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President's Message

The 1977 growing season has started with its usual inconsistencies. Intermittent hot dry and cold moist conditions have made the superintendent's job that much more complex. However, we can and will meet the challenge, as well as those to come, throughout the season.

Our meeting attendance to date has been good but not nearly good enough. Excellent speakers have provided interesting topics for your education, clubs have been extremely hospitable, host superintendents have provided everything possible to make for an enjoyable day. *Where are you?!* There are nearly 165 members in CAGCS and yet each month our attendance hovers near 50 and always the same faces are seen monthly. If you are interested enough to join, then be interested enough to be involved.

Finally, as this issue is partially committed to GCSAA, it behooves me to impress upon our membership the need for belonging to the national association. Through membership in GCSAA, a golf course superintendent insures himself that he is offered many educational opportunities and has a national source to turn to when in need of pertinent information. Most importantly, he is taking one more step towards self-improvement and an upgraded professional stature. It is good for you and good for your club.

Bob Tosh

Grass Catcher

Fine speakers were the highlight of the first two monthly meetings of CAGCS in 1977. The April meeting, hosted by Bob Phipps at the Shorehaven Golf Club in Norwalk, was blessed with fine weather and a good golfing turnout. Mr. Ed Macmanus, the featured speaker, presented an interesting view of insurance liability in the

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In 1926 the men of the fledgling turfgrass maintenance industry realized that there were tremendous education and professional opportunities to be gained by uniting, and in that year formed the National Association of Greenkeepers of America. The organization had, as one of its primary objectives, the promotion of efficient, economical and up-to-date maintenance of golf courses.

Today, after two name changes, the Superintendent's professional organization, the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America, continues to operate under those objectives, placing more emphasis on the management aspects of golf course operations. The progress achieved in the profession and playing conditions is due in no small measure to the accomplishments of the Association and the cooperation of its members.

United States today. The many questions from the floor illustrated the perplexity of the issue and the interest of the consumer.

Unfortunately, the May meeting was not so lucky in regard to weather. The evening prior to the meeting the Hartford area was drenched by a three inch rainfall. Consequently, Al Hawkins, host superintendent at the Hartford Golf Club, was forced to close the course for the day.

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Yes — You Should Join GCSAA

Since initiating this column I have labored upon the idea of association; of being involved with your peers in Connecticut, of sharing ideas and experiences, with the hope of creating an association that can be of help in time of need as well as an outlet for social interaction. Along with this, much has been said and done concerning education within CAGCS. In retrospect, the association has moved ahead well along these lines and continued improvement is expected. Similar but more concentrated benefits are available from another source as well! The Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA) offers benefits that are of great help to the superintendent both educationally and professionally.

Membership in GCSAA provides the superintendent access to information concerning golf course maintenance that is not readily available elsewhere. Seminars, study manuals, and safety manuals are offered for the asking. GCSAA acts as a watchdog in regard to pending legislation affecting golf course maintenance. Of course the tangible benefits include: life insurance, "The Golf Course Superintendent", the finest trade magazine in the business, employment referral service, and the annual turf conference and show. However, as many and varied as these benefits are, the most important incentive to membership remains "association".

Affiliating oneself with GCSAA and CAGCS illustrates your determination for self-improvement within your profession. It emphasizes your commitment to turf management, toward pleasing your golf membership, and most importantly, to yourself.

Steve Cadenelli

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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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THE FOLLOWING HAVE BEEN VOTED IN AS NEW MEMBERS OF OUR ASSOCIATION. CONGRATULATIONS AND WELCOME!

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Crestbrook Park Fights Back From Fire

Bob McCarthy, superintendent at Crestbrook Park Golf Club in Watertown reports that things are slowly getting back to normal after the loss of his maintenance building and most of his equipment. The fire, which occurred the week of the UMASS conference and show came just as the club was gearing up for the coming season. Nearly all the equipment was lost including a newly purchased F-10 and triplex greensmower. Presently, through the help of the Magovern Company and neighboring superintendents, the course is being groomed with new or borrowed equip-

ment. Bob and his superiors have expressed their appreciation to those who helped during this crisis.

The fire, suspected to be the work of arsonists, caused nearly \$150,000.00 damage. Fortunately, Crestbrook Park, being a municipal entity, was covered by a 100% replaceable value insurance policy. This will allow for nearly total replacement of all equipment. Bob points out that a complete inventory of ALL equipment should be kept in at least two locations. This insures that in case of a fire or other such crisis records are still available.

Mosquito Population Increase Expected This Year

Mosquitoes will be plentiful along the shoreline this spring, according to Dr. Louis Magnarelli, an entomologist at The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station in New Haven.

Dr. Magnarelli has been studying mosquito larvae in saltmarshes at Milford and Guilford. He has found considerably more larvae this spring than he did at this time last year.

The larvae hatch from eggs that are deposited in damp soil or in wet depressions in marshes. Melting snow and rains in March increased the level of standing water which in turn caused more eggs to hatch, Dr. Magnarelli said.

There are two early-hatching saltmarsh mosquito species which are significant pests of humans. The first should start biting about now and the second should begin biting in early June.

Although saltmarsh mosquitoes breed in coastal areas, they can fly as far inland as 10 to 15 miles. Dr. Magnarelli said that mosquitoes may be a particular nuisance in areas where the range of woodland and saltmarsh mosquitoes overlaps.

In the woodlands where several other mosquito species develop, there is also abundant water. However, the conditions vary with location. At two sites where he has checked, Dr. Magnarelli has found more mosquito larvae than last year, while at another spot he has found comparatively few larvae.

Dr. Magnarelli said it is too early to predict what will happen later in the summer. He emphasized that rains this month and in June will provide moisture for the mosquitoes that will hatch in July and later.

Reprint from "News of Science"

Connecticut Pro-Superintendent Invitational Tournament June 28, 1977

Aspetuck Valley CC, one of Connecticut's more challenging golf courses, will be the site of the 1977 Pro-Superintendent Invitational on June 28.

This popular event is always well attended so there will be a 36 team limit. Needless to say a prompt reply with check included will assure a spot for your team. As a further inducement to avoid being left out, Fern Clo Golf Car Company of Danbury is offering a golf car for a hole in one.

The particulars are as follows:

Buffet Lunch	11:30 AM
Shotgun Start	1:30 PM
Cocktails	7:00 PM
Dinner	8:00 PM

Team to consist of Pro, Superintendent and two officers of the participating club.

Golf Chairman Jim Medeiros and Lindsey Hanson, PGA pro at Timberlin G.C., are working to make this the most successful Invitational ever. Let's show our appreciation and get our reservations and checks in as soon as possible. Remember, return your reservations as soon as possible after receiving them!

Hole-In-One Contest To Feature Golf Car as Prize

The Connecticut Pro-Superintendent Invitational will have as an added interest the prize of a Johns-Manville Club car for a hole-in-one on the eighth hole at Aspetuck Valley Country Club. This prize is being offered jointly by the Fern Clo Golf Car Company of Danbury and Johns-Manville. The golf car will be along side the eighth hole during the day of the tournament and is sure to provide some added interest.

Future Happenings

JUNE 7 — Monthly Meeting

Tumble Brook Country Club, Bloomfield, Connecticut
Dave Stimson — Host Superintendent

Our host for the June meeting, Dave Stimson, has been at Tumble Brook for 14 years, serving as assistant superintendent for 5 years and the remainder as superintendent. Tumble Brook is known throughout the state for its constantly well groomed condition and has been selected to host several state tournaments including the Men's and Women's State Amateur events. This year he will be hosting U.S. Open Qualifying. Dave, who is a graduate of Stockbridge, has been active in the association since joining. He is presently serving his second term as Secretary-Treasurer and does a fine job in that role.

JUNE 18 — Family Outing & Picnic

Eisenhower Park, Milford, Connecticut
Noon to 5:00 P.M.

This is our annual picnic to be enjoyed by the whole family. It is a fun day and is completely free of charge. Bring the wife and kids and have some fun enjoying the swimming, soft ball, horseshoes, and walking trails which are all available.

JUNE 28 — CONNECTICUT PRO-SUPERINTENDENT INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT

Aspetuck Valley Country Club, Weston, Connecticut
Frank Lamphier — Host Superintendent

This tournament is open only to members of CAGCS and PGA professionals and their teams. Also, a superintendent or professional can only play for that club for which he is employed.
— Tournament Committee.

Frank is another member of our association who has served it well for several years. He is a past president of CAGCS and has also worked at the national level. Frank came to Aspetuck as construction superintendent ten years ago and has stayed on since then. Prior to that time he was construction superintendent at Mt. Snow C.C. in Vermont where he stayed for 4 years. Frank is a graduate of Stockbridge, a 16 year member of GCSAA, and an avid ski buff who still serves on the ski patrol at Mt. Mansfield, Vermont. Members should notice the many new trees around Aspetuck as Frank is in the midst of an extensive tree planting program.

JULY 7 — Monthly Meeting

H.B. Brownson Country Club
Jim Medeiros — Host Superintendent

Jim, who will be welcoming our group to his club in July, has been one busy individual since assuming the position at H.B. Brownson. During his short tenure of four years he has directed the installation of an automatic irrigation system on nine holes, constructed a new practice green, instituted a tree planting program, and constructed several new tees using a variety of new bluegrasses to evaluate their performance. While accomplishing all this he has taken over the responsibilities of golf chairman of CAGCS and its many duties. Jim is a graduate of Stockbridge and was assistant at the Fenway Golf Club before moving to his present position.

NOVEMBER 2 and 3 — GCSAA Landscape Seminar I

"Principles of Landscape"
Holiday Inn, Meriden, Connecticut

Make plans now to attend this seminar in Connecticut which is being sponsored by CAGCS. Topics of special interest include:
Functionalized Landscaping
Identification of Specialized Needs
Balancing Beauty and Need
Design of Comprehensive Plans
Selecting Proper Materials

PLAN NOW TO ATTEND

GRASS CATCHER

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However, the golfers will be pleased to know that Al is arranging for a make-up day for golf only to be held in late September or October. The day was saved from being a total washout by the effort of Mr. Richard Mahoney, greenschairman at the Hartford Golf Club. He presented a very interesting talk concerning relationships between the superintendent, greenschairman, manager, and board of directors.

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A hearty thanks to Roger Barret, Fred Baschund, and Ken Kelliher for their tremendous efforts in preparing the recent survey on budgets and maintenance costs. The survey provides those who involved themselves with a wealth of information to help in formulating budget needs at your own facilities.

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Jim McDonald and Armand Lesage recently sat on a Civil Service Board for the City of New Haven which was charged with determining the qualifications for the golf course superintendent at the municipal golf course in the City of New Haven.

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An Organizational Study Committee has been formed to study the needs and goals of the association. The committee is chaired by Bob Osterman and members include Charles Baskin, vice-chairman, Dick Hoskings, secretary, Bob Phipps, Tim Michaud, Bruce Cadenelli and Steve Cadenelli. It is the goal of this committee to review the present status of CAGCS and to formulate new directions for the future. Any and all input by all members is needed and will be greatly appreciated.

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Harry Meusel fared well at a recent flower show in Orange, Connecticut. While showing his prize daffodils in eight categories of judging, he took first prize in classes 1, 2, 3, 4; second prize in classes 5 and 6; and third prize in class 7.

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Remember, it is association policy that all those who play golf at a regular meeting are required to stay for dinner. Those who do leave prior to dinner will be billed in full. We are guests at the respective clubs who welcome us for meetings and it is only common courtesy that we stay for the entire day.

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Rumor has it that Lyle Mitchell is roaming through the badlands of Florida and Alabama grooming the greens for Diamond Head Corporation. Lyle's friendly face will be missed. We wish him all the luck in the world.

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Finally, Ken Kelliher has announced that the annual Christmas Party will be held at the Wethersfield Country Club on Saturday, December 3. More information to follow.
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