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President's Message

John F. Streeter, CGCS CAGCS President

As the old saying goes, "There's been a lot of water over the dam" since the last time I wrote to you. Boy, how I wish that were true!!!

Needless to say, this has been one of the toughest seasons that I have faced in my upteen years of golf course wars. Whether your golf course is located in those frequented thunderstorm areas or you are in my kind of territory where they just keep going around us, it has been a trying year for all. I hope at this writing to find you all well and September is around the corner. So, hang in there!

This and that ...

Are you interested?

It's that time of year again when the Nominating Chairperson of CAGCS will be soliciting members to serve on the Board of Directors.

It is your participation, diversified thoughts and ideas that contribute to the success and well-being of this

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Excerpts from Turfgrass Entomology Workshop

by Steve Alm, URI Entomologist

(This article was reprinted from the RIGCSA newletter, Surf n' Turf)

Every year for the past 10 years, turfgrass entomologists from the Northeast and Midwest (and recently from the South) have been getting together for a a day and a half to exchange information and research data. I have attended the last six workshops and I have just returned from the most recent meeting in Wilmington, NC. In this article, I'll try to pass on what I learned.

Oriental Beetle Pheromone

I am very pleased to be working with Dr. Mike Villani (Cornell) on development and testing of a pheromone (sex attractant) for Oriental beetle (OB) monitoring and population suppression. The OB, as you have heard, is fast becoming a major white grub pest of turf in many areas of Rhode Island, Connecticut, Westchester County and Long Island, NY. Last Fall, for example, I could find more turfgrass infested with OBs than Japanese beetles (JP). Since adult OBs are rarely noticed and the larvae look, behave, and cause turf damage nearly identical to JBs, a phero-

mone trap should be very useful in determing if you have the beetle in your area. Since the pheromone is only attractive to males, there is no danger of creating an infestation in your area by use of traps since the egg laying females will not be attracted. This trap then is unlike the JB trap and lure systems where a floral lure attracts femals and a pheromone attracts males. Grub species can be identified by use of a hand lens or microscope. The life cycle and control of the OB is also nearly identical to the JB, except OBs emerge about one week earlier. Please let me know (401/792-5998) if you have a grub population but didn't notice any JB adults. This is an indication you may have OBs.

Subsurface Placement of Insecticides

Several companies (Ryan, Dole, Toro) are involved in developing or modifying some of their existing equipment to try to place either granular or liquid pesticide formulations beneath the thatch to increase product

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I am very pleased to announce that for the first time in a long time, we had a membership meeting where there was not one person who showed up without a reservation. The efforts of our staff person and enforcement of our CAGCS meeting policies have shown their worth and have alleviated the many "no shows" and "walk ins" that contribute to chaos. Congratulations to all... keep up the good work.

The latest news out of GCSAA for those of you who have not

heard, our Immediate Past President, Bill Roberts, has recently resigned from the Board of Directors. As President, I received a letter from Mr. Roberts explaining his reasons for resignation.

I will be addressing this letter and Mr. Nichols' response at our next board meeting. Evidently, it seems the philosophy that the new Board of Governors is putting forth is in direct contrast to the ideas of Mr. Roberts.

Who is to say which is right and which is wrong is something I am not qualified to say at this time. However, I, along with 113 other chapter representatives, will be attending a two-day meeting at National Headquarters in Lawrence, KS, on the 25th and 26th of September.

The reasoning behind the meeting is somewhat unclear to me at this time, and I am hopeful that I will leave Kansas with a better understanding of what is right and wrong for GCSAA and its membership. I will be happy to report to you my findings upon returning. If any of you have other concerns or questions about GCSAA, feel free to give me a call, and I will bring them to the table when I go to Kansas.

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Entomology Workshop

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efficacy and decrease exposure to nontargets (people, pets, birds, etc.). The general feeling at this point in time is that the present equipment is too slow and that between 30% - 80% of the product is depositing in the slit depending upon the equipment used.

EPA and Turf Insecticides

EPA is taking a look at 14 turf insecticides in a benefit/risk analysis. They are looking at turf insecticide because there is public perception that there may be over and/or misuse of pesticides on turf. And as the EPA representatives explained, "public concern gets translated into congressional action." EPA did not reveal what action they are contemplating.

Industry Update

Nor-Am: Turcam label changes --

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- 2. Avoid applications in ecological sensitive areas (i.e., adjacent to wetlands or wildlife preserves) or to areas where birds are known to feed (i.e., near bird feeders or near ponds where waterfowl graze or feed).
- 3. Subsurface application is recommended for grubs.
- 4. Irrigate as soon as possible, preferably within six hours after completing applications with 1/4"-3/4" of

water to encourage movement of Turcam 2.5G into soil and to reduce chances of contact with non-target organisms.

5. Irrigation prior to application in dry conditions may improve product performance.

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Lesco - new products: Lesco Crusade 5G and Mainstay 2.5G. These both contain fonofos, an insecticide I have had good control of white grubs except where there was a thick thatch layer (greater than 1/2").

O. M. Scott - New for 1993, a neem (botanical insecticide) based product called Turplex for Lepidoptera larvae (black cutworm, armyworms, sod webworms). This material needs to be applied when black cutworms are in the first few instars to prevent damage.

Biosys/Ciba - Exhibit beneficial nematodes should be available in an easier to use flowable formulation in 1993.

Miles - Merit insecticide should have a conditional EPA registration any day now. This material can be applied in May and control grubs in the Fall. It is not very effective against chinch bugs or Lepidoptera (black cutworms, armyworms, sod webworms).

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Mike Wallace, CGCS, Supt. Hop Meadow Country Club

Mike is a second generation superintendent. His father, Roger, moved down from New Hampshire to become superintendent at Farmington Country Club and then Edgewood Club. Mike decided to follow in his footsteps for the opportunity to work outdoors and manage a piece of property. He went on to graduate top of his class in 1970 from the University of Massachusetts and became assistant superintendent at Rockledge Country Club. After spending 11 years there, Mike accepted the same position at the Hop Meadow Country Club. "I saw this as a club with a lot of potential".

In 1960, trustees of the McLean estate envisioned a family-oriented golf and country club where the Holly Dairy Farm once stood. The trustees established a planning committee that year and hired Geoffrey Cornish to proceed. By 1961, Hop Meadow's founding members were enrolled and construction began. The pool and tennis courts were built at the same time.

Duey Stanhope, who had been superitendent for more than 11 years, stayed on to assist Mike. The transition was a smooth one and Duey provided Mike with a wealth of information.

In Mike's second year, he presented a long term plan for the golf course to the membership and worked in conjunction with the manager on a plan

June 8th meeting hosted by Hop Meadow Country Club Michael Wallace, CGCS, Superintendent

for the entire facility. Redoing the pool was the first part of the plan and then the platform tennis. Finally, they hired William Love to design the reconstruction.

Mike started working with subscontractors, but communication with them was a problem he couldn't overcome. So, Mike suggested to the membership that the work be done in house. For the past several years, after Labor Day, the Hop Meadow crew tears up part of the course, under Mike's direction, and by Memorial Day has it reshaped into a greatly improved section of the course.

Hop Meadow is extremely happy with the way the course is shaping up and Mike has found "great satisfaction" from all of his efforts. "Some people paint with a paint brush, I use a bull-dozer."

Mike has four children, Tye (graduated from Rensselaer Polk Tech and is 1st Lieutenant in the Marines. He lead both landings in Somalia); Grier (studying at Bates College); Ian (studying at Carleton College); and Sian (who will be attending Southern Connecticut State College in the Fall.)

Mike served as President of CAGCS from 1982-1983 and received the prestigious Superintendent of the Year Award in 1990. When asked what he will do when all the construction is over - Mike re-

plied, "a lot of fine tuning".

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Golf results

0 - 11 Handicap

Low Gross Ted Carey - 71 Mike Dukette - 73

Low Net
Tom Watroba - 68
Jim Staszowski - 70
Frank Lamphier - 71
Dave Wallace - 71

12 - 24 Handicap

Low Gross Roger Barrett - 80 Peter Lewis - 88 Scott Ramsay - 89

Low Net Bob Osterman - 73 Kevin D'Amico - 74 John Labrie - 75 Jim Medeiros - 75

25 - 36 Handicap

Low Gross Andy Noble - 91 Joe Zering - 106

Low Net Scott Gennings - 69 Jon Case - 70 Larry Gauvain - 77



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Peter Pierson captures CAGCS golf championship

Peter Pierson of the Pequabuck Golf Club went on to capture low honors in the annual CAGCS Golf Championship. Pierson's 76 was posted at The Farms Country Club in May, with a fine 77 at Hop Meadow Country Club in June proved to be the winning numbers for this year's gross trophy.

In the Net Division, Tom Watroba, Suffield Country Club, walked away with the net trophy. Tom stroked his way to a net 73 and 68, respectively, for a total of 141.

In the Senior Division, our perrenial Frank Lamphier, Aspetuck Valley Country Club, once again came through to take home the first prize in the gross category shooting a total of 164.

In the net bracket of the Senior Division, Dick Cook, Hunter Golf Course, took home the first prize, posting a score of 152.

In the Affiliate Division, the gross champion was Mike Dukette, Pro-Lawn Products, Inc., with a score of 155, and the net champion was Dave Wallace, Tee & Green Sod, posting a score of 141.



12 - 24 Handicap

Low Gross - Scott Ramsay - 171 Low Net - Peter Lewis - 152

25 - 36 Handicap

Low Gross - Scott Gennings - 193 Low Net - Jon Case - 141



CAGCS Champion, Peter Pierson (right) and Net Winner, Tom Watroba (left).



Championship winners Scott Gennings, Frank Lamphier, and Peter Lewis.

Met Area Team

The 1993 Annual Met Area Team Championship will compete in October at Arcola Lakes Country Club in New Jersey. The gross team from the Connecticut group will be comprised of Peter Pierson, Mike Dukette, Frank Savakis, and Les Kennedy, Jr. The net team will be comprised of Frank Lamphier, Dave Wallace, Tom Watroba, and Brian Pope.



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By John F. Streeter, CGCS

CAGCS awards scholarships

The Scholarship & Research Committee has been busy at work. We had a record year with applications for scholarships. In order to properly plan financial requirements for our S & R fund, it is important to plan for the future.

You will find enclosed with this newsletter a questionnaire which we are asking all to fill out and return to the CAGCS office.

We are pleased to announce the following recipients of 1993 CAGCS scholarships. Checks will be mailed to all recipients on August 31st.

> Mathew Barratt - \$400 University of Massachusetts Son of Paul Barratt

Lauren Beck - \$400 Duke University Daughter of Walter Beck

Lisa Marie Consolati - \$400 Central CT State University Daughter of Ed Consolati

Shawn Howland - \$400 University of Miami Son of Matt Howland

Kristofer Johnson - \$400 Johnson & Wales University Son of Eric Johnson

> Evan Maddocks - \$400 Vanderbilt University Son of Ted Maddocks

Shane McDermott - \$400 Keene State College Daughter of Mike McDermott

> Elizabeth Sibley - \$400 Mitchell College Daughter of Roy Sibley

Stephen Smyth - \$200 University of Massachusetts Employed at Suffield CC

Grier Wallace - \$400

Bates College

Ian Wallace - \$400

Carleton College

Sian Wallace - \$400

Southern CT State University

Sons & Daugher of Mike Wallace

The following are recipients of the Parsons's Memorial Scholarship:

Daniel Bastille - \$100
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Employed at Ellington Ridge CC

Larry Gauvain - \$200 University of Massachusetts Employed at Simsbury Farms GC

Rooms blocked by CAGCS for '94 Conference & Show

Now that everyone has received their information regarding the 1994 GCSAA Conference & Show in Dallas, CAGCS has reserved a block of 20 rooms at the headquarters hotel, the Loews Anatole.

If you are interested, please fill in all information on the enclosed form and return it to the CAGCS office no later than September 24th, as all information must be furnished to GCSAA no later than October 1st.

These rooms will be handed out on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Dick Smith moves south!

Dick Smith and his wife, Cora, have decided it is time to make Florida their permanent home in order to be closer to family (grandchildren), pursue other interests, and play a lot more golf.

Presently, Dick is in the final stages of design and contract document preparation on two golf course irrigation projects, one in MA and the other in RI. Throughout these projects, Dick has collaborated in design with Mike Astram of Northern Designs, Milford, CT, who will now assume the lead design position. Dick will continue to stay involved with irrigation by consulting with Mike on future golf projects.

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Madison Country Club takes home CAGCS Invitational

The team from Madison Country Club captured the Annual CAGCS Invitational Tournament held at the Oak Lane Country Club on June 22nd. The team of Mike Chrzanowski, Bruce Clinton, Dave Homer, and Mickey Hawkes (pictured above right) fired a best ball of 66 to win the trophy. The team was presented the traveling Connecticut Cup which it will keep in display for a full year.

The team from Wallingford Country Club comprising of Scott Gennings, Dan O'Neil, Mike Caprio and Ken Estelle (pictured below right) captured the net prize.

This year, because of the strong participation by all of our club pros, we decided to award a low gross check of \$200 to the low pro of the day. Fred Kolakowski from Mill River Country Club fired sizzling 2 under par 70 to capture the crown.

The full field was treated first class from the greetings of Golf Pro, George Estabrooke, and his staff, to the well-conditioned course by Les Kennedy, Jr., CGCS, to the fine array of food put out by club manager, Alex Satmary.

All members in attendance were genuinely praising the fine conditions that Les Kennedy provided and also with the many gifts provided by his club. This was truly a first class event and one that we should mark our cites on for future events.

We owe special thanks to Dave Basconi for giving the full day to take pictures which included gift pictures of all foursomes and candids which you can see on the following pages.



CAGCS Invitational Winners Madison Country Club



Low Net Winners
Wallingford Country Club

Other Invitational Results

2nd Low Gross

Race Brook Country Club - 67

John Gallagher, Supt.

2nd Low Net
The Farms Country Club
Paul Sabino, Supt.

3rd Low Net Heritage Village Peter Burnham, Supt. 4th Low Net
Clinton Country Club
Mike Decker, Supt.

5th Low Net
Aspetuck Valley Country Club
Frank Lamphier, Supt.

Longest Drives
3rd Hole - Mickey Hawkes
Madison Country Club

17th Hole - Kris Smith Clinton Country Club

Closest to the Pin

#4 - Vin Marola (3 ft.)
Torrington Country Club

#6 - Sam Title (1' 2")
Tumble Brook Country Club

#11 Joe Starzec (6' 10')
Pine Orchard Country Club

#15 - Jeff Brown (29") Green Woods Country Club



Les Kennedy, Jr., CGCS, Supt. at the Oak Lane CC, host club to our Annual CAGCS Invitational, pictured here with assistant pro, Tom Rosati.

Les Kennedy has been involved in the game of golf since he was able to walk. His father, Les, Sr., was head pro and three different times, superintendent of Pawtucket Country Club. Les, Sr. was with Pawtucket Country Club for 40 years. As Les, Jr. became older, he became more involved with his father on the course and finally became superintendent there after attending the University of Massachusetts Winter School. He stayed for five years.

Shortly after he was married (12 days to be exact), Les moved on to Ledgement Country Club and Belmont Club where he gained a great deal of experience. Then, in November of 1983, Les accepted the position of superintendent at the Oak Lane Country Club. One month later, Les received his BA in Business from Bryant College, after attending night school there for seven years.

The start at Oak Lane was a rigorous one. Oak Lane was starting a bunker renovation that Fall and Les had yet to learn the course. "In March of 1984, my job was on the line and I hadn't cut a blade of grass yet!" Later that year, 82 bunkers were successfully completed.

In 1987, Les found that he enjoyed public speaking after giving a presentation at the GCSAA Convention in Phoenix. The title was "Major Reno-

vation in a New Position". He later gave the same talk in New Hampshire and Maine. His favorite speech was presented to 300 attendees at the Proma-Verde (translated means Celebration of Green) in Spain in 1992. "Golf Course Maintenance in the United States" was well received. The attendees listened to the speech with translation head phones. Les found this interesting because of the five to ten second delay in the response from the audience.

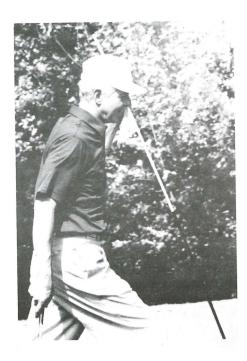
In addition to seven miles of drainage and constructing a 5 million gallon pond, Les built probably the first washed sod green. Two weeks before the bulldozer was to tear up the 11th green, the Greens and Executive Committees met to decide whether Les should seed or sod the new green. After three hours of debate, the Greens Chairman called for a vote. At this point, the President of the club stood up and said that a vote was not necessary. "If Les feels that washed sod was the way to go, he is our superintendent and let's do it!" The 11th green became a great success. The members were playing on it less than six months later.

Les also enjoys travel in the winter with his wife, Mary Jo, and his eight year old daughter, Katie. Mary Jo spends her time as a nursery school teacher.



How do you like those legs??

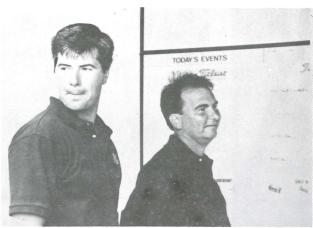
John F. Streeter, Woodbridge CC



John Motycka, Skungamaug River GC

When asked how he came to accomplish all he has, Les has a saying we can all learn from, "I don't want to wish I had!".

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Clinton CC checking their scores.

Mike Decker, Supt.



Mike McDermott, Twin Hills CC, adorning one of the gifts from Oak Lane CC. Nice hat!

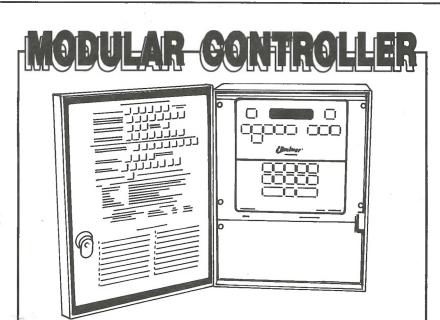
S & R Tournament Reminders

Support Scholarship & Research

By now every member should have received notice for the Scholarship & Research Tournament scheduled for October 5, 1993 at Mill River Country Club, Stratford, CT. Remember to send in your forms and checks no later than September 20.

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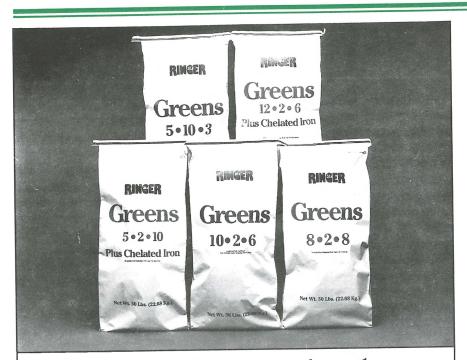
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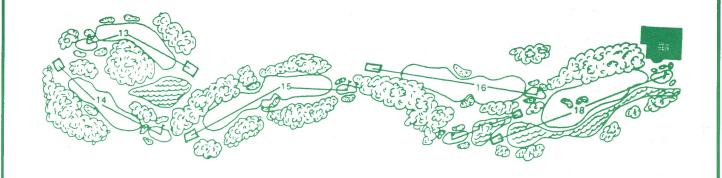


Anthony Gross, Pautipaug CC, with his guest pictured left.

Wayne Urban, Mill River CC, pictured right.



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Calendar

CONNECTICUT ASSOCIATION OF GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENTS

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	HOST
Sept. 14	CAGCS Monthly Meeting	Black Hall Club Old Lyme, CT	Philip Neaton
October 5	CAGCS Annual S & R Tournament	Mill River Country Club Stratford, CT	Wayne C. Urban
October 18	CAGCS Monthly Meeting	Wethersfield Country Club Wethersfield, CT	Alfred Bachand
November 9	CAGCS Annual Meeting	Rolling Greens Golf Club Rocky Hill, CT	Jonathan Case
December TBA	CAGCS Christmas Party	ТВА	CAGCS
January, 1994 TBA	Annual Winter Seminar	Ramada Inn Meriden, CT	CAGCS
January 10 & 11, 1994	GCSAA Seminars Maximizing Turf Grass Disease Control & Wildlife Management	Cromwell, CT	CAGCS

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