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President's Message

Peter R. Pierson
CAGCS President

CAGCS has recently completed the second and final round of the Association Golf Championships. Participation in the tournament saw fewer entries than in recent years, but the courses of Aspetuck Valley Country Club and Crestbrook Park presented a good challenge. A strong thank you should be given to both clubs.

CAGCS has received information from GCSAA regarding securing a block of rooms at the San Francisco Marriott for the 1995 Convention. We are in the process of securing these rooms for CAGCS members. Any member wishing to secure one of these blocked rooms should contact the CAGCS office by calling or faxing (203/387-0810).

It has come to our attention that some members are not aware of the guidelines which apply to all CAGCS meetings. They are as follows:

1. Members and guests who play golf must pay for meals served on that day. Reservations will be made by specified deadline, preferably by enclosed post card.

2. Reservations are a must. If you make a reservation and fail to attend,

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The Environmental Industry Council, lobbyist for the pest control industry

By Steven Blum

Steven Blum is the Public Relations Chairperson and Newsletter Editor for the CT Pest Control Association (CPCA).

Our associations share newsletters, and this article is reprinted with his permission.

Environmental Committee Co-chairperson Representative Jesse Stratton's pet bill, SB 284, which would have required supervisors on all jobs, increased label information given to consumers, and promote neighborhood feuds, was killed. No new legislation that would effect PCOs. No intense training programs to upgrade your service techs from operators to supervisors. No new labels to write up. No additional costs of running your business. No new hassles. No change. No effort, on your part. Things worked out...like magic.

It was not magic! It was hard work, done with professionalism. The CPCA is a member of The Environmental Industry Council, formerly the PPUC, which is the lobbying arm of

the CPCA. Simply stated, *Armondo Paolino, III* is our lobbyist. He not only represents the pest control industry, he represents lawn care, golf courses, arborists, Christmas tree growers, groundskeepers, nurserymen and any other pesticide user industry that is a member of The Environmental Industry Council.

The Connecticut legislative system is complex, with apparently never-ending series of procedural steps, open committee votes, published versions of the bill as it goes through changes, public hearings, cost analysis, legal reviews, political evaluations, and lobbying. The goal of the current system is to prevent backroom power brokers from slipping through self-serving legislation. Thus, it is easier to kill a bill than to pass a bill.

Yet, if an industry and their lobbyist want to gain respect and influence, they cannot act like hit men trying to kill any bill they do not like. They will work to kill a bill, when necessary. They compromise. They get the bad parts removed. They get awk-

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President's message,

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you will be responsible for the price of the meals. If you attend a CAGCS monthly meeting and fail to return the enclosed post card for your reservation, you will be charged an additional \$20.

If you have ever hosted a CAGCS meeting, you will understand why we must follow these guidelines. Our monthly meetings are designed to financially break even. At some meetings, a small profit may be realized, but other meetings can operate in the red.

We must all work towards observing

the meeting guidelines which were put into place to protect the association. Please show your professionalism by observing the guidelines.

I wish to publicly thank Greg Stent, golf course superintendent at Wampnoag Country Club, for hosting a very nice CAGCS Invitational on June 7th.

Nomination time is upon us. If you have any interest in serving on the Board of Directors of CAGCS or on a committee, please make your desire known to John Streeter, Immediate Past President. The life blood of the Board of Directors is members who are interested in the betterment of CAGCS and its members.

CAGCS awards annual scholarships

The following are recipients of the 1994 CAGCS scholarships which are awarded annually to immediate family of CAGCS members and to employees of members who are majoring in turf management:

Matthew Barratt, son of Paul Barratt; *Lauren Beck*, daughter of Walter Beck; *Lisa and Michael Consolati*, daughter and son of Ed Consolati; *Courtney Fletcher*, daughter of Tom Fletcher; *Shawn Howland*, son of Matt Howland; *Kristofer Johnson*, son

of Eric Johnson; *Evan Maddocks*, son of Ted Maddocks; *Shane McDermott*, son of Mike McDermott; *Jennifer Rice*, daughter of John Streeter; *Ian and Sian Wallace*, sons of Mike Wallace.

The recipients of the Memorial Scholarship, awarded annually to members or employees of members who are winter school students, are *Michael Plante* of Stanley Golf Course, John Napieracz, supt. and

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Lobbying for the pest control industry

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ward parts revamped. They network. They build coalitions. They make more friends than enemies.

SB 284, after having parts removed and changed that would have negatively impacted the professional pesticide user industry, was killed by the over-the-counter retail lawn care product industry, using a one-shot lobbyist. While this group monitored the progress of SB 284 through communication with Paolino, they are not members of The Environmental Industry Council. Paolino and the directors approached the bill from the needs, short term and long term, of the member professions.

This retail group had to spend considerable monies to hire lobbyists to kill the bill. They had a legislator refer the bill back to committee, a move that, in this case, essentially killed the bill. Paolino could have made the same maneuver, but The Environmental Industry Council does not represent the concerns of the retail product manufacturers. If they were a

member, the Council would have fought for their interests.

The Environmental Industry Council has decided that its *primary purpose is lobbying* for their member organizations. Rather than react to crises, we must have the power to control our future. And power is in membership, and the dues that can support a full-time lobbyist. Individual and company members are being actively sought, with all pesticide professions a prime target. If you are not a member, *you are a freeloader!*

If The Environmental Industry Council cannot afford to continue to exist, then our industries will revert back to the "good old days" when we learned about legislation after it was passed and DEP announced new regulations that affected us dramatically.

For information about joining The Environmental Industry Council, contact Armondo Paolino at 731 Hebron Avenue, Glastonbury, CT, 06033, tel: 657-2704.

CAGCS Scholarships (continued from page 2)

Thomas Soderstrom, Richter Park Golf Course, Tom Pelletier, supt.

CAGCS also made its annual contribution to the Robert and Brian Johnston Educational Fund. You will

recall that Robert and Brian Johnston are the sons of former CAGCS member, Bob Johnston, who died in 1992, after a battle with cancer.



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Madison Country Club takes home CAGCS Invitational ... AGAIN!!!



On June 7th, the team from Madison Country Club captured the annual CAGCS Invitational Tournament for the second year in a row. The team of Mike Chranowski, Pat Aquaro, Jim

Mahoney and Dave Homer, pictured left, fired a best ball of 64 and took the win away from our host team with matching cards. Madison was presented the our newly refurbished traveling Connecticut Cup which it will keep on display for a full year.

The team from Stanley Golf Course comprising of John Napieracz, John Mulhearn, Peter Ledger and Paul Caddon (pictured on page 7) captured the net prize.

The low pro of the day, our host golf professional, Allan Menne, fired a sizzling 68 and was awarded a check for \$200.

The full field was royally treated from the greetings of the golf pro and his staff, to the well-conditioned course by Greg Stent who should be commended for the fine conditions he provided.

Every year Dave Basconi takes the full day to take pictures which include gift pictures of all four-somes and candid. A very



Greg Stent, supt., Wampanoag Country Club, host of our 1994 Annual Invitational Tournament.

special thank you goes to David for this event, and for all of the events where he gets only a day's notice (sometimes hours) when he is asked to take special pictures.

More candid photos from the Invitational will appear in the next issue.

Other Invitational Results

2nd Low Gross
Wampanoag Country Club
Greg Stent, Supt.

3rd Low Gross
Tumble Brook Country Club
Cindy Johnson, Supt.

2nd Low Net
Heritage Village Country Club
Peter Burnham, Supt.

3rd Low Net
Clinton Country Club
Mike Decker, Supt.

Longest Drive - 8th Hole
Paul Sabino
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Closest to the Pin - 16th Hole
Neil Avallone (6' 7")
Race Brook Country Club

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CAGCS annual picnic August 30th

A great day is planned for the annual CAGCS picnic scheduled for August 30th at Short Beach Park in Stratford.

Food will be continuously served all day... All you can eat!

There will be no charge to members and guests who wish to play golf. When you sign up at the Pro Shop, indicate that you are with the CAGCS party.

Deadline for reservations is August 23rd.

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Rooms blocked for '95 Conference & Show

CAGCS has reserved a block of 25 rooms at the headquarters hotel, the San Francisco Marriott.

As soon as all of the information and forms have been received from GCSAA, all members will immediately be notified. Keep an eye out for a special mailing.

Last year, the rooms filled quickly and some members lost out. The reserved rooms will be handed out on a first-come, first-served basis.

Congratulations... new babies!

Peter and Linda Cure, daughter Lea Patricia, on July 6th.

Tim & Cheri Gerzabek, daughter Olivia Christine, on July 6th.

Peter and Erin Hull, son Spencer Harrison, on June 24th.

Terry and Janet Mish, son Conrad, on February 8th.

John and Pat Schuller, son Thomas James, on February 23rd.

Bob Phipps, supt. at the Shorehaven Golf Club was recently hospitalized due to an aneurism. Recent information has it that Bob is out of the hospital and currently going through an extensive rehabilitation program.

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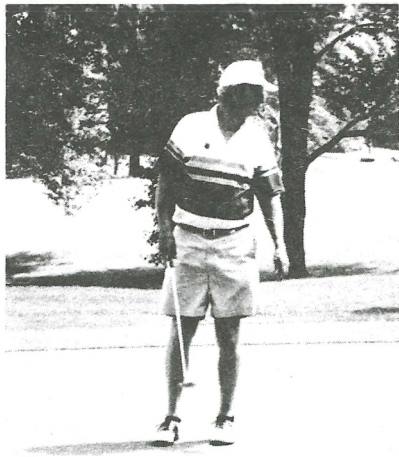
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Frank Lamphier
captures
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championship

Our perennial Frank Lamphier, Aspetuck Valley Country Club, pictured above, apparently watching one of those long putts going in, went on to capture low honors in the annual CAGCS Golf Championship. Frank, who is always in the hunt and poses stiff competition to all competitors, posted a 79 at his home course in May and an 85 at Crestbrook Park in June to capture this year's gross trophy.

In the net division, Greg Stent, Wampanoag Country Club, walked away with the net trophy. Greg stroked his way to a net 78 and 74, respectively, for a total of 152.

In the Senior Division, our last year's golf champion, Peter Pierson, Pequabuck Golf Club, came through to take home the first prize in the gross category shooting a total of 168.

In the net bracket of the Senior Division, Dick Cook, Hunter Golf Course, again took home the first prize posting a score of 151.

In the Affiliate Division, the gross champion for the second year in a row was Mike Dukette, Pro-Law Products, Inc., with a score of 148, and the net champions with a score of 149 were Shawn Donovan, Turf Products Corp. and Jeff Rogers, Robert Baker Companies.

More Championship Results

12 - 24 Handicap
 Low Gross - Peter Cure - 169
 Low Net - Bob Szymanski - 142

25 - 36 Handicap
 Low Gross - Scott Gennings - 195
 Low Net - Anthony Grosso - 156



Team from Stanley Golf Course, John Napieracz, Supt., John Mulhearn, Peter Ledger & Paul Caddon, net prize winners, at the CAGCS Invitational on June 7th

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Monthly meeting golf results

Crestbrook Park Golf Club
 Peter Cure, Supt. (June 14th)
 2nd Round CAGCS Championship

0 - 11 Handicap
 Gross
 Mike Dukette - 72
 Jim Staszowski - 77

Net
 Jud Smith - 70
 Greg Stent - 74

12 - 24 Handicap
 Gross
 Peter Cure - 79
 Jim Rock - 86
 Wayne Urban - 87

Net
 Bob Szymanski - 68
 Dick Cook - 73
 Jeff Rogers - 75
 Mike Wallace - 77
 Mike McDermott - 77

25 - 36 Handicap
 Gross
 Scott Gennings - 95
 John Napieracz - 103
 Doug Cooper - 108

Net
 Skip Deubel - 71
 Anthony Grosso - 76
 Paul Bednarczyk - 77

Longest Drives
 #2 - Jim Staszowski
 #11 - Kevin D'Amico

Closest to the Line
 #9 - John Weber
 #18 - Wayne Urban

Closest to the Pin
 #5 - Frank Lamphier
 #8 - Jud Smith
 #12 - Bruce Morse
 #16 - Mike Dukette

Woodbridge Country Club
 John F. Streeter, CGCS, Supt. (July 19th)
 Scramble Tournament Format

0 - 10 Handicap
 Peter Bly - Even
 Frank Lamphier - Even
 Pat DiPadua - Minus 1

11 - 15 Handicap
 Vin Iacono - Plus 3
 John Apple - Plus 1
 Bob Brown - Even
 Tim O'Neill - Even
 Susan Motycka - Minus 1
 Wayne Urban - Minus 1
 Barry Petrasko - Minus 2

16 - 24 Handicap
 Andrew Streeter - Plus 1
 John Napieracz - Even
 Kevin Bengston - Minus 1
 Greg Bradley - Minus 3
 Bruce Moore - Minus 4

Dick Cook - Minus 4
 William Blount - Minus 4
 Byron Johnson - Minus 4

25 - 36 Handicap
 Carl Wallace - Plus 6
 Mike Reeb - Plus 5
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 Phil Neaton - Plus 2

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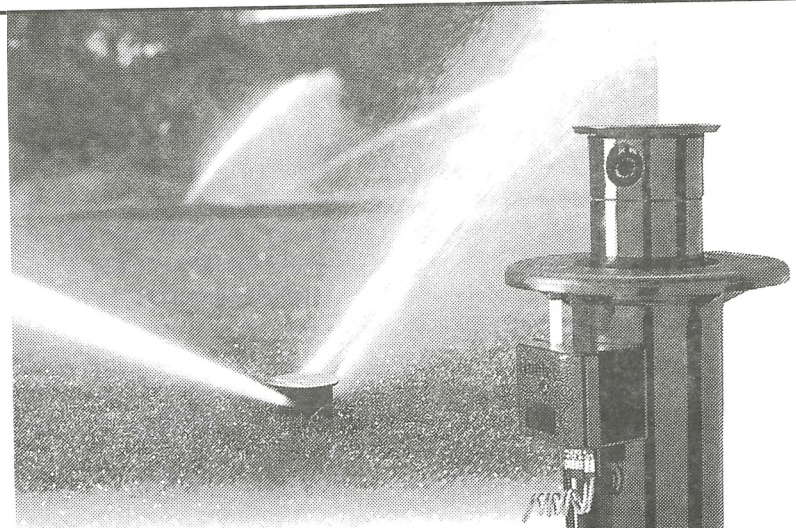
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GCSAA staff realigns to provide improved member services

GCSAA has announced a series of changes in its management structure and staffing designed to reflect a renewed commitment to outstanding member service. The changes result from months of strategic planning and analysis involving the association's board, member-driven committees and the entire GCSAA headquarters staff.

GCSAA Chief Executive Officer Stephen F. Mona, CAE, called the new structure "more efficient, more effective and more reflective of the needs of today's superintendent." He added that, "Our objective is to become one of the nation's finest service organizations by the year 2000. These changes create the structure needed to accomplish that goal."

Among the key changes announced were:

- Creation of three new departments in the areas of chapter relations, career development and technical information services.
- Consolidation of public relations, government relations, publications and advertising sales functions into a single communications department.
- Merging marketing functions with management of the annual GCSAA Trade Show and Golf Championship.

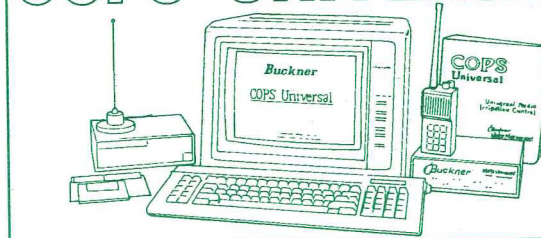
"The new departments will help us fulfill critical member needs," Mona said. "Our members told us they wanted stronger ties between GCSAA and chapters, more employment assistance and a 'one-stop' source of technical information, so we directed people and resources into those areas."

GCSAA makes donation to USGA research program

During one of golf's most important events, the GCSAA made an important contribution to the game of golf. At a VIP reception during the U.S. Open, GCSAA President Joseph G. Baidy, CGCS, donated \$25,000 on behalf of the association to the USGA's Environmental Research Program.

During the donation presentation, Baidy said, "As we all know, golf is facing heightened environmental awareness from the media and the public. This awareness is creating concerns that influence the management of our existing courses and the development of new ones. The issue of golf

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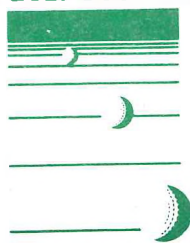
and the environment is extremely vital to the future of the game. The results from the USGA's Environmental Research program should provide a better understanding of how golf courses can minimize their effects on the environment, as well as give golf a solid foundation for future research. Through this donation, GCSAA is proud to be part of these efforts."

The reception, attended by GCSAA members, allied golf association officials and media representatives, was held on June 17th, at Oakmont Country Club, site of the 94th U.S. Open. Oakmont's golf course superintendent, Mark D. Huhns, CGCS, and his staff were the guests of honor at the reception.

GCSAA's mission is to advance the profession, promote the image of its members and enrich the quality of golf and its environment.

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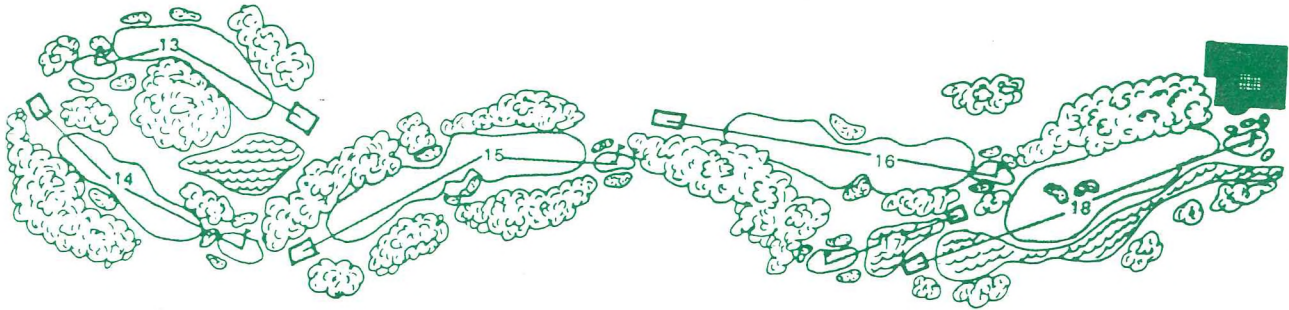
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Calendar

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DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	HOST
August 24	URI Field Day	University of Rhode Island Kingston, RI	Dr. Noel Jackson
August 30	CAGCS Annual Picnic	Short Beach Park Stratford, CT	CAGCS Bob Szymanski, Jr., Supt.
September 15	CAGCS Monthly Meeting	Pequabuck Golf Club Pequabuck, CT	Peter R. Pierson
October 4	CAGCS Annual S & R Tournament	Torrington Country Club Torrington, CT	Edward Goodhouse
October 11	CAGCS Monthly Meeting	Elmridge Country Club Pawcatuck, CT	Charles & Joseph Rustici
November 7	CAGCS Annual Meeting	Old Lyme Country Club Old Lyme, CT	Brian Skelly
December TBA	CAGCS Annual Christmas Party	Watch for Details	CAGCS

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