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**Dates to Remember**

**January 5-21, 1982**

Advanced Winter Turfgrass Courses (six half-day sessions), Cook College, New Brunswick, N.J.

**January 28 - February 5, 1982**

GCSAA Conference and Show, New Orleans, La.

**February 3, 1982**

USGA Green Section Educational Conference, New Orleans, La.

**February 2-5, 1982**

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**February 18, 1982**

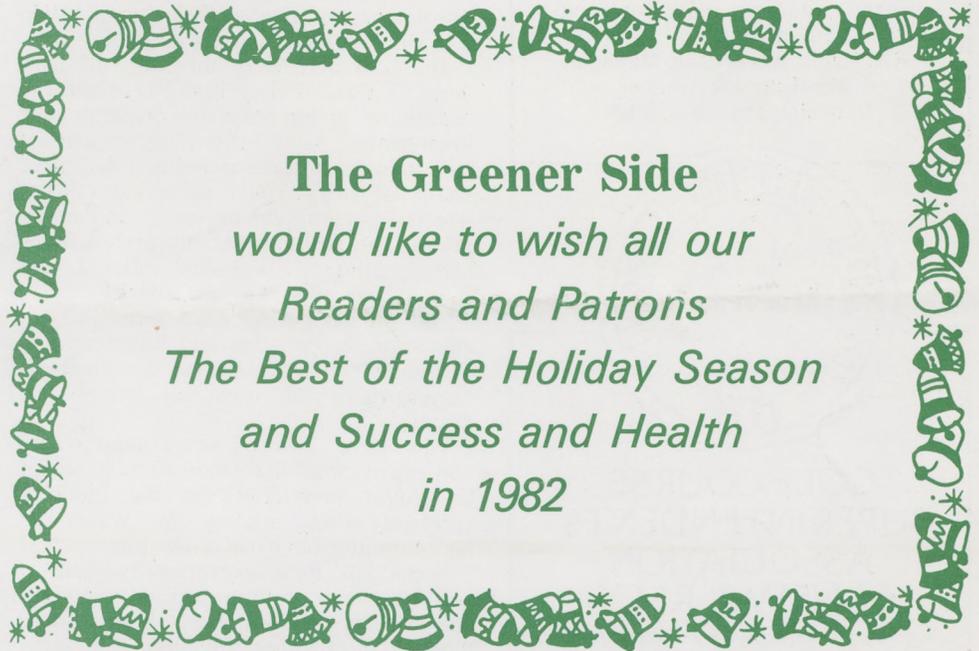
USGA Green Section Regional Turf Conference, Westchester Country Club, Rye, N.Y.

**October 8, 1982**

GCSANJ Fifth Annual Invitational Tournament, Somerset Hills Country Club, Bernardsville, N.J. Les Stout, Host

**September 1983**

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GCSANJ 1982 Executive Committee: L to r, Ed Walsh, CGCS, Treasurer; Ed Nickelsen, President; Bob Dickison, CGCS, Vice President, and Bob Ribbans, Secretary.

*Joyous New Year*

## the GREENER SIDE

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## President's Message

**Ed Nickelsen**



As your new President, I thought it best to state the goals I have in mind for our Association. The main focus shall be in three areas - governmental relations, education and membership involvement. Certainly the other functions of the Association will receive their due attention and will remain as strong as ever.

The past actions of the State of New Jersey's Water Policy Task Force and the continuing water shortage demands our involvement. As of this writing, we are the only industry still restricted to a definitive water use policy! That is abhorrent. I do not like the government declaring and maintaining the position that my profession is non-essential. A realistic, rational and cooperative approach is our desire.

The "raison d'être" of our Association is education, cooperation and improvement. Of the many ways to achieve this ideal, all require your involvement both actively and passively.

You have before you (passive involvement) what is considered to be one of the finest newsletters in the industry (probably of any industry). Mr. Walsh and his committee have our congratulations for a tough job, done exceptionally well. A newsletter can be improved with your input. (Active involvement.) Share those thoughts through our newsletter. Education through cooperation.

The monthly meetings of your Association offer many levels of education, all requiring your active involvement. A speaker or structured program is but one part of a total experience. The day generally begins with golf, a most pleasant way to view and compare another golf operation. (Active involvement.) A cocktail hour usually precedes dinner. A time to relax and (active involvement again) garner direct, specific and pertinent information from the most knowledgeable people in the industry, your colleagues. We will endeavor to make the program (active or passive) of value, and timely, to the entire membership.

Seminars should be an important part of our educational function. An experience that is intense but specific and expensive. Education is power - power is experience. Keeping abreast of today's knowledge is one of your Greens Committee's responsibilities. They must hire people who are current and at their level. We can attempt to maintain this level, but we have to know what you need.

Every function of this Association provides an educational experience. The Executive Committee pledges to provide you with the best. You, in turn, must make an effort to provide some input. We can advance only through cooperation.

If you provide the active involvement, we will do the work to make it happen. If you accept your responsibility, we will ours.

## From the Editor's Desk



## From the Editor's Desk

In sitting down to write my final Editor's Desk column for 1981, I found a thousand different thoughts running through my mind. Not being able to focus on just one, and in the spirit of the holiday season, not wanting to be too critical of anybody, I thought I would just jot down everything. So here goes:

Ed Nickelsen will be a fine representative of our association; Bill Smart edits the most enjoyable newsletter I read; Tony Bifano's course is as fine as any I've ever played; Jack Martin should pay me for having his picture in every Greener Side issue; I am blessed with the finest staff any golf course could have; wives of golf course superintendents all deserve to go to heaven; Baltusrol's par 3's and 4's are too tough for me; Pete and Kenny are friends I can always count on; maybe our association should develop two separate groups; some salesmen talk too much; some salesmen talk too little; ditto for some supers; Frank Bevelacqua is the most progressive thinking person I know; John Boyer is one of our best newsletter reporters; Dave McGhee certainly isn't bored; Zahid Iqbal is doing one fine job with the GCSAA magazine; the water problem isn't one to be taken lightly; some very good products were introduced this year; Carl Schwartzkopf will do a fine job with the USGA Green Section; I really miss Stan Zontek's humor and Bill Buchanan's wit but I can do without Rebel Yell; Jack gave us more than we had the right to expect; Walt Wilt doesn't have all the books on the shelf; Dennis would have made a darn good priest; Dave Lerner is doing a great job and I am proud of him; Winged Foot Golf Club is beautiful even in the rain; R.C.C. is the most progressive club a super could be associated with; the Coke Classic was fun; Sand Top Dressing will certainly alter your maintenance practices but it can work; it better not ever rain again on TPC day; Jiggs will have a good team in the Met Area Championship; Tillinghast was the best golf course architect of his day; all Irishmen have tempers; I still can't believe Bob and Cindy have three grown kids; Henry is one guy to have on your side; good luck Scooner; I really love my wife, she puts up with everything nobody else will. Have a joyous holiday season.

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Outgoing President Jack Martin accepts plaque from incoming President Ed Nickelsen.

## Chip Shots

District No. 8 held a very interesting meeting at Pine Valley Golf Course this past November 9th. There were about 30 who attended this meeting and the day was highlighted by a tour of the course and testing areas. Hot cider and donuts made the day a huge success. Thanks to Host Craig Reinhardt!

District No. 8 new officers: Director - Chip Pfisterer; Assistant Director - John Boyer; Secretary-Treasurer - John Klosiewicz.

## Commercial Notes

The Terre Company held an annual seminar day this past December 2nd in Montclair, New Jersey, and it was a huge success with over 85 people in attendance. Four presentations were made on the products Embark, Bayleton, Subdue, and Oftanol.

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Q: A heavy infestation of gray snowmold is anticipated in the Northeast this winter. What would you suggest to combat this menace? R.E., Newark, N.J.

A: Wash more often!

Q: Our golf course is undertaking an extensive renovation project using sod. How can we insure success? H.I., Zarephath, N.J.

A: Put the *Greener Side* up!

Q: My members have complained that I cut my fairways too short.

What should I tell them? W.F., Bivalve, N.J.

A: Buy longer clubs!

Q: After a moderate rainstorm, six of my greens go completely under water. What do you suggest I plant on these greens? J.W., Waterford Works, N.J.

A: Rice.

If you have a question you would like answered by Mr. Wilt, send it to:

Willet Wilt  
Cook College - Rutgers U.  
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Don't miss Willet in person lecturing at a two day seminar on "Ball Washer - Repair and Maintenance" on January 1 and 2, 1982 at the Cherry Hill Hyatt House. Reserve your place now.

## Prusa Named GCSAA Director of Education

A lengthy nationwide search has concluded with the appointment of James G. Prusa as Director of Education for the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America. Prusa, formerly golf course superintendent of Pasatiempo Golf Club in Santa Cruz, Calif., will assume his new duties at GCSAA Jan. 4.

"We are all very proud that a GCSAA member would have the credentials to qualify for this very demanding assignment against a field of the best candidates from across the country," GCSAA President Michael R. Bavier, CGCS, said in announcing the appointment. "We were not looking for a superintendent, but are very pleased to have found one."

As Director of Education, Prusa will be responsible for designing, packaging and administering GCSAA's educational offerings for its more than 5,000 members in the United States and 21 other countries. He replaces Palmer Maples Jr., CGCS, who now serves as superintendent of Summit Chase Country Club in Snellville, Ga.

Prusa said his immediate challenge would be the educational programs scheduled during GCSAA's 53rd International Turfgrass Conference and Show in New Orleans, January 30 - February 5. As a member of GCSAA's Education Committee, he participated in the initial planning of that program.

"I think we have a very good program scheduled for New Orleans," Prusa said. "I think the Education Committee did a good job, and I think Palmer ran a lot of good plays in formulating that program."

Other educational programs Prusa will administer include GCSAA's Scholarship

and Research Fund, Inc. As a student at California State Polytechnic University in Pomona, Prusa received one of GCSAA's scholarships in 1974. He completed a Bachelor of Science degree in horticulture with emphasis on golf turf there as well as a liberal arts degree. He currently is completing work on a Master's degree in business administration.

Prusa comes from an extensive background in turf management. His father, James L. Prusa, has been superintendent of Aquamarine Country Club in Avon Lake, Ohio, for more than 20 years, and his brother John is part owner of a New York lawn care firm.

Prusa has been superintendent of the Pasatiempo course for the past four years. He was only the third superintendent of the Alistair Mackenzie-designed course since it was opened in 1929.

"It's an absolutely first-class championship course. It really was not an easy thing to give up," Prusa said. "As much as I love the philosophy behind this association today, I was very reluctant to leave Pasatiempo."

The opportunities awaiting GCSAA more than offset his reluctance to leave Pasatiempo, however. He said that he would emphasize timeliness and continuity in GCSAA's educational offerings and was looking forward to the challenges awaiting the Association.

"I've always been pleased with the professionalism of our headquarters staff at conferences," Prusa said. "They've got a lot of work ahead of them, too. These are very exciting times for all of us."

## GCSANJ 1982 Convention Voting Delegates

Delegate - Ed Walsh  
Alternate - Pete Pedrazzi

— There is a four-word formula for success that applies equally well to organizations or individuals - make yourself more useful.

## Thank You

The Greener Side would like to thank Gary Orlando, Tony Bifano, Bob Ribbans, Bill Gaydosh, Byron & Bob Phoebus, Ed Nickelsen and John Klosiewicz for hosting our 1981 GCSANJ monthly meetings. All their courses were most enjoyable. A special thanks to Skip Cameron for lining up such a good '81' schedule.

This publication aims to please everyone so if you find any gramaticle errors or mis-spelled words you can bet they are in there for a reason. Believe it or not some folks only read this newsletter in hopes of finding mistakes.

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# GCSAA Convention Update

## Forum Takes Unique Approach to Nation's Water Problems

GCSAA's 53rd International Turfgrass Conference in New Orleans January 28 - February 5 will provide what may be the year's most complete and comprehensive discussion of the nation's water problems. Two conference water symposiums will bring together 12 of the nation's leading experts on water and golf for a look at the future of the game in a water-short world.

According to Dr. Joseph P. Rossillon, executive director of the Freshwater Biological Research Foundation in Navarre, Minn., the United States may be headed for a water crisis rivaling the energy crunch which hit in 1973. The only difference, according to Rossillon, is that we may not have eight years to adjust to it.

For golf courses in several parts of the country, the situation already is critical. Courses have been forced to ration or completely cease using water as government agencies debate the best use of available supplies. The situation may become even more critical, according to Rossillon.

Besides Rossillon, participants in the first symposium Feb. 1 include Dr. Calvin Alexander Jr., associate professor of geology and geophysics at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis; Dr. William A. Thomas, a Chicago attorney who specializes in water and energy law; and Walter Wilkie, president of Wilkie Turf Equipment, Pontiac, Mich.

The second water symposium February 2 will begin with a panel discussion by four golf course superintendents who recently have been forced to deal with restricted water supplies at their courses. They are Jack Martin, Shackamaxon Country Club,

Westfield, N.J.; David M. Bailey, Atlantis Country Club, Lake Worth, Fla.; Peter Pedrazzi, CGCS, Crestmont Country Club, Florham Park, N.J., and James G. Prusa, Pasatiempo Golf Club, Scotts Valley, Calif.

Panelists will focus on their experiences with government regulations, alternative water sources and water-conscious turf management techniques.

Also speaking in the second session are former United States Golf Association President Frank "Sandy" Tatum, Ed Seay, director of design for Arnold Palmer's golf course operations, and Dr. James B. Beard, professor of turf and crop physiology at Texas A&M University. Speakers will discuss ways a water shortage will affect turf management practices, golf course design and the game of golf itself.

The session will conclude with a discussion by GCSAA Executive Director James E. McLoughlin of efforts by golf's allied associations to position the game to cope with the problems it faces in this and other areas.

The water symposiums are two of nine education sessions scheduled during GCSAA's New Orleans Conference. Other sessions will deal with personal financial planning, golf course drainage, putting green speed, communications, tree management programs and cart management.

Conference activities also include the world's largest trade show devoted exclusively to golf course and fine turf management, behind-the-scenes tour of the Louisiana Superdome, a full schedule of social activities and the Association's annual membership meeting.

## Letter to the Editor

Dear Ed:

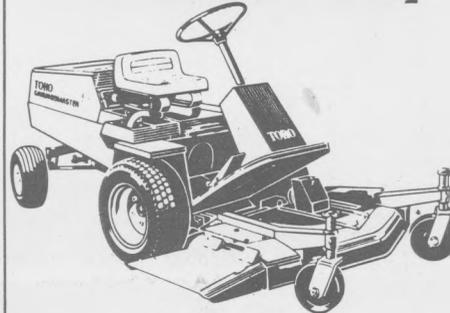
Too often in our profession false rumors are spread through either fellow superintendents, or sales people. The sad part is that most of the time the rumors start very harmlessly and through translation they become stretched out of proportion. At this point feelings become hurt and if heard by the wrong people, can be very damaging if not handled correctly. We live by a code of ethics, and we should all strive to work by that same code. Those who choose to spread what they think is fact should check first to be sure or be prepared to suffer the consequences. How can you call yourselves professionals? I am ashamed!

Wayne P. Remo, Superintendent  
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## Executive Director's Report

I regret that due to a conflict in my schedule, I was unable to attend the Annual Meeting and present a verbal report.

A review of the accomplishments of the Association during 1981 would be, for the most part, repetitious of the reports of the President, Treasurer, Committee Chairmen, and Editor of Greener Side. However, I wish to emphasize that all of the reports of your leadership testify to the progress achieved by the Association in a wide range of activities. One of the most encouraging aspects of its activities was the professional manner in which the Association has dealt with critical and sensitive issues -- a characteristic trait of strong organizations. The membership of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of New Jersey can take justifiable pride in belonging to an organization of this nature.

Citing the Association's record of accomplishments does not imply that areas of weakness do not exist. The Association has not taken full advantage of the opportunity which exists to achieve greater strength and recognition. A major need is more active participation of its membership in Association activities. This particularly holds true on the District level. The District concept has tremendous merit in building a strong State Association but it has not achieved this objective. Certain Districts have been very active and have contributed to the strength of the Association. Other Districts have not fulfilled their responsibilities in this regard, primarily due to a lack of strong, aggressive, positive leadership. The District provides an excellent opportunity for young talented future Golf Course Superintendents to develop their leadership abilities which can be very meaningful for them personally as a Superintendent and for the future leadership of the Association. Unfortunately, there seems to be a reluctance to take advantage of the opportunity to develop leadership ability at the District level. I would strongly encourage increased concentration on development of stronger District leadership for a stronger District resulting in a stronger State Association.

In conclusion, I appreciated the opportunity to serve as your Executive Director during the past year. I wish to congratulate the Officers, Directors, and Members, who have contributed to its record of accomplishments. I wish the new leadership the best of luck in assuming the responsibilities entrusted to them and strongly urge that they continue to exert strong, aggressive, and positive leadership for the benefit of the Association and the Golf Course Superintendent profession.

## Racquetball Time!

Our first Racquetball Tournament of the 1982 season will be held on Tuesday, January 19, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at the Little Silver Racquet Forum, Red Bank, New Jersey.

Contact Matt Dobbie, 741-4401; Ed Walsh, 652-1650, or Ken Kubik, 361-5943, for details.

## THANK YOU PATRONS

The Greener Side would like to take this opportunity to express our thanks for the support of the Patron's businesses in 1981.

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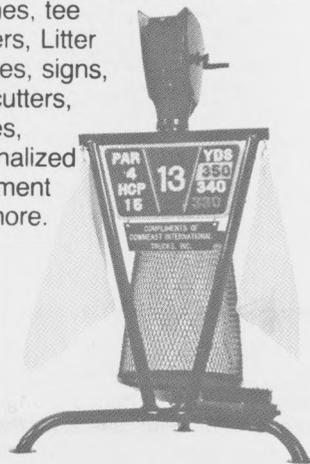
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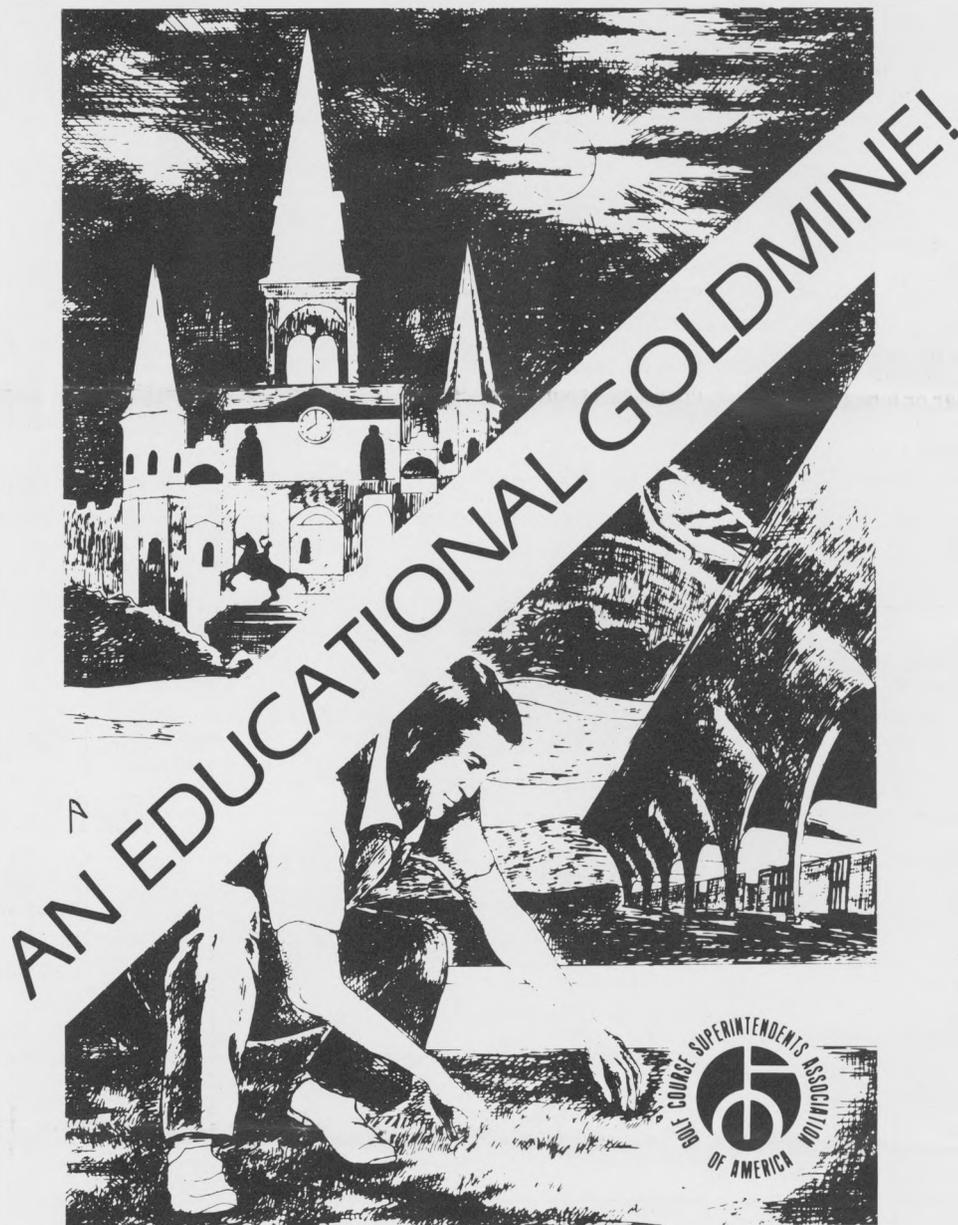
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# Selecting Firewood

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All wood will burn, but any with more than 28 percent moisture may be less satisfactory as firewood, since it consumes more energy from combustion heat to evaporate the moisture in the wood before the extra heat from combustion is made available to warm your room. Also, the moisture in wood makes it more difficult to ignite; and can cause poor burning, sizzling, and self-extinguishing.

Wood left to dry outside will probably season to about 12 to 14 percent moisture content. If placed in a garage or under a roof, the wood will dry to 10 to 12 percent; and if placed in the cellar or a heated room, it may season to six to eight percent. The final dryness of the wood depends on the environment in which it is placed. The drier the air, the drier the wood will become.

Therefore, once you initiate a cycle of buying wood in the winter or summertime, you can schedule your annual purchase to

provide dry wood for the following winter. This practice may also allow you to buy at a better price, since some firewood dealers lower their prices in the early spring or summer.

Each species of wood has its own combustion characteristics. You should consider what kind of fire you want, and buy your wood with this in mind.

Round wood dries more slowly than split, because the bark continues to serve its intended job of insulating the tree by slowing evaporation. So, if drying time is important, stick with split or peeled wood.

Dry wood with less than 20 percent moisture content is not a suitable habitat for either insects or disease. Therefore, once the wood has dried, it can be brought into the house. Some insects like to lay their eggs just under the bark when the wood is above 20 percent moisture content. The larva hatch and it can be an unpleasant experience to have the little insects crawling around and leaving trails of wood dust.

Therefore, the rule is - whether for heat or atmosphere - dry wood will satisfy your needs the best. Plan to purchase your firewood now so that next fall and winter you will enjoy the advantages of firewood that you know is well seasoned.



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