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ELECTION RESULTS

On November 5, 2003 at the Dock & Dine Restaurant adjacent to Fenwick GC on the foggy banks where the Connecticut River meets Long Island Sound, CAGCS held there annual election of officers and directors.

Officers elected for a one-year term were:

President - Wayne C. Urban, GCS Farmingbury Hills CC

Vice President - Keith A. Angilly, GCS Mill River CC

Secretary - Christian P. Mauro, GCS Highfield CC

Treasurer - John Motycka, GCS Skungamaug River GC

Three Directors were elected to serve twoyear terms:

John N. Garcia, GCS -The Paterson Club

Mark B. Mansur, GCS - Richter Park GC

John Ruzsbatzky, CGCS - CC of Farmington

John Callahan was reelected to serve another term as the Commercial Representative to

> the Board. President Wayne Urban has announced the following committee assignments: Golf - John Garcia & John Callahan; - Kevin Balocca; Membership - Mark Mansur; Scholarship & Research - John Ruzsbatzky; CGCS Government Relations

Social & Welfare

- Peter Pierson &



CAGCS Board of Directors with your Editor

Mark Mansur; Education - Kim Heyl & Keith Angilly. Please check the web site cagcs.com, call Mary Jo Kennedy at 888/561-7778 or e-mail cagcs@northeaster.net if you need to contact a committee chairperson.

Executive Board

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Jud W. Smith, President

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I find it hard to believe that another year has passed and my tenure as President of CAGCS is over. It has been both an honor and privilege to serve this association over the past two years. I never imagined some twelve years ago when I was appointed as the Social & Welfare Chairperson that I would end up here. It has truly been a meaningful and incredibly

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The President's Message

rewarding experience. For that I thank you all.

It is a pleasure to report that CAGCS is on solid financial ground with an ever-growing membership. This association represented nationally on GCSAA Board of Directors and regionally on the Boards of Tri-State Research Foundation, the New England Regional Turfgrass foundation, the Environmental Industry Council, the CSGA; and UCONN's school of Agriculture. This is all due to the dedication and hard work of our members who offer their time and energy for the betterment of others.

In addition and in recognition of their <u>years</u> of service in their respected areas, I along with our Board have nominated lifetime member Mr. Frank Lamphier for GCSAA's Distinguished Service Award. And Mr. Peter Pierson for GCSAA's Excellence in Government Relations Award. Their resumes speak for themselves, and they are exceptional examples of volunteers who have dedicated their time for the benefit of our association and GCSAA. We wish them both the best.

I would like to thank our Executive Secretary, Ms. Mary Jo Kennedy, through her dedication, hard work and professionalism our association runs as smoothly

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as it does. Mary Jo I personally can't thank you enough for all your help over the years. You assumed the role of Executive Secretary two short years ago and haven't missed a beat. Thank you.

As President I have served with a dedicated and hard working group of people, whom have all donated their time with one goal in mind, to work towards the constant betterment of CAGCS and the professional advancement of its members. It has been a sheer pleasure to work with such a quality group of people, whom I now look upon as friends. As I had noted in a Presidents message success of any organization is directly related to the quality of the draft or more concisely whom one surrounds himself with, I was truly blessed to have each and every one of you "at the same table" so to speak. You have all made this role as President almost effortless.

Finally I would like to thank all those who served on various committees, hosted meetings and two-man matches. Without your help and support CAGCS wouldn't be what it is today. It has been an honor to have served on this Board and it's been a pleasure serving this Association.

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April: How can I get my clematis to thrive and bloom?

May: What are the bright red beetles eating my lilies? How do I get rid of them?

June: How do I care for my hydrangeas?

July: Are there any foliage plants that provide summer color?

August: What plants are suitable for container gardening?

September: How do I get rid of a "bee's" nest?

October: What are "invasive" plants? Please list some alternatives.

November: What ornamental plants grow in coastal environments?

December: What should I plant to attract birds, butterflies, and other wildlife?

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"In Loving Memory of Tom Pelletier Richter Park Superintendent 1987-2001 His 14 Years of Dedication Made Richter Park One of the Top Public Courses in the Country"

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- Mark Mansur GCS Richter Park GC



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By David Oatis, Director, and Jim Skorulski and Jim Baird, Agronomists

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Could this happen on your golf course? Do you have a dilapidated turf care facility and pesticide storage and containment areas that do not conform to environmental regulations? According to the legal brief in the these aforementioned case: "The evidence shows that a draft environmental policy and a master plan for the golf course were essentially not acted upon. Furthermore, the President has given evidence that the board had in recent years focused on other matters in the belief that they had no responsibility in respect of environmental matters and that

it was entitled to delegate such responsibilities to management employees."

So ultimately who was responsible? The Club was ordered to pay approximately \$600,000 in fines, court fees, and costs of cleanup as well as installation of proper pesticide storage and handling facilities. The superintendent was sentenced to community service, had to pay substantial legal fees, and lost his job.

If your facility needs improvement, now is the time to take the necessary measures to protect our environment and the game of golf. Consult your state or local environmental regulatory agencies for information on standards and specifications regarding the safe storage and handling of chemicals on the golf course.

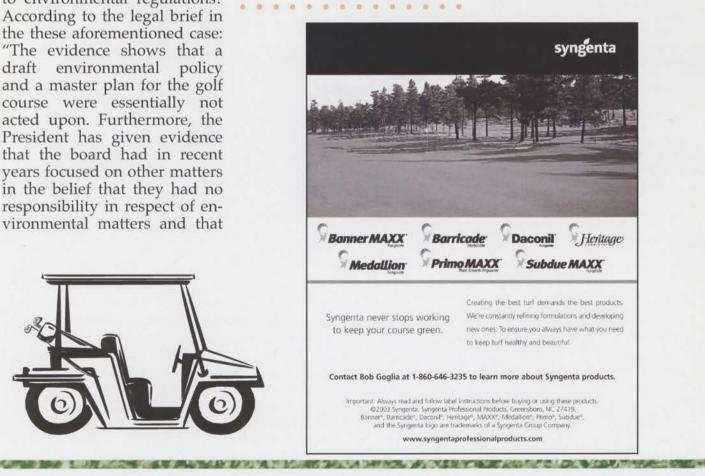


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Congratulations

Peter Pierson on his retirement from Pequabuck Golf Club. Also Peter Pierson has been awarded the prestigous GCSAA Government Relations Award.

Kevin Bengston has left Indian Hill GC to pursue a landscape business.

Congratulations to Keith and Kelly Angilly on the birth of their son Scott Charles born on November 12th weighing in at 5 lbs. 13 oz.

Peter Cure on his reelection as Vice President of the Northeastern Golf Course Superintendents Association.

Congratulations to our new Life Members & our 2003 pin recipients!

The following have been members of our Association for 30 years and are our new "Life Members":

John Ferry; Class Commercial, Turf Products, Corp. Stanley Sablak; Class Affiliate, Hamden Parks & Recreation Douglas Stachura, CGCS; Class A, Springfield Country Club

Receiving 25 year pins: Ray Beaudry; Class Commercial, Atlantic Irrigation Specialists Paul M. Christ, CGCS; Class A, Whitney Farms Golf Course Kevin D'Amico, CGCS; Class A, Westwoods Golf Course Peter R. Pierson; Class A, Pequabuck Golf Club Peter R. Rappoccio, CGCS; Class A, Silver Spring Country Club Allen L. Semprebon; Class C, Ellington Ridge Country Club Michael F. Streckfus; Class A, Rolling Greens Golf Club Louis Toth; Class Commercial, Aqua-Lawn, Inc.

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Tunxis Plantation
John M. Gallagher, III; Class A,
Race Brook Country Club
Cindy J. Johnson; Class A,
Tumble Brook Country Club
James W. Kilburn; Class A,
Southington Country Club
Philip Neaton; Class A,
Black Hall Club
Robert J. Szymanski, Jr.; Class A,

Short Beach Park Golf Club Robert Welch; Class A, Rock Ridge Country Club Harry J. Williams; Class C, Norfolk Country Club

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Dr. Pat Vittum, Entomologist UMASS will be on sabbatical from October 1 - March 15. 2004. She will be in New Zealand working on a book on pesticides in the environment. Dr. Vittum can be contacted at pvittum@ent.umass.edu

Calendar

January 13, 2004 CAGCS Winter Seminar, Hawthorne Inn, Berlin, CT

February 9-15, 2004 GCSAA International Turfgrass Conference & Show San Diego, CA

March 2-4, 2004 New England Regional Turf Conference & Show Providence, RI

GCSAA News

New GCSAA members who have never attended the conference & show are entitled to a one - time offer of a free full conference registration package (\$250 value). In order to take advantage of this great new member benefit, call GCSAA at 800/472-7878 for complete details and instructions on registering by mail.

2003 Chapter Delegates Meeting presentations are available on line at: www.gcsaa.org/members/community/ delegates/2003/presentations.asp

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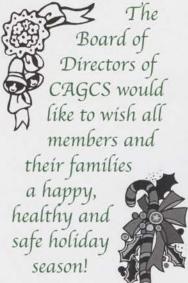
The Par Aide's Joseph S. Garske Collegiate Grant Program offers educational aid to children and step children of GCSAA members. The \$2,500 award is funded by Par Aid in honor of the founder, Joseph S. Garske, and is administered by The Environmental Institute for Golf, formerly the GCSAA Foundation. Applications will be reviewed by an independent committee of three educators. Applicants will be notified of their ststus by May 15 of the year submitted. For information, contact Pam Smith, scholarship and student programs manager, at 800/472-7878, ext. 678; or 785/ 832-3678; or go to www.gcsaa.org/career/ pursuing/scholarship/garske.asp

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Annual Meeting Golf Results Fenwick Golf Course November 5, 2003

ABCD Scramble

1st Net: Dave Ryan, Madison CC

Mike Sullivan, E. Gaynor Brennan Municpal Shawn Donovan, Turf Products Corp. Bob Chalifour, CGCS (Ret), Holliston Sand

2nd Net: John Callahan, The Cardinals

Wayne Urban, Farmingbury Hills CC Phil Neaton, Black Hall Club Kevin Balocca, Willimantic CC

3rd Net: Glen Dube, Oak Hills Park GC

Joe Trosky, Winfield Nursery

Steve Roberts, Stephen Roberts-Landscape

Tery Mish, Winfield Nursery

4th Net: Michel Smith, Turf Products Corp.

Ron Smith, Sports Club Management

Eric Kundahl, Norwich GC Steve Glynn, Steven Willand

Kickers: Mike McDermott, Tallwood CC/Twin Hills CC

Dave Caffrey, Fenwick GC John Napier, CGCS, Stanley GC Jay Martin, Madison CC

Closest to Pin: #2 Erick Kundahl, 7' 5"

3 Brian Skelly 15' 9" 6 Eric DeStefano

Long Drive #9 Eric DeStefano

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CAGCS September Golf Results Skungamaug River Golf Club September 16, 2003

Superintendent/Assistant Championship

1st Gross:

Tom DeVaux & Gary DePaola, Hunter Golf Club 70

1st Net

John Gallagher III & Thomas Pepe, Race Brook CC 61

2nc

Mike Griswold & Matt Bydlak, Skungamaug River GC 62

3rd

Tom Rodden & Bill Stevens, Glastonbury Hills CC 62

4th

John Napier & Kevin DeVaux, Stanley GC 63

Best Ball of Twosome

1st Gross:

Mike Dukette, Lesco & Greg Stent, Wampanoag CC 69

1st Net:

Ron Holcomb, Chas. Hart Seed & Lynn Engler, Ron's guest 60

2nc

Joe Malay, Hopbrook GC & Michael Krudwig, Winding Brook Turf 61

3rd

Paul Bednarczyk, Chas. Hart Seed & Bob Silva, Shuttle Meadow CC 62

4th

Len Gerardi & Bill Walker, Skungamaug River GC 63

Skill Prizes

Closest to Pin #2:

#2: Tom DeVaux 15' 3"

Long Drive #4:

Rick DiBella, Rockledge CC

Longest Putt #9:

Mike McDermott, Tallwood CC

13′ 1

Closest to Pin #11:

Susan Motycka, Skungamaug River GC 2' 11"

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Longest Putt #12:

Ted Tighe, Guilford Lakes GC

22' 1"

Closest to Line #18:

John Ruzsbatzky, Farmington CC

Kickers

Larry Dodge & Chris Mikita, Oak Lane CC Bruce Morse & Eric Kundahl, Norwich GC

> Scholarship & Research Tournament Golf Results Wampanoag Country Club October 14, 2003

1st Gross

Patrick Cragin, Waterbury CC Christian Mauro, Highfiled CC Walter Wozniak, Waterbury CC Chris Donato

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1st Net John Callahan, The Cardinals

Thomas Watroba, Suffield CC

John Fleming, Water Specialists, LLC

Robert Baker

2nd Net James Wierzbicki, Simplot Partners

Andy Drohen, Pursell Technologies

Jay Snyder Greg Dubois

3rd Net Rob Larson, Tom Irwin, Inc.

Dan St. Laurent

Chris Alonzi, Woodbridge CC

Mike Coty

4th Net Glen Dube, Oak Hills Park GC

Mark Chant, Aspectuck Valley CC Chad Esposito, Highland GC

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5th Net James Staszowski, Turf Products Corp.

Al Adaskaveg, Rockledge CC Peter Bacon, CGCS, Wyantenuck CC Peter Cure, Orchard Creek CC

Highest: Michael Kravontka, Wethersfield CC

Allen Woodward, Wethersfield CC Alfred Bachand, Wethersfield CC Phil Stone, Wethersfield CC

Long Drive: Andy Drohen

Closest to Pin: #9 - Les Kennedy, Jr., CGCS - 2'10"

Closest to Pin: #16 - Chris Donato - 4'5"

CAGCS Superintendent Championship Results

A Flight (0-12)

Gross Chris Mauro, Highfield CC Net John Ruzsbatzky, Farmington CC

B Flight (13-19)

Gross Paul Sabino, The Farms CC Net John Garcia, The Patterson Club

C Flight (20-36)

Gross Phil Neaton, Black Hall Club Net Steve Racliffe, UCONN

Senior(>50)

Net

Gross Peter Pierson, Retired

Wayne Urban, Farmingbury Hills GC

Commercial

Gross Andy Drohen, Repr. Purcell Technologies Net Shawn Donovan, Repr. Turf Products

President's Cup

Mike Dukette, Repr. Lesco

McLauhglin Trophy Mike Griswold, GCS Skungamaug River GC

Supterintendent/Assistant Championship Gross - Tom Devaux / Gary DePaola, Asst. Hunter GC Net - John Gallagher, III / Tom Pepe, Asst. Racebrook CC

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The Environmental Institute for Golf GCSAA's Charitable Arm Makes a New Name for Itself

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by Tim O'Neill, CGCS

This past winter GCSAA announced a new direction and name for The GCSAA Foundation, the "charitable" division of GCSAA. The Foundation is now known as The Environmental Institute for Golf, which will concentrate on addressing environmental issues surrounding the game of golf. Its new mission is to "strengthen the compatibility of the game of golf with our natural environment."

These changes came as a result of a year-and-half study that analyzed the needs of golf and the strategic focus of The Foundation. Through interviews conducted by the independent consultants First Counsel, Inc., respondents indicated that GCSAA's development efforts should be directed toward the subject of the environment and that the organization assigned that task

should be easily identifiable with that cause.

The repositioning and renaming of GCSAA's charitable arm has historical precedence. Originally established as the GCSAA Scholarship and Research Fund in 1955, it became known as The GCSAA Foundation in 1995 when education and historical preservation initiatives were added to its mission.

Along with the name and strategy change came word that professional golfer and businessman Greg Norman had agreed to participate in and support our environmental initiatives through The Institute. He has committed to serving five years on The Institute's Board of Trustees and will also lead the newly formed Advisory Council. He will assist the Trustees with fundraising and provide input regarding the strategic direction of The Institute.

Says Norman of his commitment to The Institute's cause: "There may be no issue more important to golf than its relationship with the environment. I am excited to be involved with The Environmental Institute for Golf because it has the opportunity to have a profound, positive influence on the game and business of golf. I was flattered and humbled to be approached by The Foundation, and I am committed to doing all that I can to make The Institute even more successful."

As part of his commitment to The Institute, Norman has pledged the single largest donation ever made to the organization.

For the many who have contributed and been donors to the former GCSAA Foundation, you can rest assured that all current programs will continue to be managed as they have been in the past. Eventually, these programs will be integrated into the new structure of The Institute as it continues to grow and develop.

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is to build on The Foundation's success and allow The Institute to develop programs that serve the new focus of environmental stewardship.

Meeting of the Environmentally Minded Most recently, the EIFG hosted a Strategic Planning Session at GCSAA headquarters in Lawrence, KS. As chairman of the Environmental Stewardship Committee and a member of The Institute's Board of Trustees, I attended the session along with nearly 50 representatives from both the golf and environmental arenas.

Audubon International, National Arbor Day Foundation, Center for Resource Management, Committed to Green Foundation, Evergreen Foundation, National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, and the Environmental Protection Agency were all represented.

Golf organizations included the PGA of America, LPGA, PGA TOUR, Canadian GCSA, Golf Course Builders Association, Florida GCSA, Club Managers Association, Irrigation

Association, USGA, and more.

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Former Old Tom Morris Award winner, Jaime Ortiz-Patiño from the Valderrama Golf Course in Spain was also in attendance. MetGCSA member and recognized "environmental champion" Ted Horton represented the Golf Course Owners Association of California. Other executives representing the golf industry were from Toro, Hunter, John Deere, Bayer, and Syngenta.

The group came together to identify and discuss the prime areas of focus for The Institute. Specifically, the group worked to:

 Identify the broad issues that link the environment with golf

 Determine how to best frame and address environmental issues surrounding golf

Develop a set of action steps

 Develop an ongoing method of communication and interaction with this group, as well as broad groups of stakeholders

 Define the collaborative process, and prioritize the next logical steps for The Institute Assessing the Session

In my opinion, the meeting was a success. It brought together representatives from a variety of groups, both inside and outside the world of golf.

The top areas of focus identified by the participants included:

• The need for collaboration among environmental and golf organizations

 Building off research and environmental initiatives begun by GCSAA and other groups

 Meeting head-on the water issues that will challenge the ability for golf courses to coexist harmoniously with the environment

During this time of transition, communication will be a priority. We plan to keep everyone informed through a variety of GCSAA publications, as well as the association website.

Tim O'Neill, serving on the GCSAA Board of Directors as secretary/treasurer, is superintendent at Country Club of Darien, CT.

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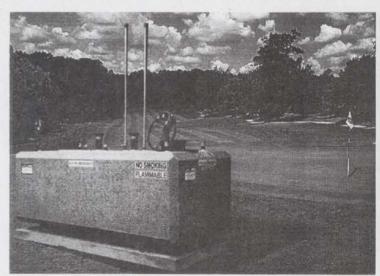
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