main properties that are offering golf packages," said Converse. The Heritage House Hotel at 1-800-352-7189; the Dockside Hotel Group with three properties and packages for every price range," said Jeff Swartz, managing partner and director of golf. The properties, all on Route 28 in West Yarmouth, are the upscale Cape Point Hotel (1-800-323-9505) our host for the FAM trip, the mid-range Mariner Motel Lodge (1-800-445-4050), and the economical Town 'N Country Motor Lodge (1-800-992-2340) The Rodeway Inn (1-800-VALU-GOLF) in West Yarmouth the Bayside Resort Hotel (1-866-970-GOLF), an upscale property in West Yarmouth. ♣

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Sherwood Moore, CGCS to be honored Oct. 20

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A. Moore Award established for "advancing the professional image, status and reputation of the golf course superintendent."

- The Old Tom Morris Award, 1990; The GCSAA's highest honor and the only one awarded to a superintendent.

Other career highlights:

- USGA Open preparation at Winged Foot Golf Club, 1959
- President of the GCSAA, 1962.
- USGA Senior Open Preparation at Winged Foot Golf Club, 1980.
- Acting agronomist, USGA Green Section, 1987 and 1988.
- GCSAA member since 1939.

We look forward to October 20 for the opportunity to bring together the Who's Who in Massachusetts turf alumni at a great venue, as well to honor Sherwood Arlington Moore, CGCS. In the words of Robert M. Williams, 1958 GCSAA president, "You are the all-time, all American, most outstanding golf course superintendent ever." ♣

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

MEMBERSHIP

Welcome New Member: Edward Walsh, CGCS, Shelter Harbor G.C., Charlestown, R.I.

Proposed for Membership: Nicholas Welch, Oak Hill C.C., Fitchburg, Mass.; and Jonathan Kinner, Spring Valley C.C., Sharon Mass.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We wish Dianne Sibley a speedy recovery from her gall bladder surgery in August.

We wish Lennie Blodgett much luck on his upcoming surgery.

Best wishes go out to Dick Blake who is currently in a nursing home.

GCSANE NEWS

Request for Club Newsletter Articles:

We all have to write articles for our club's newsletter, and it gets harder and harder to get inventive. If anyone is interested in e-mailing copies of their best articles for printing in GCSANE's *Newsletter*, please send them to Michael Stachowicz, Editor, at mstach@dedhamclub.org, or Julie Heston, Business Manager, at jheston@verizon.net. This will be helpful to other superintendents searching for ideas for their own newsletters.

UMASS NEWS

2006 UMass Extension Garden Calendar available.

This year's calendar features favorite garden images of UMass Extension educators. Each image is accompanied by plant and garden features, and information on garden pests and management. To order send \$11.00, payable to UMass, to UMass Outreach Bookstore, Draper Hall, 40 Campus Center Way, Amherst, MA 01003-9244. Orders of 10-50 copies are \$7.00 each, while orders of over 50 copies are \$6.00 each plus shipping and handling. For information, contact the UMass Outreach Bookstore at (413) 545-2717 or the UMass Extension Landscape, Nursery, & Urban Forestry Program at (413) 545-0895 or eweeks@umext.umass.edu.

UMass Extension Landscape Workshops: Maintaining Environmentally Sustainable Landscapes - Training for Green Industry Professionals. The first in this year's series is Nov. 3, 2005, *Protecting Watersheds from Landscape Chemicals*, 9:30 a.m. - 12 noon, at Regis College, Weston, Mass.,

presented by Ron Kujawski of the UMass Extension Landscape, Nursery, & Urban Forestry Program. Used in the wrong place at the wrong time, landscaping chemicals can harm the environment. Understand the use, movement, and fate of pesticides and fertilizers and how they can potentially pollute water resources. Learn strategies for pests and disease that are not harmful to watersheds, such as prevention, cultural practices, and use of biorational controls. Two pesticide contact hours available for categories 29, 36, 37, and Applicator's License. MCH & MCLP credits requested. Cost: \$50. Contact the Landscape, Nursery, & Urban Forestry Program (413) 545-0895, eweeks@umext.umass.edu; www.UMassGreenInfo.org.

GCSAA NEWS

Golf Industry Show to relocate to Houston for 2006 event.

In the wake of destruction in New Orleans caused by Hurricane Katrina, GCSAA and NGCOA officials announced that the Golf Industry Show and conferences will be in Houston in February 2006. The events were to be in New Orleans in accordance with its east-central-west rotation. The dates remain as planned: the GCSAA Education Conference (Feb. 6-11), the NGCOA Solutions Summit (Feb. 8-10), and the Golf Industry Show (Feb. 9-11). GCSAA's member golf tournament, the GCSAA National Golf Championship and Golf Classic will be played at five Houston-area golf courses (Feb. 4-6) as originally scheduled. Based on relocating the events, officials have tentatively set Nov. 1 as the date for registration to open (a new registration brochure will be produced and distributed by that date). Both organizations are working with exhibiting companies to reconfigure the trade show. The updated registration process will be announced. Information: www.golfindustryshow.com.

Congratulations to GCSAA. As part of its seventh annual "Excellence in Achievement Awards," *The BoardRoom* magazine has named the GCSAA as its association of the year.

The Environmental Institute for Golf, the philanthropic organization for GCSAA, created the Hurricane Katrina Disaster Relief Program. GCSAA member donations will be distributed directly to affected members to assist in compensating for personal loss. To donate, contact Teri Harris, Managing Director, Development, at (800) 472-7878, ext. 4465; tharris@gcsaa.org. This program was created in response to requests from members wanting to directly aid colleagues.

Applications for 2005 GCSAA/Golf Digest Environmental Leaders in Golf Awards

are now available. The deadline for applications is Oct. 7, 2005. The 2006 EGR Awards nomination deadline is Oct. 15. Nominations have also been accepted since July for the 2006 GCSAA Excellence in Government Relations Awards. The awards were established to recognize members and chapters for government relations accomplishments in advocacy and compliance. Visit GCSAA Online to learn about the awards and to complete an application.

INFORMATION

TurfLinks Scholarship Program. In an effort to promote the turfgrass industry, TurfLinks, Inc. and TurfLinks Environmental Service, Inc. will award two \$2,500 scholarships annually to qualified students planning a career in turfgrass management. For complete information, deadlines, and an application form, visit www.turflinksusa.com.

NHGCSA Turf Education Seminars, Tues., Dec. 6, 2005, 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Holiday Inn, Concord, N.H. The seminars: *Biological Applications for Turfgrass Management, Maximizing Fungicide for Dollar Spot Control, Effective Use of Granular Fungicides & Insecticides, How to Get the Most Out of Your Fungicides.* (4 Pesticide credits approved for Conn., Mass., Maine, N.H., R.I., & Vt.). Registration deadline Nov. 30. The fee for NHGCSA members is \$50 per person; non members - \$60. The fee includes lunch. For information, contact Chris Nagy, NHGCSA Administrative Secretary, at 603-623-3075, or by e-mail: VRTLOFFICE@aol.com.

GOLF RESULTS

August 23, 2005 Individual Championship People vs. The Pros Tournament

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Superintendent Division:

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1st Place Net - Russ Heller, CGCS,
(Winner of People vs. The Pros Tournament)
2nd Place Net - James Small III, CGCS

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1st Place Gross - Jim Fitzroy, CGCS
1st Place Net - Ron Kirkman
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