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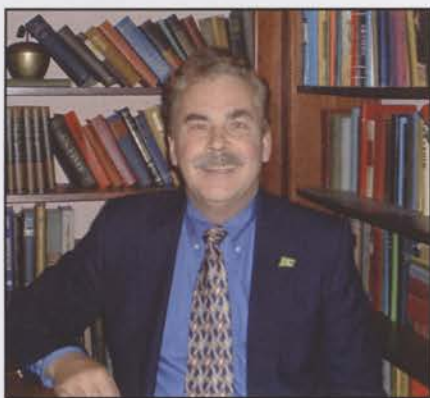


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Wayne Urban, President

I'm sitting in my office and instead of watching the typical morning frost dissipate, I'm waiting for the damn snow to melt. I love it when nature throws these unexpected curve balls at me. Oh - how I long for the days of 90° and 100% dew points. At least my supply of industrial strength Thorazine was never in short supply. Like everyone else who maintains a golf course in and around the

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## The President's Message

Connecticut Alps I'm struggling with the decision of when to close down operations. I have snow fence to put up, greens covers to put in place and other end of the year winterization. Since my night time temps have steadily been at or below the freezing mark I'm also finding that I have a 1/2" frost where there are areas of constant shade or little sun - where's the Thorazine! Of course my membership and my pro want to stay open until the place gets to be like a bobsled run. Why not! - They don't have to worry about winterizing the facility. I hope everyone has as smooth of a transition to "shut down" as I anticipate I will have. If not - call me - I'm sure I can scare up some extra Thorazine.

With the holidays quickly coming upon us I hope that they bring the peace and tranquility that we all deserve. Remember the folks that may not be as fortunate as many of us. Remember to simplify your life - rid yourselves of all those negative stresses and complexities that are forced down our throats. Enjoy the holidays for what they truly were meant to be, not for what they have become.

Lastly, I'd like to thank some groups and some individuals:

CAGCS Board for a productive year.  
Mary Jo Kennedy,  
Peter Pierson - your CAGCS legacy won't be fully appreciated until years have passed.

Sean Flynn - for his interest in taking the time to work on the CAGCS Board.  
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## THE CONN. CLIPPINGS



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### Connecticut is "Golden"

It all started at the Wethersfield Country Club with seven charter members taking the bull by the horn and trumpeting the formation of the Connecticut Association of Golf Course Superintendents.

That historical gathering put their heads together in February of 1929. And several weeks ago in a gala celebration at the Tumble Brook Country Club, CAGCS turned "golden" with the making of its 50th anniversary.

Actually, the group was an offshoot of the New England Association which had taken its first steps five years before on another February evening in 1924.

"It was mostly a matter of logistics," commented the 50th's party master of ceremonies Charles Baskin. "With most of the New England activity centered in the Boston area, it was almost a hardship for the Connecticut boys to make the long trip. Besides, the regionalization move was on at the time. What this did was to make the organization more compact with purposes, problems and other variables tuned into local environment rather than to the general New England scene."

The CAGCS was not unlike the mother New England association in that growth was slow but steady.

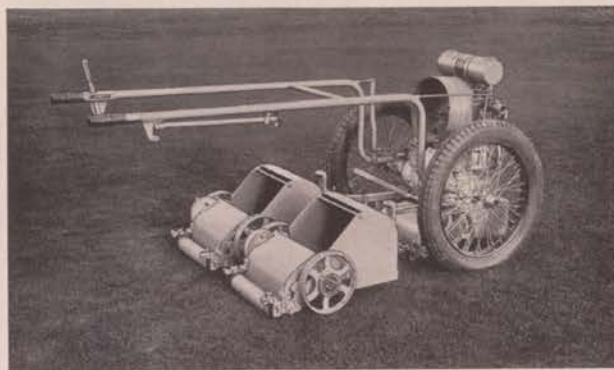
The seven charter members included J.O. Campbell of Wethersfield, J.R. Foster of Manchester, Thornton Griswold of Wampanoag, Otto Nelson of Farmington, Robert Smith of Indian Hill, Joseph Whitehead of Edgewood and George Wellin of Tumble Brook. At the first meeting, Campbell was elected association president.

Baskin, a past president of CAGCS, perhaps is the most illustrious member of the Connecticut cult in manner of earning national recognition. He served as president of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America and has been a booster of his own organization in the ensuing years.

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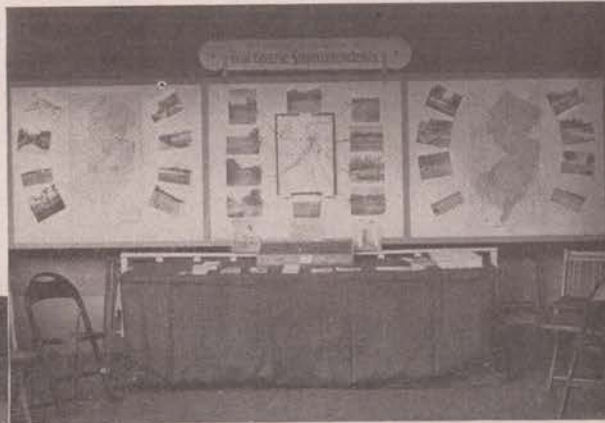
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*The Greenkeepers' Reporter*



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## MSC Recreation Conference

By C. K. BRADLEY

FROM THE morning of Friday, March 10, to the afternoon of Sunday, March 12, the BUSINESS of golf maintenance was the leading program of the Sixth Annual Recreation Conference at Massachusetts State College in Amherst.

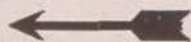
Six organizations of golf course superintendents and greenkeepers had booths at the exhibition hall — namely, the Greenkeeping Superintendents Association, the Greenkeepers Club of New England, and the Rhode Island, Connecticut, Northeastern New York and New Jersey associations. Over 200 men from these and other districts attended greenkeeping discussions which were very *applicable* in topic, and concise in thought.

Graduation exercises of the 1939 Class of the Winter School for Greenkeepers opened the program. Roland H. Verbeck, Director of Short Courses, presented the certificates. Since the school began in 1927 at the instigation of the Greenkeepers Club of New England, there have been 259 men enrolled from numerous states, Canadian provinces, the West Indies and the Panama Canal Zone.

Gordon Haberkorn, Somerset Ridge CC, St. Paul, Minnesota, read a class paper entitled "Appreciation of Depreciation." Items dealing with the high cost to clubs operating with worn or outmoded equipment were clearly brought out.

Anthony J. Sperandio, Leicester-Hillcrest CC of Leicester, Massachusetts, spoke on the value of education applied to maintenance.

Fred J. Sievers, Director of the State Experiment Station connected with the college, offered good advice to the audience. His remarks centered around such thoughts as



Regional Greenkeeper Organization booths at MSC Recreation Conference. (Lower Right) Portion of show floor at conference. Interest in district Greenkeeper organizations thruout the United States and Canada has reached an all time high. In the U. S. alone there are some thirty odd active associations.

"There is little that one can know in the factual sense of the word—a great mistake is often made in thinking we know instead of saying that we are not certain"—and "A great asset is to be able to justify one's position by intelligent diagnosis."

Fertilizers, particularly the new ingredients, was the topic of Myron W. Hazen, manager of the Service Division of the American Agricultural Chemical Co. The change from the use of animal manures to synthetic products was shown. He advised not to step up fertility too rapidly as this may lead to trouble. "The crop growth," said Mr. Hazen, "is a better chemist and indicator of fertility than is man."

Joseph Ryan, retired President of the G.S.A., spoke on "The Greenkeeper and His Club." He stressed that golf course superintendents needed to leaven technical ability with diplomacy.

J. A. Gormley, Vice-President of the G.S.A., read a paper by Paul J. Lynch on "The Personal Equation in Greenkeeping." This was sponsored by the Northeastern New York Greenkeepers Association, and touched on the proper attitude of golf "maintainers" toward their employers and vocation.

Professor L. S. Dickinson, pioneer educator of greenkeeping methods, spoke on "What You Are Going to do to Golfing Turf in 1939." While there are many factors that enter into the culture of turf, it should be realized that there are limits of tolerance for each.

Dr. O. J. Noer, agronomist of the Milwaukee Sewerage Commission, was introduced by Professor Dickinson as one of today's outstanding turf technicians. Dr. Noer brought out factors affecting root development of grasses and used colored lantern slides for illustration.

"The Role of Potash in Golf Grass Fertilization," was depicted by L. D. Gray, manager of the American Potash Institute. Potash is important, especially in conjunction with nitrogen feeding, as this tends to



## Rhode Island Field Day

THE NINTH ANNUAL Greenkeepers' Field Day was held at Rhode Island State College, Kingston, R. I., on May 23. As usual, the weather gods favored with a very fine day. Registration was held "under the elms" at 10 A. M. About sixty-five greenkeepers and other visitors were present, including delegations from New Hampshire, Massachusetts, and Connecticut. Several dealers in equipment, fertilizers and seeds displayed and demonstrated their products.

The program started with a tour of inspection of the experimental grass plats. The lawn section was visited where the "Old Lawn Plats" established in 1905 and the "weedless lawn" were viewed. The "weedless lawn" has been developed by continual applications of sulphate of ammonia which have produced a very acid soil in which weeds will not grow. However, the turf is now becoming "sod-bound" due to lack of lime and this helps to decompose the mass of roots which accumulate yearly. Here was also seen the effect of nitrate, organic, and ammonia nitrogen on Kentucky bluegrass. At this time of year the plats treated with nitrate of soda were ahead of those receiving sulphate of ammonia and far ahead of the plats getting organic nitrogen. The fertilizer treatment was applied in April.

Other plats showed the effects of different soil reactions on Rhode Island and velvet bent fertilized with nitrate of soda and with sulphate of ammonia plus lime; also, the effects of compost topdressing on different grasses; results of arsenate of lead and other weed treatments; a wild white clover and white Dutch clover study; and disease control studies. Much of the experimental work on the lawn plats is applicable to fairways.

The golf green plats were inspected next where a comparison of strains and variety tests are being made of different bent grasses; stolon plantings vs. seeded plantings; webworm control and brownpatch control studies; comparison of fertilizer ratios on

Piper velvet, Rhode Island Colonial and Washington creeping bents; and a comparison of different sources of nitrogen on Piper, Rhode Island Colonial and Washington.

A series of 800 plats of velvet and Colonial bent were inspected next. Each plat represents turf developed from one individual seed from a promising strain. These plats have been established for only a year but some very interesting strains are showing up even at this early date.

A set of experiments concerned with seed production is maintained. This consists of Piper velvet bent treated with different kinds of fertilizer mixtures with and without lime to determine what mixture will produce the best seed crop.

Following lunch at Lippett Hall, the educational program was conducted. The program was in charge of Dr. B. E. Gilbert, Director of Research, and dealt mostly with Velvet bent. After receiving a welcome by Dr. R. G. Bressler, president of R. I. State College, the group heard Robert A. Mitchell of Kernwood CC, Salem, Massachusetts, speak on "My Experience with Velvet Bent at Kernwood."

Everett Pyle of Hartford, Conn., followed with "My Observations and Experience with Piper Velvet Bent"; C. W. Baker of F. H. Woodruff & Sons talked on "Velvet Bent, Now and in the Future"; and Dr. J. A. DeFrance of Rhode Island State College spoke on "The Present and Future of Velvet Bent Seed Production."

Following the educational program, the Rhode Island Greenkeepers' Club held its annual business meeting and election of officers. Guy C. West of the R. I. Country Club was elected president; R. Wallace Peckham of the Sachuest Golf Club, Middletown, Conn., vice-president; Mariin Green of Wannamossett CC was re-elected treasurer; and Dr. J. A. DeFrance was elected secretary.

Equipment demonstrations concluded the program.

—DR. J. A. DEFANCE, *Sec'y.*

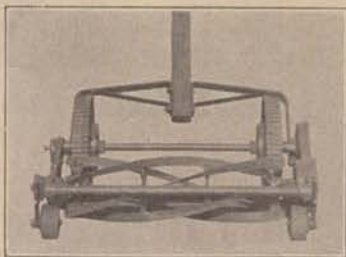


## The New Toro Tee Mower

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## O'Grady Has Brown Patch Trouble

By MICHAEL J. O'GRADY, *Greenkeeper*  
Country Club of New Bedford, North Dartmouth, Mass.

IN RESPONSE to a letter received from our President, John Morley, for some information on Eastern conditions, I am only too glad to convey to the readers of the NATIONAL GREENKEEPER what I can at this time.

This is without a doubt the toughest year that the greenkeepers have come to and probably will be the hardest on greenkeepers for some time. Everybody seems to think that business conditions are improving; we all hope so, as it will leave money more plentiful around golf clubs which means that the budgets will be a little bigger for the year of 1933.

I have been to about twenty of the best courses around my district this summer and, believe it or

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not, every greenkeeper I have met has his trouble and plenty of it.

The courses that I have seen this year with the exception of one or two have been visited with brown patch, both the large and small types. In most cases the small has been the worst. Different remedies have been applied and in some places have done a pretty good job on the large brown patch, but have not taken much hold on the small patch.

I haven't any doubt in my mind but the different fungicides are a pretty good preventative but if anyone will call any one of them a sure cure I would like to know which one it is as I have tried four different kinds and the results seem to be the same in each test. I have two greens that are located where there is very little air and I have tried Semesan and Nugreen every ten days during the hot weather. I think that I have it pretty well checked but even now they would not take a very good picture.

Some of the courses that I had the pleasure to see had been infested with both webworm and also the sod webworm. Some of the boys are using lead and some have tried kerosene emulsion and both the tests were successful.

On my own course here in New Bedford I am having a pretty hard time to keep it in fair condition as we have cut down on help, which means that lots of things that we would like to do have to stand for another time. I have eight men and one high school boy and we are kept moving all the time with four tennis courts and eighteen holes of golf course to keep.

I cut my greens at an average of four times a week instead of six, tees once a week where they used to be cut twice; traps and the rough are neglected somewhat also. Those things don't hurt in the long run as much as do weeds and watering of the putting greens if they are neglected.

Crab grass has been plentiful this season and has left quite a problem for the greenkeeper to get rid of as it is pretty hard to weed the small crab grass and leave any other grass. The large crab grass is not so hard to get rid of as it can be weeded by hand and the green will not look so bad afterwards. The only method to get the small is to scratch the greens with a rake and cut close after scratching, and while this may not do the trick altogether it will help to keep the greens true to putt on.

Greens that are infested badly with crab grass

generally when weeded make a very nice seed bed for bent to take hold when mixed with compost.

While the greenkeeper will always have something to scratch his head over I hope that his troubles will be less in 1933. I trust that you will find some helpful information in this.



Connecticut (Cont'd. from page 1)

"We have been guided by the purpose of the group from the very beginning," Baskin noted. "They were and are the education of the membership, promotion of the profession and improvement of the golf courses in Connecticut through continuing education. We really do emphasize the educational phase of our association goals and it's paid off."

Unlike some other regional superintendents' groups, the CAGCS is experiencing an increase in organizational participation. "We average anywhere from 60 to 80 members for each of our meetings," Baskin told. "I'd say that's an increase of 30 percent since I joined in 1963. Being a smaller group than many of the chapters, I think we tend to be a closer group. . . more of a family. There really is cooperation among the members. I think I've heard of only one unethical episode involving fellow members. I'd say that proves we pull together."

Baskin also revealed a strong call to serve by the younger superintendents of the state. "Our young members appear to appreciate the advantages of belonging to an association like ours more than some of the older people," Baskin disclosed. "They see the need for it and the value of it. And our average age shows such interest. Again, when I first came in the average age was 50-55. Now, I'd say it's somewhere around 35 and maybe even below that figure."

The celebration dinner-dance was attended by more than 100 who were accorded the royal treatment which is synonymous with the Tumble Brook management. Host superintendent Dave Stimson did an excellent job in arranging the fete and creating an informal atmosphere.

"As you can see, we have no head table," Stimson advised. "We thought it would be nice to limit the formal limelight to only a few people. What we wanted to effect was the fact that the spotlight belonged to every member, present and past, of our organization. This makes for more time for renewing old friendships and just plain fun."

Also prominent in making an enjoyable night for all were the CAGCS officers who include president Bob Osterman of Aspetuck, Steve Cadenelli of New Canaan, past president Bob Tosh of Rickrimmon--plus directors Bruce Cadenelli, Ken Kelliher, Fred Bachand, Doug Stachura, Dick Cook, Mike Wallace, Charles York and associate director Al Arison.

Among the invited guests were Dick Skogley of the University of Rhode Island, Bill Dest of the University of Connecticut, Joe Troll of the University of Massachusetts and New England Golf Course Association president Dean Robertson.

Gerry Finn

Credit "Newsletter" of the GCSA of New England

NERTRT- FOLIAR FEEDING TURF RESEARCH!

When it comes to expanding funding for turf research in New England, the New England Regional Turfgrass Foundation has set in motion 2 vehicles. The foundation was created with the best intentions to do all the funding that was thought needed. The NERTF works with a lengthy budget whose annual yields are mostly predictable and whose eye is not just on today, but looking far down the road. Hence, its main objectives are to fund research, plan future shows and to continue creating a \$1,000,000 research endowment. You can compare it with "feeding the soil" in Ag. terms. It continues on its very important function as it nears its goal focused on the industry's future.

The NERTRT on the other hand was formed in March of 2001 to aid in the alternative opportunities to raise funds for turfgrass research in New England. What is the NERTRT all about? By forming a trust and requesting for donations to be eligible as a charitable personal deduction from the IRS, donations directly to the trust can then be tax deductible. Also, it becomes a vehicle to raise funds by other methods that will go directly to the ongoing turf research projects. This fund has been generated by the silent auction and through club solicitations. These methods are less predictable, but are alternative sources to generate funds that can then be applied to where it might be needed either for short or long-term projects. In a sense, it is more of a "foliar feeding" method that may have a quicker response time, but shorter duration. The trustee's may decide to use the funds on an existing project, or a newer problem that wasn't budgeted for over the course of the season, or they could just hold them for when they are needed more.

Every golf course in New England should have received a new copy of N.E. Turf News and donation form. Within the newsletter is information and news concerning ongoing research being funded by the NERTF and the activity at some of our New England Universities. We hope many of the golf courses in New England will be attracted to donating at least \$200 each to the NERTRT. These donations will continue to help expand research opportunities and the N.E. Turf News newsletter. Your club's donation is

very important and much needed to make this possible. The Research Trust will also oversee the upcoming and popular Silent Auction fundraiser at this year's TURF 2005 Conference and Show. It is a great way to support the NERTRT, and possibly save some dollars in your budget as most all items are sold for a percentage of the retail value.

Both research feeding (funding) methods as in turfgrass agronomics, if they can help our present situations, then they should be used. The NERTF and the NERTRT are hand in hand working to advance turfgrass research in New England, and all the while helping to build a stronger, better, and more responsible future for the industry. Thank you for your interest and support!

Gary Sykes, Executive Director  
NERTF

On Monday, March 7, 2005, the NERTF will be administrating 4 seminars at this year's show. They are:

1. Water, Fish, and Buffer Management for Golf Course Ponds, full-day, .7 GCSAA education points. Co-taught by Drs. Bruce Williams, and Douglas Holland, Brunswick Community College, North Carolina
2. Understanding Biostimulants, 1/2 day, .35 education points, Dr. Keith Karnok, University of Georgia
3. Localized Dry Spots and Using Wetting Agents on the Golf Course, 1/2 day, .35 GCSAA education points, Dr. Keith Karnok, University of Georgia
4. American Heart Association: HeartSaver and AED Training. 1/2 day seminar, taught by American Safety Programs, Inc.

Registration Forms will be available online on NERTF@earthlink.net after December 1, or in this year's new show program mailer. We hope these subjects and titles will help you make your decision on whether you'll attend a seminar in March. The office number is 401-841-5490. Pesticide re-certification credits will be offered for those seminars that qualify.



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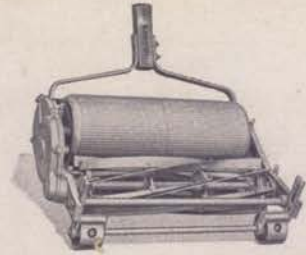
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## N. Y.-CONN. NEWS

SIXTY-NINE MEMBERS and guests attended our dinner meeting held at the very fine Tamarack CC, Greenwich, Conn., where Mr. Joseph Lockhart, Mr. M. Kent and Mr. Bob McGreagor were our hosts.

President A. R. Twombly and Secretary A. Maslin really had an excellent speakers' program arranged. Dr. John Cornman and Mr. Gene Nutter of Cornell were on hand together with Dr. John Schread. Last, but not least, Mr. Tony Mascara showed his colored films on the new Mole Drain and another on the renovation of an entire golf course last year.

Following the guest speakers, there was a very lively round-table discussion led by Mollie Strazza of the Round Hill Club, the subject being Annual Bluegrass. Contributing to the topic were Doug Rankin, J. Butler, D. Artese, J. Vigliotte, H. LeFurgy, J. Flynn and others. No one really solved the problem, but all felt better after talking it over.

The New York-Conn. Turf Improvement Association is actively supporting the turf conference planned for October 30-31 to be held at White Plains, N. Y. This will be a two day meeting for the Metropolitan district and the first of its kind in the area. The N. Y. State Extension Service and the College of Agriculture are planning the Conference.

Our next meeting, as announced by Gene Erickson, will be an all day picnic at the James Baird State Park, for the fellows and their families to enjoy.

The ranks of the group continue to grow. Recent members are: James Galletly, Whip-poorwill Club; Joseph Gaillard, Rockrimmon CC; Bruno Vadalla, Metropolis CC; C. W. Birch, Chairman of Winged Foot GC; Victor DeLuca, Agrico; John D. Laing, Pleasant Valley GC; Wm. Livingston, Silver Springs CC; and Henry Matteson with Armour Fertilizer.

— Wm. Benneyfield

Rhode Island  
Greenkeepers Club

THE SECOND regular meeting for 1939 of the Rhode Island Greenkeepers Club was held at Manfredis, well-known Italian restaurant in Providence, on March 20. This was our second meeting to be held at this restaurant, as we were entertained there last April by Pat Tameo, greenkeeper of Louisiquett Golf Club. It was quite an event in the Rhode Island Club when an extra table was spread to accommodate all the members and guests.

After the very grand Italian dinner, the meeting was called to order by President Guy West, superintendent of the Rhode Island Country Club. Regular business was handled in a satisfactory manner, and President West gave a report of the golf section program of the Amherst Recreation Conference. Dr. DeFrance discussed certain points brought out during the speakers program of the conference.

By unanimous vote it was decided not to have an April meeting because of pressure of work due partly to hurricane damage. Martin Higgins, Fall River Country Club, extended an invitation to hold our May meeting at his course, which was unanimously accepted. Tony Guimelli, Winnesucket Golf Club, extended an invitation to meet at his club in Woonsocket in September, and it was decided to accept his invitation also.

The Rhode Island Club is glad to learn that the next National convention will be held in New York City. A large delegation from "Little Rhody" can be expected.

—J. A. DeFrance, Sec'y.

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*The Greenkeepers' Reporter*

## New England News

THE FEBRUARY meeting of the Greenkeepers Club of New England was held in the Hotel Bradford. The guest speakers were Dr. Howard and Dr. DeFrance of Rhode Island State College, who presented a report of their developments of fungicides for turf diseases, weed control, and better turf mixtures.

The following are the new officers for 1948:

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The New England Greenkeepers Club are sponsoring a proposal to establish a research fund and association to be manned by existing personnel of the University of Massachusetts. They started the ball rolling by voting to donate \$100.00 to the fund.

Many of the members from the New England group had their way paid by their clubs to the recent show and conference. It is a wise investment as it acquaints the greenkeeper with new and up-to-date methods and equipment.

*Your editor wishes to thank Paul Ladzinsky Jr. GCS Gainfield Farms GC for his loan of history pictures, and Richard Chalifour for formatting and enhancing the pictures and text.*



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 Second Row—Left to Right: George Pauli, Three Rivers, Mich.; Samuel Caldwell, Sagamore Springs Golf Club, Lynnfield; William F. Stuper, Sunset Ridge Country Club, Winnetka, Ill.; Robert McGregor, St. Andrews Country Club, Hastings-on-the-Hudson, N. Y.; A. O. Haskinson, Worcester Country Club, Worcester; Walter B. Hatch, golf architect and lecturer; Albert B. Larsen, Megunticook Golf Club, Rockport, Me.; George E. Pashee, instructor in motors; George Pickard, Plymouth Country Club, Plymouth; Harry Burkhardt, Mansfield Country Club, Cleveland, O.  
 Back Row—Left to Right: Charles T. O'Keefe, Charles River Country Club, Newton; Prof. Lawrence S. Dickinson, director of the course; Dr. William H. Davis, instructor in botany; Prof. Christian I. Guinness, instructor in motors and water systems; John McBride, Nashua Country Club, Nashua, N. H.; L. C. Stott, Brookline Country Club, Brookline; Carlton F. Treat, Woodland Country Club, Auburndale; Prof. Miner J. Markuson, instructor in drainage; Harry Burns, Allegheny Park Commission, Pittsburgh; Henry Whitebeck, assistant in motors; Joseph Johnson of Belmont Springs Country Club, Waverly; Dr. Miles H. Cubbon, instructor in soils

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CHAPTER DELEGATE  
MEETING HIGHLIGHTS  
KEITH A. ANGILLY,  
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Keith A. Angilly

On September 24-26 2004 I attended the 12th annual Chapter Delegates Meeting in St. Louis Mo. As part of our affiliation agreement, our association is required to send a representative each year. Having just climbed out of a 6 foot hole I was in while repairing the water service line to our shop here at Mill River CC, and being up against a deadline, I am presenting the highlights provided by GCSAA on the Chapters website ([www.gcsaa.org/chapters](http://www.gcsaa.org/chapters)). I would happy to discuss these issues at length with anyone who is interested. I can be reached at my office (203/378-0331) or e-mail ([kkangilly@cox.net](mailto:kkangilly@cox.net))

#### Chapter Effectiveness

John Fulling, CGCS reported on the work the Chapter Effectiveness Task Group. The highlights of his presentation included:

- The importance of chapter effectiveness in GCSAA's ability to serve members through chapters.
- The effectiveness of different chapter models.
- The delegates perspective on the usefulness of the chapter assessment tool.

Chapters were asked to complete the assessment tool and return it GCSAA by March 31, 2005. This will provide baseline information to aid GCSAA staff in identifying chapter goals and then identifying incentives and resources to address those needs.

#### Chapter Affiliation Agreement

Pat Sisk, CGCS reported on the work of the Chapter Affiliation Task Group. The major revisions in the new affiliation agreement that takes effect on January 1, 2006 include:

- A new purpose statement.
- Nomenclature changes & conformity issues to align with GCSAA Bylaws.
- A more comprehensive list of cooperative programs, which are available to chapter members as a result of their affiliation.
- New affiliation application guidelines.
- Chapter assessment tool requirements.
- The addition of an amendment clause, allowing for revisions to the agreement to be addressed during affiliation period.

#### The Success of the Facility

A new membership growth concept was introduced that centers around the development of an affiliate facility membership as a value-add to a Class A or Superintendent Member membership. By offering a facility membership, GCSAA will be able to deliver value, benefits and services to not only the golf course superintendent, but also to the golf facility that addresses the facility's goals. Delegates brainstormed content ideas for a facility membership and identified potential challenges. The information discussed by the delegates will be forwarded to the Membership, Career Development and Strategic Communications committees for further discussions.

Association Name Change Consideration Jonathan Jennings, CGCS, chairman of the Messaging/Brand Strategy Task Group, outlined the process that will be followed to answer the following question: Does the current name, Golf

Course Superintendents Association of America, help us achieve our mission, vision and goals, or would a name with a clearer, more definitive meaning be better? The process being engaged involves some of the same elements that were used in the exploration of membership standards (PDI) and the recent headquarters location study. The group is gathering information from a written survey sent to chapter leaders and a telephone survey being conducted with randomly selected members. The task group may make a presentation to the GCSAA Board of Directors in the spring of 2005.

#### Other Highlights

- GCSAA Chief Executive Officer Stephen F. Mona, CAE, addressed the decision-making process and the benefits of having allied associations join the Golf Industry Show.
- GCSAA Chief Financial Officer Cameron Oury provided the delegates with a financial overview and also outlined the process for investigating a potential long-term dues pricing plan.
- Delegates had the opportunity to hear from and visit with the candidates running for the 2005 GCSAA Board of Directors.
- Pat Finlen, CGCS, chairman of the Headquarters Location Resource Group, briefed the delegates on the process that his group had undertaken in reaching its three recommendations: <http://www.gcsaa.org/about/community/hdqrtslocation/report.asp>
- Delegates learned about enhancements to the Golf Industry Show, including the establishment of solution centers, featuring interactive displays with best management practices.
- Delegates also received updates on the new certification exam; The Environmental Institute for Golf; the GCSAA committee volunteer process and the International Association of Golf Administrators (IAGA) / GCSAA action plan.



**SEPTEMBER 27, 2004 GOLF RESULTS**  
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3rd	75	Christian Mauro/Joe Caselli Highfield Country Club

NET:

1st	59	Michael Wallace, CGCS/Larry Gauvain Simsbury Farms Golf Course
2nd	61	John Garcia/James Costanzo The Patterson Club
3rd	61	Bruce Morse/Eric Kundahl Norwich Golf Club
4th	62	Mark Chant/Chris Small Aspetuck Valley Country Club

Other 2-Ball Tournament winners:

GROSS:

1st	68	Eric Morrison, Shennecossett Golf Club Michael Dukette, LESCO, Inc.
2nd	73	Dan St. Laurent Rob Larson, Tom Irwin, Inc.

NET:

1st	58	Ben Eagleton Ron Beck, Fishers Island Club
2nd	59	Shawn Donovan, Turf Products Corp. Paul Sabino, The Farms Country Club
3rd	60	Albert LaPrise, Allen Seed, Inc. Don Silven
4th	61	Matthew Howland, Shawnmark Industries Dave Creta

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Peter Lund, CGCS; Class A,  
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Country club of New Canaan

Les Sheiber; Class C,  
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Gregory J. Wojick, CGCS; Class A,  
Greenwich Country Club

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Wethersfield Country Club  
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Michael S. Moran; Class C,  
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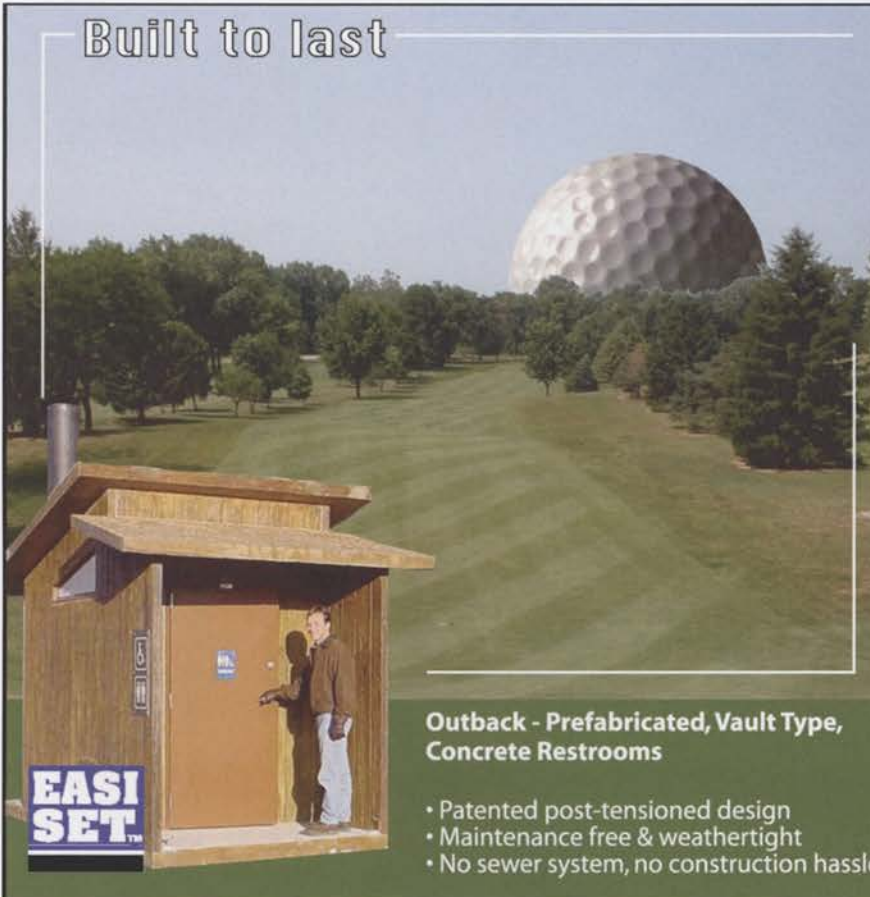
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Longshore Club Park

Timothy Quirk,  
Class Commercial  
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Thomas Vorio, Class C  
Pine Orchard Yacht & C C

## Condolences

To the family of Anthony Caranci  
who passed away Monday De-

cember 7. Tony retired in 1999 after  
serving 43 years as superintendent at  
Ledgemont CC in Seekonk MA.

Jim Santoro and family on the recent  
passing of Jim's father.

Peter Lund on the passing of his moth-  
er on Saturday, October 23, 2004.

Pat Chalifour on the passing of Pat's  
mother on October 15, 2004.

## News

Golf Writer & Historian, Bob Lab-  
bance Injured. Bob suffered a seri-  
ous spinal cord injury in a fall off a  
footbridge while golfing on August  
31. Bob is making tremendous strides  
and has remained positive and in high  
spirits throughout this ordeal.

Kevin Collins, GCS formerly at Tower  
Ridge GC is now at Washington GC

On Oct 7, 2004 at the Annual Meet-  
ing of the Middlesex Health System  
Inc, Kimberly J Heyl, superintendent

at Fenwick Golf Course in Old Say-  
brook, and John J Kelley Jr., owner  
and superintendent of Portland  
Golf Course, were elected as new  
corporators of the Middlesex Hospi-  
tal. Kim is a graduate of the Stock-  
bridge School of Agriculture and the  
University of Massachusetts. Kim  
is a member of the CAGCS Board  
of Directors and currently serves as  
Education Chairperson. Kim has

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### *Congratulations*

Matt & Stacey Sinclair on the birth of their daughter Daisy Soleil born on February 22, 2004 weighing in at 8lbs 4ozs.

John & Cathleen Garcia on the birth of their daughter Olivia Rae born on October 15, 2004 weighing in at 5lbs 12ozs.

Jim MacDonald on his retirement from New Haven CC

Congratulations to Bob Witowski on his retirement from Washington GC

George and Mary Thomas on the birth of a son Roman Orion, November 16, 2004

Congratulations to Peter Lund, CGCS at Rhode Island CC, who was one of three recipients selected for GCSAA's 2005 President's Award for Environmental Stewardship. Peter is being honored for his involvement with Save the Bay. The mission of Save the Bay is to ensure that the environmental quality of Narragansett Bay and its watershed is restored and protected from the harmful effects of human activity. Rhode Island CC sits prominently on the west shore of Narragansett Bay.

Our **Scholarship & Research Tournament** was held on October 12, 2004 at the Oak Lane Country Club in Woodbridge, CT. The Low Gross winners were Greg Stent's group from Wampanoag Country Club and Low Net winners were Matt Howland's group from Shawmark Industries. We would like to congratulate all prize winner's.

### *Calendar*

January 11, 2005 Winter Seminar, Hawthorne Inn, Berlin, CT

February 1-3 New England Grows The New Boston Convention Center

February 6-13 GCSAA Conference & Show, Orlando FL

February 22 Connecticut Groundskeepers Association Education Day Hartford Civic Center



*Peter Lund*

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November 1 Birchwood CC Annual Meeting

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The kits with the wood are being distributed on a first-come, first-served basis. To receive a kit, send a postcard to Wildlife Diversity

Program; P.O. Box 1550, Burlington, CT 06013-1550. Requests must include group leader's name, group name, mailing address, daytime phone number and number of bundles requested (limit 2). Each bundle of wood will make 15 to 20 nest boxes. Groups will be responsible for cutting the planks of wood to the correct size.

Requests must be received by Jan. 15. One request per group will be accepted. Participants will be notified by late January when the bundles can be picked up at the sessions Woods Wildlife Management Area on Route 69 in Burlington.

All of the lumber for the kits comes from timber sales on Connecticut state forests. Each year, the DEP forestry division works with sawmills

to ensure that enough rough-cut lumber will be available for this and other wildlife conservation projects.

Individuals interested in helping the state's bluebird population can request bluebird fact sheets with nest box plans, box location tips and nest box survey cards in a letter to the Wildlife Diversity Program. Information is also available on winterizing existing nest boxes and providing food for bluebirds during the winter and other seasons. Survey cards for reporting box use and location are part of a statewide network that monitors bluebird population trends. The bluebird fact sheet and nest box plans can also be found at: [www.dep.state.ct.us/burnatr/wildlife](http://www.dep.state.ct.us/burnatr/wildlife).



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Kevin D'Amico, CGCS, Westwoods Golf Course  
Mark Ericson, Steven Willand, Inc.

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Wayne Urban, Farmingbury Hills Country Club  
Mike Wallace, CGCS, Simsbury Farms Golf Course  
Al Adaskaveg, Rockledge Country Club

3rd Net 30

Chris Mauro, Highfield Country Club  
John Morycka, Skungamaug River Golf Course  
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Mike Moran, The Course at Yale

Closest to Pin #3 - Chris Mauro, Highfield CC

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Long Drive #8 - Sean Flynn, Great River GC

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