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John F. Streeter, CGCS, Editor

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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## President's Message

*Steven L. Rackliffe, CGCS*

Firstly, let me thank you for electing me to serve the Association as President. I have been a member of the Association since 1982 and for the past ten years, I have had the opportunity to learn and grow through communicating and sharing experiences with fellow members.

However, every now and then I hear a member criticize the Association for not "doing anything" for its members. Comments such as these irritate me to no end. Those who feel this way should take a closer look at the Association and its accomplishments over the years - all of which have been done by hard-working volunteers.

We are a small organization with a large voice ... a voice which is heard on both the national and state levels. CAGCS has had three of its own past presidents obtain the Presidential post of GCSAA (Charlie Baskin, Robert Osterman and Stephen Cadenelli). I am sure that ideas spawned and values learned as they held office in CAGCS helped guide them in their very successful terms as President of GCSAA. Also on the national level, many of our members have been appointed to committees to help guide the future of GCSAA on issues such as education, membership and the environment.

On the state level, CAGCS played an integral part in the formation of the nationally recognized organization of Professional Pesticide Users of Connecticut (PPUC) which has allowed us, as turf managers, to carry out our business under workable and rational laws.

CAGCS has provided thousands of dollars in scholarships to its members, their families and their employees and has also donated thousands of dollars toward research projects which benefit our profession. It has offered and will continue to offer educational programs to its members, such as speakers at our monthly meetings, January Seminars, GCSAA seminar, and last but not least, the Golf Summit (held in conjunction with the CT State Golf Association, CT State PGA, CT Managers' Association, and CAGCS on March 14) which was an enormous success.

The saying goes, "A chain is as strong as its weakest link." Need I say more? Let's strive to unite!!!

There are many things CAGCS means to each and every one of us. The most important thing it means to me is the friendships I have made and continue to make. I know if I have a question or a problem that there are 250+ fellow members I can call for help or advice. CAGCS is truly a great organization. I urge all of its members to get involved and support CAGCS and your fellow members.

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# A trip to The Masters

John F. Streeter, CGCS

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The alarm rang at 5:00 a.m. April 9, 1992. At that time I knew a dream was becoming a reality. For all of my adult life and most of my earlier years, the Masters, just like the World Series, Final Four, the Super Bowl, was always an intrigal sporting event in my life.

I had known for quite some time that this journey would be taking place; but, not until I pulled onto the highway with my colleagues, was I sure Augusta was soon to be seen with my own eyes.

The events of the day uncurled in an easy and fashionable manner. We boarded our plane and took off on time. Yeah ... American Airlines!!!

Sometime that afternoon we arrived at the gates of Augusta. To my surprise, the checkin for superintendents was both convenient and hospitable. Now it was time to enter probably the greatest theatre golf has to offer.

We passed the famous score board and walked onto the luscious and manicured rolling terrain of Augusta National. We had arrived!!!

Being in awe for the first couple hours at Augusta was my state of mind. The curling putts and the famous PGA pros did not turn my attention away from the things which contribute to this majestic golf course ... Wall-to-wall closely cropped, pure, rye grass adorned by meticulously landscaped, non-turf areas ... Undulating and slick bent greens, white sanded bunkers groomed to perfection.

The beauty of Augusta cannot be captured through the television screen. Dean Beaman thought he discovered spectator golf; but, in my opinion, Augusta National is the frontrunner. Acres and acres of rolling terrain provide ample area for spectator golf.

What a privilege our National Association has given to its Gold Card

Members in reference to being able to attend such an event. Tickets are literally non-existent, and yet, superintendents are given the opportunity to attend this international event. Any Class A member who has not considered taking advantage of this privilege should strongly consider doing so at some time.

Throughout the next few days of the tournament, after many hours and miles, we managed to experience every inch of this majestic place. As we trucked from hole to hole, I was determined to find a flaw. It was not to be. I have never seen a golf course that was hosting an event such as this, or

*I was determined to find a flaw... It was not to be.*

for that matter any event of competition, and not have one single area marked with that dreaded white paint to indicate "free lift". To the average "Joe" this may not even enter his mind, but being in this business of golf course management, can you imagine having your course so perfect that not one can of white paint has to be put into battle. Not a stone, a pot hole or a weed was to be seen anywhere within Augusta's confines.

"Oh what can be accomplished with "carte blanche!!!".

Truly, the conditions must be contributed equally to the meticulous and comprehensive management procedures practiced by the Superintendent, and of course, the no-holds barred attitude from the architects and contractors who were responsible for this magnificent creation.

Thanks to Mother Nature on Satur-

day, we had the chance to spend the rain delay at the maintenance facility. Everything is a secret at Augusta. From the stimp reading to the heights of cut on the various mowing apparatus. However we did manage to extract some information from the head mechanic, who so graciously welcomed us to stay during the inclimate weather.

The crew for the week of the Masters numbers 82 people, who are scheduled from 6 a.m. 'till 7 p.m. Every crew member is scheduled for a particular task every hour of the day every day of the tournament. There are crews for stimp meter reading to litter removal. Fairways are cut with 12 mowers in 1 1/2 hours (a record set on Thursday night). We counted 20 hand blowers, and got to watch the squeegee crew attack the water logged greens after heavy rains on Saturday. Yes, the visit to the maintenance area was one of the fond memories I took home.

After the rains had ceased on Saturday, our last day, we found ourselves touring the infamous Amen Corner one more time. As the sun set on Augusta National, and the last players marked their balls for resumption of play on Sunday, we found ourselves literally alone with the silence and beauty of this golf course. Our last position had been at the 17th green, so the most obvious route of travel was to proceed to #18 and out of the gates. As we approached, I thought to myself, "Of all the history synonymous with 18 at Augusta, what an experience it must be to walk 18 at Augusta". It doesn't matter if you're 10 over or 10 under - the reception is consistent. After a brief conference, my colleagues and I decided that this would an opportunity for four Superintendents to walk up the middle of #18. The officials had left; this was our last day at The Masters; and all that was left to do was to make the walk. There were no cheers to be heard as we approached the green, but I felt a cheer inside that I will never forget.

Well sports fans, that is the long and short of a trip to Augusta. It was an experience that I will surely encounter again.



## News from GCSAA

### GCSAA CONFERENCE & SHOW A BIG SUCCESS

More than 15,000 superintendents, turfgrass professionals and suppliers to the golf course industry attended the 1992 International Golf Course Conference and Show recently in New Orleans, LA.

The conference and show exposed attendees to a wide variety of continuing educational programs and the latest in golf course management products and services.

A record 593 exhibitors showcased their products and services during the three day trade show at the New Orleans Convention Center. The exhi-

bition covered nearly 172,000 square feet.

Nearly 1,600 registrants represented 44 foreign countries at the conference, which offered 52 continuing educational seminars, including one for the international attendees. Overall, nearly 2,700 participants attended classes on environmental and water resource management, course design and more.

Terry Bradshaw, National Football League Hall of Fame quarterback, delivered the keynote speech at the opening session.

A standing-room-only crowd of 2,200 heard Jay Feldman, National Coordinator of the National Coalition Against the Misuse of Pesticides; Victor Kimm, Deputy Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency; and John Stossel, news analyst and environmental reporter for ABC's "20-20" program, debate the pros and cons of pesticide use at the Environmental General Session.

William R. Roberts, CGCS, was elected GCSAA President for 1992-93 at the Association's annual meeting. Randy Nichols, CGCS, was elected Vice President, and Joseph G. Baidy, CGCS, was appointed Secretary/Treasurer.

Tom Watson, professional golf legend, was presented with GCSAA's highest honor, the Old Tom Morris Award, at the gala closing banquet following the meeting. Recording artist, Kenny Rogers provided the evening's entertainment following the banquet.

The 64th International Golf Course Conference and Show will be held January 23-30, 1993, at the Anaheim Convention Center in Anaheim, California.

### Recommended bylaws changes unveiled to GCSAA members

If proposed changes to the bylaws of the GCSAA are enacted at the 1993 annual meeting in Anaheim, CA:

- Each eligible GCSAA member will be empowered to vote for candidates for office and on other business matters at the annual meeting. Currently, only GCSAA chapter delegates are allowed to vote.

- The Board of Directors will be authorized to set annual dues, currently set by the membership, for all membership classes.

- The Board will have authority to change membership classification requirements, presently codified in the bylaws and requiring a two-thirds majority to change.

Other bylaws changes would allow amendments to the Association's stated purpose and definition of golf course superintendent, add membership classes (including non-superintendents), change nominating committee procedures, and change the vote required to amend bylaws from two-thirds to a simple majority.

GCSAA President William R. Roberts, CGCS, presented the proposed bylaws changes recommended by the Organizational Study Committee, to voting delegates at the Association's recent conference and show in New Orleans.

Roberts stressed that the Association is a "business in a competitive business environment. It is our aim to establish organizational parameters that allow for a maximum degree of competitiveness in a dynamic business environment." Noting that the bylaws had stood since the founding of the



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## GCSAA, continued

### Personnel management guidelines offered in GCSAA model handbook

A sample handbook for setting policy, writing job descriptions, developing pay scales, and handling other golf course personnel management issues, is now available from GCSAA.

The handbook, available to both members and non-members, was developed to assist golf course superintendents in developing their own personnel manuals, tailored to their club's existing personnel policies.

Topics covered include employment status, work schedules and pay, attendance, employee conduct, performance reviews, standards of conduct, employee benefits, guidelines, employment laws and job descriptions.

Sample general duties and job requirements are listed for the assistant

superintendent, equipment mechanic and his assistant, foreman, equipment operator, irrigation specialist, chemical technician, gardener-triplex operator, landscape gardener and groundskeeper in the "job descriptions" section of the manual.

The model handbook is priced at \$10 for GCSAA members and \$15 for non-members, and is available through GCSAA Membership Department, 913/832-4480.

### Bylaws changes, continued from page 3

Association, "one must ask whether a set of operational parameters that were initiated in 1926 haven't become (instead) operational limitations that restrict our ability to realize our full potential impact on the industry."

Roberts said any feat of decision-making being concentrated in the hands of too few is "unfounded." "The membership retains final authority over direction of Association affairs through the election process," he noted.

Members of the committee which made the recommendations were: Roberts, Randall P. Zidik, CGCS; Joseph M. Hahn, CGCS; Dennis J. Orsborn; Charles G. Baskin, CGCS; Michael K. Fabrizio, CGCS; and Randolph Russell.

### GCSAA 1992-93 Board of Directors

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# Grass Catcher



## Connecticut Club Association is formed

The Connecticut Club Association was incorporated on February 11, 1992. Its purpose is to take appropriate steps to further the common business interests of Connecticut private tax exempt social clubs. The Association has retained a governmental relations firm to represent the member clubs before the Connecticut General Assembly.

On the agenda as of date are the efforts to obtain the repeal of the 6% sales tax on club dues and initiation fees.

Arrange for your club to join now, as your financial support is essential to the operation of the association.

Contact the Connecticut Club Association, Inc., 134 Norwood Road, West Hartford, CT, 06117.

## Local boys do well at National Tourney

John E. Callahan of The Cardinals stroked his way to the Low Net Championship of the Affiliate Division during the Annual GCSAA Championships in Jacksonville, FL.

Paul Jamrog, superintendent of The Orchards Club, claimed the net prize in the First Flight of the tournament.

Congratulations, and let's check those handicaps, boys!!!

The 1993 GCSAA Golf Championship will be held January 23 & 24 in San Diego, CA.

## Connecticut Sharp Shooters

After a long hard day conventioning, superintendents gathered at the annual Turf Products sponsored Hall of Fame Shootout held during the U-Mass Turf Conference.

Steve Rackliffe, Tom Watroba, and Dave Roule hit the nets and placed 2nd, 3rd and 4th, respectively.

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## Summer Patch Prevention Briefing

When soil temperatures reach 60° to 65° for 4 or 5 consecutive days, it is time to begin preventative spraying for summer patch.

Begin treatments at this time and repeat 2 to 3 times at 21 to 28-day intervals. Recommended fungicides include Rubigan, Bayleton, Banner and the Benzimidazoles.

Soil temperatures should be taken at a 2" depth at 2:00 p.m.

*Courtesy of Dr. Bruce Clark.*

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## Reroutings

Dennis Houle, former assistant at Brooklawn Country Club, is now the new head superintendent at Yale Golf Course.

Larry Barrett, former assistant at Ellington Ridge, is now the new superintendent at Tallwood Country Club.

Congratulations and best of luck!

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## New Members

*Walter Beck - Class A  
Whippemon Golf Club*

*Robert Dawley - Class B  
Norwich Golf Club*

*Larry Gauvain - Class B  
Simsbury Farms Golf Club*

## Congratulations

to Bob and Karen Reinhold on the birth of their new son, *Evan Craig.*

## In Memoriam

John Halibozek died this past March after a brief illness. John was the superintendent at Clinton Country Club and is survived by his wife, Beatrice, and two sons.

Mrs. Halibozek wanted to pass along her thanks to all who attended the funeral, and who sent flowers and cards.

John was a beloved member of our Association and will be sadly missed.

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## GOLF SUMMIT

The inaugural Connecticut Golf Summit was held Saturday, March 14, 1992 at the Rocky Hill Marriott in Rocky Hill, CT. The coordinators of this historic event, representatives of CSGA, CT Section PGA, CT Club Managers, and CAGCS believe it was an unqualified success, with paid registration numbering over 200 people.

To our knowledge, it is the first time every major golf organization within the state cooperated in jointly sponsoring a seminar of this type.

The purpose of the Summit was to bring together an informed group of golf experts to share their views and advice for the benefit of those in attendance. The program was targeted for club officials, committee chairpeople, managers, golf course superintendents, professionals, and other individuals with a special interest in golf in Connecticut.

Each golf organization contributed speakers to serve as workshop leaders in concurrently run seminars. The CAGCS sponsored workshop, *Golf Courses and the Environmental Challenge*, was well attended. Excellent presentations were given by Don Kily and Steve Cadenelli.

A significant amount of credit is due Russ Palmer, Executive Director of CSGA and Chairman of the Summit Coordinators. His enthusiasm and energy for this project (which was his concept) never wavered through the many months of meetings prior to the Summit.

I would like to thank the Class A members of CAGCS and their club officials who supported this event and a special thanks to Steve Rackliffe for his assistance during the planning stages and throughout the event. I am anticipating an even more successful 1993 Connecticut Golf Summit.

On behalf of the Board of Governors and members of CAGCS, a special thanks to past president, Tom Watroba, for being a forerunner among the Association leaders in organizing this event.

### CAGCS Invitational June 1, 1992

To all Class A CAGCS Members...Mark aside June 1st on your calendar and come and enjoy the day with your club officials at the CAGCS Invitational.

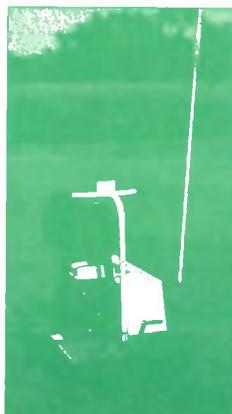
As in the past, this day promises to be the premier event of our Association. The opportunity for us to join in a day of professionalism and comradery with our club officials is one not to pass up.

This year's Invitational will be held at the Country Club of Waterbury hosted by Charles Baskin, CGCS. A full decor of food and beverages, favors, and gross and net prizes will garnish the day's activities.

Look for your invitation and be sure to make every effort to attend.

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Depending on when your tanks were installed (refer to chart below), you will be required to have leak detection, corrosion protection and overfill prevention. The UST insurance deadline has been extended to 1993, but it is not too early to start, especially if you are not in compliance, updating or replacing your existing UST.

You may not be able to obtain UST insurance if you are not in compliance with all requirements.

TYPE OF TANK & PIPING	LEAK DETECTION	CORROSION PROTECTION	SPILL/OVERFILL PREVENTION
New Tanks & Piping*	At installation	At installation	At installation
Existing Tanks** Installed	By No Later Than:		
Before 1965 or unknown	December, 1989		
1965-1969	December, 1990		
1970-1974	December, 1991	December, 1998	December, 1998
1975-1070	December, 1992		
1980-December, 1988	December, 1993		
Existing Piping**			
Pressurized	December, 1990	December, 1998	Does not apply
Suction	Same as existing tanks	December, 1998	Does not apply

\*New tanks and piping are those installed after December, 1988

\*\*Existing tanks and piping are those installed before December, 1988

**IMPORTANT!** This information is only a brief explanation of Federal EPA requirements. Other requirements affecting your site may exist.

# C A G C S

## 1 9 9 2 MONTHLY

### MEETING SCHEDULE

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April 21

Norwich Golf Course  
Norwich, CT  
Bruce Morse, Supt.  
*Blind Draw (Two Ball, Best Ball)*

August 17 (Monday)

*Annual CAGCS Family Day & Picnic*  
Cook's Park  
East Lyme, CT  
Brian Skelly, Social Chairman

May 12

Wallingford Country Club  
Wallingford, CT  
Scott Gennings, Supt.  
*First Round*  
*CAGCS Championship*  
*Met Team Qualifying*

September 22

Greenwich Country Club  
Greenwich, CT  
Greg Wojick, CGCS, Supt.  
*President's & McLaughlin Trophies*  
*(Gross & Net)*

June 1

Country Club of Waterbury  
Waterbury, CT  
Charles G. Baskin, CGCS, Supt.  
*CAGCS Invitational*

October 6

Golf Club of Avon  
Avon, CT  
James Medeiros, CGCS, Supt.  
*Scholarship & Research Tournament*

June 16

Cliffside Country Club  
Simsbury, CT  
Scott Ramsay, Supt.  
*Second Round*  
*CAGCS Championship &*  
*Met Team Qualifying*

October 19

Country Club of Torrington  
Torrington, CT  
Ed Goodhouse, Supt.

July 14

Westwoods Golf Course  
Farmington, CT  
Kevin D'Amico, CGCS, Supt.  
*Stableford Tournament*

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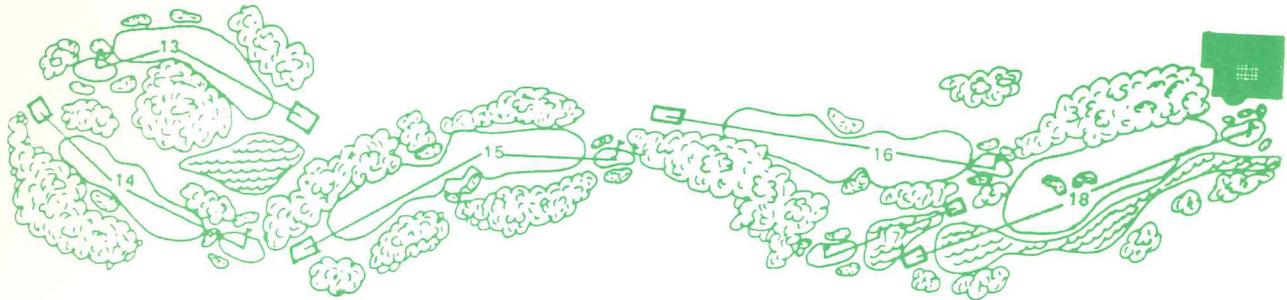
Rock Ridge Country Club  
Newtown, CT  
Bob Welch, Supt.  
*CAGCS Annual Meeting*

See reverse side for  
CAGCS monthly meeting policies

# *CAGCS MONTHLY MEETING POLICIES*

1. Members and guests who play golf must pay for meals served on that day, unless otherwise specified. Reservations will be made by specified deadline.
2. **Reservations are a must.** If you make a reservation and fail to attend, you will be responsible for the price of the meals. If you attend a CAGCS monthly meeting and fail to make a reservation, you will be charged an additional \$20.
3. Your return post card **must** list the names, with handicaps, of your foursome. If you do not have a foursome, we will pair you.
4. Immediately after your round, score cards must be turned in at score table or Pro Shop with your full name, the total score, and they must be signed and attested. Failure to do so could result in disqualification.

# The Clippings



## Calendar

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DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	HOST
May 12	CAGCS Monthly Meeting	Wallingford Country Club Wallingford, CT	Scott Gennings
June 1	CAGCS Invitational	Country Club of Waterbury Waterbury, CT	Charles Baskin, CGCS
June 16	CAGCS Monthly Meeting	Cliffside Country Club Simsbury, CT	Scott Ramsay
July 14	CAGCS Monthly Meeting	Westwoods Golf Course Farmington, CT	Kevin D'Amico, CGCS
August 17	CAGCS Family Day & Picnic	Cook's Park East Lyme, CT	CAGCS
September 22	CAGCS Monthly Meeting	Greenwich Country Club Greenwich, CT	Gregory Wojick, CGCS
October 6	CAGCS Scholarship & Research Tournament	Golf Club of Avon	James Medeiros, CGCS

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