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## Summary of Monthly Meetings

So much has occurred during the past several months that it is difficult to write a brief summary describing these events. Our monthly meetings have been very well attended. The various host superintendents are to be commended for organizing such well run outings. Harry Meusel hosted the August meeting at the Yale Golf Club which turned into a real fun day for the nearly 100 in attendance. The golf, as usual, was outstanding. The evening's events included an old-fashioned German cook-out complete with German folk songs by Harry. Carm Cozza, head football coach at Yale, presented a nice break from the usual turf related talks, speaking about the football program at Yale. The day was truly enjoyable.

The Pierson brothers, Peter & Drew, hosted the September meeting at their facility, the Edgewood Golf Club. Another good turnout of members enjoyed a beautiful day, some fine golf, a great dinner, and I hope, an interesting educational program. As I was one-half of the program I can only say I enjoyed speaking and hope that what I presented was of some use. Bob Chalifour, the other half of the evening, presented many fine points regarding maintenance building construction. Both of us would be more than happy to offer our experiences regarding maintenance building construction to anyone interested.

A great deal of credit must be given Ed Zenisky for hosting the October meeting at Oak Lane C.C. after only three months on the job. Ed had the course in fine shape for the forty or so golfers who braved the nasty weather. Stan Zontek of the USGA Green Section was the featured speaker. Stan spoke of the year 1979 describing how it has not been the worst of years but it certainly has not been the best, either. He stated that

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## News From GCSAA Headquarters

Plans are well underway for the 1980 International Turfgrass Conference and Show to be held February 17-22, 1980 in St. Louis, Missouri. "Conservation . . . Our Key To The Future," the theme of this year's conference, will feature speakers emphasizing conservation in all areas of turfgrass management. The conference also promises to have the largest display of equipment and materials for use in turf management. Every professional turf manager should strive to make attendance at this conference his number one goal for the "off-season."

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GCSAA has combined its annual preconference golf tournament and post conference tour into one gala post conference excursion to Guadalajara, Mexico. This event will have golf tournaments for men and women, tours of Guadalajara, and a victory banquet. Details for this event will be mailed shortly.

## Meet Your Hosts

Ed Zenisky, superintendent at Oak Lane C.C. and host of our October meeting, is to be congratulated for his fine efforts in hosting our group after such a short period as superintendent at Oak Lane. Obviously, his eleven year tenure at Chippanee Golf Club as well as stints at Shaker Farms and Newtown C.C. have prepared Ed to handle any situation. Ed, who is a graduate of UMass and a member of GCSAA is quite enthusiastic about his new position. He senses a change in philosophy at the club and sees a greater effort being put towards the golf course. His hopes are to "fine tune" the course by installing some badly needed drainage, resodding of some tees, adding of sand to the traps, and generally grooming the course. He also hopes to upgrade the maintenance building to make it more efficient. Ed is looking forward to this new challenge and hopes to have the group return in a few years to observe the progress.

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The Annual Meeting being held at the Rockledge C.C. will be hosted by Mike Wallace. Mike, who has been at Rockledge for six years, is not one to let the moss grow under his feet. He has been rebuilding the course since his arrival there when the town of West Hartford graciously dumped 20,000 cu. yds. of fill at his doorstep. Since then he has rebuilt four tees, built a new parking lot, and is presently reconstructing the seventh green. He also has high hopes for upgrading the irrigation system in the not too distant future. Mike feels there is much to be gained by being a part of one's professional association. As he states "just the give and take with your peers at the meetings is in itself a reason to belong." Mike is a director of the association, a member of GCSAA, and soon hopes to enter the Certification Program of the national. Finally, if you can believe this, he does small engine repair in his spare time just to relax. Some way to relax Mike!



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### Monthly Meetings (continued from page 1)

the most commonly found problems have to do with labor and insects. The insect problem seems to be increasing nationally. The residual effect of the now unavailable chemicals such as chloradane seem to be reaching the end of their effectiveness. Although new chemicals are available the overall effectiveness of these just is not as good, thus the rise in the insect population. The labor problems have to do with the lack of quality seasonal employees. Stan sees clubs solving this problem by getting away from short term employees and hiring quality year round personnel. By doing this clubs will reap the benefits of having trained, interested, and dedicated people to maintain the club facility. In so doing they will avoid the confusion of numerous, semi-trained, "bodies" running around for a few months a year.

Steve Cadenelli

## News from the Conn. Agricultural Experiment Station

An entomologist at The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station in New Haven has found that following the usual advice of fertilizing a tree under stress may actually hurt hemlocks being attacked by scale insects.

Dr. Mark McClure reported to the Eastern Branch of the Entomological Society of America that hemlock scales tend to attack foliage that contains high levels of nitrogen. Therefore, unless a tree is suffering from a definite nitrogen deficiency, it would probably be better to avoid fertilizing it, he said.

Hemlock scales are found in the southwestern part of Connecticut and in a section of New Haven.

The studies also showed that when scale insects are in the crawler stage, which is when they are usually controlled with insecticides because they have not yet secreted a protective coating, crawlers emerge at different times in different towns. Therefore, to be effective, chemical controls must be keyed to peak crawler emergence, rather than the calendar.

Dr. McClure also reported that a parasite that he has found attacking two species of hemlock scale in Fairfield County does not discriminate between the two scales. Therefore, any effort to encourage natural control by manipulating the parasite will be equally effective against both species of the scale.

## Nominating Committee Report

The Nominating Committee of the Conn. Association of Golf Course Superintendents respectfully submits the following slate of officers and directors to the membership for their consideration:

President: Robert Osterman, CGCS  
Vice President: Stephen Cadenelli, CGCS  
Secretary-Treasurer: David Stimson, CGCS  
Board of Directors:

Two year term - Francis Rodgers  
Two year term - Michael Wallace  
Two year term - Charles York  
One year term - Richard Parsons

All nominees have agreed to serve the association in the positions submitted by the Nominating Committee.

Respectfully submitted,  
Charles G. Baskin, CGCS, Chairman  
Nominating Committee

## Grass Catcher

Somehow it always seems that the weather is the number one topic at meetings, tournaments, and yes, even newsletters. Well, dear mother nature has done it to us this year. August was so hot & humid that pythium abounded where it never was seen before. For a time SP was as precious as gold. September brought the monsoons creating unworkable quagmires where golf courses once stood. And then came October . . . a devastating tornado, four inches of rain in an hour and a half in some areas, and for the frosting, three inches of snow on the tenth. Anyone for Indian Summer?

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Although we're sorry to see him leave, congratulations to Doug Stachura on his new position as superintendent at the Springfield Country Club in Massachusetts. Doug has been a member of the Board for the past year and did a fine job heading up the Scholarship & Research Committee. Good Luck Doug.

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Bruce Cadenelli is still searching for a club in the Hartford area to host the January One Day Seminar. He has lined up some excellent speakers including Dr. Richard Smiley of Cornell and Dr. Joseph Troll of UMass. If you're interested contact Bruce. The date is January 22, 1980 and the only requirement is that lunch be available.

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Bob Osterman has been nominated for the position of Director of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America. This is an honor for Bob and the association as well. The membership expressed their support for Bob at the October meeting overwhelmingly. GCSAA and our profession as a whole need capable people such as Bob. More about the election in the December newsletter.

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A hearty thanks to Fred & Sue Bachand, as well as the entire PR & Social committee for the great job in putting on the Family Picnic. Winding Trails Farm proved to be an excellent location, the food was plentiful, and the cheer delightful. This annual event is sure to get bigger and better. Don't miss it next year!

These same individuals are putting their talents together once again for the Christmas Party and it promises to be a great evening. The party will be held at the Hawthorne Inn in Berlin, Friday, Dec. 14. Mark the date on your calendar and watch for the details shortly.

Steve Cadenelli

# Highlights of 1979 The Year in Pictures



The Honorable Harry Meusel



Our host for May, Ken Kelliher



CAGCS Trophy Winner - T. Fletcher  
A Net What?



What kind of swing is this?



Carm Cozza at Yale



Please, not a picture!



Some Fatherly Attention



Family Fun



## THE FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY

The events celebrating the 50th anniversary of CAGCS are now history. The many individuals who planned and organized these events deserve a sincere thank you from all members of the association. Al Arison, who headed up the Field Day had the entire day under control. Only the less than expected turnout of spectators detracted from the affair. Thanks also to the various firms who made the day possible.

Dave Stimson and Fred Bachand did an excellent job in preparing for and hosting the Dinner Dance at Tumble Brook C.C. Thanks also to Charles Baskin for doing the honors as Master of Ceremonies. Everyone in attendance concurred that the evening was well done and most enjoyable.

The challenge ahead is to put the experiences of the last fifty years to work, now and throughout the next fifty years, with the expressed purpose of creating an association of professional golf course superintendents who are dedicated to not only continued improvements in turf management but to self-improvement as well. Only in this way will superintendents realize the rewards that all professionals desire; greater recognition and increased monetary benefits.



## Future Happenings

- Nov. 8 **CAGCS Annual Meeting**  
Rockledge C.C.  
West Hartford, Conn.  
*Mike Wallace - Host*  
*Superintendent*
- Nov. 13-15 **New York State Turfgrass Conference & Show**  
War Memorial Stadium  
Syracuse, N.Y.
- Nov. 26-29 **New Jersey Turfgrass Expo**  
Cherry Hill Hyatt House  
Cherry Hill, N.J.
- Dec. 12 **O.M. Scott Seminar**  
Holiday Inn  
Hartford, Conn.
- Dec. 13 **O.M. Scott Seminar**  
Armonk, N.Y.
- Dec. 14 **CAGCS Christmas Party**  
Hawthorne Inn  
Berlin, Conn.
- Jan. 22 **CAGCS One Day Seminar**  
(time & place  
to be announced)
- Feb. 17-22 **GCSAA Conference & Show**  
St. Louis, Missouri

### *A Perfect World* (That is Walter Lowell)

*Were we of the same mold  
Of a Walter Lowell,  
There'd hardly be a speck of sin,  
And no finer World to live in;  
Ah, if the gods that be, —  
Would flush away the current sins,  
And begin the World anew;  
Then, were they to call upon one, —  
A special Human-Being to start it all;  
One who'll glow beyond all others,  
In all avenues of true benevolence;  
Which Man would you say would be  
chosen, —  
To fill a New-World with Beauty?  
Truly, — only one,  
He'd be Walt Lowell.*

Frank Paladino

## Nine Key Tips to Economy Driving

Fuel economy is an individual thing — if everyone helps a little the total result may not prove to be too hard to live with.

1. Reduce speed on the highway. High speeds substantially increase gas consumption. Approximately 1.0 MPG is lost for each 5 MPH increase over 50 MPH.
2. Maintain a steady speed, variations of speed plus or minus 5 MPH from an average speed in the 50 to 60 MPH range can reduce fuel economy up to 1.3 MPG.
3. Accelerate moderately. Acceleration from stop at wide open throttle in city traffic may result in as much as 1.6 MPG loss in fuel economy when compared to more moderate acceleration.
4. Eliminate *excess* weight. 0.2 MPG can be lost in\* city traffic for each 100 pounds. (Everyone lose 10 lbs.)
5. Keep engine tuned. As much as 1.7 MPG can be lost due to improper tuned engine.
6. Maintain proper tire inflation. Under-inflated tires not only cause needless tire wear, but also waste gasoline. A 4 PSI reduction in tire pressure can result in a loss of 0.5 to 1.0 MPG.
7. Make sure wheel alignment is correct. Tests have indicated that a fuel loss of 0.3 MPG can result at highway speeds with 1/4" of additional toe-in.
8. Keep car properly lubricated.
9. Have automatic choke checked periodically.

Editors Note: Forwarded by A. Arison.

## New Members

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

Herbert Anderson - Class B  
Assistant Superintendent  
Farms Country Club  
Wallingford, CT

Charles Babcock - Class B  
Assistant Superintendent  
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Stephen DiVito  
Assistant Superintendent  
Waterbury C.C.  
Waterbury, CT

Peter Lund - Class B  
Superintendent  
Farmingbury Hill C.C.  
Wolcott, CT

## 6 ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS WE NEVER THOUGHT YOU'D ASK

(But decided to answer anyway)

**1 Yes, GCSAA can help you become a better superintendent.** One way it does this is through educational seminars and conference sessions it sponsors each year to help you become better informed about turfgrass diseases, pesticides, landscaping and management practices.

**2 Yes, GCSAA is helping to further the advancement of the turfgrass industry.** Through the GCSAA Scholarship & Research Fund, Inc., GCSAA provided more than \$13,500 last year in research grants to leading turfgrass programs. GCSAA also provides educational opportunities to turfgrass students through annual turfgrass scholarships.

**3 Yes, GCSAA provides a meeting ground for superintendents.** Each year, GCSAA sponsors an annual conference and show for its members. Last year more than 6,500 educators, industry representatives and members from all over the world attended. GCSAA's executive committee decided at its last board meeting that the conference experience is so valuable that first-year members should be encouraged to attend by being given free admission.

**4 Yes, GCSAA offers recognition for superintendents.** Through its public relations efforts, its magazine, and its award programs, GCSAA helps promote the image and the professionalism of the superintendent. GCSAA also provides information to superintendents about how they can use public relations to promote their own image to their course, their community and their association.

**5 Yes, GCSAA provides each member with a life insurance program.** Supplemental insurance, disability and pension programs also are available.

**6 No, GCSAA can't help you with your golf handicap.** You'll have to work on that yourself.



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