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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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**1990 Superintendent  
of the Year**

*Hopmeadow's Mike Wallace is Honored*

On January 8th at our Association's Annual Educational Seminar, Mike Wallace, CGCS, was honored by his peers with the coveted annual Award of Superintendent of the Year.

Mike, a veteran of many years in the golf course maintenance wars, truly exemplifies the meaning of the award.

After graduating from the University of Massachusetts where he finished first in his class, he started his professional career as superintendent of the Blackledge Country Club in West Hartford, CT. Working for a municipality proved to be very beneficial in developing a need for organization and living by the rule of the day. After serving many successful years as superintendent at Blackledge, the call came from The Hopmeadow Country Club in Simsbury, CT, where Mike at this time still resides as superintendent. In recent years, many of you who have played Hopmeadow, have witnessed all of the refurbishing that has been underway on the golf course under his direction. This being such a formidable task tests the integrity and dedication of one in such a position. As we all know, even the day-to-day activities in maintaining a golf course can be tiresome, but add in many hours of planning, meetings and yes - sitting on a bulldozer himself, Mike has managed to come through with flying colors.

Mike has also exhibited his leadership qualities on the "association front". He has served the Connecticut superintendents as a board member and past president (1982-1983) for over 17 years. After his term as immediate past president was done, Mike came to the rescue of CAGCS by taking on the reigns of the Treasurer's duties. Through his dedicated work ethic and need for detail, he put CAGCS's finances to a point where we are a very solvent association. Mike also has made his mark on the "national front" and has served on GCSAA committees, including membership services and public relations. Mike also made a by for election as director of GCSAA back in 1987. After a strong first showing, Mike was narrowly defeated in a close election. In this writer's opinion, the only one who lost in this election was GCSAA.

Mike believes in this Association and has always had the desire to serve his fellow man and colleague.

**Congratulations Mike Wallace!**  
*Superintendent of the Year*

The award, whose recipient is determined by a mail-in vote from all voting members, is given annually to a CAGCS member who has shown exemplary skills in managing a golf facility; one who has been a Class A CAGCS member for a minimum of five years; and one who has devoted his or her time in an effort to help benefit fellow superintendents and local associations.

# January Seminar

## *Keeping Members Informed*

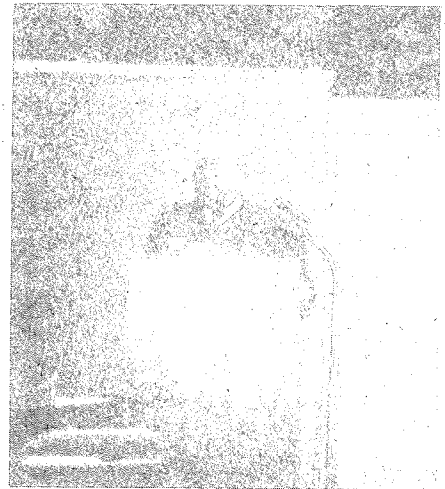
Posting regulations, computers, pesticide injections, disease diagnostic kits and water efficiency were some of the many subjects covered at the annual CAGCS winter seminar held at the Ramada Inn in Meriden. A group of over 115 concerned superintendents and the like were in attendance for a very informative and educational day.

Don Kiley, Executive Director of PPUC, and Greg Piontek from DEP highlighted the day with their presentations of the new posting laws which were recently adopted by the Connecticut Legislature and are in effect as of December 1, 1990. We also heard from Dr. James Watson of the Toro Company, a very distinguished speaker, on the importance of the water that we use on our golf courses and how we should begin to regulate it as it is a precious resource. Dr. Pat Vittum talked about her research in the new avenue of pesticide injection. Duane Patton, CGCS, introduced his topic - computers in golf course management. We also had Kim Trella from the Waste Management Department who briefed us on the upcoming recycling laws that we will all have to adhere to.

The program was not only well attended, but well organized by Dave Stimson and his committee of Peter Pierson and Carl Wallace. Thank you, Dave, for another successful seminar. I am sure we will all be looking forward to next year's agenda.



*A very attentive audience.*



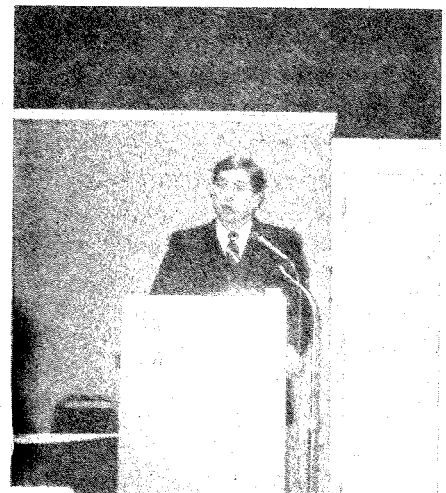
*Dr. Watson of the Toro Company*



*PPUC's Exec. Chief, Don Kiley*



*Mike Wallace - astonished with the news.*



*DEP's Greg Piontek - "To the Point"*



# Grass Catcher

## HOW EPCRA WORKS IN CONNECTICUT

As a response to growing concerns about the effects of chemical releases on communities, the U. S. Congress enacted the **Emergency Planning and Community Right-To-Know Act (EPCRA)** in 1986. The act supports state and local emergency planning efforts and provides citizens and local governments with information concerning potential chemical hazards present in their communities by requiring reports from businesses -- including golf courses -- that deal with hazardous chemicals.

Connecticut has enacted a law providing for both workers and community right-to-know, requiring specified employers to provide chemical information to the fire department and permitting the state fire marshal to conduct on-site inspections.

The state Department of Labor administers the law, which covers all employers who use, store, produce or dispose of hazardous substances.

Golf course operations must provide the local fire marshal with the following chemical information:

- chemical name,
- chemical hazard class,
- units of measure,
- Department of Transportation (DOT) number,
- on-site substance location,
- copies of material safety data sheets (MSDSs) for all hazardous substances.

Local fire marshals are responsible for distributing hazardous substance information to fire protection personnel in each town, city or borough

under their jurisdiction.

Golf facilities also must notify water companies that own or maintain well fields or reservoirs on the watersheds where facilities are located of any existing hazards, provided the water company has submitted a written request for the information.

Employers not in compliance with the law are liable for civil penalties of up to \$1,000 per violation. An additional \$1,000 may be assessed for each day a violation continues.

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## NEW LAW CALLS FOR LICENSING OF LAWN SPRINKLER INSTALLERS

If you install lawn sprinkler systems in residential, commercial or industrial property, a new public act requires you to be licensed by the State Plumbing Board as of October 1, 1990.

According to Consumer Protection Commissioner Mary M. Heslin, Public Act No. 90-194 requires all contractors and journeymen who perform this work to be licensed through her Department's Occupational Licensing Division which includes the Plumbing Board.

In the past, such work fell under the definition of home improvement and individuals had to hold a valid Home Improvement Contractor's Registration in order to legally perform the work. Heslin explained that the new lawn sprinkler contractors and journeymen's license will take the place of the home improvement contractor's registration to perform lawn sprinkler work.

Heslin added that there will be no "grandfather clause" for licensing. Installations on agricultural property are

excluded. Heslin had a word for homeowners as well. "As of October 1, 1990, you should contract for lawn sprinkler installations only with properly licensed contractors. Just call 566-3290 and ask whether the contractor is indeed licensed to do this work."

The examination for the license took place in September, 1990. Contractors and journeymen interested in taking the exam should contact the Occupational Licensing Division at 566-3290 or write to: Department of Consumer Protection, Occupational Licensing Division, Room G5, State Office Building, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT, 06106.

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## Help Wanted

The *Connecticut Clippings* is actively looking for committee members to be responsible for taking pictures at meetings and functions; advertising agent to pursue new advertisements for the *Clippings*; and a person to help activate a "Superintendent Forum" column.

I am pleased to inform that Jeff Rogers was the first brave soul to volunteer his services on behalf of the *Connecticut Clippings*. Jeff has already been active in taking pictures and has recently contributed an article which is published in this issue on page 5.

Looking forward to hearing from more of you who may have a few minutes a month to spare for a worthy cause.

Contact John Streeter at 387-6286 or 387-1892 for further information.

# Meet the Board Members

This is the first of a series of biographies about the people who serve as officers and directors of the Connecticut Superintendents' Association. We will profile three or four board members each issue until we have covered all members.

## President Thomas Watroba

Tom became the golf course superintendent at Suffield Country Club in September, 1979, where he still resides.

After graduating from the University of Massachusetts, Tom's first job out of school was that of the assistant superintendent at Winchendon Golf Club in Winchendon, MA. After a brief stay, Tom moved on to become the superintendent at the Forest Park Country Club in 1977. He became interested in the game of golf while he was learning to caddy and play the game. Although his father was a scratch golfer, Tom soon realized that he would never become the player that his father was, and decided that the golf course maintenance avenue was the way to go.

Tom joined CAGCS in 1980 and became a board member in November of 1983. Tom served as membership chairman, secretary, long-range planning chairman, vice president and now President, serving his second term.

His desire to serve on the board is fueled by a combination of reasons, including contributing to our profession in a positive way, and he wants to have a chance at changing some aspects of CAGCS about which he feels very strongly. He feels the association should provide educational opportunities, promote comradery and good will among its members and also establish effective communication between its members and the leaders of the association.

## Education Chairman Dave Stimson, CGCS

Dave Stimson has been the golf course superintendent at Tumble Brook Country Club in Bloomfield, CT, for the past 22 years, where he also served as assistant superintendent from 1963 to 1969.

He has been a CAGCS member for 23 years and has served on the board of governors for 15 years. David has held the positions of education chairman, secretary/treasurer, president and past president.

He feels that giving something back to the association and also the fact that he enjoys it are some of the things that have inspired him to serve our association.

Keeping the membership informed on changing professional and educational meetings and seminars is one of the services David feels an association should provide for its members.

## Commercial Rep Stephanie Zanieski

Stephanie Zanieski has been a sales representative for the Cadwell & Jones Company for the past three years. She got involved in the turf industry in a round-about way. She originally had intended to major in landscape contracting at Penn State. While attending school, the contracting curriculum was never implemented. Therefore, she became involved in horticulture.

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Stephanie did her internship with the Mobay Corporation and spent two summers calling on golf courses and lawn care companies. This spawned her interest in turf upon graduation.

Although new to the board of governors, this being her second term, Stephanie has proved to be a refreshing and valuable addition to the board of governors. Stephanie feels that keeping the members abreast of new information regarding new products in the turf industry and changes in the laws are some of the important services that we should provide. She states that she is "just a committee-type of person."

She has been a member of CAGCS for two years, and this is her first experience as a board member of an association.



*Conference to stress  
superintendent's  
environmental  
protector role*

"Green Education" for golf course superintendents will be in the spotlight at the 62nd International Golf Course Conference and Show held in Las Vegas, Nevada, February 5 - 12, 1991. Thousands of superintendents and other turfgrass professionals will attend more than 40 educational sessions at the conference, many of which will focus on sound environmental practices.

New for this year's conference is an in-depth Environmental Management Program (EMP) developed by GCSAA that allows superintendents an opportunity to gain specialized instruction in six environmental areas: Integrated Plant Management; Underground Storage Tanks (USTs); Employee Safety and Right-To-Know; Water Quality and Application; Golf Course Development; and Storage, Disposal and Recycling. The EMP lets superintendents earn "specialist" certificates in each of the above areas. In order to achieve "specialist" status, a superintendent must successfully complete as many as seven courses designed specifically for a particular area.

Three EMP seminars -- "Protection of Water Resources", "Scouting, Sampling and Monitoring Golf Course Pests" and  
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**LAS VEGAS**  
**GCSAA '91**

**62nd Annual  
International  
Golf Course  
Conference  
& Show**

★  
**February 5-12, 1991**  
**Las Vegas, Nevada**

*Conference to offer international events*

International turfgrass managers will be able to take advantage of special educational and informational opportunities. For the first time ever, GCSAA will present a special Japanese educational session which will be presented in English and simultaneously translated into Japanese.

The session's agenda includes a profile of U.S. golf course superintendents, an overview of warm-season turfgrass disease control and an introduction to GCSAA and its benefits for potential Japanese members. A panel discussion will conclude the program.

The Japanese educational session, which will begin at 1 p.m. Monday, Feb. 11, at the Las Vegas Convention Center, will be open to all GCSAA

Conference and Show registrants.

The Las Vegas Conference and Show will also be the site for the second annual International Golf/Turfgrass Round Table sponsored by GCSAA. Leaders of golf course superintendents' and greenkeepers' associations in 18 countries have been invited to meet with GCSAA leaders to discuss common problems, opportunities and goals.

The first International Golf/Turfgrass Round Table was held at the 1990 GCSAA Conference and Show in Orlando, Florida. At that meeting, participants from GCSAA and national associations from 10 different countries discussed the environmental challenges that face golf course managers around the world.

**Future GCSAA  
International Conference  
& Show Sites**

**1992  
New Orleans, Louisiana**

**1993  
Anaheim, California**

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"underground Storage Tank Selection and Installation" -- will premier at this year's conference.

The 1991 one and two-day environmental seminars in Las Vegas include:

- Developing Your Hazard Communication Program
- Safe Pesticide Management
- Water Quality and Irrigation Scheduling
- Integrated Pest Management
- Protection of Water Resources
- Environmental Considerations in Golf Course Management

- Underground Storage Tank Selection and Installation
- Scouting, Sampling and Monitoring Golf Course Pests

Because of the importance of groundwater protection and new Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regulations, GCSAA is hosting a special UST symposium at 1:00 p.m., Monday, February 11. Donald E. Hearn, CGCS, a GCSAA past president, will serve as moderator for a panel discussion and question-and-answer period.

The panel will feature Robert Klitz,

superintendent at Inverrary Country Club in Coral Springs, Florida; Ed Kettenbrink, Ph.D., senior consultant at Advanced Environmental specialists; Robert Yoos, environmental scientist at Franklin Associates; Lee Daniels, representative from EPA's Region VII; and Richard Shanks, president of Jardine Insurance Brokers of Kansas City.

The panel will discuss UST selection, installation, closure and monitoring. Information will be presented on legal requirements that affect an estimated 85% of all golf facilities.

### CAGCS NOTES

Have you paid your 1991 membership dues? As of now, we still have some member who have not paid their 1991 membership dues! All dues notices (and second notices) have been sent out. Anyone who has not received a dues notice should contact John Streeter (387-1892 or 387-6286).

The 1991 Membership Cards are in the process of being prepared and will shortly be forwarded to all members who have paid their 1991 dues.

The 1991 Green Book will be going to print in the near future.

If you have not paid your membership dues and/or returned the information sheet, you will not be inserted in the 1991 Green Book.

### Posting is now law!!!

In case you have not heard, the Connecticut Legislature, after many hours of review and political rhetoric, has finally adopted and passed the pesticide posting and notification laws for all pesticide users in Connecticut.

In short, what these laws mean is that if you apply pesticides you must post. Different regulations have been set accordingly for the various groups of applicators (golf courses, commercial applicators, homeowners).

Thanks to the efforts of PPUC, the regulations for golf courses are pretty straight forward. Generally, golf courses will have to post at point of registration at the first and tenth tees.

The sign for posting must also meet certain criteria. It must state (1) Pesticides have been applied within the last 24 hours; (2) It must indicate the areas to which pesticides have been applied; and (3) It must provide a contact person in case anyone would like some information on the pesticide that was used that particular day. The sign itself must also be of a certain size and be posted to certain dimensions.

All of the regulations are available from DEP. If you have not obtained a copy as of yet, you may do so by contacting the Department of Environmental Protection, 165 Capitol Avenue, Hartford, CT, 06115 (566-5599).

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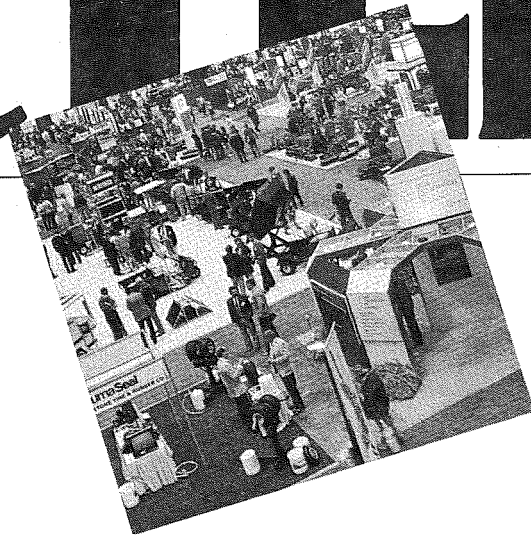
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It's the largest trade show in golf course management, with booths by virtually every supplier in the business. And it's a learning experience, too, with sessions and presentations by leading industry specialists, progressive fellow superintendents and outstanding university researchers.

Once a year it's the one place to be for anybody who cares about keeping golf green.

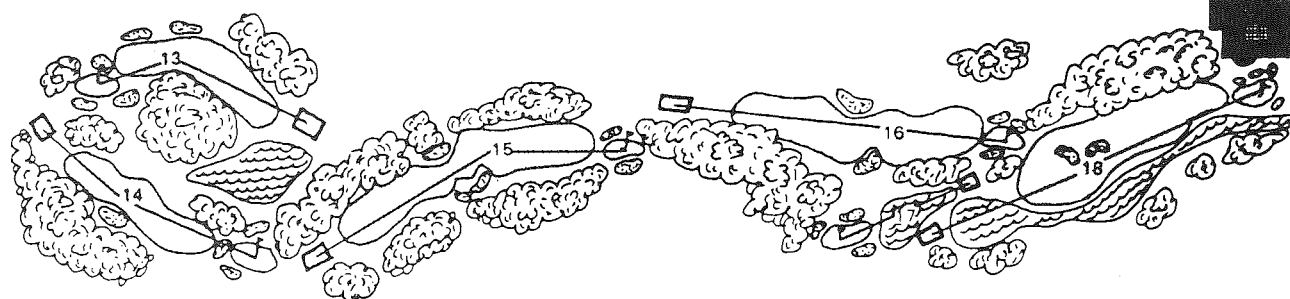


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## Calendar

CONNECTICUT ASSOCIATION OF GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENTS

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	HOST
February 4 - 12	GCSAA International Conference & Show	Las Vegas, Nevada	GCSAA
March 5, 6 & 7	Massachusetts Turfgrass Conference & Show	Civic Center Springfield, MA	MA Turf & Lawn Grass Association GCSA of NE U/Mass/Amherst
March TBA	CAGCS Monthly Meeting	Ramada Inn Meriden, CT	CAGCS
April TBA	CAGCS Monthly Meeting	New Haven Country Club New Haven, CT	Jim MacDonald
May TBA	CAGCS Monthly Meeting	Hartford Golf Club Hartford, CT	Herb Watson
June 25	CAGCS Annual Invitational Tournament	Woodbridge Country Club Woodbridge, CT	John F. Streeter
July TBA	CAGCS Monthly Meeting	Willimantic Country Club Willimantic, CT	Steve Rackliffe

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