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Grass Catcher

Congratulations to new member James Burke who is the new super at the Country Club of Fairfield. Jim takes over from Lee Kowalski who remains as General Manager. Jim's excited about his new position and looks forward to membership in CAGCS. Good Luck Jim!

1980 meetings have gone along very smoothly. Attendance continues to remain high averaging 70 to 80 people per meeting. The April meeting hosted by Dick Cook at Black Hall was an excellent beginning to the new year. Those playing golf enjoyed a great day with weather and course conditions being beautiful for so early in the year. Skip Klimas of the Ciba-Geigy company presented an interesting overview of the current status on insects, their life cycles, and control.

The May meeting at Aspetuck Valley C.C. was highlighted by the presentation of Life Membership Plaques to long time members Steve Kristof and Lee Kowalski. This meeting also marked the thirty-first year that Steve, Lee, Ben Kowalski, and Kay Ovia had played golf in at least one CAGCS meeting yearly. Quite a record.

Host Superintendent Frank Lamphier had all that Penncross in excellent shape not to mention all the wooded areas that were well trimmed. (I know 'cause I saw every bit of woods.) Synchronized slide presentations on agriculture and pesticides were presented by representatives of the Stauffer Chemical Company. The story of these presentations was one of agricultural involvement in the United States and of the people who were a part of that development. Many thanks to Stauffer Chemical Co. for providing such a fine program.

The Scholarship and Research Committee needs your support. In order to continue to fund university research and scholarships monies must be raised. Each member can do his share by supporting the programs in-

President's Message

Perhaps this time of year is a good time to stop for a moment and reflect on goals that were established in January or February. All too often schedules get behind due to weather, equipment breakdowns, or help shortages causing one to get off the intended track. It is not intentional but merely a fact of life that circumstances arise which force changes in prepared programs. For these reasons it is important to reflect; to evaluate where it is we were, where we are at, and where it is we want to go. Such evaluation allows the superintendent or any manager, to better utilize his resources in order that those intended goals are reached.

Now is also a good time to take a quick glance at notes taken during the various seminars held during the winter or programs of the conferences attended. Such a glance might bring to mind a thought or idea that could now be put to good use. Often times, many good ideas are presented at conferences only to be lost from one's mind. A quick look-see at what was presented might return those thoughts to mind making attendance at the conference or meeting that much more rewarding.

Steve Cadenelli

initiated by the S & R Committee. Shirts, jackets, and hats with the CAGCS logo are sold monthly. These items are well made and good looking. Profits go directly to the S & R Fund. See Peter Pierson or any member of the Committee to purchase one or more items.

The Fall is a great time to host a tournament at your club for your members to participate in. Such a tournament can be a fun event with proceeds again going to the S & R Fund. Remember, it is the golfing member who receives the benefit of research in the form of improved playing conditions. Don't forget the S & R Tournament to be held at Edgewood C.C. this fall for supers and their guests. Get a foursome together now and plan on a good time!

Municipal Golf Course Representatives Meet

May 14 saw the first meeting of the Connecticut Municipal Golf Forum. The forum was held at Laurel View Golf Club in Hamden with representatives from fifteen of the states thirty-one municipal courses present.

The meeting was organized to provide the municipal courses with an opportunity to exchange information on fee structures; season passes; budgets; league play; speed of play; winter play and other problems associated with municipal golf courses. An informative exchange took place among all persons attending.

The next meeting of the forum will take place at Laurel View on Wednesday October 29, 1980. For further information contact Ed Ward at Richter Park at phone number 792-2550 or John LaPoint of the National Golf Foundation at phone number 617-839-3367.

CAGCS

First Annual Green

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Wethersfield Country Club

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Conn. AG Station News

Many people have been calling The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station in New Haven to inquire about large, hairy caterpillars that are crawling on their houses and around their yards.

These caterpillars are fully-grown Eastern tent caterpillars that have finished feeding and have left their highly visible grayish-white nests to search for places to enter a resting stage. Most will be gone within ten days, according to Kenneth Welch, an entomologist at the Experiment Station.

A number of callers have thought that the Eastern tent caterpillars are gypsy moths because both kinds are hairy. Eastern tent caterpillars are about two inches long and have a bright yellow stripe down their backs. Gypsy moth caterpillars, which are also present in many areas, are much smaller at this time, have five pairs of raised blue spots and six pairs of raised red spots, and the head is mottled yellow and black, Welch said.

A large number of inchworms are appearing in trees in some parts of Connecticut, according to entomologists at The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station in New Haven.

The inchworms are the fall cankerworm, which has not appeared in large numbers in Connecticut in recent years. The caterpillars that loop along rather than crawl, are slightly over one inch long when full-grown, and may be either green or black. When disturbed, they spin strands of silk and drop from trees.

According to Kenneth Welch, an entomologist at the Experiment Station, the inchworms became large enough to be noticed late last week. They have been observed in Trumbull, Wallingford, North Haven, New Haven, West Haven, Thomaston, Meriden, and Middletown.

The fall cankerworm should not be confused with the gypsy moth, which has prominent hairs; nor with the elm spanworm, a brown inchworm that was numerous for several years in the early 1970s.

The fall cankerworm feeds on apple, elm, oaks, maples, hickory, ash, beech, boxelder, basswood, and cherry. It is expected to feed until the middle of June and then enter a resting stage until fall. In November or December, adults will emerge to mate and the females will lay eggs.

Drs. John Anderson and Ronald Weseloh of the Experiment Station staff have begun research to discover the natural enemies of the fall cankerworm and to learn what natural factors may lead to the eventual collapse of the infestation.

Welch said that the bacterial insecticide known as *Bacillus thuringiensis* sold under the trade names of Dipel and Thuricide, as well as several chemical pesticides, such as Sevin (carbaryl), methoxychlor, acephate, Orthene, and malathion are registered for use against the fall cankerworm.

When he retired, a particularly successful and beloved manager was asked what advice he had for younger men. His answer is worth repeating:

Belong to something bigger than yourself.
Work with others toward a common goal.
Do your part.
Take pride in doing your job well.
Work hard to make your ideas take shape in reality.
Help build something of lasting value.

Trestleboard

The Annual Superintendent Invitational held at the Country Club of Waterbury June 2 was a day of enjoyment for all who participated. A full field of 36 teams roamed the rolling fairways of Waterbury manicured so well by Charlie Baskin. Although the last couple of holes were played in the rain no one seemed too upset. The entire staff at Waterbury is to be thanked for their efforts in

making the day go so well. Also, Fran Rogers and the Golf Committee are to be congratulated for the good job of organizing the event.

Peter Lund, Superintendent at the Farmingbury Hills C.C. has been appointed to the Board of Directors by President Steve Cadenelli with Board approval. Peter replaces Charles York who resigned from the board upon his moving to Rhode Island.

Meet Your Hosts

Peter Rappoccio, host superintendent of the June meeting at the Silver Springs Country Club, is another superintendent who entered the profession somewhat indirectly. Although working at the Fairview Country Club since the age of fifteen Peter went to college seeking a degree in sociology. Achieving that he remained interested in golf course management and attended the short course in turf management at Rutgers University. He remained at Fairview as the Assistant Superintendent for a year before moving to Silver Springs as Superintendent.

Since his arrival at Silver Springs Peter has initiated a Long Range Plan of equipment improvement in an attempt to increase crew efficiency. Numerous trees have been planted and several tees enlarged. The Fall of 1980 will see drainage projects started on holes 2 and 8. Future plans call for updating of the irrigation system which presently is automatic on tees and greens and manual fairways.

Thanks to the efforts of Host Superintendent Fred Bachand CAGCS members will get to test their golfing skills at the Wethersfield C.C. just prior to the Greater Hartford Open, which is held there annually. Fred has been preparing Wethersfield for this professional tour stop since 1969. Anyone who has visited him during this yearly event will concur that Fred handles the pressure of this tour event remarkably well. His attitude toward the yearly stop is that basically, it is just another week. He remarks, "the members come first throughout the season. The course must be kept in as good as shape as possible throughout the season for them. Consequently, tournament preparations require only increased mowing frequency on green, tees, and fairways. Green height is lowered only slightly."

Fred has spent the vast majority of his professional career at Wethersfield. While attending Stockbridge School at UMASS he did his placement training at New London C.C. After a stint with Uncle Sam Fred became Bill Dest's Assistant at Wethersfield and took over as Superintendent in 1969 upon Bill's move to UCONN. Fred has served two terms on the Board of Directors of CAGCS and is presently Chairman of the Public Relations and Social Committee.

Would You Believe . . .

The average golf shoe has 12 spikes, and the USGA has computed that a player averages 28 paces per green; 28 paces times 24 means 672 impressions; 672 impressions times 18 greens equals 12,096 impressions per round per player. Assuming 200 rounds are played each day on a course, the greens receive 2,419,200 impressions daily—or more than 72 million holes each month. And you wonder why you can't sink a putt!

GCSAA Highlights

Second call for nominations for GCSAA office has been issued by George Cleaver, CGCS, 1980 Nominating Chairman. All nominations must be sent to him by Sept. 1, 1980. His address is Box 121-A, Falls Rd., Lutherville, Maryland 21093.

Second call is also issued for nominations for Distinguished Service Award. Qualifications for this award include having made an outstanding contribution to the advancement of the profession of Golf Course Superintendency, the outstanding contribution may be, or have been, regional in nature, and the nominee must not have been a recipient of this award during the preceding ten years. Send all nominations to: Mr. Edward Dembnicki, CGCS, Kingston Arcadian-A3, Myrtle Beach, S.C. 29577.

A reminder that GCSAA dues are now payable. Be sure to complete the reverse side of the remittance copy stating present employment status. All members failing to make payment by October 1 will be dropped from the Association.

Plans are pretty well firmed up for a GCSAA Seminar on Insects to be held in the late fall. This seminar is being co-sponsored by CAGCS and other local chapters and will be held in a location central to the Northeast area. Keep an eye out for further info!

ED . . . and EMMA



"They've outlawed just about every pesticide there is to use on these pesky critters—what next . . . ?"

" . . . Hoe handles."



Host Super Frank Lamphier Addressing The Group At Aspetuck Valley C.C.



President Steve Cadenelli Presenting Life Membership Plaques To Steve Kristof (left) And Lee Kowalski (center)

Future Happenings

- June 25 UMASS Field Day
Turf Plots
S. Deerfield, MA
- June 26-29 First U.S. Senior Open
Winged Foot G.C.
Mamaroneck, NY
- July 7 CAGCS Monthly Meeting
Wethersfield Country Club
Wethersfield, CT
- July 24-27 Sammy Davis Jr.
Greater Hartford Open
Wethersfield Country Club
Wethersfield, CT
- August 2 CAGCA Annual Family
Picnic
Winding Trails Park
Farmington, CT

The Following Have Been Voted In As New Members Of Our Association. Congratulations & Welcome!

- James Burke – Class A
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- Steve Smith – Class C
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Tournament Results

April-Black Hall Club-Full Handicap	
HDCP 0-15 Gross	Peter Pierson 83
Net	Bert Furgess 71
16-40 Gross	Eric Johnson, John Motycka 96
Net	Steve Divito 74
Seniors Gross	Dick Cook 84
Net	Roy Sibley 75
Associates Gross	Frank Downey 90
Net	Ed Wyacek 74
Kickers	Bert Furgess Ed Wyacek Steve Divito Eric Johnson

May-Aspetuck Valley C.C.-Blind Draw	
First Low Gross	Frank Lamphier Dan Cancelleri 171 (won in match of cards)
Second Low Gross	Dick Cook R. Abraham 171
First Low Net	Steve Kristoff Mark Fuller 145
Second Low Net	Ben Kowalski Tom Fletcher 147
Individual Low Gross	Peter Pierson 78
Kickers	Nick Carlo Peter Pierson Kay Ovia
	Les Schriber P. Lamperell Jack Mosher Ken Kelliher Jack Lynch Steve Smith Bob Alonzi
Closest to Flagstick	Hole#8 Fred Bachand 12" Hole#12 Ben Kowalski 42"

The Superintendent Invitational- Country Club of Waterbury	
First Low Gross	Country Club of Waterbury 63 Charles Baskin Floyd Gensler Richard Bannow Howard Finkenzellar
Second Low Gross	Clinton Country Club 64 (match of cards) Rick Negralle Chuck Lasher Howard Sharples Dan Terray
Third Low Gross	Aspetuck Valley Country Club 64 Frank Lamphier John Stevens Tom Thorsen Ed Snyder
First Low Net	Springfield Country Club 53 Doug Stachura Harry Mattson Frank Palmer Ed O'Leary
Second Low Net	Minnechaug Golf Club 54 (match of cards) Gary Bryant James Rusher Graham Clark Mike Robbins
Third Low New	Cliffside Country Club 54 Ron Holcomb Dennis Coscina Bernard Lapuk Henry Eddiberg

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