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Hancock towers over Eastward Ho!

By Dick Trust

Respect.
R-E-S-P-E-C-T.

No, we're not talking Aretha Franklin's signature song, although sing if you must.

This is respect for Mother Nature, and Eastward Ho! Country Club is as much in her hands as it is in those of Head Superintendent Frank Hancock and his vigilant crew of 20.

The supreme challenge is to provide the best playing conditions possible for its membership and to be ready when and if major storms threaten the 18-hole private golf course located in Chatham, Mass., on the elbow of Cape Cod.

"The only challenge would be when we get these nor'easters, or possible hurricanes," Hancock said. "Being as we are on the coast, we do have some considerations to evaluate before the storms come in, such as sandbagging and that type of thing."

"Other than that, we don't really get any salt spray or anything of that nature that affects the turf or the day-to-day maintenance. Not since I've been here, but they've had a few storms where the water has come in on to the golf course on the sixth and seventh holes."

"We've had a few wind storms. We had one in December of '05 that took down about 175 trees. That was our biggest catastrophe to date, which wasn't really a catastrophe. The trees were going to be cut down anyway."

Eastward Ho! is located on Pleasant Bay, "and our seventh tee is on the beach," Hancock, 36, said. "At high tide, we're about 3 feet from the water.

We've got 10 or 11 holes that are adjacent to the bay. And basically with the tree work we've done in the last three years or so, we have water views on every hole."

And often fog, which poses another set of problems on the par-71 course, which plays to 6,325 yards from the back tees.

"That's one of the differences being out on the Cape," Hancock said.



Frank Hancock

"We do get a lot of fog, which affects our disease pressure. The grass kind of stays wet all day, which leads to disease-breeding conditions."

"But as far as stopping golf or stopping our work, the fog doesn't affect us in that way. It may change the way we manage the golf course for a few weeks at a time, so we always have to be ready for that."

"Now, when we get on a boat, the fog will affect our fishing quite a bit. I'm from Indiana, so the conditions have to be about right for me to get out on a boat and tool around in this area."

Born with a solid New England surname, Hancock is native to Bloomington, Ind. He had worked on both coasts and in the midwest before landing at Eastward Ho! as superintendent in July 2004. The former Indiana University student – yes, he did run into Bob Knight – was lead assistant superintendent at Shinnecock Hills Golf Club in Southampton, Long Island, N.Y., where he worked from 2000 until heading for Cape Cod.

Told he was one of about 200 applicants for the job at Eastward Ho!, he was offered the position on the Saturday of the '04 U.S. Open, June 19, at Shinnecock Hills. Hancock was there for the tournament, won by Retief Goosen, "but I didn't have to rake any hamburgers and hot dogs after the event because I was going on to Eastward Ho!"

He put his "Frank Hancock" on a contract and started three weeks later, in mid-July.

He stepped right in to a major, \$1.3 million renovation of Eastward Ho! C.C., whose course was designed and built in the early 1920s by legendary British golf architect W. Herbert Fowler.

"We restored 13 original bunkers that had been lost over time," Hancock

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said, "renovated all the tees and all of the other 46 existing bunkers, aligned the tees, basically bulldozed every tee complex, built two new practice greens, re-did the driving range, moved numerous cart paths out of the view of the golfer, laid about 14 acres of sod, and installed about 20 acres of native links land grasses."

Further, 13 greens were restored to their original Fowler contours and Hancock and his crew are in the process of restoring the other five,

The '04 project began Sept. 13 and concluded Dec. 23. By the first of January 2005, Hancock took over full superintendent's duties from Brian Cowan, who had occupied the office for 38 fruitful years.

Noted golf course architect Keith Foster oversaw the renovation. "Unlike a lot of other architects, Foster's focus was never to put his thumb print on Eastward Ho! Country Club," Hancock said. "His focus was to maintain the design intent of Mr. Fowler and he did a fantastic job of accomplishing that." Foster even went to England to get a glimpse at, and a feel first-hand for, what Fowler put into his golf courses. He lived and breathed the work of a master. And he drew master raves from Hancock.

"Without a doubt," said the superintendent, "Keith is one of the best in the world."

Autumn is a big time for golf on the Cape, so Eastward Ho! didn't close during renovation. "We probably never closed more than a hole and a half or two holes at a time" during the overhaul, Hancock said.

Like many Cape courses, Eastward Ho! is open year-round, weather permitting.

"We do not close the greens more than three or four times a year and that's just when they thaw out and they're kind of mush," Hancock said. "We have some hardy golfers on Cape Cod. We've probably got 10 or 15 people who like to play all winter as long as it's not too crazy."

Hancock came to Shinnecock Hills after having worked long hours in California, at fabled Pebble Beach Golf Links and Spyglass Hill Golf Course.



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CALENDAR

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| July 16 | GCSANE Monthly Meeting
Belmont C.C.
Host: Arthur Silva, CGCS |
| Aug. 21 | GCSANE Monthly Meeting
Marlborough C.C.
Individual Championship
Host: Kenneth Crimmings, CGCS |
| Aug. 22 | URI Turfgrass Field Day
C.R. Skogley Turfgrass
Research Facility
Kingston, RI |
| Aug. 25 | GCSANE Family Night
Brockton Rox Baseball
Campanelli Stadium
Brockton, MA |
| Sep. 10 | GCSANE Monthly Meeting
Ludlow C.C.
Team of Two Tournament
Host: Ronald Dobosz |
| Oct. 1 | Dr. Joseph Troll Turf Classic
The International
Honoring Geoffrey Cornish
Host: Brett Johnson, CGCS |
| Oct. 22 | GCSANE Monthly Meeting
Pleasant Valley C.C.
Member/ Guest Tournament
Host: Donald D'Errico |
| Nov.
(TBA) | GCSANE Monthly Meeting
Brockton C.C.
9-Hole Tournament
Host: Justin Bousquet |

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Assistant's Corner



Professional Development Suggestions for the Assistant Superintendent

By: Andrew Eick

As assistant superintendents, we are always preparing ourselves for a head superintendent position. Our brains should be a sponge, soaking up all the “what to do and what not to do”. Each superintendent’s management and maintenance plan are different. With every job you may have had on a golf course you should take away the things you like to do and things that you don’t think that will work for you. From these you should develop your own plan and the way you like to run things. Just remember, not everyone that works for you will like what you do and they will develop their own ideas as well.

The industry has become so competitive. When interviewing for superintendent positions, you will need to show how you will set yourself apart from the other candidates. Clubs receive hundreds of applications for a position, which makes it difficult to obtain a job. Most assistant candidates are going to have about the same amount of experience, and this is where thinking outside of the traditional

turf education comes in. Everyone attends seminars on diseases and the latest and greatest new pesticides that will save your soul. Becoming a superintendent is much more than just going to these seminars. Yes, they are important, but you need to broaden your horizons.

One class or seminar I will be taking this upcoming winter is offered by the Dale Carnegie School of Management (www.DaleCarnegie.com). They have many classes available from public speaking and communication techniques to developing effective leadership. All of these are critical for your day to day operations as a superintendent, and may be overlooked at times. You need to have effective communication skills because you need to be able to tell your staff how you would like things done or learn how to handle situations with guests and members when they arise. Public speaking and presenting are essential for speaking easily to members and handling problems or presenting budgets in meetings. This is just one option, and such an experience would stand out on a resume when the search committee is reviewing all applicants. Carnegie offers everything from a two day seminar

to a 12 week course that meets once a week.

Another seminar worth attending is one related to OSHA laws and regulations. This will be important to know in the future because as superintendent you are managing everyone. You will need to be up to date on regulations and procedures, just in case something does happen. It is also important to be aware of OSHA regulations because being slapped with a fine is something no one wants to deal with.

Attend a seminar, or take a class in finance or budgeting. This is a key component of being a superintendent that many assistants do not directly deal with. Members usually ask for a budget for the upcoming year, and barring a catastrophe, you should be at that number or just below it. A class would help you understand more of the ins and outs of budgeting, and how to come up with numbers to plan for a whole year.

These are just a few ideas that would help you set yourself apart when applying for a superintendent position. Superintendents wear many different hats, and becoming well rounded in your education will help you obtain a job and become a well rounded superintendent

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"Pebble Beach was a 365-day a year job where you were constantly trying to make sure that that golf course was as perfect as it could be every day," said Hancock, who worked at the seaside course in 1998 and part of '99 as a greenkeeper. "Every one of those people who played out there paid quite a bit of money to play the one round, and it was expected to be perfect. All golf courses should be expected to be perfect every day, but it's a little more intense out there."

"For the mere fact that golf started a half-hour after daylight, we started every day a half-hour before daylight."

In the 2½ to three years he was at Pebble Beach and Spyglass Hill, Hancock worked an average of 75 hours a week.

"We're in the 60-hour range right now," he said of the Eastward Ho! schedule. "You can have an actual life outside of 60 hours."

"For the first nine months I was at Pebble Beach, I had three days off," Hancock said. "I was still in my schooling for turf (at Rutgers University in New Jersey) and I just wanted to work, earn as much money and gain as much knowledge as I could from the fantastic staff and supervisors I was fortunate enough to work with out there."

In his second year on the Monterey Peninsula, Hancock caught a break: "I might have had five or six days off."

While Hancock was at Pebble Beach, the course was prepped for the 1999 U.S. Amateur and the 2000 U.S. Open. As a precursor to Eastward Ho! "we re-did all the bunkers at Pebble Beach, re-did the tees and approaches, rebuilt the new fifth hole. There was a lot of project work going on and I had extensive background from working in Indiana on projects, so I kind of took a lead on that stuff."

Before Shinnecock, Hancock was assistant superintendent for a year (1999-2000) at Spyglass Hill. Pebble Beach and Spyglass Hill are under the same company umbrella.

"Pebble Beach is a resort course," Hancock said "When I was there, they were charging \$325 a round. So it's a lot of corporate people who come in and get to play their one round a year. Pebble Beach at that time was booked one year in advance for tee times."

"If you're putting those kinds of dollars on the table, it's a tough situation because you still have to do everything to make the course better. It's a challenge at times to keep everybody happy."

Hancock worked three consecutive Christmas days back then, "and believe me, when you do that, you felt that you've kind of paid your dues and are ready to move on and move up in the world."

The hours aside, Hancock got to appreciate Pebble Beach as many envious outsiders do.

"The experience out there was fantastic," he said. "We had a great set of managers, Mark Michaud being the superintendent (Michaud is now the superintendent at Shinnecock Hills) and a wonderful leader and motivator



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along with Jack Holt (field supervisor) and Chris Dalhamer (current superintendent at Pebble Beach). They taught me the ins and outs of turf management and the attitude it takes to work these 70-, 80- and 90-hour weeks and still get the job done at a high level."

"Everyone I worked with or for or come across in this business has been a great help to me."

Working at Pebble Beach affords one an opportunity to meet the top echelon from the world of professional golf and those high profilers from Hollywood. Hancock met his share.

"I would say that Freddie Couples is one of the nicest human beings you'd ever meet," he said of the long-time PGA Tour player. "Great sense of humor and just a fun guy to talk to."

"Being able to shake hands with Jack Nicklaus was a fantastic experience when I was at Spyglass Hill. We

had a rain delay while he was on the 12th hole, so he came in to the maintenance shop. He got to speak to quite a few of our guys. We were all kind of in awe of Mr. Nicklaus, that's for sure."

There were also Arnold Palmer and Clint Eastwood sightings. "There were plenty of people who cause you to do a double take as you're driving by in your golf cart," Hancock said.

Before the Pebble Beach experience, Hancock interned at Wolf Run Golf Club in Zionsville, Ind., 15 miles north of Indianapolis. On Golf Digest's list of the nation's 50 toughest courses, published Feb. 23, Wolf Run ranked 21st. By comparison, Spyglass Hill was 24th. The toughest to play? The Ocean Course in Kiawah Island, S.C., with the No. 2 spot going to The International in Bolton, Mass.

During his college days, Hancock did maintenance at the Indiana University Golf Course and Athletic Field in Bloomington, about 50 miles south of Indianapolis.

"I worked at the golf course as a summer job," he said, "and that allowed me to play all the free golf I wanted while still being able to go to school in my hometown."

While at the university, Hancock would occasionally run into Bob Knight, the Hoosiers' controversial basketball coach who is now at Texas Tech.

"I never played golf with Bob Knight, but I talked to him on numerous occasions," said Hancock. "He was one of the guys who'd be first off the first tee, usually played by himself, maybe with his son."

"He's a very cordial, very respectful individual, not what you see on TV. Very respectful toward staff, a perfect gentleman, and he didn't want to be in the way of anybody."

Hancock related a humorous incident involving Knight, a dog and a golf course:

"I was driving up the first hole one morning and I had our shop dog in the cart with me, and I see a ball come over the hill and it's bouncing down the fairway. The dog sees it, jumps out, runs over, grabs Coach's ball, runs about 40 or 50 yards toward the green and drops it."

"I see Coach Knight coming over the hill and I'm thinking, 'How's this going to go? How is this going to work?'"

"So I said, 'Sorry about that, Coach.' He just looked up, he smiled and he said, 'You know, I might have gotten on there if she would have run that ball 30 or 40 yards back toward the tee, but at least she took it toward the green so I'm gonna play it as it lies.'"

When the arena at Indian U. opened, Hancock's father had two tickets, front row, right across from the bench. He brought along little Frank, who was maybe 3 or 4 at the time. "I probably heard my first cuss words from Bob Knight," Hancock reported.

All honorable young men in Indiana play basketball, so honorable young Frank Hancock played all through high school. He ended up coaching four years of high school and junior high basketball while he was at the university.

"That's what I went to college for at Indiana: to be a teacher and a coach," he said.

Hancock majored in education in college, but he has never taught a day in a classroom. Interning at the golf course altered his path.

"I said, You know what, I do something different every day, I like being outside, I like this job, I seem to understand what's going on, I like being around the machines, and I just decided that I could probably make quite a bit more money being a golf course superintendent rather than being a teacher in the state of Indiana."

"I went to Wolf Run in 1997 to explore that option a little further. Indiana University's course was public and, after six years, I wanted to see the private side of things."

The superintendent at Wolf Run, Joe Kosoglov, introduced Hancock to Rutgers' turf management program, and he signed up for the intensive course which offered 10 weeks per year for two years. He was a student at Rutgers in '97 and '98 and graduated in 1999 with high honors and a certificate in turfgrass management.

Hancock has no regrets about not using his education degree from Indiana.

"Everybody would like to be younger when they finally figure out they want to do," he said, "but it's

worked out for me so far. I have no complaints."

Since then, Hancock has covered a lot of ground, literally and figuratively.

"The last 10 years have been a whirlwind, for sure," he said.

"Eastward Ho! is a great place to get settled in and know that I'm going to be here for a while," said Hancock, who lives in Harwich, some 3½ miles from his workplace.

"The club leadership here has been fantastic. They're really behind what we're trying to do. We have two goals at Eastward Ho! for the condition of the golf course. The first goal is to be the best conditioned golf course in the United States and the second is to be the best conditioned golf course in the world."

"The crew of 20 works as hard as they can and they work smart. We talk a lot about always working with intensity and intelligence. And so far so good on that front. The crew I have here has enabled us to take this course to the next level. I'm just so proud to work with the guys I get to work with every day."

"Mark Michaud has prepared me quite well for the jump from assistant to superintendent. The way he manages his golf course at Shinnecock is similar to the way I manage now, which is trust the guys you have, let them do the job and provide a bunch of feedback – whether it's criticism or just a pat on the back."

"So I didn't really feel a huge load laid upon me when I came here. I think I just slid right in and was comfortable from day one. It's a great golf course."

"I was a little bit worried about where you go from Pebble Beach and Spyglass and Shinnecock and Wolf Run. 'Am I going to end up in some little course tucked away in the woods in the midwest or end up at a good place?' Eastward Ho! has exceeded all of my expectations as far as the competitiveness that's in me and wants to make something as good as it can be."

Hancock, who has played golf since he was "9 or 10," gets out about once a week these days. Most of the time he's on the greenery, of course, is to groom it for others to play. He has help from a special person – his predecessor, Brian Cowan.

"He did a fantastic job with the golf course," Hancock said. "He's on the staff, trying to reach retirement age, and he does whatever we ask him to do. I give him all the credit for this fan-

tastic staff I have . . . we retained every full-time staff member who was in place at the time I took over. It's probably one of the things I'm most proud of."

"Brian was a great superintendent and, I'd have to say, is a better friend. He's great to bounce things off and I lean on him in certain situations. And he's embraced the changes we've made."

Hancock is an avid sports fan, following more than golf results in the newspapers. Coming from Indiana, he's a Colts football fan but was a Dallas Cowboys fan before he was attracted to the once-Baltimore Colts.

"I was a Staubach, Dorsett, Pearson, Randy White and Danny White fan before anybody else," he said. "The Colts would be second and if the Patriots are not playing the Colts, then we could say the Patriots would be third."

He has not yet adopted the Red Sox, "but that may be coming. We'll see. I'm a huge Roger Clemens fan, so I was a Red Sox fan when Clemens was with Boston. He's my favorite baseball player of all time. He just happened to be pitching in New York when I was in New York, so I went to quite a few of the Yankees' games. I'd have to say I'm a Yankees fan and, especially with Clemens coming back, I'm a Yankees fan."



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Wait, there may be hope for him yet among proper Bostonians. Is he related to American patriot John Hancock?

"Maybe way deep in the bloodlines," he said with a chuckle, "but I've never followed the tree back that far . . . Let's just say not that I know of, and leave it at that."

GSCANE JULY MEETING - BELMONT COUNTRY CLUB

JULY 16, 2007

HOSTS: ARTHUR SILVA, CGCS AND MIKE ROSE

By: Mike Rose

Belmont Country Club, the site of the July meeting has a history dating back almost 100 years. The original nine hole course was laid out by Donald Ross in 1908. In 1918, more land was purchased to expand the golf course to 18 holes. The layout remained untouched until the early 1960's when the expansion of Route 2 through Lexington and Belmont forced the club to exchange some land along the back of the golf course for a piece of land along Concord Avenue in Belmont. Three holes were lost, three new ones created and the current routing of the holes was established.

In 2005, a major renovation project was begun with all new tees, greens, bunkering and new drainage and irrigation installed. The Vesper Velvet greens Belmont was so well known for

were replaced with Greenwich Velvet during the renovation and are one of the most outstanding features of the course.

Arthur Silva has been at Belmont Country Club for 37 years, rising from crew member to assistant to superintendent. Along the way his work has won consistent praise and in 1999 Massachusetts Golfer Magazine featured Arthur on the cover, naming him the "Best Greens in the State". With Arthur having announced his retirement to follow the 2008 season, his longtime assistant Mike Rose was named superintendent in March 2007 with Arthur staying on as advisor and jack-of-all-trades. Mike's 1st assistant is David Webster, who is in his 4th season at Belmont CC.

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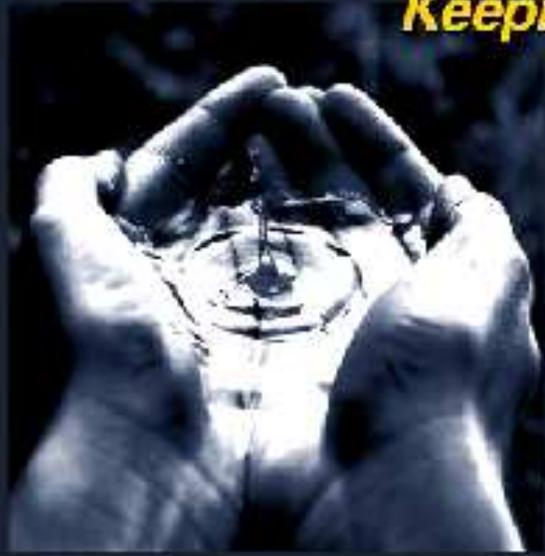
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UMass Extension Turf Program: Management Updates

Date: June 8, 2007

Category: Insects

Subject: Annual Bluegrass
(Hyperodes) Weevil

Well, the action has picked up considerably in just the past week! We are hearing of significant annual bluegrass weevil populations - and damage - on golf courses in southeastern Pennsylvania and southern New Jersey. In those areas, the worst should be over for now, as most individuals should have completed the larval stages and are now pupating.

In Westchester County, New York, samples collected on Monday (4 June) were 75% large larvae, less than 5% pupae, and the rest were small or medium larvae. Samples pulled just south of Hartford on Wednesday (6 June) were 20% small larvae, 40% medium larvae, and 40% large larvae.

Paul Heller (turf entomologist at Penn State) and I have seen the same phenomenon in several locations this year. Regular sampling in early spring did not uncover many adults, and we wondered whether the populations would be a little lower than "normal" this year. Even as recently as a week ago, sampling in some sites indicated that most populations were still small larvae, and yet when we collected samples this week, all of a sudden the populations had progressed to large larvae. Neither of us can remember such rapid "explosions" of activity in the past 10 to 15 years. And populations are higher in most locations than we have seen in several years. Each of us has visited at least one site where there are more than 220 larvae per square foot in untreated plots.

Meanwhile annual bluegrass populations seem to be higher than "normal" in several locations, as well. At least there are more seedheads...

For golf course superintendents who are wrestling with ABW damage, here is a quick reminder of your options. The first step is to collect several samples from the areas where the weevils are active, and determine whether most of the insects are larva (they look like grains of rice with brown

heads, pupa (cream-colored and kind of diamond-shaped), or adults.

If the insects are mostly larvae, you can get relief by applying trichlorfon (Dylox™). (We have also had good success several years with spinosad, Conserve™, but those trials have been directed against small and medium larvae in the spring, so we don't really know whether Conserve™ can be effective against full-grown larvae.) Dylox™ should provide about 50 to 75% control of the larvae that are present when you treat. Check the label, because while ABW larvae were added to the Dylox™ label a couple years ago, there may be a couple formulations that do not include ABW.

If the insects are mostly adults™, you should consider using one of the pyrethroids. Bifenthrin (Talstar™), cyfluthrin (Tempo™), lambda-cyhalothrin (Battle™, Scimitar™), and deltamethrin (DeltaGard™) are among the more commonly used materials. Note that there are several additional products with the same active ingredient but different trade names. For those of you who are concerned about the possibility of the development of resistance, you can also get good control of adults with chlorpyrifos (Dursban), an organophosphate.

If the insects are mostly pupae, you should wait a week or ten days and then apply a pyrethroid, targeting the newly emerging adults.

In all cases, follow with a little water - one pass of the irrigation heads if you have good pressure, two passes if you have marginal pressure or it is a windy day (of course, if it is that windy, you probably shouldn't be spraying!). In the case of the pyrethroids, that is enough water to knock the material off the blades and into the thatch. Note that some of the manufacturers do not believe that post-application water on pyrethroids is necessary ... but personally, I prefer to see the applications watered in lightly.

Submitted by: [Dr. Pat Vittum](#)

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Source: UMass Extension Service
Web Site

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our condolences are extended to Pat Hogan and family on the passing of Pat's step-father, Albert Drapeau, in late April.

Our condolences are extended to Matt McDonald (Country Club Enterprises) and family on the recent passing of Matt's mother.

Congratulations to **James B. Conant, CGCS** who has completed the renewal process for maintaining his status as a Certified Golf Course Superintendent with the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America. Jim Conant has been at the Country Club of Pittsfield since 1997. A 23-year old GCSAA member, he initially achieved his certification in 1992.

Condolences to the Mineck and Boston Golf families on the passing of John Mineck who died suddenly in a construction accident on May 24th. He was 54. Among John's many accomplishments, he was most recently the inspirational co-founder and co-owner of Boston Golf Club. He was dedicated to making it the most extraordinary golf club anywhere. Creating Boston Golf Club was John's passion, and he deserves all the credit for the masterpiece that will be a significant part of his broad legacy. A former MGA Executive Committee member, he was also instrumental in the early growth of the MGA junior golf program. Through his many varied talents and interests, John touched numerous lives inside and outside the golf world.

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Photos of the TPC of Boston

(We apologize for the less than high quality photos in the last month's edition and have reprinted them so that the reader may fully appreciate the fine work of Tom Brodeur and his crew.)

Photo credit: Christopher Split



To the left: The Par 3, 16th hole before renovation



Pictured above: 16th hole after renovation



Pictured above: the new 6th green complex



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