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President's Message

Before writing of matters of a business nature I would first like to take this opportunity to personally invite all members along with their wives or feminine friends to attend this year's Christmas Party at the Tumble Brook Country Club. Scheduled for early in December our party will be a great way to get the Christmas spirit flowing and will provide an opportunity to renew those new acquaintances made at the Association Picnic or Spring Fling. For those of you who haven't attended a social function of the Association recently . . . give it a try! You are sure to find a relaxed atmosphere and friendly company. Every effort has been made to insure an enjoyable evening at a very reasonable cost. Through the efforts of Dave Stimson and Fred Bachand the cost has been held to \$40 per couple, the same price as last year. That in itself is remarkable considering the times we live in. So come . . . be a part of a dynamic professional association whose members also enjoy their leisure time.

Late September and October has been a very successful period for the Scholarship & Research Committee and indeed, for the entire Connecticut Association of GCS. During this time nearly \$2000 has been raised to support S & R through the major S & R Tournament and through club sponsored S & R Tournaments at several clubs within the state. A special word of thanks to Peter and Drew Pierson of the Edgewood Golf Club for not only doing such a fine job in hosting the S & R Tournament but for their most generous contribution as well. The example set by the Pierson brothers, Mike Wallace, Bruce Cadenelli, Armand LeSage and others in raising funds for S & R is firmly established. The golfing public has shown a great willingness to support the call for helping fund S & R. It is time for the majority of superintendents to organize similar fund raisers at their clubs. It need not be extravagant or time consuming. Every dollar raised will serve to further the cause of turf research or student support. Plan now for next year and schedule a S & R tournament at your club with your club officials. You will be surprised at their willingness to help.

Stephen Cadenelli, CGCS

The Golf Course Superintendent

How many of us can watch the power and skill of a Jack Nicklaus or a Lee Trevino and still be convinced that "all men are created equal?" Even though these two men are endowed with tremendous natural ability, perfection in their skills has never been an effortless gift. Both must spend hour upon hour in practice, concentration and study.

We can recall seeing Jack Nicklaus on a nearby course during his early high school days. At that age, he was already somewhat of a celebrity. As our foursome started down the first fairway, we observed young Nicklaus hitting balls from the practice tee. When we finished nearly five hours later, the summer shadows were long, but Jack Nicklaus was still deeply engrossed in practice.

Lee Trevino tells the aspiring young golfer to be willing to hit a thousand balls each day and ignore the pain of bleeding hands. The lesson is hard, but obvious. If one has been graced with a certain talent, only devoted work and sacrifice can make this gift truly productive and worthwhile.

Golf course superintendents have much in common with the likes of Jack Nicklaus and Lee Trevino. Each works at a skill that requires maximum effort. Anything less and the results speak for themselves.

The talented superintendent, like the professional, must continually search for ways to improve his performance. Just as the professional golfer depends on practice, the professional superintendent must depend on the constant process of learning. He must know his course better than he knows the back of his hand. He must anticipate its problems and promptly execute the solutions.

☆ **CHRISTMAS** ☆
☆ **PARTY** ☆
**Tumble Brook
Country Club**
☆ **December 6, 1980** ☆
Hors d'oeuvres 6 ☆ 7:30
Dinner 7:30 ☆ 9
Dancing 9 ☆ 1
☆ **LADIES GIFTS** ☆
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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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Nominating Committee Report

Following is the proposed slate of candidates for the positions of President, Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer & Directors to be voted on at the Annual Meeting of the Association November 6, 1980 at the Wallingford Country Club.

President . . . Stephen G. Cadenelli, CGCS
Vice-President Michael Wallace
Secretary-Treasurer . . . David Stimson, CGCS
Director (3 years) Raymond Beaudry
Director (3 years) . . . James Medeiros, CGCS
Director (3 years) Stanley Sablak
Director (1 year) Bruce Cadenelli

Respectfully Submitted,
 Nominating Committee
 Robert Tosh, Chairman
 John Lynch
 Ronald Holcomb
 Roger Barrett

Grass Catcher

Armand LeSage sends word that recently seven members from the Grounds Maintenance Staff at Racebrook C.C., including himself, donated blood at a Bloodmobile held at the Oak Lane C.C. along with Ed Zenisky from Oak Lane. Armand encourages superintendents and their staffs to participate in community projects as it is good public relations and further develops the image of the maintenance staff.

Dave Stimson also sends word along about a new tournament hosted by the Tumble Brook C.C. for women from Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and Connecticut. Known as the Endicott Tournament it was played over three days at the fine Tumble Brook layout.

Participation at monthly meetings continues at an impressive mark. The last several meetings at the H.B. Brownson C.C., Shennossett G.C., and the Patterson Club not only were attended well but were highlighted by spirited discussions and excellent presentations by Frank Lamphier of Aspetuck Valley C.C. and Richard Hurley of Loft's Seed. Much appreciation and many thanks to the members and staffs of these clubs for making it possible for our association to conduct our monthly meetings at such fine clubs.

Congratulations are in order to the "Golf Team" of the Association who came away with top honors at the recently rekindled Metropolitan Team Championship Tournament at the Blue Hill G.C. in Pearl River, NY. The CAGCS team consisting of Dave Roule, Frank Lamphier, Peter Pierson, Dick Cook & Fran Rogers matched teams from the New Jersey, Hudson Valley, Long Island, and Metropolitan associations. Low gross for the day went to Dave Roule. Next year's tournament will be hosted by the Connecticut Association.

Steve Cadenelli



Host Superintendent Peter Pierson looks on while Golf Professional Richard Crowe addresses crowd at the annual S&R Tournament at the Edgewood Golf Club.



Hosts for the August meeting Jim Medeiros, center; Golf Professional Terry Crawford to Jim's right and Eugene Beach, Grounds Chairman on Jim's left.

Meet Your Hosts

Over fifty golfers enjoyed the difficult layout at the Patterson club for the October meeting hosted by Ray Beaudry. This Robert Trent Jones designed course features large rolling greens and expansive fairways which are all beautifully maintained. Ray is fairly new to the association having joined in 1978 while still the assistant there. After graduation from the UMASS Winter School, Ray moved up to the Superintendent's position and is presently completing his second year in that position. Not one to sit back, Ray attends Western Connecticut State College where he is working on a B.S. Degree in business and also intends to become more active in the association. He is a member of GCSAA and feels strongly that membership and participation in professional associations is not only rewarding but extremely necessary to remain abreast of current trends in turf management.

Wallingford Country Club will be the site of the 1980 Annual Meeting hosted by Ed Anderson. Ed, a member of CAGCS since 1952, has been providing excellent playing conditions at Wallingford for thirteen years. Previous stints as a superintendent include five years at The Farms C.C. and twelve years at the Edgewood Golf Club. Ed got his start in the business at the then, New Haven Municipal G.C. under Irv Pierson, a former Past President of CAGCS. Ed has been active in the association over the years and was instrumental in developing the Scholarship & Research Committee. He looks forward to welcoming everyone to Wallingford and promises to even cut the greens that day.

Future Happenings

- Nov. 6 CAGCS ANNUAL MEETING
Wallingford C.C.
Wallingford, CT
Ed Anderson,
Host Superintendent
- Nov. 11-13 NEW YORK STATE TURFGRASS CONFERENCE
Rochester War Memorial Auditorium
Rochester, NY
- Nov. 17&18 GCSAA INSECT IDENTIFICATION & CONTROL SEMINAR
Springfield Marriott Hotel
Springfield, MA
- Dec. 6 CAGCS CHRISTMAS PARTY
Tumble Brook C.C.
Bloomfield, CT
David Stimson,
Host Superintendent
- Dec. 8-11 NEW JERSEY TURFGRASS EXPO
Cherry Hill Hyatt House
Cherry Hill, NJ
- Jan. 14, '80 CAGCS WINTER SEMINAR
Holiday Inn
Hartford, CT
- Jan. 25-30 GCSAA 52nd INTERNATIONAL TURFGRASS CONFERENCE & SHOW
Anaheim Convention Center
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The Following Have Been Voted In As New Members Of Our Association. Congratulations & Welcome!

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GCSAA Highlights

Information concerning GCSAA's 52nd International Turfgrass Conference & Show has been mailed and should have been received by all GCSAA members. Those planning to attend the golf tournament, seminars, or other activities scheduled in conjunction with the conference should make reservations for these as soon as possible as initial returns point toward an all time high in attendance in Anaheim. Also, if possible, book and pay for airline tickets immediately to protect oneself from scheduled price increases.

After nearly a year's absence GCSAA has a new Executive Director on board. Jim McLoughlin, formerly Executive Director of the Metropolitan Golf Association for 14 years, recently began his new duties with GCSAA. All members of GCSAA welcome him and look forward to the continued growth and success of GCSAA under his direction.

Today's golf course superintendent has the difficult task of keeping abreast of rapid-fire innovations, techniques and information. But, while doing this, he must constantly apprise himself of old problems. The sources of good information are endless and each deserves full consideration. Most of all, superintendents can learn from each other, for each has a total golf course responsibility. Fortunately, there is an eagerness to share successes as well as failures.


To complicate daily duties and the learning process, the superintendent must be a master mechanic, diplomat, labor advisor, friend and father confessor. He must smile when it's impossible and swallow to choke a scream.

The professional golfer can ill afford to live on past performance and laurels, and so it is with the golf course superintendent. The demands are sometimes quite exacting, but each must consistently give a full measure to his profession.

Jim Converse, Editor, Scotts ProTurf



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JANUARY 25-30, 1981



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52nd International Turfgrass Conference & Show



Golf course managers, educators and industry representatives from around the world will gather in Anaheim, California Jan. 25-30 for the 52nd International Turfgrass Conference and Show. Join them for this once-a-year opportunity to learn about the latest developments in turfgrass management, services and equipment.

Non-GCSAA members may use the coupon below to request materials. Please complete and send to: GCSAA Headquarters, 1617 St. Andrews Drive, Lawrence, Kansas 66044.

Conference Highlights Include:

- Pre-conference Seminars
- Four Days of Education Sessions
- Turfgrass Industry Show
- Annual Meeting & Election
- Ladies Program
- Certification Examination
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- Golf Course Tour

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