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Response to "Fuel for Thought"

Ron Holcomb raises some interesting questions in his article "Fuel for Thought" published in the July/August issue of "Conn. Clippings." Regarding the matter of pesticide licensing, it would seem appropriate that Golf Course Superintendents take the lead in becoming licensed as well as becoming as knowledgeable as possible regarding pesticide use. The use of pesticides within these United States is one of the most talked about, written about, and controversial issues today. There exists an ever increasing anti-pesticide sentiment within our country. Yes—this sentiment is often based on misunderstanding, but nevertheless, it is real. Each day, somewhere in the U.S. greater restrictions are placed on the use of these materials. Worse yet, all too often an applicator is accused of misuse of pesticides resulting in even greater negative publicity and sentiment. With this in mind, it seems beyond question that Golf Course Superintendents follow each and every regulation to its fullest intent. Protection of himself, his employer and his profession requires nothing less than full adherence to state, federal and local pesticide regulations.

The issue of exchanging resumes among clubs is one which this writer does not pretend to know or understand whatever legal interpretations apply. However, this writer does believe, very strongly, that a resume sent to a potential employer is confidential and is to be considered only for the position which it was initially sent. Once a position is filled, resumes should be kept on file for future reference by that employer only, returned to the candidate, or destroyed. Any other use or exchange of a resume is a breach of the confidentiality entrusted to those seeking applicants.

Stephen G. Cadenelli, CGCS

Presidents Message

Where have the years gone? It seems like only yesterday I was elected President of the Connecticut Association of Golf Course Superintendents. While I still have a few months left on my second term, I must stop and reflect on the past two years and the Connecticut Association.

The Association has had some problems in the past two years. The major one which I was not able to solve was that of making all of our members feeling part of our association. The geographics of Connecticut and the similarity of clubs in lower Connecticut to those in the Metropolitan Association make belonging to both associations a reality of that area. Conflicts of scheduling do occur and it is up to the individual Superintendent to decide which association serves his needs best. I feel one can gain from both. I believe the Connecticut Association is a good Association. It offers good educational programs and a diverse speakers program at monthly meetings. It's from our diversity that our strength is found. Wouldn't it be a boring world if we were all made from the same mold?

The second problem I couldn't solve was that of our social programs. I hated to see the summer picnic go. I hope the membership will support our fall dance on November 5, 1983. I would hate to see this last social event also be lost to apathy and non-participation. Come and enjoy the evening.

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Future Happenings

September 13, 1983

CAGCS Monthly Meeting
Madison Country Club
Madison, CT
Mike Chrzanowski - Host Superintendent

September 21, 1983

MET AREA Team Championship
Grossingers Golf Club & Hotel
Liberty, NY

October 4, 1983

CAGCS S & R Tournament
Edgewood Golf Club
Cromwell, CT
Peter Pierson - Host Superintendent

October 18, 1983

CAGCS Monthly Meeting
Pine Orchard Yacht and Country Club
Branford, CT
Harvey Lenon - Host Superintendent

November 5, 1983

CAGCS Dinner Dance
Details to Follow

It's been a long season. In closing I would like to formally thank all those on the board of directors who worked so hard to make this association what it is. It is a viable, progressive and great professional association. Sure we have some problems, but none that can't be solved by *cooperation* and *participation* by the membership. For you are the Connecticut Association of Golf Course Superintendents. I'm proud to have been your President and feel you are the finest group of professionals in this country. Thank you.

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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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Grass Catcher

The following people have completed their two required meetings and are now official members of CAGCS:

Bernard Jaworski
Harry Williams
Les Guedel
Robert Szymanski

The organizational study committee has recommended changes in the by-laws of our association. These much-needed changes will be sent to board of directors for their review and then put before the membership at the annual meeting for adoption.

The new CAGCS sports jackets are now available. To order these jackets contact Steve Cadenelli. The color of these jackets is Cambridge Gray. The price is \$70.00 and the patch is \$5.00.

GCSAA Highlights

The recent changes at GCSAA Headquarters have undoubtedly raised many questions; the most important of which must be "Is it possible for our Board of Directors to hire the right complement of individuals to administer the Association and can those individuals implement the programs that the membership has indicated it desires?" It seems important that a more fundamental issue be addressed prior to answering the above question. That issue has to do with the present procedure of electing our Board of Directors and of what consideration is given the qualifications and backgrounds of potential Board members by nominating committees. The time is right to review the various nominating and electoral procedures with the following in line:

First, if geographical areas of the country must be represented equally, then, it is time to develop a balanced district concept. Otherwise, it is time to forget about where a candidate comes from and get on with the election of the most qualified individuals available.

Secondly, a specific but flexible list of qualifications must be developed for potential Board members. These qualifications should consider level of education, breadth of experience within the golf community, involvement and familiarity with GCSAA, non-golf related work and community experience as well as motivating factors for desiring to be a Board member.

Thirdly, once elected Board members should base decisions and actions in the best interest of the Association and profession. Political considerations have no place in policy making. An ideal situation—but a needed one. Board members must recognize that their responsibility is to continually review the management of the Association and to guide those hired to manage. They must realize their limitations in doing so and be willing to engage experts in areas unfamiliar to them. This would also provide a third party, independent aspect to certain critical management procedures.

Realizing the above, one can then answer the original question pertaining to hiring of the appropriate individuals, etc. The answer of course is yes. For members of the Board who meet the aforementioned criteria and who are properly motivated will surely realize that key management staff and department heads must be well versed in the role of Golf Course Superintendent. Staff members must be aware of the key role played by CGS in golf, his dedication to his work, and his willingness to sacrifice much to properly manage the golf course under his domain. Then, who better to fill critical staff positions than well educated, highly motivated Golf Course Superintendents who possess diversified backgrounds. Such persons could and would get the job done!

Stephen G. Cadenelli, CGCS

The CAGCS Fall dinner-dance will be held on November 5 at Septembers Restaurant in New Haven. Contact Steve DiVito for reservations.

The informational survey committee is eager to compile the results of the survey that was recently sent out to CAGCS members. If you haven't filled out your survey, please do so and send it to Ted Maddocks.

Elections for new board members will be held at the annual meeting at Watertown Country Club. If you are interested in helping your association operate and progress as a member of the board of directors, contact nomination committee chairman Steve Cadenelli.

Greg Wojick, Editor



Fred Bachand, Superintendent at the Wethersfield C.C. Fred says that he and his crew will definitely miss the GHO. Next year the GHO will move to the Edgewood G.C. in Cromwell, CT.

Greg Wojick
Dear Sir—

8/8/83

Suggest that this article be printed in Connecticut Clippings. So many times in our CSGA tournaments the pins are less than 5 paces from the edge of green.

Yours,

W.H. Neale

USGA Golf Journal

Yes, there is a USGA policy on the placement of holes.

Q: What is the USGA policy with respect to hole locations on the putting greens, particularly during tournament play?

A: Many factors affect selection of hole locations. The first and most important is good judgement in deciding what will give fair results. Do not be tricky in locating holes.

Following are specific points:

1. Study the design of the hole as the architect intended it to be played. Know the length of the shot to the green and how it may be affected by the probable conditions for the day—that is, wind and other weather elements, condition of the turf from which the shot will be played, and holding quality of the green.

2. There must be enough putting green surface between the hole and the front and the sides of the green to accommodate the required shot. For example, for a long iron or wood shot to the green, the hole should be located deeper in the green and further from its sides than may be the case for a short pitch shot.

In any case, the USGA recommends that the hole be located at least *five paces* from any edge of the green. If a bunker is close to the edge, or if the ground slopes away from the edge, the distance may well be greater, especially if the shot is more than a pitch.

Consideration should be given to fair opportunity for recovery after a reasonably good shot that just misses the green.

3. An area two to three feet in radius around the hole should be in good condition without any steep slopes or, if possible, any changes in the degree of slope. In other words, the green in the holing-out area should be as nearly level as possible and of uniform grade, but it need not be exactly level. In no case should holes be located in tricky places, or on sharp slopes where a ball can gather speed. A player above the hole should be able to putt with a reasonable degree of boldness, and not purely defensively.

4. Consider the condition of nearby turf, especially taking care to avoid old hole plugs which have not completely healed.

5. Holes should be cut as nearly on the vertical as possible, not plumb with the contour of the green.

6. There should be a balanced selection of hole locations for the entire course with respect to left, right, central, front, and back positions. For example, beware too many left positions with resulting premium on drawn or hooked shots.

7. For a competition played over several days, the course should be kept in balance daily as to degree of difficulty. In a stroke competition, the first hole of the first round is as important as the last hole of the last round, and so the course should not be set up appreciably more difficult for any round—balanced treatment is the aim. An old concept of making the course progressively harder round after round is fallacious.

One form of balanced daily treatment is to select six quite difficult hole locations, six which are somewhat less difficult, and six which are of moderate difficulty.

8. In early rounds, anticipate players' traffic patterns and avoid locating many holes whence walking across the green by many players could spoil good hole locations for later rounds.

9. In match play, a hole location may, if necessary, be changed during a round provided the opponents in each match play the same location.

In stroke play, Rule 36-4a requires that all competitors in a single round play with each hole cut in the same position.

When 36 holes are played in one day, it is not customary for hole locations to be changed between rounds, but there is no Rule to prohibit it. If they are changed, all competitors should be informed.

10. The greenkeeper who cuts the holes should make sure that the Rules of Golf are observed, especially the requirements that the hole-liner not exceed $\frac{3}{4}$ inches in outer diameter and that it be sunk at least one inch below the putting green surface (Definition 15).

11. During practice days before a competition, it is advisable to locate holes in areas not likely to be used during play, preferably at the fronts and the backs of greens, bearing in mind the areas which will be impaired by foot-traffic patterns.



Mike Chrzanowski, Superintendent at the Madison Country Club, site of the September CAGCS meeting.

Letter to the Editor.

In response to your editorial regarding the use of our Association's S&R dollars I would offer the following: I would agree that funding one major project to the tune of \$1500, \$2000 or \$2500 yearly (whatever can be afforded) would be beneficial and appropriate if such a project could be developed by some of our local researchers. Over the past few years, efforts have been made by the various S&R committees, to obtain proposals from various researchers as well as ideas from the general membership as to what is needed in terms of research. These efforts have resulted in less than desired response. Such efforts should be continued in the hope that meaningful research projects could be developed which would deserve such generous funding. However, it seems appropriate that funding for basic research at institutions such as UConn, URI, UMASS and Cornell be continued. Basic research will always be needed. Funding for this type of research is hard to come by and seems worthy of our Association's support.

Stephen G. Cadenelli, CGCS

S & R Tourney

October 4th
Edgewood Golf Club, Cromwell, CT
Host Superintendent—Peter Pierson
\$30.00/entry includes golf, prizes & steak dinner
Gross & Net Prizes
Dinner at 6:00 P.M.

Call in for your starting time. Starting times will be between 11:00 A.M. and 1:00 P.M. There is a chance that Peter will have some of the new holes open for play.

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