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President's Message

November will soon be here and with it the holiday season. In an effort to ease the social pressure felt by our members during this season the social committee has taken note of the fact that many wives now work and as such also have functions to attend during this period. To try and avoid conflicts the Social Committee has changed the format of our Christmas Party. It will now become a fall dinner dance. Every effort has been made to fulfill the desires expressed in our spring survey on social events. The location is central, cost is slightly lower, there will be a good band, and there will be plenty of good food. All that is needed is for you, the member to come and enjoy.

Place: Wonderbar on the Berlin Turnpike Time: 6:30 p.m. Date: November 6, 1982

I hope to see you all there. I would also like to take a brief moment to thank all those who hosted a meeting during the 1982 year. It was a great year and your help and efforts are appreciated. I know I have enjoyed playing at many of your clubs and have learned a great deal in the past year. Again thank you for your help.

Mike Wallace, CGCS

This Logo was initiated by GCSAA headquarters. You will be seeing more of it as time goes on. It is a public relations effort to dispel the fact that Golf Courses are the villians of excess water use in society.

The Superintendent's Share Th Tour At

The long delayed Pro-Sup't-President-Green Chairman tournament for 1982 was finally held in September at the Oronoque Country Club in Stratford. Eric Johnson was the host Superintendent and he had the Desmond Muirhead designed course in super shape. The narrow fairways and extra slick greens kept most scores higher than expected. The out of bounds stakes on both sides of most fairways can be intimidating.

After graduation from UMASS in 1970, Eric worked first as an Assistant at Woodway CC in Darien before taking over at Oronoque in 1974. The course was only 3 years old at that time, having been built by Mr. Chris Bargus, the developer of the entire Oronoque Village Condominium complex. Mr. Bargus still owns the course today and continues to operate it as a private country club for around 250 members.

Eric has had a couple of rather unique problems at Oronoque, one solved, the other he's working on: Firstly, the original scottish bunker designed traps had many narrow fingers, often narrower than even a *Cont. on page 3*



Share The Excitement At GCSAA

The purpose of the first annual Chapter Newsletter Editor's Seminar was to help bridge the communications gap between "what's happening" at GCSAA headquarters and the membership of GCSAA. The participants of the seminar (newsletter editors as well as the candidates for GCSAA's executive board) were enlightened on the exciting work that the GCSAA staff is doing to better serve the needs of the GCSAA membership. In the short time available, the staff briefly outlined the goals and objectives of their work. Here's some of what I learned:

Golf Course Management Zahid Iqbal-Editor Melanie McKee-Assoc. Editor

I'm sure you all have noticed the improvement of this magazine within the last couple of years. It is certainly no accident. Zahid is well-qualified and enthusiastic about the publication which is the main communications tool of the association. With a fulltime staff of five, Zahid's publication rivals other magazines with staffs of 14 or more.

Back to a "one theme" format, future topics include: contract management, winter activities, Atlanta conference, GCSAA President, The Masters, pool/tennis, labor negotiations, and military situations. Always on the lookout for new stories and ideas, Zahid welcomes input from the membership. Zahid realistically envisions the magazine to be the number one publication in golf with timely topics for managers, greens committees, boards of directors, golf pros as well as the golf course superintendent. A "National Geographic-quality" publication is just over the horizon. Watch it develop!

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GCSA (cont. from pg. 1)

Education Jim Prusa-Education Director

The development of a Master Long Range GCSAA Educational Program is in the works. Jim presented a draft of this program to the attendees of the seminar—the details of which are too enormous to present here. The program has been created to address the needs of two major groups of our membership and industry. These two groups are the experience-educated Superintendent who may or may not have had the time or opportunity to pursue a full-time college degree; and the college-educated Superintendent who is now faced with needs college did not provide for. Delivery of the educational programs will, along with the existing seminar format, be expanded to include home video tape, tele-conferencing and audio-visual. In the not-so-distant future our organization will have the capability to instantly communicate with every member on an individual basis through the use of a computer network that GCSAA will develop.

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* * * * * * * * Conference & Show John Schilling

Did you know that the size of the GCSAA conference and show currently ranks 150 out of 9,000 annual trade shows nationwide? This year in Atlanta, the show will increase not only in size, but in quality as well.

Look for an increase in the number of speakers, shorter talks held more than once throughout the week so you are sure not to miss the speakers that are of particular interest to you. There will be a greatly improved spouse program and an expansion of Showtime. Look for the lowest flight rates available on Delta and reasonable hotel rates. There will be an expanded seminar program and Arnold Palmer will be there to accept the newly established Old Tom Morris award. Be sure not to miss the group Up With People who will be performing for your entertainment pleasure.

John Schilling pointed out that there is power in numbers. Be sure to use the Delta 1-800 number if you intend to fly to Atlanta and stay in one of the GCSAA listed hotels. When booking the flights and hotels offered through GCSAA, negotiating power is strengthened when booking future sites for the conference. The result—lower costs for all of us.

Greg Wojick, Editor

Nominating Committee Report

pleased to anno inations for Off Connecticut As	ominating Committee is ounce the following nom- icers and Directors of the ssociation of Golf Course ts for the year 1983. The re as follows:
President:	Michael Wallace, CGCS
Vice President:	Peter Pierson
	David Stimson, CGCS
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Two Years:	Steve DeVito
	Ted Maddox
	James Medeiros, CGCS
Director-	
One Year	Ronald Holcomb
Of course no	minations can be made

Of course, nominations can be made from the floor at the Annual Meeting.

Third Annual Team Championship Results

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Ridgewood C.C. September	er 30, 1982
1st Connecticut 322	
Bob Witowski	79
Peter Pierson	81
Peter Bly	80
Dave Roule	82
Mike Chrzanowski	86
Barry Petrasko	83
2nd Philadelphia 327	
Joe Felus	77
Mark Monahan	84
Dave Linde	79
Bob Bishop	89
Mike Smith	87
Dave Kroll	89
3rd Metropolitan 328	
Chuck Fatum	80
Mark Millet	79
Scott Niven	81
Tony Savone	88
Jim Fulwider	93
Dan Cancellari	95
4th New Jersey 329	
Angelo Petraglia	82
Vic Gerard	79
Tim McAvoy	82
Larry Dodge	86
Dick VanZandt	90
Ed Walsh	88
5th Hudson Valley 337	
Jerry Kane	83
Ernie Steinhoffer	93
Mat Ceplo	85
Sam D'Auria	84
Fran Berdine	85
Bill Luthin	89
6th Long Island 365	
Sid Brown	85
Lyn O'Neil	90
Richie Struss	96
Bob Kamp	94
Nick Benvenuto	100
Steve Matuza	97
Low Individual Joe F	
2nd Mark M	lillet 79
Note: second place was decided	on a match

Peter Pierson

of cards.

So Long, Farewell, It's Been Nice To Know You...

Words from an old familiar song, and if John Grant could carry a tune, he'd be singing these very same words to the agricultural community! After 30 years of cumulative selling service (15 years with Hubbard Hall/Kerr MaGee and 15 years with Old Fox Chemical) John is retiring September 30, 1982.

John and his wife of 37 years, Rose Marks Grant, have raised two grown sons— Jack, a contractor from Connecticut's Litchfield County and Mike, a respiratory specialist serving the Boston area. Over the years in the Barkhamsted Community John has belonged to the Lions Club; has served on Jury Selection Committees and the Planning and Zoning Commission; and has helped with Civil Defense projects.

Looking forward to some well-deserved leisure time at home in Pleasant Valley, John will be refinishing furniture, tag sale bartering and entertaining his two grandsons from Jack (Brian 4 and Kevin 2). Also, both he and Rose will be eagerly awaiting the arrival of their third grandchild from son Mike sometime in March of 1983.

Officially John will be retired. But John sincerely hopes that his many friends made through the years and miles will keep in touch.

Met Area Team Championship Results

On September 30, 1982 at the Ridgewood Country Club in Ridgewood, New Jersey, the CAGCS team won first place honors in the Metropolitan Area Team Championship. Host superintendent Ed Walsh, CGCS, had Ridgewood in fine condition and all the participants were impressed with the extensive tree maintenance program that Ed is implementing.

The format of the tourney is the best four of six gross scores. Other teams that were represented were the Metropolitan GCSA, the Long Island GCSA, the Hudson Valley GCSA, the New Jersey GCSA and competing for the first time was a team representing the Philadelphia GCSA.

Meet Your Class "C" Members

Mark Loper, Irrigation Division Manager of Turf Products Corporation in South Windsor, Connecticut is our featured class "C" member for this issue of Connecticut Clippings. Mark's territory includes all of Connecticut, Central Massachusetts and Westchester, Putnam and Dutchess counties in New York. Mark's background includes superintendent stints at Portland Golf Club and Neipsic Golf Club and a sales position at the Hart Seed company. He holds an associate degree in business from Manchester Community College as well as a Turfgrass Management associate degree from the Stockbridge School at UMASS.

Mark, his wife, Nanette, and their 20month old son, Val, reside in Portland, Connecticut. To "escape" Mark enjoys motorcycling on the weekends.

Mike Reeb

Grass Catcher

Congratulations to Doug and Suzanne Cooper on the arrival of their new daughter. Erica Elizabeth Cooper, weighing in at seven pounds two ounces, was born on August 31.

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The newsletter editor's seminar which I attended in Lawrence, Kansas was truly an eye-opener for me. A new chapter in the history of GCSAA is unfolding with executive director Jim McGloughlin and his staff. They are determined to advance GCSAA to a level envied by all other golf organizations including the USGA, NGF and the PGA. That's right—the best and mostrespected organization in the world of golf. All the attendees of the seminar were impressed with the quality, professionalism and enthusiasm of the entire staff at GCSAA.

I thank the CAGCS for allowing me the opportunity to meet, face-to-face, the people who before this time I only read or heard about. It was a pleasure and an honor to visit the GCSAA headquarters. I had often heard CAGCS members Bob Osterman, Steve Cadenelli, Frank Lamphier and Charlie Baskin talk enthusiastically about their involvement with GCSAA. Now I more accurately know where they get that enthusiasm.

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Congratulations to Charlie Baskin and, the always-lucky, Bob Osterman. Charlie won the reservation card drawing at the October CAGCS monthly meeting and Bob won the drawing at the September meeting held at the Aspetuck Valley Country Club. Don't forget to send in your reservation card for the annual meeting at Oaklane. It's your last chance of the year to win a bundle. *Greg Wojick, Editor*

Supt. Tour (cont. from page 1)

hand trap rake. A recently completed program that saw 50 traps reshaped has eliminated that situation and made possible the use of a trap machine.

The unsolved problem has to do with the sometimes difficult task of communicating over a course where the holes are layed out in two large loops, winding quite distant from the clubhouse. Only the opening and finishing holes of each nine are really in sight of the clubhouse, a situation that is probably somewhat different than most of us face.

Off the job, Eric enjoys participating in other sports in addition to golf, having played both softball and basketball in recent years. He has been a member of the Connecticut Association since 1975, serving on the Scholarship and Research Committee. He has a sincere interest in the Association and some definite ideas as to what kind of programs the Association might have that would be of most value to its members.

The Superintendent's next tour stop is a return to Ed Zenisky's Oak Lane Country Club in Woodbridge. The tour's last stop at Oak Lane was in 1979, Ed's first year there.

The Oak Lane course was designed by Jeff Cornish and built in 1961. An automatic irrigation system was added about 12 years ago, but water shortage makes regular fairway watering a problem during the summer months. The course is around 7000 yds long, has 87 traps and greens of 6 to 7000 sq ft each. For my golf game, those three things mean added strokes, I hope its not too cold, as a warm ball travels further.

In addition to the golf course, the 300 plus members at Oak Lane have access to 8 tennis courts and three swimming pools. Two of the tennis courts are covered with a bubble and heated in the winter permitting year round play. George Esterbrook is the golf pro, and Alex Satmary is the General Manager.

Ed came to Oak Lane from Chippannee, where he had been Sup't for 11 years. He graduated from UMASS in 1962, worked first as an ass't at Mill River, and then moved on to become sup't at Newtown and Shaker Farms CC in Mass before going to Chippannee. He has been married for 18 years. He and wife, Marie, have two boys 15 and 17. In his spare time, Ed is restoring a 1924 model T Ford, this to go along with an already restored 1930 Model A Ford. Although inactive now, Ed previously spent 10 years heavily involved in the local volunteer fire department. He has been a member of the Supt's ass'n since 1964 and the National Ass'n since 1971.

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Sincere condolences to Hopmeadow Country Club superintendent Dewey Stanhope, whose wife, Phyllis, died recently after a long illness.



Over 40 chapters were represented at the First Annual Chapter Newsletter Editor's Seminar held at GCSAA headquarters in Lawrence, Kansas.

Aspetuck Valley

September's Supt's Tour stop was the Aspetuck Valley Country Club in Weston, host superintendent Frank Lamphier.

Aspetuck Valley was first opened 14 years ago having been designed by Hal Purdy. Frank was the construction superintendent on that job and remained as the golf course superintendent after the course was completed. Prior to that, Frank had been the construction superintendent for Jeff Cornish at Mt Snow, remaining there as golf course supt in the summer and ski school and racing coordinator in the winter. He was involved in the construction of a total of seven courses before settling in at Aspetuck Valley. The fact that his two sons were just coming of school age at that time probably had a lot to do with the decision to remain at Aspetuck Valley and forego the life of the travelling construction superintendent.

The Course at Aspetuck Valley is a demanding 6900 yards. There is a total elevation differential of around 150 to 200 ft over the whole course. This elevation differential makes for some beautiful views as well as some tough holes. About 240 families play close to 25000 rounds per year on the course.

Ledge was encountered during construction and some blasting was required. As a result drainage has been a mild but continuous problem over the years. To correct the problem, Frank has been installing 1000 to 1500 feet of drainage per year. Some traps, limited in depth by the presence of ledge underneath, have had to be built up on the outside. Other than that, the course remains pretty much as it was built. I guess Frank did a good job.

Frank has long been active in both the state and national Superintendent's Associations. On the state level, he was President in 1973 and 1974, while on the national level he has been the director of the annual golf tournament for the past 12 years. This event has been increasingly successful over the years to the point where 296 men and

38 women participated this past year. Frank is currently a 5 handicapper himself, up slightly from what he has been. He plays annually in his own national tournament and tied for first one year, losing in a playoff. His success at playing in this tournament has twice resulted in his representing the National Assn in international competition, once in Scotland, once here in the U.S. playing against a team from Scotland.

Frank has been invited to address the National Convention on four separate occasions. He is high on the success of our State Association and on the accomplishments of those Conn. Assn. members who have elected to work with the National. He believes that Connecticut's Association has earned a reputation for leadership among Superintendent's organizations and that it is important that we continue to work in that direction.

Perhaps an even greater tribute to Frank's success, is the recent completion of the Winter Course at UMASS by one of his sons, and his landing of a job in San Diego as Assistant Superintendent. His other son, a 1982 high school graduate, is currently working at Aspetuck Valley with his father. *Peter Blv*

Future Happenings

Nov. 9, 1982	Annual CAGCS Meeting
	Oaklane Country Club
	Woodbridge, CT
	Host Superintendent-Ed
	Zenisky
Dec. 6-9	New Jersey Turfgrass Expo
	Resorts International
	Atlantic City, New Jersey

Golf Results From Superintendent Invitational Oronoque

Low Gross	Aspetuck Valley C.C.	68
2nd Gross	Watertown G.C.	69
3rd Gross	Hartford G.C.	70
Low Net	Cliffside C.C.	57
2nd Net	Race Brook C.C.	62
3rd Net	Mill River C.C.	63

S & R Tourney Nets \$1200

The annual scholarship and research benefit tournament keeps getting better and better. On October 5, 89 golfers participated in this fund raising event which was held at the Edgewood Golf Club in Cromwell. As many of you know, Edgewood will be the site for the 1984 Greater Hartford Open.

The team from the host club, Edgewood, won the low gross prize with a 64. The team members included Dick Cronin, Ken Hussey, Bob Briggs and host superintendent Peter Pierson. Low net honors went to the H. Smith Richardson team. Their team members included Rich Shephard, Terry Calgreen, Frank Costanzo and John Rooney.

Special thanks go out to: Peter and Drew Pierson, owners of Edgewood, who gratuitously and for the third consecutive year donated the use of their golf course for this worthy event;

Richard Crow, host professional, who did his usual fantastic job of running the tournament;

Lois Swanson, who put on the great steak barbeque following the tournament;

Our associate members, who donated advertising space on the tees during the tournament;

And of course to the 89 golfers who took the time out to participate in the event.

Observing the intriguing renovation work going on at Edgewood in preparation for the 1984 GHO was a special treat for the golfers of the tournament. With bulldozers, loaders and heavy trucks working throughout the course, play was amazingly uninterrupted on the original 18 holes! If you're in the Cromwell area, stop at Edgewood and watch the genius of worldfamous golf course architect Peter Dye at work.

Peter Pierson



Mike Chrzanowski (Madison C.C.) winds up to hit his tee shot on the par 3 12th hole at Oronoque Village Country Club—site of the 1982 Superintendent Invitational.

The Maze Theory

A noted psychologist interviewed and measured 100 successful businessmen and how they "moved up the ladder" to success. Dr. Jennings found seven reasons these people "made it" through the Maze.

- 1. TRUST SENSE. This is the first and most important. This means that the MAZE BRIGHT man takes the trouble to make himself available to his organizational superiors. His boss trusts him, knows that he is working and most important, that the boss can find him if he needs him. The boss feels sure that he can depend on the MAZE BRIGHT person should he need to make a tricky decision or just talk.
- 2. POWER SENSE. The MAZE BRIGHT individual knows who are the really key people in any organization. He knows that a man's position on an organizational chart is not the true indicator of the man's ability to get things done or to make changes in the structure of the organization. He knows that out of a group of executives in a firm, all at the same level on the organizational chart, some will enjoy more power and influence than others. He also knows that if he is to be successful, he must associate himself with the truly powerful people or those that have a direct line to the top decision makers.
- 3. PRIORITY SENSE. Knowing what is important to the important people. Priority sense is the matter of determining on your own, the really important things you should be doing with your time. The MAZE BRIGHT person realizes that he is evaluated on only 10% of his output and exactly when that evaluation is taking place.
- 4. RULE SENSE. Rule sense is the ability to look behind the reason that a given rule exists. A shrewd executive will never write down a rule unless it is absolutely necessary. However, the shrewder employee will look at the rule and examine why it was created. Why the writer wrote it and what he had in mind. The MAZE BRIGHT employee will determine if that rule applies to him, how it applies to him and interpret the rule accordingly.

Classifieds

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- 5. FACE SENSE. The MAZE BRIGHT person will never attack a man's face or ego. This makes enemies and this is the last thing a MAZE BRIGHT individual has in mind. For example: At a meeting, a suggestion is put out. You don't agree with the idea. The MAZE DULL person will come out and say "that's a stupid idea." This an attack on the man's face and it makes the man look badly. The MAZE BRIGHT individual will say something like "That's a good idea, Fred, however, have you considered this..." then go on to bring out his critique of the man's idea in such a way as not to attack the man's face or ego.
- 6. SENSE OF PROPER. Everyone has a sense of proper. Some words, actions, or activities offend us. The MAZE BRIGHT individual will not offend someone else's sense of proper by swearing or engaging in activities that may be offensive to any individual in the room or given environment.
- 7. CUE SENSE. This is the ability of a MAZE BRIGHT person to interpret visual or verbal cues from a superior that may change his priorities or the project currently in the works. This is done without the boss coming out and saying it directly. In other words, the MAZE BRIGHT employee has the knowledge to watch his superior, interpret what they say and do and determine his own direction without actually being told what to do or how to do it.

Position Referral Service

Date: 10/4/82 Title of Position: Assistant Superintendent **Course Name** and Description: Brooklawn Country Club 18 Holes Responsibilities: To aid and assist the superintendent in all aspects of grounds maintenence Annual Base Salary: \$16,000 and up, depending on experience Fringe Benefits: Major Medical Blue Cross Qualifications: Associates Degree in Turf Management Golfing background One year of full time golf course work Send resumes to: Peter Bly, Supt. Brooklawn C.C. 500 Algonquin Rd. Fairfield, Ct. 06430 Position available: February 1, 1983

Application Deadline: December 15, 1982

Brooklawn

The Brooklawn Country Club in Fairfield hosted the Conn Supt's in October, and almost 70 golfers tried to conquer the A.W. Tillinghast design course. A Club laden with tradition, Brooklawn was originally founded in 1895 before it was redesigned by Tillinghast in 1929. Brooklawn has been the site of many special tournaments throughout the years, most recently the 1979 USGA Women's Open, and prior to that the 1974 USGA Junior's Championship. Host Superintendent, Peter Bly, says that the course is currently vying for selection as the site of the 1986 Senior Men's Open. Gene Sarazen got his start at Brooklawn, and Julios Boros is an honorary member there. I hope none of you played with a Range Ball or even a Club Special.

In keeping with the Club's traditions, Pete Bly says that he is only the fifth man to serve as Superintendent in the Club's History—that's over twenty years per man. Peter has been at Brooklawn for seven years now, coming originally as Assistant before becoming Superintendent three years ago. Prior to that, Peter was at the Concord Country Club in Concord, N.H. for a total of nine years. He received his degree from UMASS in 1976 just prior to going to Brooklawn. He and his wife Sharon have a 6 year old daughter, Katy.

Although I'm not sure how he played his own course at the October meeting, Peter plays to a six handicap, and plays as often as he can, usually a couple of times a week. When not golfing, Peter enjoys downhill skiing, hiking, and bicycling. A native of New Hampshire, he enjoys the north country.

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Wanted:

One good set of left-handed clubs. Contact: NCGA, 111 Cherry St., New Canaan, CT 06840. (203) 972-1755



WHERE THE HECK DID THAT ONE GO? Bob Tosh at Aspetuck Valley C.C.

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