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President's Message....

Heading to a

New Millennium

As the year 2000 approaches rapidly, many people wonder what changes will be brought with a new millennium. Some speculate that it will be the end of the industrial age and the beginning of an era that will focus on world peace and the preservation of the environment, while others project the total opposite.

Let us take a quick look at what has transpired over the last 30 years in order to keep things in perspective. Man landed on the moon, the draft and Cold War ended, we saw the technology now available every night from the Persian Gulf as missiles were shot down specific air ducts and environmental issues now play a major role in politics.

As golf course superintendents we don't have to look hard to see how these changes affect our industry. As our nation's defense budgets are being decreased, high tech is funding its way to the links.

News and Views from the GCSAA Conference and Show in San Francisco

After nearly ten years, the National Association once again held its annual conference and show in San Francisco. And what a show it was -- from the opening session where Rocky Bleir spoke about the ability to not only set our dreams, but to visualize getting them done, to the largest display of golf equipment and technology available today. Throughout the week-long show, seminars on everything from Basic Turfgrass Principles to Chapter Relations was offered, as well as numerous educational sessions to keep today's golf course superintendent abreast of the many issues we face daily. Turfgrass related problems, environmental issues, personnel problems, effectively dealing with the media, and improving our image are just a few examples of the many seminars that were offered. And that was all before the trade show began!

The show is a unique opportunity to preview new products, the latest available technology and develop new ideas and concepts. More importantly, the conference and show is an opportunity to rekindle old friendships and establish new ones. The camaraderie among the attendees is ever present and the experience has always been a very positive one. The 1996 GCSAA Conference and Show is slated for Orlando, Florida, in early February. Hope to see more familiar faces from NE PA. Look for additional information in the fall issue of Chips and Putts.

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Computerized pumping and irrigation stations, radar on spray booms, light weight protective gear, and water recycling stations are quickly becoming the norm.

As we approach and enter the new millennium, the game of golf is certain to be in the spotlight. As maintainers of recreation and stewards of the environment, we surely must display a professional approach to all issues that are brought before us.

*Jeff Peters
President*

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK.....

Here it is! After numerous discussions and various attempts, "Chips and Putts", the official newsletter of the Pocono Turfgrass Association is back. It is with a sense of enthusiasm, and much hesitation, that I accept the awesome responsibility of editor. Nonetheless, I do accept. I will do my best to provide you, the members, with a publication we can all be proud of, and will look forward to receiving. Our goal is to provide a newsletter that will deliver pertinent information concerning the Association and the profession of Golf Course Management. We will cover the costs of production and distribution through advertising. Advertising is available to all those vendors and purveyors who support the Pocono Turfgrass Association. In return, we ask that you support them.

What you can expect to see...4 issues, one in spring, two during the summer months, and one in the fall; a message from the president; previous and upcoming information on Pocono Association meetings and events; special feature articles; GCSAA affairs, on the government front and the Pocono Roundup.

This is just the beginning of something we hope to expand and improve. Your input is important and always welcome. Please bear with me as we go through our growing pains. This is my first attempt at newsletter production, and I have much to learn. Your patience and understanding would be greatly appreciated. I hope you are having a great spring. I look forward to your comments at the May meeting.

Scott Schukraft

1995 MEETING SITES

April 18, 1995

Silver Creek, Hellertown, PA
Host Superintendent: Tony Greico

May 23, 1995

Eddy Farms, Sparrow Bush, NY
Host Superintendent: John R.
Patterson, Jr.

June 8, 1995 (Joint with Keystone)

Towanda C.C., Towanda, PA
Host Superintendent: Jim Koss

July 18, 1995

Hideout, Lake Ariel, PA
Host Superintendent: Jack Bird

August 21, 1995 Clam Bake

Water Gap C.C., Delaware Water Gap, PA
Host Superintendent: Charlie LaBar

September 19, 1995

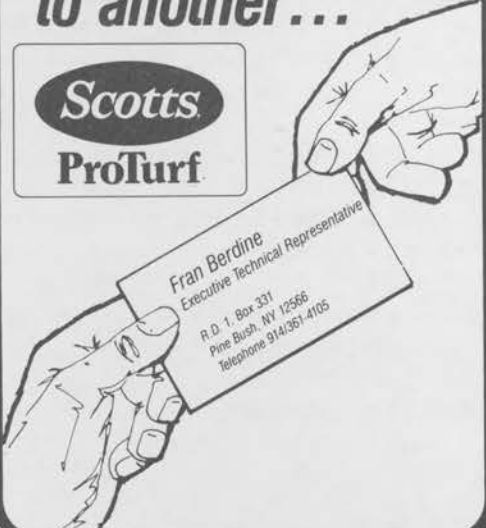
Split Rock, Lake Harmony, PA
Host Superintendent: Bob Sterrett

October 17, 1995

Fernwood Resort, Bushkill, PA
Host Superintendent: Bob Meaney

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one professional
to another...**



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 2, 3, 1995 - Half day Workshop,
Microscopic Identification of
Turfgrass Diseases, Cook College,
Rutgers University. For further
information call 908-932-9271.

Reminder: The Penn State Field Days
will not be held in 1995. They will
be back again in 1996.

Any club interested in hosting a
monthly meeting in 1996, please
advise any board member. It is not
too early to begin thinking about
the 1996 Calendar.



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Letter to Pocono Turfgrass Association
Membership from Dan Tewes:

I just want to take a moment to express thanks and appreciation for your generosity and the confidence you have shown in me, and my ability to be an asset to our industry. The importance of the scholarship is two fold. By minimizing some of my monetary worries, I was able to direct more of my attention to the business of building a strong foundation for my future work as a golf course superintendent.


In my subsequent letter asking for your assistance, I stated that in some way I would like to give back to your association. That statement was not made frivolously. After attending some meetings and receiving your scholarship, I have a much better understanding of the role the Pocono Turfgrass Association plays in the enhancement of our profession in terms of private and public awareness.

If at any time and in any way I may be of any assistance, please don't hesitate to be in touch with me. I look forward to the upcoming season for many reasons, one being the time spent at our meetings.

Sincere thanks,
Dan Tewes




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A SPECIAL THANKS....

*To Split Rock Resort and Bob Sterrett for hosting the GCSAA Spray Technician Seminar. All 26 people who attended found it to be informative and enjoyable.

*To Philadelphia Toro, Stull Equipment, Lawn & Golf, and Finch Turf Equipment for providing sprayers and spray equipment for use during the seminar.

*To the following companies for their donations which provided the refreshments at the reception following the seminar:

Blue Ridge Peat Farms
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ISK Biosciences
Lawn & Golf
Lebanon Chemical Co.
Philadelphia Toro
Pro Lawn Products
The Scotts Company
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The Pocono Turfgrass Association would like to welcome the following new members:

William J. Brown, Class A, Four Seasons Golf Club, Inc.

Robert Eichert, Aercore, Inc.

Troy Fetherman, Class A, Cliff Park Inn

Kenneth Givens, Class B, Glen Brook C.C.

Robert Hesser, Class H, Consultant, Lewistown C.C.

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Anthony J. Knorr, Class B, Huntsville G.C.

Paul Szymanski, Class C, Golf Cars, Inc.

Dan Tewes, Class H

Lawrence Walko, Class C, Walko Landscape & Nursery, Inc.

MEMBERS ON THE MOVE....

*Bob Meaney is the new golf course superintendent at Fernwood Resort.

*Bret Adair has moved from Lehigh C.C. to the superintendent's position at Willowbrook Enterprises.

*Jack Zwick has moved to the superintendent's position at Hide-A-Way Hills.

*Mike Vella has moved to Clinton Country Club after two years at Glenbrook Country Club.

*After 19 Years at Aronimink in Philadelphia, the Pocono Turfgrass Association welcomes Steve Campbell, CGCS, to his new position as golf course superintendent at Glenmaura National in Moosic, PA.

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SUNDAY MORNINGS

April 2, 9, and 23 (7:30 A.M.)
June 9 (7:30 A.M.)

WEEKDAY GOLF COVERAGE

May 5 (1:30 P.M.)
May 12 (2:30 P.M.)
June 15 (4:00 P.M.)
June 30 (2:00 P.M.)

Consult your local listings for show times.



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GCSAA - NATIONAL NEWS

DID YOU KNOW:

The golf Course Superintendents Association of America held their elections of Officers & Directors at the 66th International Golf Course Conference & Show held in San Francisco, CA.

If you are a member of the P.T.G.A. and the G.C.S.A.A. you had a vote in the elections to these positions.

The voting delegates of the five Chapters representing the State of Pennsylvania meet for 1-1/2 hours discussing the candidates and how your vote would be cast as a group.

This process involved:

*Informal discussions with the candidates and with superintendents from PA and throughout the country.

*A "Meet the Candidates Forum"

*A voting delegates luncheon to further discuss the candidates and to hear from their representatives

*The Pennsylvania Chapter delegates meeting

*The election process

If you are not currently a member of the G.C.S.A.A., you can still join. Don't miss out on the wealth of information and opportunity that is available to you through G.C.S.A.A. Application forms are available through the P.T.G.A. Join today and help strengthen our local and state Associations; VOICES that can impact your Local, State, and Federal Regulatory Agencies.

At our P.T.G.A. meeting held in October 1994, we discussed this voting process and your votes were cast as you directed: through discussion and agreement with the other Pennsylvania Chapters.

Hal Parr, CGCS

RESULTS OF PROCESSES AND ELECTIONS:

PRESIDENT: (UNANIMOUS)

Gary T. Grigg, CGCS

VICE PRESIDENT: (UNANIMOUS)

Bruce R. Williams, CGCS

SECRETARY/TREASURER:

This was the first time the Office of Secretary/Treasurer was filled through the election process. There were 5,755 votes cast.

	VOTES:
Paul S. McGinnis, CGCS:	4,285
ELECTED	

George E. Renault III, CGCS	260
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David W. Ferris, CGCS	1,210
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DIRECTOR:

George E. Renault III, CGCS and David W. Ferris, CGCS were nominated off the floor. There were 17,189 votes cast.

George E. Renault III, CGCS (Maryland)	4571 votes ELECTED
Tommy D. Witt, CGCS (Illinois)	5291 votes ELECTED
David W. Ferris, CGCS (Missouri)	3408 votes ELECTED
Michael Wallace, CGCS (Connecticut)	1997 votes APP'TED
Paul Dermott, CGCS (Canada)	1922 votes
David W. Gourlay, CGCS (Canada)	withdrew

How your 27 P.T.G.A. votes were cast:

President: unanimous

V. President: unanimous

Secretary/Treasurer:

McGinnis	27	Ferris	0
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Renault	0		
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Director:

Renault	27	Wallace	18
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Witt	18	Dermott	18
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Ferris	0		
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POCONO ROUNDUP

**NEWS AND VIEWS FROM THE POCONO
TURFGRASS ASSOCIATION**

*The Pocono Turfgrass Association extends its sincerest wishes for a speedy recovery to Jim Umstead at The Country Club of Northampton.

*The Pocono Turfgrass Association Scholarship and Research Raffle is underway. Your support will ensure the success of this endeavor

*Huntsville Golf Club in Lehman Township will be hosting this year's MET GCSA Team Championship on October 5. Those of you who have played in past events know how competitive, but fun, this event can be. This will be one date to remember.

*A special congratulations are extended to Edward Cimoch, Jr. and Ron Garrison for their fine display of golf during the GCSAA Golf Championship held on the Monterey Peninsula. In Flight 2, Ed won the net prize, and in Flight 5 Ron won the gross prize. Quite impressive for two of our fellow members!

***SOFTSPIKES SOFTSPIKES SOFTSPIKES**

The buzzword of the '95 Golf Season --Are any of you wearing them? Are any clubs in the Pocono Association mandating their use? *Chips & Putts* would like to know for a future article on this hot topic..

*And finally, for all of those who received a survey, please return it to us as soon as possible so we can tabulate the information and advise you of the results.



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