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The winter golfers cometh

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Winter golf can severely injure the grasses, particularly on the putting greens. It is a form of mechanical damage, and it can delay smooth, true putting surfaces until well into the regular playing season. Not surprisingly, most golfers want smooth putting greens from the early spring through fall. Winter play can, and frequently does, destroy efforts by the golf superintendent to create such conditions. The goal of most superintendents has always been to have the best putting greens possible during the regular golfing season.

Several problems are caused by winter play on the putting greens. If the greens are frozen and begin to thaw during the day, the putting surface will become too soft and wet to withstand very much traffic. Walking on the green causes footprinting and rutting that disrupts the trueness. The rutting will often refreeze and cause bumpy greens in the spring. This can only be corrected by topdressings to smooth the surface. While our topdressing program calls for light, frequent applications, we must use more material per application to alleviate the untrue putting surfaces. The extra topdressPresident's 1993 Report John F. Streeter, CGCS

The first part of my administration proved to be a bit rocky. We began with the controversial bylaw changes being proposed by GCSAA. As you may recall, there were many cries from the rank and file to address the outcome which would result with the passage of these changes. Immediately, we implemented measures for investigation.

The first action we took as a board was to appoint Frank Lamphier, a past veteran of GCSAA wars, to be our delegate at convention in Anaheim. We then engaged Charlie Passios, Director of GCSAA, to speak with us at our January, 1993, seminar concerning these bylaw changes. We encouraged dialogue from our members about the issues, and this session proved to be informative, as it gave all in attendance a chance to ask direct questions about the issues, and in most cases, received a direct answer.

At convention, I arranged for a caucus at our hospitality room for the sole purpose of giving our members a chance to voice their opinions to our voting delegates. I must say that this historic event accomplished what it was intended for... a chance for our members to have a voice in our decision about the issues being brought forward.

In September, I attended a meeting of GCSAA chapter affiliate representatives in Lawrence, KS, to discuss proposed bylaws that will be brought to the table once again at the annual meeting in Dallas.

Moving on to the next noteworthy event - was my lobbying effort to the board to participate in the Tri State Research Program. The Tri State Research Program is made up of the Met, New Jersey, Long Island, and with our acceptance in March, 1993, the Connecticut Superintendents Associations.

Its goal is to combine funds from all member associations to expedite turf research that will directly impact our immediate area. Our involvement in this foundation shows our commitment in providing valuable research information to the membership in a timely manner.

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penings in the first part of my administration. It was to my disappointment that the Second Annual Golf Summit, which was such a success the previous year, had to be canceled because of an unexpected mid-March Nor'easter. I believe that this summit was the beginning of a long-awaited relationship with our allied professional associa-

President's 1993 Report

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tions.

I, for one, believe in this event and its importance to our existence and I will continue to lobby for its continuance.

As President, I presided at all board and membership meetings. The decision to cut down the amount of membership meetings we have throughout the year I think has proven to be a wise one. I hope this format has encouraged fellowship and membership interaction. That was its intent, to learn from each other, via interacting which, in my opinion, is a valuable resource in itself.

We have made great strides in fine tuning our association's business procedures. The day-to-day business of our association has increased twofold. Communication between board members and our staff person concerning such things as membership meetings, board meetings, committee reports, new members, advertising, and much recordkeeping of the association lies in the hands of our competent staff person at the CAGCS office. Establishing a central telephone and fax service has been a key contribution into the efficient operation our association now enjoys. Having a staff person to help coordinate all events and functions of our association has increased our efficiency and has improved our image throughout the golf community.

Our monthly meetings have grown to astounding attendance. With this dilema, we have brought the need for additional contributions from our staff resulting in added expenses. With the size of our activities this association now encounters, one cannot expect any voluntary board member to be able to accomplish all that is necessary without independent staff assistance. I believe business will only get better in the future. We see more and more interest from a variety of golf industry people, people looking for our services as an association to enhance their business. Interacting with a variety can only help to enhance our association's standing.

As President this past year I must say I have enjoyed the company of a very competent group of people who served on the board. As all of us know, it is our free time that we give to help make this a successful organization. When we sit as a group making decisions on the operations of our association, we try to achieve what is best for all. Some decisions may be favorable towards some and not favorable towards others. That is the way of democracy. I can assure you that each and every issue that is brought to the board table, is discussed with great detail and concern.

I would like to take the following (continued next page)

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space to pay a small tribute to those who have served us so diligently and are now retiring from the board.

I would like to begin by thanking Tom Watroba for coming out of retirement as past president and taking over the golf duties this season. It was May, and our golf chairperson, Eric Cadenelli, abruptly resigned from the board. Needing a seasoned veteran for this most important committee, I picked up the phone and dialed my good friend and colleague, Tom. After a brief moment of despair, Tom agreed. All of you who have attended the golf events at our montly meetings this year can attest to the fine production that he provided. Thanks, Tom, for an outstanding job.

Peter Hull, our representative to the board, I assure you will be sadly missed. I also would like to personally thank Peter for all of his help this year at our check-in desk at our monthly meetings and his ethical manner in handling the Superintendent of the Year Awards. Peter's gentleman-like style has been a great pleasure.

Last, but not least, we are saying "goodbye" to Steve Rackliffe, our immediate past president, and Bob Chalifour, our public relations and co-chair of S & R.

Steve has been a driving force in our association's growth and success. His voice on association matters is one that we all listen to. His points are plain and upfront, and I, for one, appreciated his candor and his support in my year as president.

Bob Chalifour also has served as president and immediate past president of our association. Bob came back on board two years ago after having gone through the chairs and has been a very competent and contributing factor in our association's endeavors. Thank you, Bob, for all of your years of service.

I am thankful for the opportunity to have served this association for the last six years. I have diligently worked to improve the professional image of our association, both locally and nationally. It would be remiss to say that I will not miss it. Associations have been part of my life for the past 15 years. I did not ever think that the day would come when I would find myself retiring from yet my second association as president. I thank you all for the support I have received from you throughout these past six years.

It has been an honor and privilege to serve this association.

Problems caused by winter play, (continued from page 1)

ing adds to maintenance costs. It is an important part of the program, however, if we are to provide ideal playing conditions at the very beginning of the golfing season.

Winter play can also damage the root system of the grasses. During the winter, roots are usually present in the upper several inches of a putting green soil. If a surface thaw should occur, foot traffic can sever roots at the frost line. The greens will then require extra care next summer if the root systems do not recover.

Another form of hidden, unseen damage can also occur. When soils are thawed, wet or saturated, and subjected

to constant traffic, they rapidly lose their texture, their ability to remain friable, and they easily become tight and compacted. This too restricts root systems and growth next summer.

Since they are dormant, grasses are unable to recover from any type of damage caused by the winter golfer. Poa annua usually enters these areas in early spring. Any increase in Poa annua is most damaging to the quality of a green. The permanent grass population of the green is reduced and maintenance headaches increase. This damage may be seen for many years and is a reminder of the effects of winter play.



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GCSAA to elect officers at Dallas annual meeting

Joseph G. Baidy, CGCS, of Acacia Country Club, Lyndhurst, OH, has been nominated for the presidency of GCSAA. The association's 1994 election of officers and directors is scheduled for Monday, Feb. 7.

Nominees for Vice President

Gary T. Grigg, CGCS Naples National Golf Club Naples, FL

Bruce R. Williams, CGCS Bob O'Link Golf Club Highland Park, IL

Grigg currently serves as secretary/ treasurer and Williams is a director.

Three candidates for director will be elected for two-year terms.

Nominees for Director

Paul S. McGinnis, CGCS Union Hills Country Club Sun City, AZ

Charles T. Passios, CGCS Hyannisport Club Hyannisport, MA

Tommy D. Witt, CGCS Bent Tree Country Club Dallas, TX

R. Scott Woodhead, CGCS Valley View Golf Club Bozeman, MT

McGinnis and Woodhead both currently serve as directors. Passios served on the board from 1990 to 1992.

GCSAA's current president, Randy Nichols, CGCS, will continue to serve on the board of directors for one year as immediate past president.

Two current board members, Dave W. Fearis, CGCS, Blue Hills Country Club, Kansas City, MO, and George Renault, III, CGCS, Burning Tree Club, Bethesda, MD, have one year remaining on their terms.

Amendments to bylaws proposed for '94 GCSAA election

GCSAA members are being asked to consider 15 proposed amendments to the organization's bylaws and articles of incorporation. Voting on the proposed amendments will take place at the annual meeting.

President, Randy Nichols, CGCS, says that many of the issues are similar to the ones presented at the 1993 annual meeting in Anaheim.

In the upcoming election, however, each issue will be presented on a separate ballot. Nichols says this clearly defined separation will enable voters to express their wishes on specific issues, without having to consider any unrelated "riders."

The gist of each of the proposed amendments was hammered out during dialogue at a Delegates Meeting held Sept. 25-26 at the association's head-quarters in Lawrence, KS. More than 60 of GCSAA's affiliated chapters were represented. "The consensus of the delegates was that these proposals go to the Bylaws Committee so that they can be brought to the floor at the annual meeting, " Joseph G. Baidy, CGCS, explained.

Sample ballots with exact text for each proposal, as reviewed by the Bylaws Committee, will be mailed in December to all voting members of GCSAA as part of the official Notice of Annual Meeting.

The basic issues to be voted upon include:

Membership Classifications

 Maintaining the current requirement for a two-thirds majority vote to alter the qualifications and levels of privilege for membership Classes AA, A, B and C, while authorizing the board of directors to develop Standing Rules regarding the qualifications and levels of privilege for other member-

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Philip Neaton
The Black Hall Club

By Joseph J. Stahl, III Metro Milorganite

Hidden in the back roads of Old Lyme, CT, is a beautiful Robert Trent Jones golf course called The Black Hall Club. Its 12th hole is rated in the top 18 holes in all of Connecticut by *Golf Digest*.. And for over ten years, the membership has been enjoying the improvements and the eye for detail that Phil Neaton has brought to the property.

Among his accomplishments are the installation of an irrigation system, building a new practice green and tee, as well as replacing all the sand in 260 bunkers; more recently, he built a pond and a pump house.

Phil got his start on the golf course while still in high school in the Albany area of New York. He later attended Hudson Valley Community College and studied engineering. Frustrated by the declining engineering job market and with the encouragement of Peter Salinetti of The Schuyler Meadows Club, Phil went on to get a degree in Horticulture from Cornell University. During that time, he was a placement student at Westchester Country Club and after graduation became Ted Horton's assistant.

Then in 1982, Phil accepted the job of assistant at The Black Hall Club under Richard Marcks and moved to

the shore. It was in the summer of 1984 that Phil was promoted to superintendent of The Black Hall Club.

Enjoying all the advantages that Old Lyme has to offer, Phil lives with his family on the course. His wife, Donna, teaches aerobics. Together they have three sons, David 8, and twins, Robert and Michael, 6, who enjoy sports. Phil finds time to coach the boys' baseball and soccer teams, as well as serving on the Board of Directors of CAGCS where he has served as Secretary and has now taken on the position of Vice President.

In addition, Phil enjoys archery, fishing and hunting. He enthusiastically hunts turkeys on the course (the feathered variety of course).



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By John F. Streeter, CGCS

Dues notices ... on their way

The 1994 dues statements should soon be arriving at your mailbox. Please give this your immediate attention.

Please note that the membership dues for 1994 have been increased to \$125, a \$15 increase. This change was voted upon at the annual meeting of the Board of Directors and was presented and discussed at the annual meeting on November 9th.

Also remember to return the member information form which will be included with your dues statement. These forms are necessary in order to keep our records accurate and this is the information used for our green book.

Wanted All members and friends

The annual CAGCS Christmas party is scheduled for December 11th at the Woodbridge Country Club, Woodbridge, CT.

Special arrangements have been made at the Quality Inn (203/387-6651) for CAGCS members which includes a shuttle service to and from the club. Check in early and enjoy the sauna, indoor pool and hot tub.

CAGCS winter seminar

On January 18, 1994, our association will once again host our annual winter seminar to be held at the Ramada Inn in Gromwell, CT.

This program has been accredited for Connecticut pesticide recertification credits.

Chairman, Michael Wallace, CGCS, is working on recertification credits for all certified superintendents. More information will be forthcoming.

CAGCS/GCSAA seminar

On January 10 & 11, 1994, CAGCS, in conjunction with GCSAA, will be hosting 2 one-day seminars at the Radisson Hotel & Conference Center in Cromwell, CT.

The first one-day seminar is entitled "Maximizing Turfgrass Disease Control" by Dr. Houston Couch and Dr. Bruce Clark.

The second one-day seminar is entitled "Wildlife Management" instructed by Ron Doddson, President and CEO of the NY Audubon Society.

Everyone should have received a registration form from GCSAA Headquarters by now. If you have not and you wish to attend, call GCSAA at (913) 832-4449.

USGA announces 1995 seminar schedule

Each year in March and April the USGA conducts a series of one-day regional seminars at various locations.

These seminars are designed to present information of current interest and importance on golf course maintenance and other golf-related issues.

March 8 - Tarrytown Marriott Westchester, NY

March 10 - DuPont Country Club Wilmington, DE

March 17 - Desmond Americana Hotel Albany, NY

> April 5 - Holiday Inn Taunton, MA

These seminars are open to everyone. Seminar registration forms will be distributed in early February, 1994. A modest registration fee is required. For more information, contact:

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New Life Members

Alfred Hawkins, Richard Hosking, John Wydra and Ed Zeneski were acknowledged as life members of CAGCS at our annual membership meeting on November 9th.

All have been members of our association for 30 years which now entitles them to life membership.

CAGCS thanks our life members for their contributions. We presently have 34 life members.

Annual meeting highlights

Peter R. Pierson elected president

The annual meeting of CAGCS was held on November 9th at the Rolling Greens Golf Club in Rocky Hill, CT, with 74 members in attendance.

All board members presented their annual reports with membership chair-person John Napieracz awarding 15, 20 and 25-year pins. John also presented plaques to new members.

Also filling out the agenda was golf chairperson, Tom Watroba, who presented gift certificates to all CAGCS 1993 meeting hosts and also the presentation of the first place prizes to all CAGCS championship winners.

Also reviewed was the association's annual report for 1993 and new budget for 1994. Outgoing president, John

Streeter, presented to the membership the board's decision and reasoning behind the increase in dues for 1994.

Forty-five brave souls ventured out onto the well-conditioned links provided by Jon Case, host superintendent, and his staff.



Pictured above from left to right: Peter R. Pierson, President; John Motycka, Treasurer; John Napieracz, Secretary; and Philip Neaton, Vice President.



Outgoing president, John F. Streeter, CGCS

Election Results

Elected as president for 1994 was Peter Pierson. Other officers also elected for a one-year term were Vice president Phil Neaton; treasurer - John Motycka; and secretary John Napieracz, CGCS. John Streeter, CGCS, Immediate Past President, will remain on the board for one more year.

In the Directors election, we had four candidates running for three spots.

Elected as Directors for two-year terms were Scott D. Gennings, CGCS, Wallingford Country Club; Anthony Grosso, Pautipaug Country Club; and Jud Smith, Orange Country Club.

Directors remaining on the Board are Brian Skelly, Heather Garvin, and Michael Wallace.

The Class C representative elected by his peers to take over the duties from Peter Hull will be Jeff Rogers of the Robert Baker Companies.

Congratulations and good luck to all new board members.



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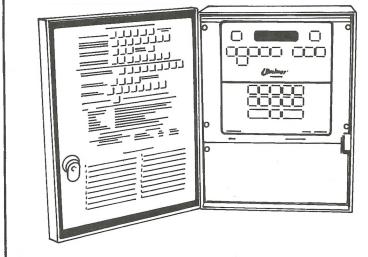
Pictured left are the newly elected members to the board, (from left to right) Scott Gennings, CGCS, will chair the Public Relations Committee; Anthony Grosso will co-chair the Golf Committee with Jeffrey Rogers (not pictured); and Jud Smith who will chair the Social & Welfare Committee.

Pictured left is John Napieracz, CGCS, newly elected Secretary, presenting a membership plaque to new member, Bill Seccareccia.



Pictured above is Brian Skelly who will chair the Membership Committee

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Amendments to bylaws

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ship classifications.

- Simplifying the determination of Class B and C qualifications by making all golf course superintendents with less than three years' experience Class B members and all assistant superintendents, regardless of experience, Class C members.
- Adding six new membership categories for other golf course maintenance and management personnel, who currently are assigned to Affiliate or Associate classifications, and charging the board to establish Standing Rules for privileges of such membership.
- Establishing a separate membership classification for club officials and golf association staff members, who currently are classified as Affiliate or Associate members, and requiring the board to determine Standing Rules for privileges of such membership.
- Creating a new membership class for educators and extension officers, who are currently included in the Affiliate or Associate classifications; allowing the board to lower dues for Retired

members; making Honorary membership permanent unless revoked; and requiring the board to set Standing Rules regarding the privileges of Affiliate members.

Dues authority

Preserving the membership's authority to set dues for Classes AA, A,
B and C -- but through regular ballot
voting procedures, instead of the current voice vote, while assigning responsibility for setting other membership classifications' dues to the board
of directors.

Accountability

- Requiring a two-thirds majority of the board of directors to approve the execution of any mortgage or loan document that would incur financial obligation for future board of directors.
- Requiring the printing, in a GCSAA membership publication, of an official post-election report of voting records by chapter name, and by totals of individual votes and totals of proxy votes. (Note: If approved, this amendment would not take effect until

the 1995 annual meeting, due to current ballot requirements.)

Making the submission of false information on any membership application or dues statement an offense punishable by discipline or expulsion; eliminating the current reinstatement requirement of payment of all past-due amounts.

Other issues

- Updating the organization's mission to reflect the importance of environmental awareness in golf course management, and to make the association's bylaws and articles of incorporation match.
- Changing the secretary/treasurer position from a presidential appointment to an elected office.
- Clarifying the secretary/treasurer's official duties.
- Naming the president, vice president and secretary/treasurer as trustees of the Benevolence Fund.
- Re-titling the association's chief executive employee "CEO" instead of "executive director".

GCSAA selects new executive director and names new financial officer

Steve Mona has been named Executive Director/CEO for GCSAA by the association's board of directors. Mona, of Marietta, GA, has been the executive director of the Georgia State Golf Association since 1983.

Mona, 36, has established a strong career record of service to the golf industry, beginning in 1980 with a two-year stint as tournament director of the Northern California Golf Association. He then spent a year as assistant manager of press relations for the USGA. In 1983, Mona became executive director of the Georgia State Golf Association.

In addition, Mona has served as president of the International Association

of Golf Administrators, of which he remains a member. He has been a director of the National Golf Foundation and an officer and member of several Georgia golf associations, as well as a leader among civic and association groups.

He is a director of the Georgia Turfgrass Association, a trustee of its Foundation Trust and also a member of the advisory committee for Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College's Turfgrass Management Program. He received a B.A. in journalism from San Jose State University in 1980.

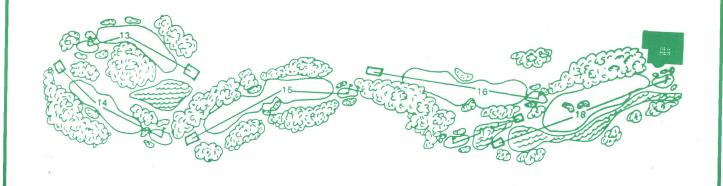
Mona will be on the job at GCSAA headquarters by early January, in time for a quick orientation before the annual conference and show in Dallas.

Julian Arredondo has been named chief financial officer (CFO), a new executive position at GCSAA. He was formerly vice president and CFO of Midwest Titan Construction Co. in Olathe, KS.

Prior to his responsibilities at Midwest Titan, he spent seven years in the Kansas City office of Touche Ross & Co., a leading national accounting firm.

Arredondo, 35, graduated from Rockhurst College, Kansas City, MO, with a business administration degree. He and his wife, Monica, have four children.

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Calendar

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DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	HOST
December 11	CAGCS Christmas Party	Woodbridge Country Club Woodbridge, CT	CAGCS
January 10 & 11, 1994	CAGCS/GCSAA Seminars Maximizing Turfgrass Disease Control & Wildlife Management	Radisson Hotel & Conference Center Cromwell, CT	CAGCS
January 18, 1994	Annual Winter Seminar	Ramada Inn Meriden, CT	CAGCS
January TBA	NH Turf Conference	Manchester, NH	NH Golf Course Superintendents
January 31 - February 7, 1994	65th International Conference & Show	Dallas, TX	GCSAA
March 8, 1994	USGA Seminar	Tarrytown Marriott Westchester, NY	USGA
March TBA	Mass Turf Conference	Springfield, MA	Mass Turfgrass Assoc.

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