

## When the frost is on the Penncross

When the frost is on the Penncross and the water line is drained,  
And ever Southward go the golfers; Cads and Jags so aimed,  
Hear the rustle of the leaves as they cover rough and green . . .  
And traps and tees and fairways . . . and most everywhere between;  
Oh, it's then's the time a feller is a feelin' at his best  
With the risin Sun to greet him from a nite of peaceful rest,  
As he wears a sweater mornins' & the clocks have all been changed,  
When the frost is on the Penncross and the water-line is drained.

There's somethin' kinda hearty-like about the atmosphere  
When the heat of Summer's over and the coolin' Fall is here . . .  
Of course we miss the foresomes and the washers and the tees  
And the rumble of the mowers and the buzzin of the bees;  
But the air's so appetizin; and the landscape thru the haze  
Is the crisp and sunny wonder-land of early Autumn days  
And you can count up on your fingers all the times it's rained  
When the frost is on the Penncross and the water-line is drained.

The husky, rusty rustle of the seed heads on the Poa.  
The clank and bang of units as in the shed they go;  
The flags in the greens . . . kinda lonesome like, but still  
there's a few die-hard golfers whose needs we have to fill;  
The ball-washers are in the workshop; the sprayers in the shed;  
The hose is coiled up neatly on the rafters overhead!  
Oh, it sets my heart a-beating . . . with a fury never tamed  
When the frost is on the Penncross and the water-line is drained.

\*\*\*\*By: William "Bill" Smart with assistance  
from some Irishman named Riley

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# G. C. S. A. N. J. SEMINAR

WHEN: DECEMBER 5, 1978

WHERE: FORSGATE COUNTRY CLUB

TIME: 9:30 A.M. (To be held in conjunction with GCSANJ Annual Meeting)

COST: \$20.00 (Includes "coffee-and" in morning and Lunch: London Broil

SPEAKERS: **Donald V. Reed** - A partner with Moore, Schley, Cameron; Stock Brokers

TOPIC: Communications at Club Level and Within Our Profession

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LUNCH SPEAKER: Jerry Molloy

MODERATOR: Jim Gilligan, Superintendent, Bedens Brook Club

LIMITATIONS: Seminar will be limited to 60; New Jersey Superintendents having priority

OPTION: For those wishing to have **Lunch Only** before the Annual Meeting, the Cost will be \$10.00.

## COMING EVENTS

December 5, 1978: GCSANJ Annual Meeting, Forsgate C.C., 1:00 P.M.

February 4-9, 1979: GCSAA 50th. International Turfgrass Conference and Show, Atlanta, Georgia

## *what was the weather?*

An individual can receive free of charge a report which gives a weekly weather summary for the state of New Jersey. This report includes rainfall, temperatures, growing degrees, and soil moisture from twenty weather stations throughout the state. While all the information is not related to the golf course, much of this "weekly" can prove to be useful to the New Jersey

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## Images that build feelings about the family

Family "galleries" of photographs, artwork, and other visual objects can do much to develop attitudes of family unity. Good times can be recalled while warm feelings about the family can be reinforced.

Hallways, stairways, and both formal and informal wall areas can be used for collections of family memorabilia. Enlarged photographs can be framed inexpensively and used in many ways.

Photos of houses where the family has lived, of favorite vacations, of annual family gatherings, or of special friends can help strengthen positive feelings about the family.

# ED'S CORNER with Ed Walsh

While keeping the handicaps throughout the year I noticed that a few players seemed to be having a bad season. Over the past few years I had played with each of them a few times and knew they were better golfers than their scores indicated. I have to admit now that they were "sand bagging"; waiting until championship time to show their true identity. Some people will do anything to gain attention!

We did have some legitimate winners, however. Angelo Petraglia (on a match of cards) was our low Gross Champion; Victor Gerard Jr. won in the Commercial Flight. Our A,B and C Flight winners were all questionable with Bill Martin in A, Bill Gaydosh in B and Jim Gilligan in C. Bill Gaydosh, of course, was awarded extra shots for his participation as Co-Chairman of the Invitational Committee. Therefore, only Martin and Gilligan must go through the long Winter with the thought of their "somewhat questionable" accomplishment to live with.

A,B,C and Commercial Flight runners-up were Charlie Lane, Glenn Allison, Jeff Wetterling and Dick Grant.

Jiggs Remo told me he was playing the worst golf of his life. Obviously, he wasn't kidding as he finished distant last in the A Flight. Also finishing last in their respective flights were Bob Ribbans, Walt Will and (to no ones surprise) Rip Ripple.

The longest drive was hit by Nick Frustaci. Ron Sickler's shot of 2'8" on the 6th. hole was closest to the pin.

75 was our first kicker number drawn and a dozen golf balls were awarded to Dennis (the new Daddy) DeSanctis, Fran Berdine, Mike Hannigan, and Bill Luthin (my assistant). 71 and 70 were drawn as our next numbers; a half dozen golf balls went to Larry Dietz, Dennis Wagner, John Estock and Les Mickens.

I must add that the weather was super and although John Schoellner's course experienced the same type of stress all of our courses did... John's greens were the best I had ever played.

The Invitational Championship tournament was the highlight of our playing season. With 26 teams enjoying the gracious hospitality of Edgewood Country Club... Mother Nature granting us a reprieve from her original forecast... made the day a complete success.

Les Mickens and his Picatinny Golf Club team of Larry Dietz, John Klusick and Charlie Norris were our WINNERS. Carding a net score of 58 was enough to capture the "Big Cup." Les confided to me that it was he who held the team together with his brilliant play, but then... Larry, John and Charlie told me the same thing...

The Bamm Hollow Country Club team of Phil Scott, Tom Ulozas, Bob Krugh and Joe Pignataro finished one shot behind the Picatinny team; posting a 59. Phil's group was 4 under after 2 holes and their pro, Tom Ulozas, shot a 33 on his own ball on the front side. They did come back to the field on the back side with their 59... a score that would win most tournaments.

The third and fourth place trophies were awarded on a match of cards with Bowling Green Golf Club, Manasquan River Country Club, and Ramsey Country Club; all turning in net scores of 60. Bowling Green with it's team of Joel Riggs, Bruce Salmon, Lew Bullock and Joe Riggs finished third. Joel told us that with all the shots he was getting he had to be

some help to his team. His teammates agreed that he carried them most of the day.

Jim McNally's Manasquan River team finished fourth. With Pro Wayne Warms, John Finney and Dr. James Thompson carrying Jim all day... 'tis a miracle they finished at all. If you have ever played with McNally... you know he can be quite a load; his game being somewhat suspect.

Superintendent Norman Groning and his Ramsey Country Club team of Pro George Sauer, Larry Silverman and Harold Pompers finished fifth with their net score of 60.

All in all... the day was well received; the future of this event looks bright. Presently, we are contacting clubs that have offered their respective facility for future dates. We hope to schedule next years Invitational soon.

In closing, I want to thank the members of the Invitational Committee: Bill Gaydosh, Fran Berdine, Dick Grant and Ernie Rizzio. Their hard work and dedication was the key to this events success; we all owe them a dept of thanks.



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One hundred and thirty-three hours of educational sessions and seminars and a three-day turfgrass trade show will highlight the 50th International Turfgrass Conference and Show, sponsored by the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America in Atlanta Feb. 4-9. The theme for the annual gathering is "Appraising Our Past - Discovering Our Future."

This year's show will be the largest in GCSAA's history with more exhibit space sold by November than the total sold for the 1978 show. Attendance is expected to exceed last year's record-breaking 5,500. More than 200 companies, nearly 30 of them new to GCSAA's show, have contracted for booths.

Seventy-seven speakers from universities, industry and the turfgrass field will present up-to-date information on a variety of topics relating to the needs of turfgrass managers. Session topics include: *The Way of Change*, a look at new trends in golf course management; *Water -*

*What's the Future?; Turf Management - North; Turf Management - South; Public Course Management; Research - Appraising Discoveries; Are You An Executive?; Conflict Management; Course Management;* and a panel discussion of greens construction, sand topdressing and flood damage repair.

Prior to the conference, the association will sponsor eight in-depth seminars: *Principles of Landscape; Principles of Nutrition; Personnel; Irrigation Equipment/Operations; Insects; Weeds; Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation Training; and Turf Disease Identification.*

The conference also will be preceded by GCSAA's 40th annual golf tournament at Sea Island Golf Club and the Island Club, St. Simons Island, Ga.

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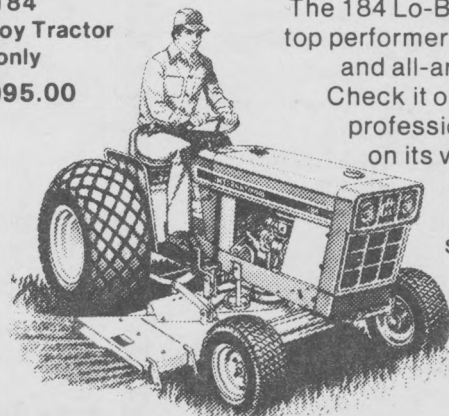
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# BUNKER DUST

Tammy Brook's Superintendent, "Sabby" DeFalco, tells us he's going to do things a little different this year. When November 15th rolls around . . . . . "Sabby and his lovely wife, Lillian, will be leaving for Tequesta, Florida and their "new" condo home. What is so different about that? Well, "Sabby" and "Lil" don't plan on returning to New Jersey until April 1st. No, "Sabby" has not retired. The management at Tammy Brook has encouraged him to spend his Winters in Florida; confident that his son, Peter DeFalco, will "hold the fort" until "Sabby" and Lillian return in the Spring. "Sabby" informs us that he and his good wife won't lack for friends this Winter . . . considering that the Bill (Essex Fells, C.C.) Riley's live just down the street. And don't forget . . . Bob (Ret. Supt. Ridgewood C.C.) and Gertrude Kappher live only minutes away in Del Rey Beach. 'Guess who lives only minutes away in another direction . . . none other than Mr. and Mrs. (Ret. Turf Products) "Chet" Huey. And then . . . sometime in early January . . . Joe (Morris County C.C.) and Rose Antonaccio will put in an appearance.

DISTRICT 1 "FLOWER POWER": For those of you who are looking to improve the overall appearance of your clubhouse areas etc . . . via the flower route next Spring and Summer . . . listen to this: Flower Power prevails at Old Tappan Golf Club year in and year out. Thanks to the creative ability of Old Tappan's Superintendent, John Hellman . . . this well-groomed golf course boasts one of the finest displays of Summer Annuals seen anywhere on the golf course circuit. We all enjoy a "green" golf course, but John's expertise in garden site selection and arrangement . . . makes his golf course's appearance just that much more and then some! The entrance to the club grounds and the clubhouse area, in particular, are flavored with plantings that add contrast and beauty to an otherwise active landscape . . . Bill Comery, Paramus Shade Tree Superintendent, like John Hellman, is also a "master" with the flower touch. Bill has earned the reputation for producing some of

the finest Athletic Fields and Recreation Parks in the state . . . makes the fullest use of Annuals . . . to provide highlighting techniques to his ball parks, picnic areas and municipal buildings . . . Bill's Spring "Tulip Show" is just this side of fantastic. You've got to see this great display of beauty! Why not pay John and Bill a visit sometime this Winter before you sit down to plan your flower needs for the coming year . . . both of these fine professionals will be glad to help you in the idea department, etc.

DISTRICT 2 "FAMILY POWER": Jeff Wetterling (Forest Hill Field Club) and his lovely wife, Nancy, became the proud parents of a baby girl on Oct. 22. Jeff tells us Casey Jane (that's her shiney new name) tipped the scales at 6 lbs. 11 ounces; measures 19 1/2 inches from head to toe. Nancy informed us that Jeff is doing well.

District 2 leaders are to be commended for the excellent manner in which they have embraced the District Concept. John Schoellner, Director, has informed us that all District Work-Shop Meetings for the coming Season have been carefully planned . . . all being directed toward improving the Superintendent's professional IMAGE. John and his District 2 colleagues have reasoned that we must take the initiative in attempting to bridge the all too common . . . communications gap that exists between club officials, golf professionals, club managers, club members and ourselves.


On November 9th. (by invitation) District 2 Green Chairmen and their respective Superintendents met for Dinner at Glen Ridge C.C. After Dinner, Host Superintendent, Hal Loss, introduced the guest speakers for the evening: Drs. Ralph Engel and Harry Indyk. Their topic: Preparing Your Golf Course For Winter Play. At the conclusion of the talks, a question and answer period followed. Before the meeting was adjourned, each Chairman, in turn, commended the members of District 2 for having invited them to such a "productive" meeting. After thanking the Chairmen for the part they played in making the meeting a success, Host Loss

reminded the group that a Pro-Superintendent Work-Shop would be held in December.

DISTRICT 2 POST SCRIPTS: Mike Hannigan, Supt., Rock Spring Club, spends all "free" time decorating his "new" home in West Orange . . . Supt. Art Elmers (Preakness Hills C.C.) has just completed the construction of three more Hard True Tennis Courts . . . When not installing more Gabions at Upper Montclair . . . Bob Dickison continues to plant more trees . . . not small trees either. His well planned tree program boasts many exotic types as well.

DISTRICT 3 CONGRATULATIONS DEPT. Our extended Best Wishes go to the newly elected Officers; District 3: Director Bob Ribbens, Supt., Roxiticus C.C., Associate Director, Supt. Todd Polidor, Fairmont C.C. and Ken Kubic, Sales Manager, Andrew Wilson, Secretary.


Commodore "Buckey" Carpenter is not looking forward to the approaching Winter Season. "Buckey" and his earstwhile crew (three able sons: Les, Scott and Steve) do not look forward to putting their boat in drydock for the Winter. Togetherness was the name of the game this year for the Carpenter Family (then again it's



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always been with way with the Carpenters). When they weren't working together . . . they were enjoying together . . . on the boat "Bucky acquired last Spring.

Ed Milewski, the Morris County Extension Service Agent, has been attending District No. 3 meetings in order to develop closer Communication between the Extension Service and the area Golf Course Superintendents.

Ernie Rizzio hosted the T.P.C. Open at the Green Pond Golf Club this Fall. 'Twas the only tournament ever held that boasted no losers! All who attended were afforded a great day of golf, food and fellowship.

District #3 is now billing itself as the "Golfers District" after having captured Two of the top six spots at the INVITATIONAL Tournament; the Picatinny team (headed up by retiring Director, Les Mickens) taking First Place honors and the Bowling Green team latching on to Third place.

'Twas recently reporter in the DAILY RECORD that the former Hopatcong Golf Course is going to be used for recreational purposes. The Borough Council, it seems, was going to use it for a football field, but because of the extensive ledge rock underlying the old course . . . they changed their minds. This proves, indeed, that you can grow grass on ledge rock for a golf course, but is difficult to develop it for any other athletic-recreation purpose.

DISTRICT #4 IS OFF AND RUNNING AGAIN . . . AT LEAST Newton Country Club's Tom Zimich is. Every morning before reporting in at the golf course, Tom manages to jog several miles. This isn't something new with Tom . . . he's been into jogging long before that sport found itself in the national limelight. Tom disclosed to us (at our last District meeting) that he's thinking about entering a marathon race next year. Tom's good friend and neighbor, Byron Phoebus tells us that if Tom does decide to run . . . "that you can bet on him to win!"

We are proud to announce that District #4's SENIOR member, "Doc" Crawford, will continue to ride the highways and by-ways again next Spring. Representing Wagner Seed Co. (Halco Division), "Doc", at eighty-one, is the uncontested "Dean" of the Road . . .

District #4 Education Chairman,

David McGhee, has developed a well-rounded Work-Shop program for the coming season. This year David has placed emphasis on a "show and tell" type approach; involving many of District #4's members. Meeting themes will cover such topics as: Flower Planning (this will include bed preparation, plant selection, plant arrangement and planting), Drainage Techniques, Construction Techniques, etc. As for the social side . . . District #4 will hold it's 3rd. Annual Family Picnic on July 4th. at Blair Academy. The order of the day will include Golf, Swimming, Horse Shoes, Tennis, Badminton. And then for the good part: "Blairstown" Fried Chicken, potato salad, corn-on-the-cobb, apple pie 'n ice cream and on and on and on . . .

THINGS TO COME: Byron Phoebus tells us that his "new" nine will be ready for play in late Spring or early Summer; weather depending.

District #4 Director, Tony Johnson (Supt. Copper Hill Golf Club), will host our February Work-Shop. This Work-Shop presentation will be developed around a CARDIAC DEFENDER COURSE; to be taught by qualified First-AIDERS. District 4 extends and invitation to all Districts to attend. All District Directors will be notified as to the exact date and time. Well, that time is here again! Floyd Staatz, the pride of Harkers Hollow, is off to the woods . . . gun in hand. David McGhee tells Floyd is different than other hunters because he (Floyd) uses an air-gun . . . and only shoots air . . .

DISTRICT #5 proudly announces the results of it's recent elections as follows: Elected to the office of Director was George Pierpoint, Supt. Echo Lake Country Club; Jim Gilligan (Supt. The Bedens Brook Club) elected to be Associate Director and Bob Dwyer (Storr Tractor), Secretary. DISTRICT #6 DIRECTOR, Charlie Edgar, informs us that his District is looking forward to another productive year. Last year saw the Middlesex-Mercer members taking full advantage of the District Work-Shop Concept, also. The subject matter had to be good because population figures don't lie. Each Work-Shop meeting was attended by many District #6 members . . .

Incidentally, Dennis Wagner, has been hard at work collecting proxy votes

from GCSAA Members who have been voting as individuals at the GCSAA Annual Meetings over the past few years. According to Dennis, our delegate should go to the polling place with slightly over 100 votes this year . . . Considering that we hovered between 55 and 65 votes for many years . . . this years voting population should establish a landmark . . . Dennis is to be commended for his efforts . . . the job he set out to do in behalf of our Chapter . . . was indeed, well done.

Harry Harsin, out-going Director, District #6 called to announce that his District had just completed it's election; the results of that election as follows: Jim O'Gibney (Supt. Deal Golf Club) elected to be District #6's new Director, Stephen Finamore (Hominy Hill Golf Club) elected to serve as Associate Director and Phil Scott (Bamm Hollow C.C.) elected to serve in the capacity of Secretary. Congratulations and Best Wishes to you all!

Director O'Gibney called later to say that he would announce the time and place for District #6's first meeting soon. "The purpose of the meeting would be two-fold", he implied. "First, we will develop our Work-Shop meeting schedule . . . and secondly, to use the balance of our meeting time with a Seminar that will have to do with Tree Injection".

BRIDE AND GROOM DEPT.: Just before press time we learned that Kevin Lyons (Supt. Tavistock C.C.) took the "BIG STEP". Kevin and his lovely bride, the former Linda Littleton, followed the honeymoon route via a cruise ship that found it's way to some of those warm moonlit waters to the South of us . . .

OTHER DISTRICT #8 HAPPENINGS: Tripp Jones is now the Supt. at Great Bay C.C., Sommers Point, N.J. . . . Good Luck in your new endeavor, Tripp!!

Director Bill Entwistle informs us that District #8's first Work-Shop for the new year will have to do with Fire Safety; complete with demonstrations. Bill also informed us that a team of experts would conduct this "show and tell" Seminar.

With the first issue of 1979, THE GOLF SUPERINTENDENT, official publication of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America, will unveil a new format. The new design will improve its attractiveness, readability and usefulness to superintendents and course officials.

Highlighting the modifications is the development of an "Association News" department, devoted exclusively to news about GCSAA, superintendent organizations and individuals. The president's message will conclude this section and be located just opposite the highly visible inside back cover.

Initiated by GCSAA's Organizational Study Committee (OSC) more than 18 months ago, the "new look" will reorganize many of the publication's existing departments, placing similar items in closer proximity to each other. The technical feature articles will continue to hold their primary position in the journal and will be followed by segments devoted to industry-wide news — including

upcoming tournaments; and personal/personnel assistance — including new products, employment assistance, student directory, classified advertising and the advertisers index. The next segment will be devoted to educational matters and contain the research and literature review columns, upcoming conferences and be concluded by the popular, "Questions from the Floor." This will lead directly into the "Association News" department.

Following study by the OSC, Editorial and Executive Committees as well as staff members and outside consultants, it was determined that alterations were in keeping with the association's desire to provide a highly useful publication to as many golf course superintendents as possible. In addition to providing a more modern format to readers who are already familiar with the 50-year-old publication, the modifications are intended to make the journal more attractive to new readers, while it continues to fill a major role for the advertising community.

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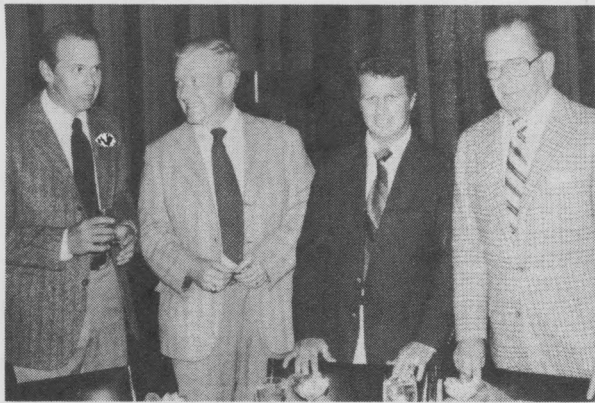
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## Golf Course Tour

Georgia's golfing season never ends, but despite the demand this places on golf course superintendents in the state, three of them will take time to host 300 visiting members of their profession, Friday morning, Feb. 9, on a tour of their courses. The traditional tour is the final event of the GCSAA 50th International Turfgrass Conference and Show to be held Feb. 4-9, 1979, in Atlanta.

The courses and their respective superintendents are: Northwood Golf & Country Club, Lawrenceville, Charlie P. Underwood, CGCS; Atlanta Athletic Club, Duluth, Bobby D. McGee, CGCS; Horseshoe Bend Country Club, Roswell, Johnny B. Johnson.

Each stop will last 30-40 minutes which will allow time for the host

superintendent to point out the unique features of his course and answer questions.

Northwood Golf & Country Club, 18-hole, 200-acre course will feature overseeded bermudagrass greens.

The Atlanta Athletic Club, is famous for its unsurpassed clubhouse and athletic facilities. The 36-hole, 400-acre course, with its lightning-fast greens and fine fairways and tees, was the site of the 1976 United States Open. It has been chosen as the site of the 1981 PGA Championship.

Horseshoe Bend Country Club is an 18-hole, 140-acre course which has a unique blend of housing and golf course. It is locally famous as a course on which many players qualify for major tournaments.

## GSCAA TRAVELS TO ATLANTA

Atlanta — a young, exciting city with more than 150 years of history — is the site of the 50th International Turfgrass Conference and Show, sponsored by the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America, Feb. 4-9.

A busy week awaits the more than 5,500 GCSAA members, exhibitors, speakers and representatives from allied associations, government, industry and education who will attend the conference and show in Atlanta's Georgia World Congress Center. But visitors also will find time to enjoy the excitement of the city and numerous social events.

Atlanta is the economic center of the



Southeast characterized by traditional southern charm and contemporary cosmopolitan style. Its fine golf courses have traditionally tied the city to the golfing world. Atlanta is a past site of the U.S. Open Championship and a future site of the PGA Championship. Many of Atlanta's golf courses have been used as qualifying sites for major tournaments.

Visitors to the conference and show

will not have to look far for entertainment. An informal get-acquainted party will be Monday night. The annual banquet Thursday evening will feature singer Kaye H. and comedian Glenn Ash, who has entertained previous GCSAA banquet audiences.

A ladies' program also has been planned which will include a tour of some of Atlanta's most magnificent homes, a landmark tour that includes the Governor's Mansion and the Atlanta Historical Society's Swan House, and a tour of Stone Mountain Park which features one of the world's largest stone relief carvings.

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