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Newsletter

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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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A final word from our outgoing President

Thomas Watroba

I'm back! One final message before I comfortably drift into the Immediate Past President's position. I want to apologize for disappearing from the last couple of issues. I probably could give you a variety of excuses as to why no president's messages were printed ... family concerns, the long season, more pressing association matters, etc. etc., but I won't. The fact of the matter is that they were written, but rejected for publication by me. I'll give you a little background. Just before I was elected president of CAGCS, I promised myself that messages written for the newsletter would be honest, relevant, and concerned with issues about which I felt were important to comment. Otherwise, I would write nothing. I believe I kept the promise, the only problem being there were an awful lot of goose eggs on the scoreboard.

I thought you might be interested in some of the ideas and issues I had written about that only made it to the recycled paper bin. One of my disappointments was the article I wrote concerning the environment and the environmentalAL movement. In thought, it sounded great, hard hitting, political, the real truth. On paper, it was fair at best. The death knell came at a board meeting when we were discussing a similar editorial in *Golf Course News*. It's reaching the wrong people. The people for whom the message was intended will not be reading the *Connecticut Clippings*.

Another message that was never printed was intended as a summer diversion. While we were all struggling through the heat and drought of summer, I thought I could improve everyone's morale by showing you examples of some real bad summers. I planned to do this by recounting disasters and tradgedies that occurred throughout history during the heat of summer. It was a disaster all right. Somehow recounting Alexander the Great's seige of Gaza in 332 B.C. or General Pickett's July charge at Gettysburg in 1863 didn't seem relevant. Actually, after reading it once or twice, it was rather depressing. Another goose egg.

My biggest disappointment or more aptly put the message I thought would be my best effort was the one about Lawrence, Kansas. It all started when one of my golfing neighbors asked me if we had a national headquarters in Florida like the P.G.A. has. Of course, the usual scenario followed. "No, ours is in Lawrence, Kansas." "Where? Why Lawrence, Kansas?" So I had this brainstorm to write a tongue and cheek message based on this conversation. I was going to tell you how proud we as New Englanders should be of GCSAA's home. After all, Lawrence, Kansas, was named after none other than Amos Lawrence, a blue blooded Bostonian abolitionist. During the "Bleeding Kansas" years, Lawrence was the headquarters for Yankee abolitionists and free-soilers. During the Civil War, Lawrence was

nearly burned to the ground twice and many of its inhabitants murdered. These attacks were led by William Quantrill and "Bloody Bill Anderson" under the guise of the Confederacy. Actually, they were a gang of ruthless murderers. History has neglected these two but not some of their fellow gang members. The Youngers brothers and Frank and Jesse James received their "education" in and around Lawrence. Indulge me, I've been dying to write about this.

Included in this message was a list of reasons why we don't have our national headquarters in Florida. Such as: we might have to build it near a golf course. Great stuff, right? Well, the James McLaughlin matter was just resurfacing at the time, and another newsletter had just printed a very negative article concerning this issue. I reconsidered. I felt my message would be a cheap shot at GCSAA and president Steve Cadenelli. My opinion on this whole affair is that GCSAA is an organization suffering growing pains. I sincerely believe GCSAA has the leadership and strength to overcome this affair and continue to prosper.

So there you have it. The ones that almost didn't make it to print.

I'd like to take this opportunity to once again thank the hard working board of directors of CAGCS, committee people, commercial contributors, meeting hosts, the membership and those who offered me advice and encouragement during the past two years. Special thanks to Pandora Wojick, Diana Autrey, my secretary, and our association secretary, Pauline Streeter, who have played an important role in improving the professionalism of our organization.

It was a privilege and an honor to serve CAGCS as president.

Sincerely, Tom Watroba

P.S. If you enjoyed my messages or would like to have me contribute future articles to the *Clippings*, (especially historical), please let me know. I enjoy writing them.



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Grass Catcher



CAGCS Annual Seminar January 7, 1992

Plans for the annual January Seminar are just about buttoned up. Education Chairman, Dave Stimson, has once again lined up an all-star cast for CAGCS' Annual Educational Show.

The seminar will be held at the Ramada Inn in Meriden on January 7th. Speakers will include Dr. Bruce Clark from Rutgers University, Dr. Cooper from the University of Massachusetts, Dr. Rossi from Michigan State, a representative from DEP to update us on the UST situation, and a special treat is incoming GCSAA President, Bill Roberts who I am sure will add a little zest to the program.

CAGCS has negotiated with the State of Connecticut for all members in attendance to receive recertification points for their pesticide licenses. A mailing will be forthcoming and we urge you to preregister as soon as possible.

CAGCS to sponsor GCSAA seminar January 13 & 14, 1992

CAGCS, in sponsorship with GCSAA, will conduct a regional seminar entitled "Environmental Considerations in Golf Course Management". The two-day seminar will be held on January 13 & 14, 1992 at the Radisson Hotel & Conference Center in

Cromwell, CT.

Dr. Winand K. Hock, Director of Pesticide Education at Penn State, and Dr. William Thomas, Oakridge Associated University's scientiest and attorney specializing in water law, coinstruct this program.

GCSAA will award 1.4 CEUs to all participants who attend and pass the examination at the conclusion of the seminar. Participants will also earn recertification credits for their pesticide licenses.

Registration forms have been sent to all members. If you have not received one and wish to attend, call GCSAA at (913)832-4444 and ask for Karen Turner.

Yale bids farewell to Harry Meusel

Harry Meusel, superintendent at Yale Golf Club for the last 42 years, was recently honored at a retirement dinner held in his honor at the Yale Golf Club.

Many dignitaries from the golf world and from the University sent accolades and well wishes to Harry and his family.

Some of the dignitaries featured were our own president, Tom Watroba, Russ Palmer from the Connecticut State Golf Association, Bill Tuttleback a longtime member of Yale and also president of the Connecticut State Golf Association. Yale University staff and directors applauded Harry for his many years of dedication to Yale and his golf course.

A letter of congratulations was read on

behalf of the President of the University. We, the members of CAGCS, wish Harry all the best in his future endeavors.

'Tis the Season

Yes, it's that time again to blow out the irrigation systems, button-up the golf courses, and huddle around the fire for the winter.

Our association will kick off its seasons greetings with the Annual Christmas Party on December 13, 1991 at the Woodbridge Country Club, Woodbridge, CT.

Social chairman, Phil Neaton, has arranged a gala event for the evening. Cocktails, hors d'oeuvres, and dinner will be featured along with a disc jockey to spin all of your favorite tunes.

So, come one and come all on December 13th and join in some cheer with your fellow colleagues.

Superintendent of the Year Award

By now you have already received your voting ballot to cast your vote for "Superintendent of the Year".

The award is the highest given to a CAGCS member and deserves your utmost attention, so that the most worthy person may be honored.

We urge you to fill out and return your ballots, as this recipient is chosen by his peers.

CAGCS Welcomes New Members

Paul Wollenberg - Class B Westwoods Country Club

Kevin Devaux - Classs B Minnechaug Golf Club

Rackliffe elected to lead CAGCS

Steven L. Rackliffe, CGCS, was elected as the 34th President of our association at the Annual Meeting which was held on November 5th at The Pilgrims Harbor Golf Club. Steve, who has served as Vice President, Secretary, Membership Chairman, and PPUC Representative, brings a no-nonsense attitude to governing our association.

Steve was instrumental in developing the bi-annual maintenance budget survey, was also our first representative to PPUC, and has been a intrigual part of the progressive development of our association.

His background in the turf industry is one of various degrees. In 1977, Steve graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture with an Associates Degree. From then on, he continued at the University of Massachusetts to obtain his BS in soil science. While at U-Mass, Steve worked under Dr. Joe Troll doing research for his Masters Degree which he obtained in 1982.

Practical experience for him came from the capable hands of Bob Silva, super-

Other results from the annual meeting and elections are:

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Dave Stimson, CGCS

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Steve resides in Lebanon, Connecticut, with his wife, Meg, and two children. He has been the superintendent at the Willimantic Country Club for the past ten years. Our association has been fortunate enough to play his golf course on a couple different occasions which has given us the opportunity to witness the capability and professionalism of our new president.



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Annual Meeting Highlights

With over 80 members in attendance, the annual meeting was well presented and well received.

Out-going president, Tom Watroba, was presented a plaque and the Past President's blazer for his work as president for the last two years.

Golf Chairman, Peter Lewis, presented the winners of the CAGCS Championship with their Waterford crystal prizes,

The association's annual budget for 1992 was reviewed and approved.



Newly elected President, Steve Rackliffe, with out-going President, Tom Watroba

Tallwood hosts Superintendent/Assistant Tournament

The Ovian brothers, proprietors of the Tallwood Golf Club, hosted the October CAGCS monthly meeting. Karnig and Mike, both past presidents and long-time members of CAGCS, graciously treated all members to a fine lunch and beverages "on the house".

Even though the rain shortened some of the participants' golf rounds, there were still some brave souls who completed 18 holes on the fine-conditioned layout at Tallwood.

Again, attendance hovered around 80, another successful CAGCS monthly meeting.

We wish to thank the Ovians for their hospitality and generosity and hope to be back at Tallwood in

Because of the inclement weather, Golf Chairman, Peter Lewis, cleverly devised tournament prizes to the future. fit all in attendance.

Following are the results of the superintendent/assistant tournament for those participants who bravely completed 18 holes:

First Place - 70 Pilgrim's Harbor Country Club Ward Weischet & Jim Gaiser

Second Place - 71 Pine Orchard Yacht & Country Club Eric Johnson & John Olovson

Third Place - 72 Country Club of Farmington Peter Lewis & John LaBrie

Fourth Place - 72 Hunter Golf Club Dick Cook & Gary DePaolo

Results from the Superintendent/Assistant Tournament for those who wisely ducked in after ten holes:

> First Place - 33 Simsbury Farms Golf Course Hank Suchinski & Larry Gauvain

Second Place - 34 H. B. Brownson Country Club Eric Cadenelli & Mike Sullivan

Third Place - 34 Highfield Country Club Mary Lizauskas & Walt Wozniak

Results from the separate scramble tournament held for those members who were unable to bring their assistants:

18 Holes Completed

Gary DePaolo & Bernard Bucholz - 72

10 Holes Completed

Karney Ovian & Roger Barrett - 33 Tom Watroba & John Callahan, Jr. - 34 Mike Ovian & Bob Kennedy - 34 Al Adaskaveg & Jim Stazowski - 35

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Scholarship & Research Tournament a Major Success

Farmington Woods Golf Club, Greg Bradley, superintendent, played host to the annual Scholarship & Research Tournament on October 1, 1991. Ninety-two golfers participated in the modified scramble format.

Jean Fena, Food and Beverage Manager, provided all golfers with a cookout lunch and a fine buffet after golf.

Rick Churchill, PGA Professional, awarded prizes after golf. The two longest drive prizes went to Chuck Myer and Eric Johnson. Closest to the pin prizes went to Barry Petrasko, Hole #4 - 8', Vin Capobianco, Hole #8 - 7', and John Motycka, Hole #13 - 7'11".

Peter Pierson, S & R Chairman, made a hole-in-one on Hole #17 - 139 yds. using an eight iron. The hole-in-one was the first of Peter's career.

Tee sponsor support reached an all-time high with 24 sponsors:

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Tourney Results

First Prize - 59.5 Turf Products	Second Prize - 60.0 Pequabuck Golf Club
Brian Pope Ward Weischet Chuck Myer Mike Chrznowski	Donald Grant Bruce Carlson Bob Douglas Peter Pierson
Third Prize - 62.0 Farmington Woods	Fourth Prize - 62.5 Tumblebrook CC
Greg Bradley Mike Dukette Matt Howland Pat Vetere	Dave Stimson Dayton Stimson Scott Stimson Cindy Johnson

The Scholarship & Research Committee wishes to thank everyone who made this tournament a strong financial success. As the largest fund raiser for scholarship and research, this tournament has continued to provide a major source of monies for our annual giving.

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EPA MAY EXTEND UST INSURANCE DEADLINE

The EPA has proposed a 14-month extension for Category IV undergound storage tank owners/operators to prove financial responsibility. The proposal which was published in the Aug. 14 Federal Register would push back the federal deadline to Dec. 31, 1992, for most golf operations with USTs. However, individual states will have the option of keeping the current October 26, 1991 deadline or extending it to match federal requirements.

EPA is now accepting comments on the proposal which was drafted under pressure from congressional representatives concerned about the financial stability of small businesses located in states without EPA-approved trust funds. Currently, 22 states have received EPA approval for UST trust funds; 12 more have submitted trust fund programs for approval.

Golf operations should be aware that, regardless of the financial assu-

rance deadline, they are already responsible for cleanup costs, third-party liability and GCSAA sponsors a low-cost UST insurance program that can assure your club or course will have the resources to survive such an incident. For details, call GCSAA's communications department at 913/832-4470.

MAINE LAW WOULD RESTRICT MUNICIPAL PESTICIDE ORDINANCES

If passed, a proposal before the Maine legislature would restrict localities from enacting pesticide laws that are different from those already in place at the state level. This particular piece of legislation would prohibit preemption of state pesticide laws in order to preserve uniformity of pesticide laws within Maine.

A copy of this piece of legislation was sent to GCSAA's chapter government relations liaisons in late August.

The

Board of Directors

of CAGCS



would like to wish

all members a

happy,

healthy and

safe

holiday season!

This type of legislation would nullify the effects of the Supreme Court decision this June (see *Briefing*, July 1991). For a copy of this bill, please call the GCSAA communications department at 913/832-4470.



Golf Course Industry's Big Show Comes to the "Big Easy"

63rd International Golf Course Conference & Show

Record-breaking attendance is expected at the 63rd International Golf Course Conference and Trade Show scheduled Feb. 10-17, 1992, in New Orleans, LA. The conference and show, considered to be the main event in the golf course industry, is hosted by GCSAA and will include more than 60 educational sessions and seminars, a three-day trade show, a gala banquet featuring a performance by Kenny Rogers, the association's annual meeting and election of officers, and the 1992 GCSAA golf championship.

Conference week opens with the annual GCSAA golf championship, scheduled Feb. 10-11 at several courses in Ponte Verde Beach, Fla. A field of about 350 will compete for individual and chapter team honors in the national tournament.

Topics ranging from golf course restoration to protection of water resources will be covered in 53 one and two-day seminars that will be offered during the first four days of the conference, Feb. 10-13. Six concurrent educational sessions are scheduled for Friday, Feb. 14, with several more educational programs scheduled for Saturday, Sunday and Monday.

Terry Bradshaw, the former National Football League quarterback who led the Pittsburgh Steelers to four Super Bowl victories, will be the keynote speaker at the Opening Session on Thursday, Feb. 13, at the New Orleans

New Orleans Convention Center February 10-17

Convention Center. Elected to the NFL Hall of Fame in 1989, Bradshaw currently serves as a studio analyst for CBS' "NFL Today." He has written several books and recently has produced the business video, "What Makes Us Great."

Nearly 600 manufacturers and distributors of golf and turf industry products, supplies and services are expected to exhibit at the trade show, which runs Feb. 15-17.

Country and pop music legend Kenny Rogers will provide entertainment at the formal closing banquet on Monday, Feb. 17. The highlight of the gala evening will be the presentation of the Old Tom Morris Award, GCSAA's highest honor. The award is given to an individual who, through a continuing selfless commitment to golf, has helped to further the game with the same dedication and inspiration demonstrated by Old Tom Morris. Previous recipients of the award include Gerald Ford, Bob Hope and Arnold Palmer.

Last year's conference and show, held in Las Vegas, Nev., drew more than 16,400 people. Almost 1,400 of those attending were international visitors and guests, representing 46 countries outside the United States.

HIGH-PROFILE SPEAKERS TO DISCUSS PESTICIDE ISSUES AT NEW ORLEANS CONFERENCE

Perspectives on and perceptions of pesticide use on golf courses will be the theme of an Environmental General Session, scheduled for Friday, Feb. 14, 1991, at the New Orleans Convention Center. The session will feature presentations by three distinguished speakers.

Jay Feldman, national coordinator of the National Coalition Against the Misuse of Pesticides (NCAMP) will outline his group's concerns about urban pesticide use. John Stossel, ABC-TV's "20/20" correspondent, will address issues related to how the media perceive and report on the pros and cons of pesticide use, and how that influences the public's perception. Victor Kimm, the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) deputy assistant administrator for pesticides and toxic substances, will provide a regulatory viewpoint and explain the agency's pollution prevention program and strategy regarding pesticides in ground-

A panel question-and-answer forum will follow the presentations.

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Commenting on the upcoming session, GCSAA President Stephen G. Cadenelli, CGCS, said, "There aren't many opportunities in a single twohour session to hear a leader of a national anti-pesticide group, an Emmywinning environmental news correspondent and a high-ranking regulatory official talk about their view on the complicated issue of pesticide use. This should be an extremely interesting and highly educational exchange."

Feldman is one of the founders of NCAMP, an organization formed in 1981, and dedicated to generating public awareness of the health and environmental risks of pesticides and promoting alternative pest management strategies that reduce or eliminate a reliance

on pesticides.

Since 1979, Feldman has regularly provided testimony for the U.S. Congress and has served as a member of EPA advisory committees. He has written numerous articles for the New York Times, Washington Post, and other daily newspapers, as well as for various environmental journals. He has appeared on network nightly news and morning news programs, as well as on local television and radio news programs across the United States and worldwide.

Since Stossel joined the ABC-TV news magazine "20/20" in June, 1981, he has reported on numerous controversial topics which make news headlines, as well as on a wide range of consumer affairs issues. During the 1989-90 season, one of his reports focused on envi-

ronmentally safe products.

The National Environmental Development Association honored Stossel last year for balance and fairness in journalism. He also has been honored five times by the National Press Club for excellence in consumer reporting, and is the recipient of 17 Emmy Awards.

Kimm joined EPA in 1971 and spent 10 years as head of the agency's drinking water program before becoming deputy assistant administrator for pesticides and toxic substances in 1985. His professional career is divided between the management of environmental programs at EPA and consulting engineering work.

GCSAA - Slate of Candidates

For President William R. Roberts, CGCS

For Vice President Joseph G. Baidy, CGCS Randy S. Nichols, CGCS

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GCSAA SCHOLARSHIP & RESEARCH COMMENDS GOLDEN TEE CLUB SUPPORTERS

Several superintendents from Connecticut provided financial support to GCSAA Scholarship & Research during the Foundation's recently completed 1990-91 fiscal year. Thirteen individuals were members of the Golden Tee Club, the grassroots support organization for GCSAA Scholarship & Research.

"Chapter and individual member support is absolutely crucial to our ability to fund turfgrass research and to offer scholarship assistance to future golf course superintendents," said Stephen G. Cadenelli, president of GCSAA. "We commend these members from Connecticut for their high level of involvement and assistance, and we urge all GCSAA members to support the future of Scholarship & Research."

Golden Tee Club membership is open to individuals who contribute \$100 or more annually and corporations, clubs, chapters and other organizations that contribute \$1,000 or

more annually to support GCSAA S&R.

Cadenelli and fellow board members noted with appreciation the following Connecticut residents who held memberships in the Golden Tee Club:

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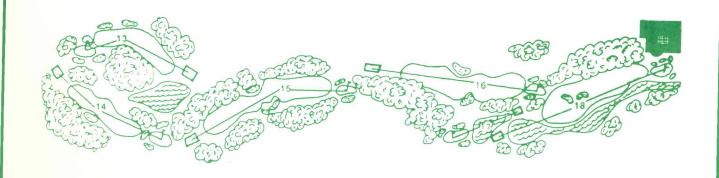
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December 2 thru 4	New Jersey Turfgrass Expo 1991	Garden State Exhibit & Convention Ctr. Somerset, New Jersey	New Jersey Turfgrass Association
December 13	CAGCS Christmas Party	Woodbridge Country Club Woodbridge, CT	CAGCS
January 7 1992	CAGCS Annual Seminar	Ramada Inn Meriden, CT	CAGCS
January 9 & 10 1992	New Hampshire Turf Conference	Center of New Hampshire Manchester, NH	NH Golf Superintendents
January 13 & 14 1992	GCSAA/CAGCS Regional Seminar "Environmental Considerations in Golf Course Management"	Radisson Hotel & Conference Center Cromwell, CT	GCSAA/CAGCS
February 10 & 11 1992	GCSAA Golf Championships	Ponte Verde, Florida	GCSAA
February 12 - 18 1992	GCSAA International Turf Conference	New Orleans, LA	GCSAA

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