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President's Message

Peter R. Pierson
CAGCS President

As 1994 draws to a close for CAGCS, all members can look forward to a strong 1995. CAGCS enjoyed a very successful 1994 and thanks should be given to many people.

To the members of the association who, by their participation in association meetings, social events and educational opportunities, a strong thank you.

To those people who have taken the time and effort to serve our association as officer or director, a very important thank you.

To those clubs, which through their superintendent, allowed CAGCS to use their club for a meeting, a sincere thank you.

To our Executive Secretary who has helped all board members and all members of the association through her never-ending efforts to make our association stronger, a heartfelt thank you.

Membership in our association now numbers 308, and it takes much effort and time by all Board members to keep the wheels turning. I want to

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From the editor

John F. Streeter, CGCS

I would first like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for the gracious comments that I received on the "Soft Spike" article which appeared in the last issue of the *Clippings*. I believe this subject is a important one and I will be soliciting some of you to find out if you have made any progress or have any comments with the soft spike saga.

As editor, I am formally soliciting you, any of you, to please submit some dialogue on this subject. I would like to begin a "Superintendent's Forum" column in the upcoming issues of the *Clippings*, and this could be our first topic. This forum column would be a place for our members to share with each other ideas about various industry-related subjects. The *Clippings* staff will be out there soliciting your thoughts on a particular topic, as well as taking requests from you on subjects you may wish to have heard in the "Superintendent's Forum".

At this time, if there is anybody who may have a comment to share, I would appreciate hearing from you in the near future. You may respond by faxing

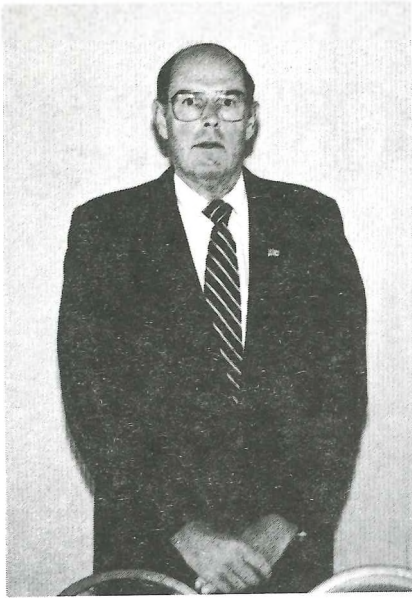
your comments to the CAGCS office, (387-0810) or put a stamp on it and send it to CAGCS, P.O. Box 3678, Woodbridge, CT, 06525.

A thought I had on this subject, which may help launch this campaign, is to suggest to your club to consider making it mandatory that all outside events wear soft spikes. The club will provide them for each player and will in turn recoup the cost in the outing fees. This particular proposal does not inconvenience your members, does not cost your club a dime, supports enough reasons to justify its worth, and will make those Monday outings a little more bearable.

I am looking forward to hearing from some of you.

This issue happens to be the last issue in this volume. Therefore, it is time to thank some of the people who have made this years *Clippings* a success. For those of you who missed the annual meeting, the *Clippings* had a banner year financially. We grossed a total of \$18,000 in advertising revenue, which left us with a net profit of

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Peter R. Pierson
CAGCS President

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finances in shape, and has done a tremendous job. He is handing the books over to Heather Garvin, our new Treasurer. Heather has been a strong participant in all CAGCS affairs and her meticulous attention to details is greatly appreciated.

CAGCS will co-host a Regional Seminar with GCSAA on January 19 & 20, 1995 in Cromwell, CT. The title of the seminar is *Golf Course Restoration, Renovation and Construction Projects*. This seminar is a hot topic having already sold out at the GCSAA Convention in San Francisco.

On September 25 & 26, I was fortunate to be able to represent CAGCS at the second annual Chapter Relations meeting held at GCSAA headquarters in Lawrence, KS, and participated in an open-forum discussion with members of GCSAA's Board of Directors and a special Chapter Relations Planning Resource Group making known the views and concerns of CAGCS.

This year's meeting focused on continued improvement in ties between affiliated chapters and GCSAA, a key component of the association's strategic plan for 1994-95.

In closing my last President's message for 1994, I wish to thank the membership of CAGCS for allowing me the privilege to serve as your President. In addition, working with the members of the Board of Directors has been a pleasure.

As we move towards 1995, I would urge all members to continue their strong support of CAGCS.

If you wish to volunteer your club for a meeting site, please contact the CAGCS office or any member of the Board of Directors.

welcome Greg Stent, Wampanoag Country Club, as the newest member of the Board. Greg began his involvement with CAGCS by hosting our 1994 Invitational. At the same time, I would like to thank Michael Wallace for his many years of service to our Association, and wish him success in his bid for a position on the Board of Directors of GCSAA.

While we will continue to receive the input of John Motycka as a member of the Board, it will not be in the position of Treasurer. John has worked very hard to put CAGCS

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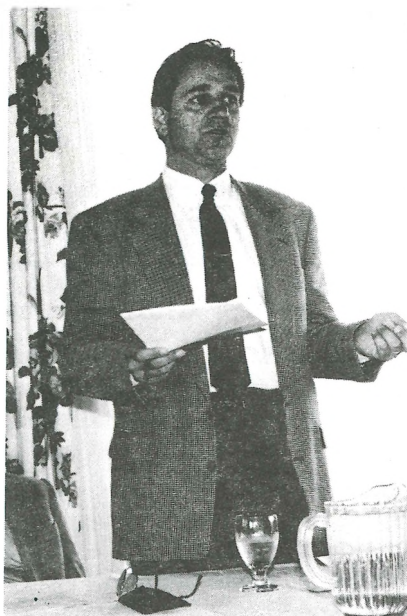
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From the editor

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John F. Streeter, CGCS, Immediate Past President & Newsletter Editor

around \$10,000. These profits afforded us the opportunity to produce and upgrade our association's premier publication. I would like to thank all of our commercial members for their advertising support of the newsletter this year, and I am looking forward to hearing from you in 1995. I would also like to thank all of you who contributed to the *Clippings* by contributing an article. A special thanks to Dave Basconi for always being available and willing to take pictures and submit-

ting them to the newsletter.

I have been the editor since 1987. At every annual meeting I have asked for any living soul to come and rescue me from this duty. However, at this time, I am not asking for help to lessen my load, but for new people to come forward and contribute a little time to help enhance the contents of the newsletter.

If you think you may be able to spare a few hours per issue, I sure would like to hear from you. I am open to any suggestions or comments you may have regarding our newsletter, and wholeheartedly welcome your participation.

Some areas in which I would welcome help and support would be to solicit questions and answers from our colleagues for the "Superintendent Forum" column. Joe Stahl was a great help in 1993 with interviewing CAGCS meeting hosts for bio information on the host superintendent and their clubs, and his articles added another dimension to the newsletter. This is what we are looking for! Any or all of these areas may be occupied by more than one person.

The newsletter is a great tool for us to interact our thoughts and experiences with each other.

The 1995 schedule for the *Clippings* will again be five issues, with publications being February, May, July, September and November.

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Heather L. Garvin
1994 S & R Chairperson

The annual Scholarship & Research Tournament held at Torrington Country Club, Edward Goodhouse, superintendent, on October 3rd was a great day.

The weather was beautiful, the course challenging, and the scores were low. Thanks to all who participated in, purchased tee signs, and do-

Annual Scholarship & Research Tournament a great success!

by Heather Garvin
1994 S & R Chairperson

nated raffle prizes or monetarily, the day was a financial success.

This tournament is the main fund raiser of the CAGCS Scholarship & Research Committee, and we thank all who contributed to this year's achievement.

1st Low Gross - 62

Tumble Brook Country Club consisting of Cindy Johnson, superintendent, and her guests, Sheri Lublin, Ann Newman and Linda Weintraub.

2nd Low Gross - 63

Second low gross was taken home by the team of Peter Pierson and his guests from Pequabuck, Bob Doublas and Bruce Carlson, and Don Grant from Winding Brook.

Thanks to those who donated raffle prizes, and congratulations to those who won.

It was our most successful raffle yet!!!

Raffle prizes were a round of golf for four with carts at Birchwood CC, Crestbrook Park GC, Ellington Ridge CC, Hop Meadow CC, Pautipaug CC, Pine Orchard Yacht & CC, Race Brook CC, Stonington CC, Taconic GC, and Woodbridge CC.

Scott Walker of Greenwoods CC, was the winner of the weekend at Foxwoods Resort & Casino, and Jim Staszowski of Turf Products was the winner of the UCONN men's basketball tickets at Gampel Pavilion.

Mike Dukette presented a check from Pro-Lawn Products, Inc. in the amount of \$1,000 from Merit insecticide sales towards our S & R Fund.

Thanks to all who have supported S & R this year through monthly meeting raffles, the annual golf tournament and direct donations.

A special thanks to the tee sponsors. We could not have done it without you.

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2nd Low Net - 60.3

Al Adaskaveg, Rockledge CC
Jim Staszowski, Turf Products
Peter Bacon, Wyanteneck CC
Peter Cure, Crestbrook Park GC

3rd Low Net - 61.2

Mike Wallace, Hop Meadow CC
Garry Henneberry, Rockledge CC
Bill Casner, Rockledge CC
Jim Bundy, Hop Meadow CC

4th Low Net - 61.3

Peter Lewis, Farmington CC
Mark Weedall, Farmington CC
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John LaBrie, Farmington CC

5th Low Net - 61.5

Jim Rock, Sawtelle Brothers
Chris Mauro, Madison CC
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John Williams, Madison CC

6th Low Net 61.6

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Wayne Urban, Mill River
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Closest to the pin on #3 - Charles Pecorino (guest of Jeff Rogers) 8'
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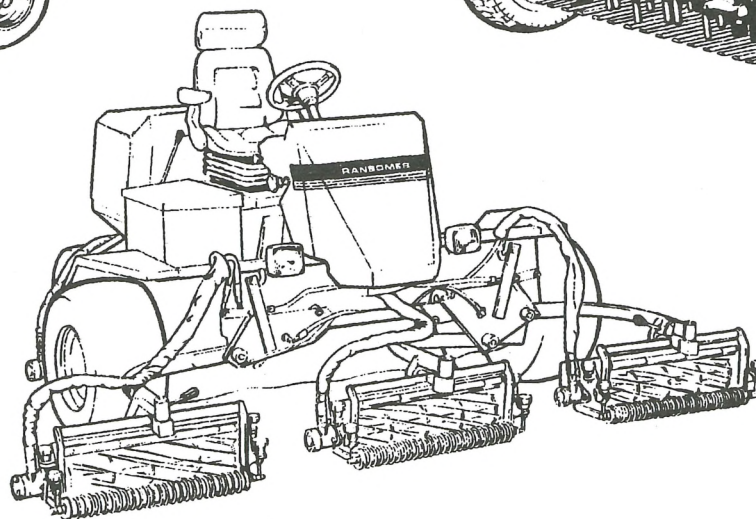
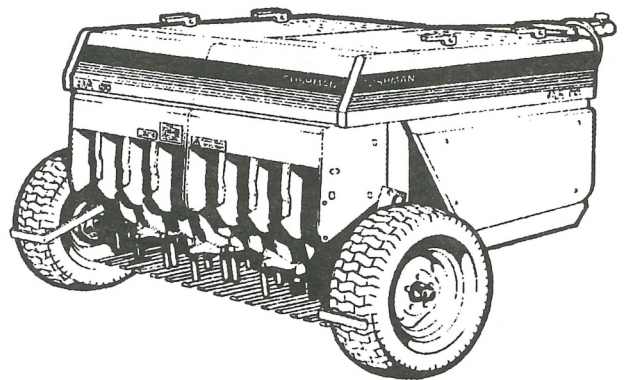
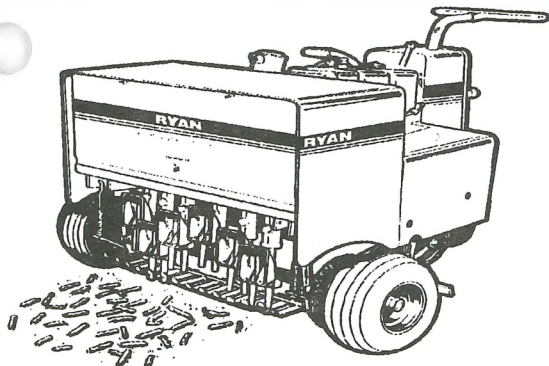
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Around the Association



CAGCS annual Christmas party

The annual CAGCS Christmas party will be held at Race Brook Country Club on Friday, December 9th.

Deadline for reservations is December 1st.

As in past years, we have made arrangements for a block of rooms at the Quality Inn Conference Center, tel: (203) 387-6651. They again have a special called "Don't drink and drive package" which includes a shuttle service which will transport you to Race Brook CC and back to the Inn for no charge.

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January Seminars

The annual CAGCS Winter Seminar will be held on January 10th at the Ramada Inn in Meridan, CT. Details for this seminar are in the final stages, so watch for details!

The CAGCS two-day seminar

conducted in conjunction with GCSAA is scheduled for January 19 & 20 in Cromwell, CT.

This seminar topic, *Golf Course Restoration, Renovation and Construction Projects*, has already sold out at the national convention.

Anyone interested in attending this seminar should call GCSAA (800-472-7878) TODAY and sign up over the telephone. Have your credit card ready, and register. This seminar will be an early sell out!

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1995 Dues Statements

The 1995 dues statements will be sent out the first week of December, along with an informational sheet which will contain all of the information to be printed in the 1995 Green Book.

Please be sure to double check all of the information and make any additions and/or corrections and promptly return it to the CAGCS office.

Remember, all dues received after February 1st will be assessed a late charge of 10% per month.

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Congratulations... new babies

Paul & Kathleen Bednarczyk on the birth of their son, Benjamin.

John & Deborah Callahan on the birth of their daughter, Lauren Marie.

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Rooms blocked for '95 Conference & Show

Nineteen CAGCS members booked a room through our chapter room block at the San Francisco Marriott. All confirmations will be sent directly to the CAGCS office.

As soon as we receive them, they will immediately be forwarded to each one of you.

If you have any questions, call the CAGCS office (387-0810).

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The Chas C. Hart Seed Company is hosting a seminar on December 14th at the Pine Valley Country Club in Southington CT. There will be speakers from various suppliers introducing new products.

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Annual meeting highlights

The annual CAGCS meeting was held on November 7, 1994, at the Old Lyme Country Club, Brian Skelly, superintendent.

Some of the highlights of the annual meeting included the annual reports of all officers and directors.

John Motycka, Treasurer, reviewed the budget for the 1995 fiscal year. It was voted on and approved by all voting members in attendance. It was deemed that there will not be a dues increase for the coming year.

Dick Cook, former superintendent at Hunter Memorial, was recognized and congratulated on his retirement and also his 45 years as a CAGCS member. The *Clippings* staff will highlight his career in the first issue of 1995.

Following the annual meeting, the election of officers and directors took place, and the results were:

President - Peter R. Pierson
Vice President - Philip Neaton
Secretary - John Napieracz, CGCS
Treasurer - Heather L. Garvin

Three directors were elected to serve two-year terms. They were John Motycka, Greg Stent and Brian Skelly.

Continuing to serve on the Board will be Scott Gennings, CGCS, Anthony Grosso, Jud W. Smith, and Jeffrey F. Rogers.

A 9-hole scramble was held after the meeting with over 50 participants being treated to a quaint and challenging golf course provided by our host, Brian Skelly.

Our Executive Secretary was introduced to all in attendance and following a rousing round of applause, she adorned us with a few words of her own.



From left to right: John F. Streeter, CGCS, Immediate Past President; Philip Neaton, Vice President, Heather L. Garvin, Treasurer, John Napieracz, CGCS, Secretary, and Peter R. Pierson, President



1995 Board of Directors

From left to right: (seated) John Motycka, Brian Skelly and Anthony Grosso.
From left to right: (standing) Jeffrey F. Rogers, Jud W. Smith, Scott D. Gennings, CGCS, and Greg Stent.

An estimated 15,000 to 16,000 golf industry professionals are expected to attend the 66th International Golf Course Conference and Show, Feb. 20-27, 1995, at the Moscone Center in San Francisco.

The week will include nearly 80 educational seminars, sessions and forums; a three-day trade show, which is expected to fill 190,000 square feet of the center; a gala banquet featuring the presentation of GCSAA's Old Tom Morris Award; the association's annual meeting and election of officers; and the 1995 GCSAA Golf Championship.

Conference week opens with the annual GCSAA Golf Championship which will be played Feb. 20-21 at five courses on the Monterey Peninsula and include The Golf Club at Quail Lodge, Old Del Monte Golf Course, Poppy Hills Golf Course, Rancho Canada Golf Club, and The Bayonet.

A field of up to 480 will compete for individual and chapter team honors in the national tournament. Beginning in 1995, GCSAA's golf championship

GCSAA's

conference and show

heads to San Francisco

will be presented in partnership with The Toro Company.

Toro's support will include a number of added activities, such as complimentary receptions, continental breakfasts, a complimentary victory banquet, a new and expanded array of tee prizes and a hole-in-one contest with a new car as the prize. Toro also is sponsoring the 1995 GCSAA tournament book. Any funds provided by Toro that are not used for the event will be donated to GCSAA's S & R Foundation.

Many of the educational and professional development needs of golf course superintendents will be covered in the 60 one- and two-day seminars that will be offered during the first four

days of the conference. Seminars will address issues ranging from environmental responsibility to personal stress management.

Concurrent education sessions and special-interest forums are scheduled and half-day programs hosted by allied associations, including the American Society of Golf Course Architects, the American Zoysiagrass Association, the Golf Course Builders Association of America, and the

USGA Green Section, round out the conference portion of the week.

Rocky Bleier, legendary running back for the Pittsburgh Steelers, will keynote the Opening Session on Thursday, Feb. 23, at the San Francisco Marriott.

More than 650 companies that manufacture and distribute golf and turf industry products, supplies and services are expected to exhibit at the trade show at the Moscone Center.

A headline performance by recording artist Anne Murray will provide entertainment at the formal closing banquet on Monday, Feb. 27.

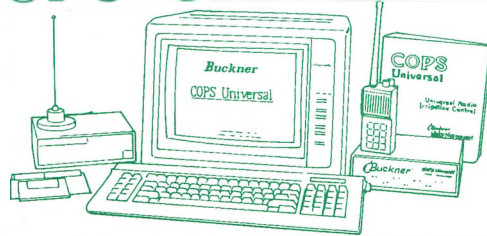
The highlight of that gala evening will be the presentation of the Old Tom Morris Award, GCSAA's highest honor. This year's award will be presented to turf industry giant, Dr. James Watson. Previous recipients of the award include Arnold Palmer, Bob Hope, Patty Berg, and Byron Nelson.

As a tribute to the extraordinary commitment made by certified golf course superintendents, Ciba Turf & Ornamental Products has joined forces with GCSAA to host a certification luncheon and program on Friday, Feb. 24. GCSAA instituted the certification program in 1971 to recognize outstanding and progressive superintendents. More than 1,400 active GCSAA members currently hold "CGCS" status.

One final note, GCSAA is working with Reservations tonight! in San Francisco to assist attendees in making restaurant accommodations in advance.

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Why get involved?

By Michael Wallace, CGCS

"I have a family," "I'm too busy", etc., etc. I think we have all thought or used these excuses from time to time. But, you may want to reconsider. Involvement brings with it certain rewards. One can actually make a difference. See how things are done and learn to work within the system.

I will not say it is easy. It does demand a bit of time and you have to be committed. It can be frustrating; but, the friendships and the knowledge that is gained along the way cannot be measured. The exchange of ideas, looking at problems from many different perspectives, the guiding of a profession... these are the rewards.

Ladies and gentlemen, I submit that you have nothing to complain about if you are not willing to get involved. This is your livelihood, your profession! If you don't get involved, who will?

If you want to become involved and feel a little timid, you do not need to begin your involvement with chairing a committee. Contact any committee chairperson and/or any member on the Board of Directors, and your assistance will be greatly appreciated, whether it be helping sign in participants at a monthly meeting, assist with a seminar or social event, or help out with the S & R tournament or Invitational. There is always something to do.

Get involved!

Start today... call a committee chairperson. This is your association, your profession. You can make a difference. Go for it!



Dick Cook, winner of the
McLaughlin Trophy



Mike Dukette (left) being presented with the
President's Cup from Golf Co-Chairperson, Jeff Rogers (right).



John Motycka, performing some of his
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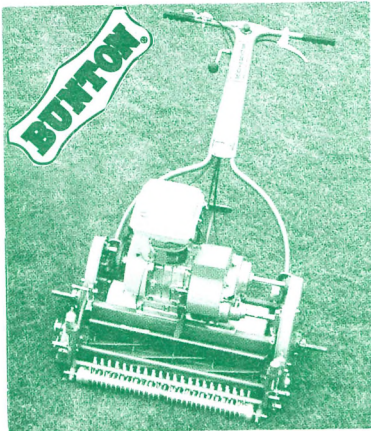
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The inaugural CAGCS Halloween party was held at The Castle at Cornfield Point in Old Saybrook, CT, on October 28th . From all accounts from the 50 members and guests, such a great time was had by all that it is unanimous that CAGCS host this party annually.

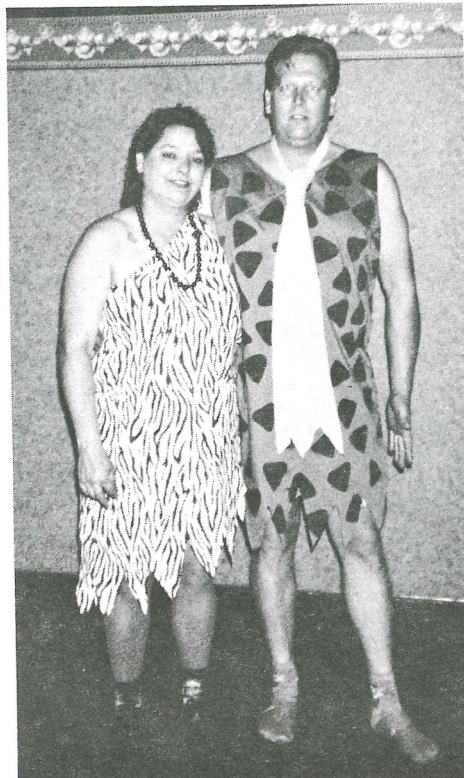
As you can see from the pictures, the guest list included such famous people as Fred and Wilma Flinstone, Bozo, pirates and many more. So many pictures were submitted, but space just would not allow all of them.

Take a look at some of the attendees and see if you can guess?



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