

# THE CONN. CLIPPINGS



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## WHAT IS WRONG SOCIALLY?

First I want to thank the twelve couples who braved the weather to come to the Conn. superintendent's picnic, and to the other five couples who had said yes on the cards but couldn't make it due to illness. I received 17 cards saying that they would be able to make the picnic.

What is wrong with the other 93 members in the association?

For the people who complain that our socials are too expensive, by the time they pay for a babysitter and buy a new dress for the wife they just can't afford to go out. What was your excuse for the picnic? You can not say \$2.00 was too expensive. Even if you had 10 children it would still have cost you only \$2.00 (now that is cheaper than MacDonalds, and the food was better).

You didn't have to pay for a babysitter, since this was a family picnic and we wanted the whole family. There was not one sad child on Saturday, they all had a terrific time.

The style Saturday was very casual, it consisted mostly of slacks, sweaters and umbrellas. If you don't have that type of clothes in your closet I feel sorry for you.

You can not use the excuse that the picnic was too far away. The Dick Bators came from Pittsfield, and the Bob Chalifours came from Groton.

You can not use the excuse that my wife is very shy and doesn't know anybody. How is she going to meet anybody unless she goes to the socials? Some of the wives did not know everybody but we all knew each other by the first half hour.

You can not use the excuse that there wasn't any sport that you like to do. Saturday the men had a good football game going between the rain drops,

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## THE GRASS CATCHER

by Bob Osterman

*"BOB VIERA DAY" at the Watertown Golf Club.*

I would like to extend my personal congratulations to the Watertown Golf Club for the recognition they gave to their Superintendent, Bob Viera, on Oct. 22. The golf club and the tournament committee sponsored a "BOB VIERA DAY" to show their appreciation for the fine job Bob is doing at the club.

They had a shotgun tournament with about 84 participants. All proceeds were turned over to Bob. He was extremely surprised and gratified to know that all his efforts were not going unnoticed.

This is one of the few times I have heard of this kind of attention given to a superintendent. If one club can do it why can't other clubs and members show their appreciation and respect to their superintendent. The respect and recognition he should have, but gets so little of.

Congratulations to Dick Hoskings and his wife on the arrival of a new daughter, Carrie, on August 17th. Carrie weighed in at 8 1/2 lbs.

As most of you know by now the National Tournament will be held at Port Royal Inn, Hilton Head Island, S.C., on Monday and Tuesday following the Conference in Boston. As of the present time, the Conn. Assoc. still does not have a team represented in the tournament. Anyone who is playing in the tournament should contact Frank Lamphier at his club, phone 226-3391 or at his home after 6 P.M. phone 744-0486 before Dec. 15th. Let's see if we can't bring the trophy back to Conn. this year.

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

First, I would like to thank everyone for their confidence in re-electing me President for another year of the Connecticut Association of Golf Course Superintendents. I am proud and happy to be representing the association again.

The membership has elected a Board of Directors to run the business affairs of the association and as president, I feel confident that we have picked the right men. They represent many years of professional experience and each has contributed much already.

The committee chairmen have been selected. Many of you will be called upon to serve on these committees. Please put your best foot forward to help each function efficiently. We look forward to having some new meeting sights this year along with an informative education program among other things.

Ideas to meet the challenge of changing times are needed. The ideas must come from the membership; the thoughts of the superintendent who works with the problems are the thoughts which develop into solutions to those problems. Our monthly meetings are the best clearing house for ideas and exchange of ideas. If you are not attending these meetings then you are not progressing to your fullest potential. Let us all resolve in the coming year to help ourselves by continuing the friendly and professional attitude at our monthly educational meetings.

With your help, I am sure we will have a most successful and productive year.

At this time on behalf of the Officers, Board of Directors and myself, I would like to wish you all a very healthy, happy and prosperous New Year.

ROBERT VIERA, President

### CONNECTICUT ASSOCIATION OF GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENTS

The Hartford Golf Club was the site of our 1972 CAGCS annual meeting on Monday, November 13th. About forty members (which is a very poor showing for an annual meeting) showed up. After business matters were taken care of, Bill Dest, Nominating Committee Chairman, then presented the slate of candidates and he conducted the election. The results are as follows:

- President ..... *Robert Viera*
- Vice-President ..... *Frank Lamphier*
- Secretary ..... *David Stimson*
- Treasurer ..... *James MacDonald*

#### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- Education ..... *Alfred Bachand*
- Golf ..... *Roger Barrett*
- Public Relations ..... *Bob Osterman*
- Past President ..... *Charles Baskin*

#### DIRECTORS

- Roobert Tosh*
- John Lynch*
- Karnig Ovia*

The object of this association is to promote research, education and an exchange of practical experiences in the field of turf grass culture so that the increased knowledge will lead to more economic and efficient management of golf courses and related turf areas.

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#### Mr. Superintendent:

*Your Club is losing money when they don't send you to the National Turf Conference.*

*Many times it's stated by a Superintendent; "The Club can't afford to send me this year". "It's too far away and will be a very expensive trip".*

*It's false economy for a Club to try and save money by eliminating the Superintendents' travel expenses.*

*Say it costs the Club \$400.00 to send you to a National Convention and you come back with an idea that saves the Club \$400.00 then the trip pays for itself. Now if you return with some idea that can save the Club \$1000.00, they made money sending you. So the next time the Club wants to cut your budget, show them how they are losing money by not sending you to the National Conference. See you in Boston.*

### TO SAVE A RIVER

The Conn. River Valley is one of the most beautiful creations of nature in the Northeast. The river sweeps grandly past unspoiled woodlands, hillsides, quiet villages and rich wetlands that nourish the sea.

All of this beauty, the wildlife that flourishes here and the way of life that residents cherish, is threatened.

The river lies right in the path of the expanding northeast megalopolis. In twenty or thirty years the scenic woodlands and hillsides could be swamped by a deluge of houses, highways and hot dog stands.

Senator Abe Ribicoff envisioned this possibility early, and in 1966 he initiated steps that could result in the creation of a national park that would protect the river valley.

The original plan called for a park complex extending into four New England states. The Connecticut portion would be the Gateway Unit.

A bill to create a Connecticut Historic Riverway has passed the Senate twice. Both times the house failed to take action.

The bill proposed by Senator Ribicoff in 1970 called for an 11-mile, 23,500-acre corridor extending from Haddam to Old Saybrook.

Since 1970, the plan has been modified several times. The latest action being the completion of a study by a sub-committee of the Gateway Advisory Committee headed by former State Senator William Moore of Lyme.

The committee, made up largely of citizens from the towns involved, recommends extending the park from the mouth of the river to the Haddam-Middletown line bringing 46,300 acres into the plan.

The Gateway Committee stresses two basic elements in their plan: 1) the maximum preservation of the resources of the area through limiting recreational uses and 2) a strong voice for the permanent committee to be created by the proposed legislation in determining the standards and policies for the park.

Senator Ribicoff has stated that he does not wish to sponsor legislation that does not have the support of local citizens. He and the Gateway Advisory Committee have focused attention on the preservation of this priceless Connecticut resource. How this might be accomplished has yet to be determined. Do you have an opinion? Let your representatives in Washington and Hartford know or write to the Gateway Advisory Committee, Middlesex County Extension Center, Route 9A, Haddam, Conn.

### THE GRASS CATCHER

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Many liquid pesticide formulations are damaged by cold temperatures some will separate at temperatures below 40 degrees. To be safe, store liquid materials in a heated area.

All left-over pesticides should be stored in a dry area. This area should be specifically for storing pesticides and *nothing else*, and should be located so that normal work will not involve using it. Be sure to *keep it locked* so access to these materials can be controlled.

This winter might be a good time to consider building a pesticide storage room or cabinet for year-round use. This should be easily accessible to the user, but clearly marked on all sides so its contents are easily known. It does not have to be a separate structure, a portion of an existing building can be walled-off to serve the purpose. But be sure to provide a means of locking it. And *keep it locked at all times*.

Our president, Bob Viera, is at it again. He is building three more new holes. They will be numbers 5, 6, one half of 7 and one half of 8. (You will have to ask Bob to explain that to you.) He expects to have the new holes completed by spring of 1973. This will complete 9 new holes as Bob built six new holes two years ago. We will be looking forward to playing these new holes sometime in the near future.

Anyone with any news or information concerning themselves or their courses and would like to share it with fellow superintendent's are reminded to jot it down on their monthly meeting return cards under Conn. Clippings News.

Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year to all our members and readers.

### CAGCS CHRISTMAS DANCE

Our annual Christmas dance was held Friday, December 1, at the Ambassador Restaurant, Hamden. It was good to see so many members turn out for this event. Many brought along one or two couples as guests, and a good time was had by all. Some beautiful door prizes were won by nine of those lucky people attending. For those of you who did not attend, well there's always next year.

### STEERING COMMITTEE REPORT

The following has been compiled by the Steering Committee to be presented to the Board of Directors on Thursday, October 26, 1972.

1. Suggestion is made to the Board of Directors and members to read and adhere to the By-Laws.
2. The Educational Chairman should carry out the objectives of the Association in promoting research and education. He should Chair the new Research Fund. He should promote speakers from within our organization. Speakers for the July and August months should be eliminated.
3. The Public Relations Chairman should appoint a committee of superintendents in key newspaper areas in the State.
4. A Employment Chairman should be appointed other than the Secretary of our Association.
5. A Budget Chairman should be appointed by the President with a member of the Board as Chairman. Duties of this chairman are to set up an annual budget and issue a financial statement at the end of each fiscal year. The chairman will be the Treasurer.
5. A committee be formed to look into the General Manager Concept and how this affects the Superintendent.
7. A committee be formed to prepare a survey on all aspects of golf course management.
8. It is recommended that all classes of membership should serve on committees.
9. New Membership Plaques be incorporated similar to the National and more presentable wallet cards be made up.
10. A letter of appreciation should be sent to the host club President after each meeting.

### MONTHLY MEETINGS

#### GOLF TOURNAMENTS:

Tee-off times should be between 10:30 and 12:00 Noon.

Fee for golf should not be more than \$3.00, \$2.00 towards prizes and \$1.00 for kickers.

#### MEETINGS:

The business meeting should begin no later than 5:00 P.M.

A mandatory attendance is recommended.

If a member plays golf, he is required to attend dinner or pay. Return postcards or a phone call are a must.

The President should control the meeting at all times and stay with the adjenda to save more time.

The Officers should face the members.

#### DINNER:

The dinner should begin promptly at 6:30 P.M.

Prices of meals should not exceed \$7.50.

Meals and prices should be ironed out in advance by the host superintendent. The superintendent and manager must work closely together on this phase of the meeting.

Luncheon meetings are recommended as much as possible.

#### SPEAKERS:

Members must stay and listen to speakers after dinner. Cortesy is requested at all times during a speech.

#### MISCELLANEOUS:

Customs of gratuity be applied.

The Steering Committee wishes to say that from these suggestions and others that may come about, our organization will function better and our ideals will come about sooner. It is recommended that this committee continues in future years.

Steering Committee  
 KARNIG OVIAN, Chairman  
 ROBERT OSTERMAN  
 WILLIAM DEST  
 EVERETT PYLE

### WARNING

As stated in the by-laws of the Connecticut Association of Golf Course Superintendents, sixty (60) days warning of any change in by-laws must be given, in writing, to each and every member before coming to a vote. Here in, is such warning!

#### Art. 3 Sec. 2 Para. 2

##### CLASS A MEMBER

Any man of good character, who has served as a Golf Course Superintendent for three full years, will be eligible to become a regular Class A member of this association.

Change to: for three full years, and is actively engaged as a Supt. at time of application, will be

#### Art. 4 Sec. 3 Para. 3

3. Any person suspended because of nonpayment of dues and assessments may apply for reinstatement upon again making application for membership on an approved form

by payment of current dues and assessments.

Change to: by payment of initiation fee, current dues, and assessments.

#### Art. 7 Sec. 1

A nominating committee will be selected in September by the President.

Change to: A nominating committee will be selected in July by the President.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK E. LAMPHIER

Chairman, By-Laws Committee

### THERE'S SOMETHING ABOUT THE NATIONAL

Yes, there's something about the National! Haven't you heard someone ask you "Are you going to the National?" This, of course, refers to the annual GCSAA International Turfgrass Conference and Show. (This year in Boston on January 7-12).

There's a certain air of excitement about this great educational and equipment exposition held annually each year through the joint efforts of some very active members of this over 3,000 strong organization of golf course superintendents devoted to setting the pace in the production and maintenance of the world's finest golf turf.

It's an exciting time, this wonderful opportunity to learn from a vast array of knowledge, the annual meeting of friends from far ends of the country, the taking on of new friends and the relaxation far from the often tiring cares of the golf course — yet when it's all over there is an incentive and a desire to get back home and tackle the course with a vitality and a way that will be bigger and better than any season yet.

Yes, this thrill is known only to those who have attended and awaits those who have an opportunity to go.

### SUPERINTENDENTS' CHAMPIONSHIP

The annual Superintendents' Tournament was held at the Cliffside Country Club on October 10. There were approximately 40 players who enjoyed a beautiful day on a beautiful course.

Following are a list of the winners:

Gross Class "A" - Frank Lamphier 36  
 Gross Class "B" - Bob Osterman 46  
 Associate - Bob Kennedy 77

#### "ODD HOLES"

Grass Class "A" - Frank Lamphier 36  
 Grass Class "B" - Bob Osterman 46  
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### CHECK LIST FOR HOST SUPERINTENDENTS

(CLIP OUT AND SAVE)

#### WITH GOLF PROFESSIONAL

- Date of meeting.
- Time of golfers arrival.
- How many players expected?
- Will caddys be available?
- How many golf cars will be needed?
- Blackboard to post days tourney (best-ball, low gross, Supt. Champs, etc.)

Expected help from shop, Asst. Pro to register players, collect money, figure results with chairman, negotiate prizes.

#### WITH CLUBHOUSE MANAGER

- Date of Meeting.
- Will lunch be available?
- Will signing privileges be allowed? If not, cash, script, or whatever.
- Price of dinner not to exceed \$7.50.
- Number expected for dinner?
- Find out in advance what the menu will be.
- Anyone playing golf will be expected to stay for dinner.
- Head table for 12 facing membership.
- If membership is to hold meeting other than at dinner, make arrangements for separate room, with head table for the 4 officers facing membership.
- Small table next to head table for use by the tournament chairman.
- Projector and screen for speaker if needed.
- Public address system if needed.

#### WITH LOCKER ROOM ATTENDANT

- Date of meeting.
- Will lockers be available?
- Towels, showers, etc.

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and after the picnic they played a few holes of golf. If the weather was good we could have played horse shoes, badminton, kite flying, hiking, and lots of other activities.

If your excuse is that you didn't have enough notice, I hope you put on your calendar the last Saturday of September for our picnic for next year.

What will be your excuse for next year ? ? ? JANICE MACDONALD

### SUPERINTENDENTS' CHAMPIONSHIPS

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- Gross Associate - Bob Kennedy 40
- Net Class "A" - Bob Viera 32
- Net Class "B" - Al Hawkins 36
- Net Associate - H. Sherman 34

#### LOW NET

Mike Oviaan 67

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