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### SUPERINTENDENT OF THE YEAR

### Connecticut's Most Eligible Bachelor

First I would like to thank the association for the privilege of presenting the Superintendent of the Year award. This is our associations most prestigious and coveted award because it is voted on by the recipient's peers. This award is based on a Class A or Life Member of our association who has shown exemplary skills in managing and maintaining a golf facility and has devoted his or her time and effort to help benefit fellow superintendents at both the local and national level. This year's recipient Jud Smith got his start in the golf business in 1975 working as a member of a greens maintenance staff at a Connecticut golf course. Jud continued working on the maintenance staff while attending the Hopkins School in New Haven. After graduating in 1978 he went on to college at the University of Richmond where he received a B.S. Degree in Business.

However this first career choice was not golf maintenance. After graduating college Jud took a position with a management consulting firm in New York City doing executive compensation work. After realizing that city life was not really for him, he took a computer sales position with a firm in Manchester, New Hampshire where he also began coaching youth football. Having completed the sales training program, he was offered a territory in sunny southern California and off he went. After some time on the road he realized that this lifestyle was not for him. He then took an inside sales position with BMW in California.

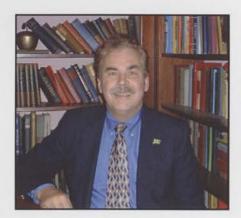
Three years later our recipient received a call from his Dad, Walter Smith to assist in running the family business. While working for his Dad *continued on page 3...* 



Jud with John Callahan

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Wayne Urban, President

It's January 29 of the New Year and after much procrastination I'm attempting to get my first "President's Message out for the March issue of the "Connecticut Clippings". All the past presidents know what I'm going through. Actually, timely chastising some Clippings General Bob by Chalifour was all the incentive that I apparently needed.

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# The President's Message

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Like every January, it's cold, dull and uneventful. So, I've personal instituted some regime changes to fight of the complacency. First, I motivated myself to do most of the reel grinding (manually) at the shop and secondly, I rejoined my local health spa with the hopes of physically inspiring myself out of those winter's doldrums. So far the only positive results I see are that my grinding capabilities have not dwindled. Thanks Les!

Okay enough....A status update as to the health of CAGCS is in order. Two new colleagues have joined the CAGCS board; namely John Garcia of the "Paterson Club" and Mark Mansur of "Richter Park". An injection of new insights and perspective from both John and Mark will have a refreshing impact both now and in the future for CAGCS.

I would like to thank John Ruzsbatsky, CGCS (past education chairman) for constantly raising the bar on both education opportunities and monthly golf venues.

Membership is strong and continuously getting stronger and participation in both sponsored educational forums, seminars and golf out-ings are at an all time schedule high. The 2004 for golf meetings is pretty much set (see corresponding insert). As always, all you members please new take the initiative to volunteer your facilities for future golf

outings, the rewards, acclaim and gratification are immeasurable.

Finally, under the direction of Dr. Carl Guillard, Steve Rackliffe, and et al. UCONN turf program is rapidly gaining status both in New England and nationally. Their commitment in hiring a turf pathologist and a soil scientist is indicative of the positive strides this program will eventually attain. As a result, CAGCS in conjunction with CSGA will initiate and develop a pro-active liaison with the UCONN turf program. Our goal is to help subsidies the turf school to specifically designed requests made by them. These requests would range from product and equipment needs, scholarships, travel and housing to local and national conferences, etc. We are also hopeful that some of Tri-State research funds the will eventually find its' way to the UCONN research projects. This initiative is still in the development stage but with some time and a coordinated effort by all parties involved I believe we can eventually attain a result that will make all of us proud.

Finally, thanks to all board members both seasoned and not for making CAGCS a productive force. Also, thanks Mary Jo for making my transition so easy...you are the true heroine of CAGCS.

> Sincerely, Wayno

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our recipient returned to coaching Youth Football in Branford and eventually ended up on the coaching staff at the University of New Haven as a part-time assistant to the then head coach Mark Whipple.

After working a golf season in the clubhouse, this future Superintendent of the Year, realized that clubhouse operations were not his long suit. Upon leaving his position as club manager he pursued a career in investment and commercial real estate while continuing to coach football at New Haven. As fate would have it in the spring of 1990 the family golf course was undertaking a drainage project and our recipient offered his assistance on a part-time basis.

It was not long after that our Superintendent of the Year completed the winter school at UMASS in 1991 and assumed the responsibility as superintendent of the family golf course in the spring of 1992. Shortly there after he joined the Board of Directors of CAGCS, and served in various positions until he eventually became president in 2002-2003.

In addition to the responsibilities as a Board Member for CAGCS, he has served as President of the New Haven Gridiron Club, is a member of the Board of Deacons at

his church, continues to be a mentor for incarcerated youths, volunteers at an outpatient clinic at a local hospital and serves on the District Animal Control Board for the towns of Bethany, Orange, and Woodbridge.

Believe it or not this year's recipient does find time for some additional hobbies and interest other than golf. He has been known to enjoy snowmobiling, rolling a few dice at the local casino, and fishing (which earned him the nickname "Fish" from a friend in California). As a child growing up he took dance lessons and became quite an accomplished dancer.

Jud resides in Orange, CT with his two dogs Auggie and Auggie Jr.

Jud center, with his sister Judy and dad Walter "Bud" Smith



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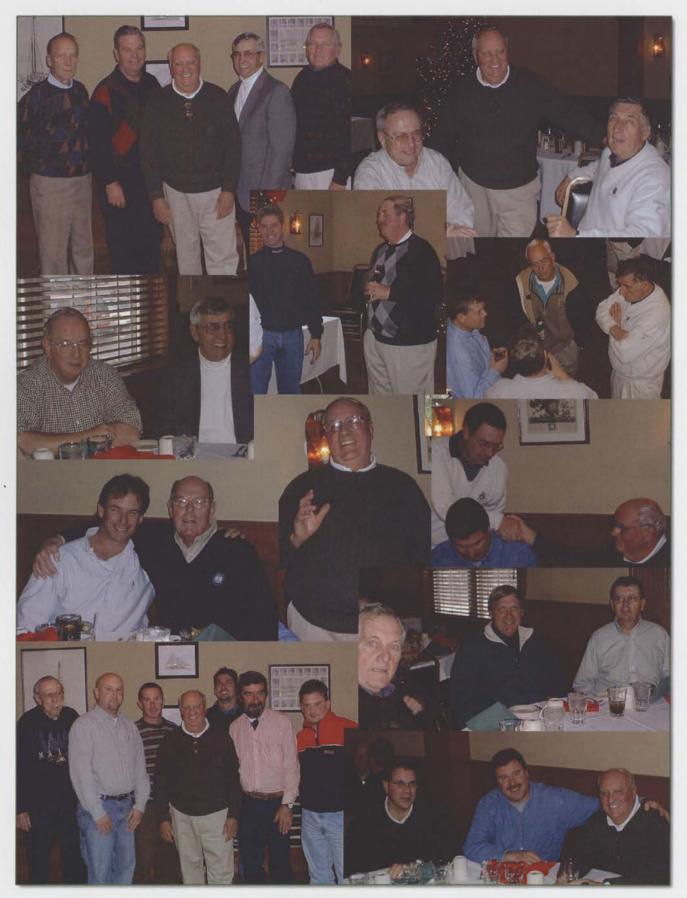
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### Bob Silva's Retirement Party



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### CAGCS 2004 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

March 23	March Meeting - Hawthorne Inn, Berlin, CT	
April 27	Blue Fox Run Golf Course	Brian Johnson
		Superintendent
May 24	Oronoque Country Club	Ward Weischet, CGCS
June 21	Aspetuck Valley Country Club	Mark Chant
		Superintendent
July 19	Country Club of Waterbury	Patrick Cragin
	CAGCS Invitational	Superintendent
July 12	Madison Beach Club	
August TBA	Westwoods Golf Course	Kevin D'Amico, CGCS
September 12	Lake Compounce	
	CAGCS Family Day	
September 27	Norwich Country Club	Bruce Morse
	Superintendent/Assistant Championship	Superintendent
	President's Cup/McLaughlin Trophy	
October 12	Oak Lane Country Club	Larry Dodge
	S & R Tournament	Superintendent
November TBA	Old Lyme Country Club	Brian Skelly
	Annual Meeting	Superintendent
December	TBA	
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Stanley Zontek, USGA Agronomist and family on the passing of his son Chris

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### Congratulations

Dr. Joe and Lonnie Troll on their 60th wedding anniversary.

Dr. Bill Torello, on his retirement from Stockbridge School of Agriculture.

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intendents Association.

GCSAA award to Peter Pierson (see related article on page 8).

Congradulations to Timothy O'Neil, CGCS Country Club of Darien on his election to Vice President of GCSAA.

Congrats to Linda & Ted Tighe on the birth of their daughter Gwen Lucia born on January 13, 2004 weighing in at 4 lbs.

#### **Reminder!!**

CAGCS Scholarship Applications are available. A member must request application in writing. Deadline for requests for applications is April 5, 2004 and deadline for submitting is May 3, 2004

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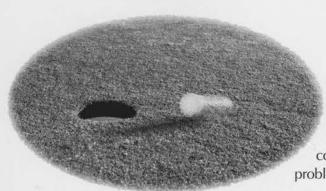
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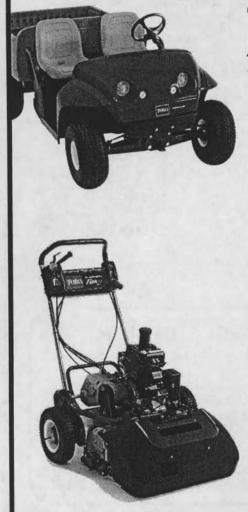
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Dr. James Murphy, Rutgers University spoke on Anthracnose

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Alberto Perez, M.D.

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Brad Klein

Bradley Klein, Editor Superintendent News gave two presentations. The first about his envolment in the Wintonbury Hills Golf Course Project and the second stressed the importance of communications in the life of a golf course superintendent.

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### **Government Watch Dog**

By Jud Smith

Peter Pierson receives GCSAA Excellence in Government Compliance Award

At the San Diego Conference & Show, Peter Pierson was awarded one of GCSAA's top honors. Peter was cited for his work on helping numerous golf courses in Connecticut comply with the Water Diversion Policy Act of 1982.

In October of 2000, only 41 golf courses in Connecticut were registered diverters, and another handful had diversion permits. Of the 170 total golf courses, there were more out of compliance than those registered or permitted.

Working closely with Carla Feroni of the DEP Inland Water Resources, a task force of golf course superintendents, headed by Peter Pierson, CT DEP regulators,

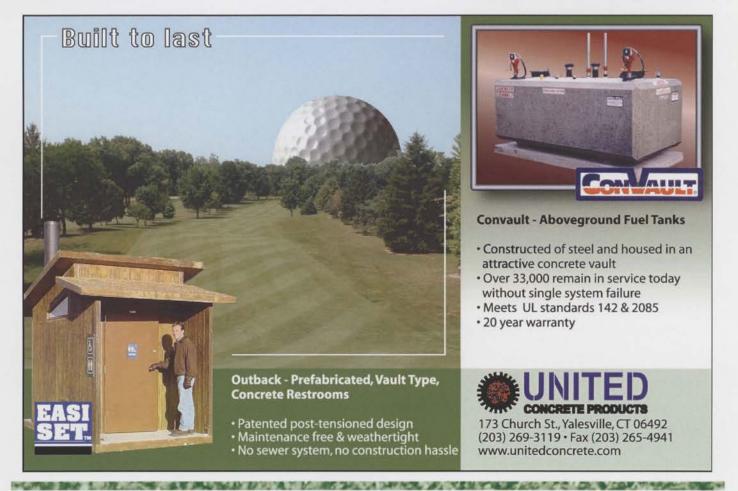


water engineers and concerned Environmental groups was assembled in January of 2001. The charge of the Inland Water Resources branch of the DEP was to come up with a document of Best Management Practices for golf course water use in Connecticut.

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The taskforce met monthly as a whole and bi-weekly as sub groups to develop best management practice guidelines for golf course water use. Patricia Bresnahan PhD., Associate Director of the Connecticut Institute of Water Resources headed up the taskforce.

The culmination of the long hours invested by the taskforce was a daylong seminar held at The CC of Farmington on October 18, 2001. The seminar attracted over 200 participants with golf related individuals more than 60% of the attendance. The seminar was a huge success for the golf industry



and has opened new lines of communication from the CT DEP Inland Water Resources and CAGCS, representing the golf industry in Connecticut.

CT DEP Inland Water Resources has developed a program for golf courses to come into compliance with the Water Diversion Policy Act of 1982. The program is titled Compliance Assistance for Golf Courses.

CT Public Act 01-102 Section 5 address's requirements of golf courses in reporting their last five years water consumption (information due 1/23/03) and submitting a complete diversion permit application by July 1, 2003. If golf courses that were not in compliance with the registration or permit requirements submitted the information by the due dates there would be no fine or civil penalties.

In continuing his representation of CAGCS and the golf industry in Connecticut, on September 27, 2002 Peter met with Dr. Gerald Iwan, Chief to the Water Supplies Section, CT Dept. of Health. Dr Iwan invited Peter to participate in Connecticut's Water Planning Council representing golf courses. Other golf related industries participating in the Water planning Council are the Irrigation Association. Sod Producers Association and the Connecticut Landscape Association.

Peter has served CAGCS for the past 16 years as government Relations Director. Peter has also served as CAGCS's representative to the Environmental Industry Council.



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Peter Pierson Government Watch Dog

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A special event was added to the schedule this year. Most everyone knows that Dr. Noel Jackson has recently fully retired from the University of Rhode Island. At this year's New England Regional conference and show there was a Tribute Dinner to

honor Dr. Jackson and his almost 40 year career in RI on Wednesday, March 3, 2004.

A formal dinner and program was included to do this and all proceeds will go to establishing an endowment for a Turfgrass Laboratory Diagnostic Technician at URI. This will begin to insure that there will always be a funded lab available at URI for turfgrass diagnostics. It is probably safe to say that there is not one turfgrass manager in all New England or the Northeast that has not benefited in some way from the work and dedication of Dr. Noel Jackson. We invite all past-students, golf course superintendents and all other turf and landscape professionals to join in and recognize the need to thank Noel. Over 200 former students, colleagues and friends enjoyed a wonderful evening with Noel.

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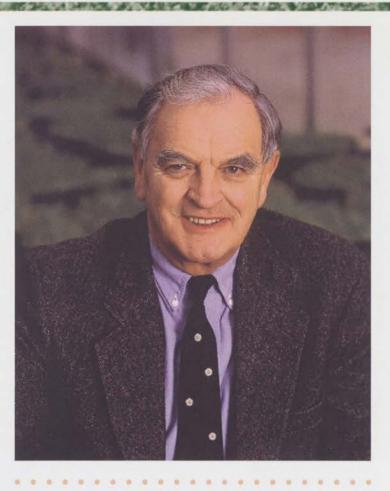
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### **Connecticut Team Wins** New England Superintendent's Syngenta Championship

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#### By Heather Garvin

Dave Vibber hosted on Monday October 20, 2003 the New England Superintendent's Championship. The weather was gorgeous, the course was in great shape, and gave the players a challenge. The hospitality provided by the Ellington Ridge staff made the day enjoyable for all participants. Thank you all.

#### The results: 1st Connecticut

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Vermont
- 3rd Cape Cod
- 4th tie, Maine & **Rhode Island**
- 5<sup>th</sup>
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