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## President's Message

Once again our season has started. I wasn't sure we would see the grass before Memorial Day, but as usual, Mother Nature saw to it that we have a multitude of chores to do all at once.

Once again our association is gearing up for what I hope will be our finest year yet. Your Board of Directors and committees have been meeting on a regular basis to put together a program that will be of interest to all our members. In keeping with the general feelings of the membership, we have several distinguished speakers scheduled for our educational programs along with many fine golf courses.

There is only one more thing we need. **YOU!** In order to put all the above to work, we need you to participate. I certainly hope we will see many more members at these meetings. Let's all be a little more conscientious and make an effort to attend, for the only one who is going to benefit from it is you and your club.

I will personally make changes in my schedule that will allow me to get finished with golf earlier so as to keep the meetings on schedule. I have asked the board members and committee chairmen to do the same. The Pro Shops will be asked to cooperate and not let anyone tee off after the designated cut off time. Our business meetings will start on schedule. If it appears it will run over into our scheduled time for dinner we will recess until after dinner.

One last note. Due to personal reasons, Bob McCarthy has resigned as a director of CAGCS and also his chairmanship of the S & R Committee. I regret the loss of Bob on the Board as he has contributed a great deal to its success.

I have asked Bob Phipps, Superintendent at the Shorehaven Country Club to fill both positions until our annual elections in November. Bob has accepted, and we all wish him well. Bob has been active in our

association the last few years, having served on the S & R Committee and the Organizational Study Committee. Bob has some fine members on the S & R Committee and I am sure they will cooperate with him one hundred percent.

Robert Osterman, CGCS  
President, CAGCS

## National News

San Antonio proved to be a delightful city in hosting GCSAA's 49th Turfgrass Conference and Show. Several days of warm temperatures, fine hotels, and pleasant restaurants made for an enjoyable stay. Unofficial attendance figures showed the conference to be approaching an all time high of 6000 attendees. Also, officials at the San Antonio Convention Center announced that GCSAA's equipment show was the first show to utilize all available floor space.

The educational sessions were given a fine send-off by Mr. Earl Butz, the conference's keynote speaker. Mr. Butz maintained his reputation of being witty, charming, controversial, and informative. He is a definite believer in the profit motive system.

Mr. George Cleaver of Lutherville, Maryland was elected President for 1978. Mel Lucas of New York, defeated for the Vice-President's spot, was appointed for a one year term as director. Our own Bob Osterman, although not winning a director's position, handled himself well and impressed many people throughout the country. It is hoped that the nominating committee will see fit to offer Bob as a candidate once again.

Finally, Bob Osterman will continue as our representative on the Chapter Relations committee of the national. If you have any questions regarding the national or are interested in joining please do not hesitate to contact Bob.

Steve Cadenelli

## Grass Catcher

It is just possible that the last of this winter's snow is about to disappear. To be sure this winter has been one of the snowiest and drawn-out in recent years. At this time last year most courses were open and in reasonably good shape. The middle of April looks to be the target date for this season. Superintendents are just now being able to put crews out on the course to do some tree work and start clean-up. Hopefully, the next month will stay dry and allow for those mid-April openings.

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The change in bylaws requires that a prospective member attend two general membership meetings before he can be voted in as a member of CAGCS. This change makes those members who sign applications somewhat more responsible than they were in the past. Make sure that the person you have signed for is aware of the dates of future meetings. Inform him as to what to expect at the meeting and what is required of him. Finally, call him just prior to the meeting and remind him about or possibly, offer to pick him up.

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The UMASS Turf Conference and Industrial Show continues to be the showcase of the Northeast for the turfgrass industry. Dr. Troll and his committees deserve everyone's appreciation for their efforts in providing one of the finest conferences in the country. Their efforts at diversifying the program are especially appreciated. The Connecticut association was very well represented at the conference. Bob Osterman, representing the S & R committee as well as the entire association, presented a \$200 scholarship to Mr. Pat Kristy who is a senior at the Stockbridge school. Pat, who has worked for Bob, is from Fairfield, CT.

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The March meeting held at My Dad's was a rousing beginning to the new season. Nearly 70 members and prospective

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*The object of this association is to encourage increased knowledge of golf course management and greater professionalism through education, research, exchange of practical experience and the well being of each individual member.*

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## How Can I Improve My Public Relations?

Look into yourself.

Try to feel good about yourself, not in a conceited way, but in a positive way. If you don't feel good about yourself, why should you expect others to feel good about you.

Some days we just feel good, no matter what goes wrong, while other days we may not feel so good even when things are going right. Try, we must not stop trying to feel good inside ourselves.

On those days that we are glowing with confidence, the people around us will feel relaxed and be willing to share their thoughts with us. Even a friendly glance will do wonders for YOUR public relations, or let's say people relations, because putting on a false face for the right people may work sometimes, but feeling good about yourself works all the time, for all the people.

Fred Bachund

## EDITORIAL

The conference season is over thus marking the coming of spring and the start of the golfing season. Many long hours have been spent listening to words of wisdom from university professors, research personnel, manufacturer representatives, and fellow superintendents. In most cases a new idea or two has been absorbed and will be implemented on the course. In other cases these words of wisdom have served as food for thought and will aid in the solving of problems that are sure to arise. One point often heard but seldom emphasized is the importance of the superintendent **playing** golf. Superintendents should realize that it is important for them to appreciate the game of golf and to be able to play at it reasonably well. It is not enough to excel agronomically. Through playing the game a superintendent sees the golf course as the member or greens fee player sees it. Many fine points are noticed while playing that would normally be missed when simply touring the course on a cushman. Superintendents, make an effort to play your course at least twice a week during working hours! Presidents and Green Chairmen support your superintendent in this effort. Better yet, try to play golf regularly with the superintendent. What better place to discuss future courses of action. The ultimate result is sure to be a better golf course and more satisfied members.

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It is upsetting that the following must be noted; however, a few members refuse to dress properly at our monthly meetings thus necessitating action by the Board of Directors. All persons are required to wear a jacket with a tie or turtle neck sweater. A person not attired properly will be asked to change his mode of dress for the following meeting. Failure to comply with result in disciplinary action.

Steve Cadenelli

### Grass Catcher

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members attended the meeting and luncheon. Mr. Bill Pennington, a recent graduate of the University of Rhode Island, spoke on the timely subject, "winter injury." Although nothing new was mentioned the talk did serve to remind us what is to come and what might possibly be done to prevent winter injury.

Possibly, the most satisfying observation at this meeting regarded the actual functioning of the association itself. Nearly 50 members are involved at the committee level providing input to make the association go. It is obvious that input is being provided by members and that it is being put to good use.

Steve Cadenelli

## C.A.G.C.S. Rules for Golf

- Players must use their State or Club handicap. If a player has neither, handicaps will be kept by the Association.
- Players will be entered in four divisions:
  1. A (0-15 Handicaps)
  2. B (16-40 Handicaps)
  3. Seniors (Age 50 or over)
  4. Associate
- Guests will be kept in a separate category.
- Prizes will be awarded in each division for low gross and low net.
- A player may win only one prize, but may be eligible to enter more than one division.

## USGA Green Section Regional Conference on Golf Course Management

Wednesday, April 12, 1978

8:00 to Conclusion

TARRYTOWN HILTON INN  
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N.Y. State thruway - exit 9 at Tappan Zee Bridge  
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## S & R Committee Changes Hands

With deep regret the Board of Directors accepted the resignation of Bob McCarthy from the Board as chairman of the S & R Committee. In accord with the bylaws President Osterman appointed Bob Phipps to the vacancy on the board and as chairman of the S & R Committee. Therefore, future requests for scholarship applications should be made to:

Mr. Robert Phipps  
14 Sycamore Avenue  
Norwalk, Connecticut 06855

As before, deadline for applying for scholarships is June 1.

## Professionalism is Applied Knowledge

A profession is an occupation requiring extensive training, education and experience. One engaged in such an activity as a means of livelihood is a professional. But there are degrees of professionalism just as there are ranks of professions.

Some occupations — teaching, medicine, law — are assigned a high rank on the professional scale. Some professions and professionals earn greater respect because of their assumed competence or expertise as well as years of organized strength and public relations programs. Their professional character, spirit or methods are diametrically opposed to the amateurs.

Every professional does not have to have a Ph.D. or have spent most of his life as a lawyer or doctor to earn the respect and esteem that comes with knowing his job. It was not too long ago that very few universities offered professional training for golf course superintendents. Today, there are numerous institutions offering some sort of training for those interested in pursuing a career as a golf course superintendent.

A professional is not someone with a hundred hours of classroom instruction. While knowledge learned anywhere is valuable — it is not the goal and it does not make a professional. The goal is application of that knowledge.

A professional takes as much as he can squeeze from his job and in the same shake he returns — through his experience, ethics and teachings — a dividend to that profession. The test of a professional is his attitude — his desire to tackle his job with enthusiasm and a willingness to open his mind to all the stimuli that influence him in his work.

A superintendent with a good attitude — a professional viewpoint of his job — will not do just what has to be done. He will approach problems with thought. He will seek others' thoughts. He will use his reasoning, training and learning to elicit solutions that will not only rid him of his immediate problem, but that will have a long-range effect.

A professional is one who is aware of what the job is all about and of how to go about it with the best results and least expenditure of energy. Golf course superintendency is a profession — it requires extensive knowledge of a wide range of subjects. A professional superintendent is one who does his job — on or off the course — and acquires knowledge and then applies that knowledge to his work.

— "Forefront"

## Future Happenings

APRIL 18, 1978

Joint Meeting with Metropolitan Golf Course Superintendent Association

Shorehaven Country Club, Norwalk, CT

Robert Phipps — Host Superintendent

Shorehaven is no stranger to the members of CAGCS. Bob Phipps and the members of this fine club have welcomed us several times previously. For 1978 theirs is the perfect location for a joint meeting between CAGCS and MGCSA.

Bob has spent a very busy six years since arriving at Shorehaven. He has implemented a long-range plan that has included green and tee reconstruction, a complete tree care and tree planting program, construction of a two million gallon pond, and is currently planning an updating of the irrigation system. Bob has also found time to train two or three placement students per year from UMASS.

### MAY 9 - Monthly Meeting

Glastonbury Hills Country Club, Glastonbury, CT

Roger Barret, CGCS - Host Superintendent

This will be the first visit to Glastonbury Hills in quite some time. Roger Barret promises to have this tightly designed Al Zikorus course in fine shape. Roger has been at Glastonbury Hills for thirteen years and prior to that he was superintendent at Manchester Country Club for four years. He is a graduate of the Stockbridge School for four years. He is a graduate of the Stockbridge School and a member of CAGCS for fifteen years. Most importantly though, he is one of less than 400 superintendents nationwide (ten in Connecticut) who are entitled to write: Roger Barret, CGCS (Certified Golf Course Superintendent).

During the coming years Roger's main emphasis at the club will be in instituting a tee rebuilding program. Also on the drawing boards are the reinitiating of a green reconstruction program, trap rebuilding, and the planting of 500 to 600 white pines.

### JUNE 20 - CAGCS Pro-Sup't.-Pres. Green Chairman Tournament

Pautipaug Country Club, Baltic, CT

Fran Rogers — Host Superintendent

Details to come later!

## EDUCATION

### 1978 CAGCS Meetings

April 18.....Shorehaven C.C.

(joint meeting with MGSA)

Bob Phipps - Host Superintendent

May 9.....Glastonbury Hills C.C.

Roger Barret CGCS - Host Superintendent

June 6.....Tumble Brook C.C.

Dave Stimson CGCS - Host Superintendent

July 11.....Pine Valley G.C.

Leo Della Bianca - Host Superintendent

August 8.....Bel Campo G.C.

Tim Michaud - Host Superintendent

September.....OPEN

October 10.....Racebrook C.C.

Maurice Ryan - Host Superintendent

November 9.....ANNUAL MEETING

Farms C.C.

Paul Mierzejewski - Host Superintendent

The educational program for the April meeting will feature Dr. H. Tashiro of Cornell University who will report his latest find-

ings regarding the Hyperodees weevil. The May meeting will be highlighted by a talk from Dick Smith of I & E Supply, Inc. entitled "Pump House Efficiency — Energy Utilization."

The Education Committee has met twice to date. The major emphasis during our discussions has been in lining up interesting and quality speakers for the educational programs. Also under discussion has been the proposed December and January educational meetings and ways to make them informative and worthwhile. It is hoped that all members of CAGCS will provide the education committee with areas of interest for possible discussion at these meetings. It is the responsibility of this committee to serve the membership in the best possible fashion. This can only be done when the membership expresses their needs and interests.

Please forward any ideas to Sherwood Moore, Burt Furgess, Al Arison, Bob Viera, or myself Bruce Cadenelli.

Bruce Cadenelli

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