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News From GCSAA Headquarters

Nominations for GCSAA Distinguished Service Award are now being accepted by the Executive Committee. This is the highest award granted by GCSAA and requires an individual to meet some stringent qualifications. Anyone who would like to recommend an individual for this should contact a member of the Board of Directors.

Nominations are also being accepted for officers for the Executive Committee of GCSAA. Nominations must be in by September 1 and should be sent to: Mr. Theodore W. Woehrle, CGCS; Nominating Chairman; 3390 Witherbee; Troy, Michigan 48084.

A limited number of copies of GCSAA's "The Mathematics of Turfgrass Maintenance" are still available from headquarters. The first copy is free to all GCSAA members with additional copies costing \$2.50. Non-members may purchase copies for \$5.00. Send a written request and payment (when applicable) to GCSAA Headquarters, 1617 St. Andrews Dr., Lawrence, Kansas 66044. A similar manual is being prepared having to do with budgets. This too will be free to all members and should be ready for distribution in mid-June.

Annual dues are payable by June 30. Remember to complete reverse side of invoice having to do with current job status. This information is required by the by-laws. Also, be sure to include individual(s)' name when paying with a company check.

GUADALAJARA TO BE SITE FOR 1980 GCSAA GOLF TOURNAMENT

The 1980 GCSAA Golf Tournament will be a post-conference tournament as opposed (Continued on pg. 2, col. 2)

Meeting Reports

The 1979 meeting schedule is off to an excellent beginning with good attendance and interesting programs highlighting the March and April meetings.

The March meeting, hosted by Paul Grover at the New London Country Club, saw a surprisingly large turn-out for golf. Just over forty golfers toured the soggy layout. The day was golden for those purists who despise golf carts, in that carts were not allowed due to the wet conditions. One thought he was back in the late 1950's with all those pull carts around. The speaker for the evening was Mr. William Closter of the CHIL Irrigation Association. His talk enlightened the members as to the aims and goals of that association. The I.A. has been involved in establishing standard testing procedures for sprinkler heads. In so doing, the consumer is better able to judge among the major irrigation manufacturers. The I.A. is presently establishing similar standards for valves used in turf irrigation. Another major thrust of the I.A. is to have individual states establish licensing codes for irrigation contractors. This idea is aimed at protecting the competent installer as well as the consumer. A listing of publications available from the I.A. can be obtained by writing: The Irrigation Association, 13975 Connecticut Ave., Silver Spring, Maryland 20906.

Manchester Country Club was the site of the May meeting. An absolutely delightful day greeted those who played the course. Ken Kelliher, superintendent, had prepared the course beautifully. Someone should try to get Ken to tell his secrets regarding course conditioning. He always has his course in top shape. Mr. Martin J. Morgan, tournament chairman of the Connecticut State Golf Association, spoke regarding marking of the golf course for tournament play. He emphasized the importance of providing definitive markings for Out-of-Bounds, hazards, ground under repair, and so on, for all play, especially tournaments.

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Grass Catcher

National Golf Day is set for May 28th. This is the day set aside for last year's leading professionals to set target scores which golfers from around the country then compete against. Monies raised from this event are then distributed to various golf related programs. Help promote this program at your club! Better and more turf research is dependent on funds from programs such as these

J Along these same lines, it is not to late to get your club to hold a tournament to benefit the CAGCS Scholarship and Research Fund. Several clubs in the State have scheduled various fun type tournaments to raise money for our associations' programs. Approach your Green Chairman and request his assistance. As a lover of fine turf he will surely be interested.

The Education Committee of CAGCS has acquired two slide sets for use by CAGCS members for crew training, formal talks and presentations, and so on. These slides cover insects and diseases. Contact Bruce Cadenelli if you have a need for these materials.

Representing CAGCS at the PGA Annual Spring Show at the Avon Golf Club was a pleasure for me in many ways. The highlight of the evening was seeing the respect and admiration that Walt Lowell commands from those within golf in Connecticut. During the course of the evening Walt received many awards both nationally and state wide. He is recognized as being totally unselfish in his love for the game and the professions that provide the game of golf its expertise. CAGCS congratulates and salutes you Walt, and thank you for your efforts on behalf of all of us.

Brooklawn Country Club in Bridgeport will be the site of the 1979 Women's U.S.

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Clear Plastic Proves Effective Against Plant Fungus

A thin sheet of clear plastic spread over the ground may be the simplest answer to rid the soil of fungi, and reduce the growth of weeds and nematodes. According to Gerald S. Pullman, plant pathologist at UC Davis, the clear polyethylene plastic should be spread over a plot of ground after the soil underneath has been thoroughly soaked with water. The sun does the rest. After two weeks, the soil becomes solarized from the sun's heat to a depth of 18 inches, and makes it nearly 100% free of troublesome fungi and other harmful organisms.

Spring Love

Man, fancies the beauty of Spring, Thriving on a noble dream, — Such as: — The kindling of romance, — And born is the magic of love.

Frank Paladino



Mr. Martin J. Morgan displays Certificate of Appreciation awarded him by CAGCS for his presentation at the May meeting.

Meeting Reports (continued from pg. 1)

It is important to know the proper color for stakes and to provide an unobstructed view from stake to stake. Mr. Morgan also answered many questions regarding pin placement, 150 yard markers, carts, junior golf, and slow play. He closed by reminding those of us in charge of the golf course to keep fairness as an objective when setting up the golf course for tournament play.

Bruce Cadenelli

Grass Catcher (continued from pg. 1)

Open July 12-15. Unfortunately, the superintendent there is not a member of our group; however, his assistant, Peter Bly, is. This will be a great opportunity for all of us to see some real fine golf at a beautiful club. Our best wishes go out to Brooklawn and the management for a successful tournament.

Your Board of Directors has been extremely active during the last several months in planning regular association functions and the special events that are planned for the 50th Anniversary celebration. Contrary to what some individuals think, the Board attempts to make each decision with the best interest of the association in mind. It is difficult to make decisions when so little input is received from the general membership. Make yourself heard *before* decisions are made; not after.

Steve Cadenelli

Headquarters (continued from pg. 1)

to the traditional pre-conference setting and will be held in Guadalajara, Mexico.

The Executive Committee has also recently decided to alter its seminar schedule by offering five two-day seminars in one location. Tentatively scheduled are: Landscape I, Management II, Irrigation II, Pesticide III, and Nutrition I. The site, as yet, is undetermined.



Decision makers at Manchester Country Club - L. to R. — Manchester Green Chairman; Ken Kellilher, Superintendent; Ken Pierce, Assistant Superintendent.

Rich and Osgood Receive TUCO Turf Scholarships

Kenneth E. Rich and Kevin F. Osgood, both seniors in Turf Management at the University of Massachusetts, have each received a TUCO Turf Scholarship for 1979. The awards were recently presented by David J. Sylvester, TUCO representative.

The annual scholarships are sponsored by TUCO, Division of The Upjohn Company, to assist turfgrass students in meeting their educational needs. The scholarships are awarded for scholastic ability, personal integrity, and professed career interest in turfgrass management.

Rich is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Rich of Concord, Massachusetts, and Osgood is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Osgood of Claremont, New Hampshire.

Plant Science Day

The annual "Plant Science Day" open house of The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 1 at Lockwood Farm in the Mt. Carmel section of Hamden.

Joan Faust, garden editor of *The New York Times*, will deliver the main talk of the day at 11:35.

More than 30 experimental plots will be open for inspection, and Station staff will give short talks on several topics during the day.

Scientists will be on hand to answer questions about their work. There is plenty of free parking and no charge for admission.

For more information and a map showing how to get to the farm, write to Plant Science Day, The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station, P.O. Box 1106, New Haven, Connecticut 06504.

Meet Your Hosts

Leon P. Kowalski, Sr. Country Club of Fairfield

A long time member of CAGCS, Lee holds the unique position of General Manager/Superintendent. He has held this position at Fairfield since arriving there some twenty-four years ago. His views are quite interesting regarding the GM concept. As in most managerial positions, he sees the GM as being only as good as the people under him. He feels too, that the golf course superintendent is much better equipped to become a general manager if he so desires because of his more complete knowledge of the club operation.

Lee has had an active and fulfilling career in golf course management. Upon his graduation from Stockbridge School, he was super at the now defunct Alpine C.C. in Fitchburg, Massachusetts. After a stint in the service he went to Edgewood C.C. for four years. From there he traveled to Syracuse, New York and became superintendent at the Bellevue C.C. In 1955 Lee began his tenure at the Country Club of Fairfield.

Obviously, Lee has seen great value in becoming active within his professional organizations. He was active on the Board of Directors of CAGCS and became President in 1962. Prior to that he was active in New York State serving as President of the New York Turfgrass Association in 1954-55. Presently he is Vice-President of the Club Managers Association of Connecticut. Interestingly, Lee was instrumental in establishing the Pro-Superintendent Tournament that he is this year hosting.

Finally, just what is it that makes a man so successful throughout the test of time? Ask Lee and he'll tell you, "common sense".

Robert Viera Watertown Golf Club

Our host for the July meeting is good friend Bob Viera. Starting his twenty-first year at Watertown, Bob is another who found serving on the Board and being active in the association valuable to him. Bob served for nearly fifteen years on the Board holding most every position, including President in 1972 and 1973. Bob sees the profession as having progressed nicely with more and younger people becoming active in the association. He continues actively in the association rarely missing a function. Bob is a 1958 graduate of Stockbridge and a member of GCSAA. Prior to his arrival at Watertown, Bob was super at the New Bedford Public Links, New Bedford, Massachusetts.

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Future Happenings

June 4 - Pro-Superintendents Invitational
Tournament
Country Club of Fairfield
Fairfield, Connecticut
Leon Kowalski - Host Superintendent

June 5 - CAGCS Monthly Meeting
Country Club of New Canaan
New Canaan, Connecticut
Steve Cadenelli, CGCS - Host
Superintendent

June 19 - Turfgrass Maintenance
Equipment Field Day
The Greater Hartford Campus
of UCONN
West Hartford, Connecticut
(rain date - June 20)
For further information contact:
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June 20 - Rutgers Research Field Day
Adelphis Research Center
Adelphia, New Jersey
For further information contact:
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Cook College
Dept. of Soils & Crops
P.O. Box 231
New Brunswick, NJ 08903

July 17 - CAGCS Monthly Meeting
Watertown Golf Club
Watertown, Connecticut
Bob Viera - Host Superintendent

July 25 - UMASS Turf Field Day
Research Plots
South Deerfield, MA
(rain date - July 26)
For further information contact:
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- REMEMBER SEPTEMBER CAGCS Celebrates Its Golden Anniversary
Dinner Dance - September 28
Tumble Brook Country Club
Field Day - September 25
Beardsley Park, Bridgeport

New Members

The following have been voted in as new members of our Association. Congratulations and Welcome!

Steve Gammons - Class B The Farms Country Club Wallingford, Connecticut

Greg Wojiek - Class B Willimantic Country Club Willimantic, Connecticut

What's Happening At CCNC

It is rare that the Editor of the Association Newsletter gets to write about the course where he is employed. Being that the Country Club of New Canaan is hosting the June meeting, it seems appropriate to say a little about our course in lieu of a "Meet Your Host" about myself.

The Country Club of New Canaan dates back to 1893 as a tennis club. The first holes of golf were constructed just prior to the turn of the century. The first nine were completed during the early 1900's and the second nine added in 1946. During the early 60's, Robert Trent Jones redesigned several holes and recommended changes for others. It is this design that is the basis for our present Long Range Program. Over the years the club added to the tennis complex, as well as adding a pool, paddle tennis, and a squash court.

A Long Range Program has been established to meet two basic needs: A) Expected standards of Maintenance; B) Course Improvements. This program has allowed me to establish work schedules with definite goals in mind. Plans for course improvements include; complete renovation of most most fairways, drainage, tee enlargement, trap removal and reconstruction, cart paths, landscaping throughout, and upgrading of the present automatic irrigation system.

Those playing golf will notice what has been done to date. A new practice putting green was built in 1977 with the clubhouse grounds and first tee area being landscaped in 1978. Also completed include the new #4 tee, renovation of the #15 fairway and half of fairways #1, 13, and 17. Drain tiles have been placed in #13 fairway. Currently being done includes the construction and paving of cart parking areas and a cart path at the #1 tee; additional landscaping of the clubhouse area; a new ladies tee on #4; and paving of the service road to the Maintenance Facility.

Not to be forgotten is our Maintenance Facility which was constructed during the summer of 1977. The building measures 10' X 40' and is constructed of concrete blocks. It is sub-divided into three major areas: cold storage, shop, and support rooms which include an office, employee lounge, locker room with shower, chemical storage, and parts storage. During our nearly two years in the facility, I have found it to function to my highest expectations.

In closing, let me invite one and all to the June meeting and if unable to play golf, feel free to look around and observe what is going on.

Steve Cadenelli

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