



Meat in Those Meetings

If you are a member of a golf club or a frequent visitor to a public course, don't expect to see the superintendent around on the first Monday of the month or that roundabout date when his presence is required elsewhere.

And, above all, don't think he's off on a goldbricking venture. No, he isn't fishing. No, he isn't back home putting up wallboard in his rec room. And, no, he isn't off on some escape sojourn to some shrink paid to recharge his professional batteries.

Yes, he's where he should be — becoming a viable and

visible participant in the Golf Course Superintendents Association of New England's monthly meeting. In fact, if he isn't there, you should take him to task for not being there.

The GCSANE meeting is a session that evolves into something for the country club member and public course player's own good. That's right. The supers steal away from their daily chores for you. In a word, they go back to the basics — to school, the books, the seminars. They throw the bull and they gab on, sometimes far into the night.

That's what regular participation in the association is all about. In many cases, that one ounce of prevention — often meaning the difference between a top-notch conditioned golf course and a scrub pile — is gleaned by one super or another. Educational benefits abound.

"There are times when I come away from meetings aware of some turf disease or something similar which I never suspected could happen at my club," notes NEGCSA president Brian Cowan. "And because I hear about it, I don't have to cope with it. I'm steered onto a chemical which prevents or softens it and I'm 100 percent ahead of the game."

Unfortunately (for themselves), there are some New England clubs — and they are numbered among the staggering minority — that prefer to turn their backs on the association. They oppose it either by ignoring the pleas of their super to join the group or refusing to allow him the time to take an active part in its functions.

Obviously, they are the worst because of that attitude. Rather than expose their supers to the teeming possibilities of increasing his knowledge of turf management, they isolate him from the vortex of the industry where everything has, is and will happen. What a way to run a business.

Some of the above claim that the super makes it a point to immerse himself in the association only in those summer months when golf privileges are available at monthly meetings. They view his involvement as self-serving and satisfying. How wrong they are.

As a matter of fact, clubs should encourage GCSANE tournament participation by their supers. Playing a round of golf gives the super that added perspective so necessary in the pursuit of his vocational goals. His outlook is not blindsided by his technical approach to the job. By playing, he acquires a practical feel for his tasks. Sometimes what the tunnel-visioned super and the golfer see are miles apart.

Then, too, a round of golf often serves as a tension-breaker for the superintendent. Private and public club golfers certainly are aware of building pressures in their own work. Consequently, they should appreciate what a round of golf might do for the super who is prone to the same type of pressure.

Educational-wise, the GCSANE meeting schedule pre-

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NEXT MEETING

Monday, April 11, 1983

New Seabury, C.C., Mashpee, Mass.

JOINT MEETING WITH CAPE COD TURF MANAGERS ASSOCIATION

10 a.m. - Educational Program

Bob Scott from Elanco. Topic:
Rubigan

11 a.m. - Lunch

12 noon - Golf. Shotgun start. Make your
own foursome.

**TOURNAMENT - Qualifying for
the Guy Tedesco Memorial Golf
Tournament. The top gross
score and the three top net will
qualify.**

HOST - Mark Klimm

Mark is beginning his second year at New Seabury as superintendent. Prior, he was superintendent at the Holden Hills C.C. in Holden, Mass. for four years and assistant superintendent for Guy Tedesco at New Seabury for three years. He is also a 1975 graduate of the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at U Mass.



Mark resides in Mashpee with his wife Linda, daughters Stephanie (2) and Cynthia (new born). We all look forward to a fine day at New Seabury.

DIRECTIONS - From Rt. 3. Go over Sagamore Bridge. Take Exit 2 (rt. 130) Toward Mashpee. At Mashpee rotary follow signs to golf course.

IMPORTANT - Please contact Mark no later than Friday, April 8, 1983 if you are planning to attend. **THIS IS A MUST.** An accurate head count is required. Call 477-0606.

GCSAA Elects New Officers in Atlanta

At its annual membership meeting on Feb. 24 in Atlanta, Ga., the GCSAA membership elected four new officers for the coming year.

Robert W. Osterman, CGCS, superintendent of the Connecticut Golf Club, Easton, Conn., won the presidential election. He will succeed James A. Wyllie, CGCS, superintendent of the Bayview Country Club, Thornhill, Ontario.

In the race for Vice President, James W. Timmerman, CGCS, superintendent at Orchard Lake Country Club, Orchard Lake, Mich., was elected to succeed Osterman. The election as Vice President assures Timmerman the presidency for 1984, since GCSAA presidents traditionally run unopposed for the presidency the following year.

In Osterman's first act as President of GCSAA, he appointed Eugene D. Baston, CGCS, of The Country Club of Birmingham, Ala., to the post of Secretary-Treasurer. Baston has served on the Board of Directors for the past two years.

In the election for other members of the Board of Directors, Richard V. Slivinski, CGCS, superintendent of golf courses for the City of Phoenix, Ariz., was re-elected to a two-year term. Donald E. Hearn, CGCS, superintendent of Weston Golf Club, Weston, Mass., was elected to his first two-year term on the Board of Directors.

The annual membership meeting and election activities were part of GCSAA's 54th International Conference and Show, Feb. 19-25, in Atlanta. The Conference activities included a seminar program, educational sessions, the world's largest display of turfgrass maintenance products, a full schedule of social activities and a tour of selected golf courses in the Atlanta area.

GCSAA is a professional association of golf course superintendents founded in 1926 to promote the art and science of golf turf management. Its more than 5400 members are located throughout the United States and 24 other countries.



Bob Osterman and Don Hearn congratulating each other.

My sincere thanks to all the members of the GCSA of New England for your support and interest before and during the GCSAA Annual Meeting in Atlanta.

To those who contributed their financial support toward the hospitality suite in Atlanta, your anonymous generosity was unexpected and greatly appreciated.

Being a member of the GCSAA Executive Committee is an honor and responsibility I do not take lightly. The support received from superintendents across the country indicates there are many who share my ideas and goals for the betterment of our profession and Association. You can be assured I'll work hard to make us recognized for what we really are: dedicated professionals responsible to a large degree for the success of the business as well as the game of golf.

Whether you're a superintendent, golf professional, manager, administrator, club official, owner or an interested club member, I'm sure we share some mutual concerns. The time is long overdue when we should be working together to make all aspects of the business and game productive for everyone. I certainly would like to hear from anyone who has ideas on how to better our profession, our golf courses and our relations with others.

Without the support of the Board of Directors of the Weston Golf Club I would not have the opportunity to be a member of the GCSAA Executive Committee. To all of them, my heartfelt gratitude.

Don Hearn, CGCS

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sents supers an opportunity to expand their expertise and bone up on its standing credibility. The session's open format also allows the super to seek answers to his particular problem. That, in itself, is worth the price of admission in the form of membership fees and traveling expenses.

So, be mindful of that one work day in the month when your superintendent is nowhere to be seen. And be thankful that he's not in sight. Most likely, he's among his peers solving one turf problem or another and planning to put those solutions to work on his own course. If he's not there, it's high time you saw that he was.

Gerry Finn

1983 GCSANE Schedule

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| 4/11/83 | New Seabury Country Club Guy Tedesco Tournament <i>Qualifying</i> <i>(Make your own foursome)</i> | Host: Mark Klimm |
| 5/23/83 | Pine Brook Country Club Blind Draw Tournament | Host: Doug Johnson |
| 6/6/83 | Manchester Country Club Superintendent Chairmen Tournament | Host: Jim Diorio |
| 7/11/83 | Marshfield Country Club Superintendent Championship | Host: Mel O'Kelly |
| 8/2/83 | Weston Golf Club Blind Draw Tournament | Host: Don Hearn |
| 9/12/83 | Salem Country Club Superintendent's Team of 2 Championship | Host: Kip Tyler |
| 10/4/83 | Kittansett Golf Club Blind Draw Tournament | Host: Len Blodgett |
| 11/1/83 | Tatnuck Golf Club Blind Draw Tournament | Host: Steve Chiavaroli |

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President's Message

Much has happened since my last message in February. Let me first say, congratulations to Dr. Troll for being one of three recipients of the Distinguished Service Award presented to him in Atlanta, by GCSAA. Joe has been an influential part in the education of the golf course superintendent for nearly twenty five years. With his turf research and the Mass. Turf Conference and Show, one cannot deny the significant contributions he has made toward the advancement of our profession. Again, we thank you, Dr. Troll.



The next bit of good news is in regards to First V.P. of our association and my very close friend, Donny Hearn. We in New England are very excited about Don's recent election to the board of directors of GCSAA. Don has worked long and hard to achieve his goal with GCSAA and we are all very proud.

While in Atlanta, I along with a few other superintendents from our area took the Intermediate Rules of Golf Seminar with Tom Meeks of the USGA. This was one of the most interesting seminars that I have ever participated in. Mr. Meeks was an excellent instructor and I'm sure many came away knowing much more about the game of golf.

Thanks to Pat Vittum and Buddy Young for a delightful educational program at our March meeting. I am looking forward to a large turnout at New Seabury for our outdoor kickoff. This will be a qualifying for the Guy Tedesco Invitational which is scheduled for June 17. Also my thanks to Gary Luccini and the clubhouse staff for providing us with excellent accommodations for our winter meetings.

See you at New Seabury.

Brian Cowan, CGCS
President, GCSANE

Playing Golf is Educational

Who but a Golf Course Superintendent can learn by playing? As a Superintendent we are privileged to play many different golf courses during our monthly meetings. Superintendents also enjoy professional courtesy at most golf courses throughout the country by merely contacting the Host Superintendent. This opportunity to play different courses is probably one of the more important learning experiences we can partake in, seeing first hand some of the fine tournament conditions, landscaping, construction, irrigation and countless other ideas for our own courses as well as the failures. What we learn from playing would be hard to put a price tag on, but, can you afford not to learn? With these learning thoughts in mind I would like to invite all members to share a learning experience and come out and play golf this year.

Stephen Murphy
Gannon Golf Course
Golf Chairman, GCSANE

NEW MEMBER - Congratulations to Mike Nagle of the Worcester Country Club.

DIVOT DRIFT...The outdoor meeting calendar is now upon us. I'm sure everyone is anxious to tee it up...Our sincere thanks to Gary Luccini and the people at the Franklin Country Club for their hospitality in hosting our winter meetings. Incidentally, what a fine job on the renovations to the Franklin clubhouse. Quite an improvement...Congratulations to Mark and Linda Klimm on their new addition to the family, daughter Cynthia...Also congratulations to Brian Silva, formerly of the USGA Greens Section. Brian has begun working with Geoff Cornish. Tim Ansett will be replacing Brian in the Northeast region of the Greens section.

Interpretation of 333 CMR 10.15 (1) Record Keeping Requirements

The regulations 333 CMR 10.15(1), promulgated pursuant to the Massachusetts Pesticide Control Act (Chapter 132B of the General Laws) require that all certified and licensed applicators applying pesticides commercially or their employers "keep true and accurate operational records ... on each application of a pesticide." The following information is required on each application as quoted from the regulations:

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- (k) Any illnesses or injuries caused by or suspected to have been caused by pesticides and reported to the applicator."

The purpose of this document is to clarify the responsibilities of the pesticide applicator and his employer in complying with this regulation.



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