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April 21, 1982

Trenton Country Club, West Trenton, N.J.
Dennis Wagner, Host

October 8, 1982

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

September 1983

GCSANJ Sixth Annual Invitational Tournament, Essex County C.C. John Schoeliner, Host

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Golf Industry Focuses on New Orleans During GCSAA Conference, Show

A near-record number of golf course superintendents, club officials, educators, industry representatives and other turfgrass professionals participated in the 53rd International Turfgrass Conference and Show sponsored by the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America here Jan. 30 - Feb. 5.

Registrations for the week-long conference totaled 7,467, just slightly less than last year's record-setting conference in Anaheim, Calif. More than 19,000 visitors passed through the turnstiles of the turfgrass trade show, the world's largest display of golf course maintenance equipment, products and services, during its three-day run in New Orleans' Rivergate Exhibition Center. The 1982 Show featured more than 3½ acres of displays by 212 golf- and turf-related firms.

The large turnout was especially gratifying to GCSAA officials, who noted that in a recessionary year when most national conventions and trade shows are averaging a 12 percent decline in attendance, GCSAA's activities continue to be well-attended.

The conference keynote address by golf commentator Jim McKay attracted a near-capacity audience of more than 2,000, and two innovative water educational sessions drew as many as 1,000 listeners at a time. The United States Golf Association's annual Green Section educational conference Feb. 3 also attracted more than 700 registrants. GCSAA members elected James A. Wyllie, CGCS, superintendent of Bayview Country Club, Thornhill, Ont., to serve as 1982 GCSAA President. Robert W. Osterman, CGCS, The Connecticut Golf Club, Easton, was elected Vice President, Paul Boizelle, CGCS, The Onwentsia Club, Lake Forest, Ill., was re-elected to a two-year term on the Association's Board of Directors, and John P. Hayden, CGCS, San Jose Country Club, Jacksonville, Fla., was elected to a three-year term as a Director.

Wyllie named James W. Timmerman, CGCS, Orchard Lake (Mich.) Country Club, to serve as 1982 Secretary-Treasurer, and Richard V. Slivinski, CGCS, superintendent of golf courses for the city of Phoenix, Ariz., to fill the remaining year of Osterman's term on the board.

Among the Conference highlights was the Thursday night banquet and Show. At that time, the President's gavel was formally passed to Wyllie from outgoing President Michael R. Bavier, CGCS, Inverness Golf Club, Palatine, Ill. Also honored at the banquet were outgoing Director Edward Dembnicki, CGCS, Arcadian Shores Golf Club, Myrtle Beach, S.C. and Past President Melvin B. Lucas, CGCS, Piping Rock Club, Long Island, N.Y., whose term on the board has ended.

Alexander M. Radko, who recently retired as national director after almost 30 years with the USGA Green Section was honored during the banquet for his service to superintendents and the game of golf. Radko was presented with an engraved platter and a tam-like cap traditionally worn by Scottish greenkeepers.

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Big John won it all this year at the GCSAA Tournament in Orlando, Florida.

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President's Message

Ed Nickelsen



The winter affords us the opportunity to reflect on the past year's operation and to develop the play of action for the coming season. A great deal of this operational planning is reflected in the budget. With inflation and a weak economy firmly entrenched, all club operations are feeling the pressure to reduce spending.

Recent articles in the trade magazines have dealt with the costs of our industry and methods of controlling them. The doomsday people have the bulldozers in the parking lots lined up behind the creditors and tax collectors. The pessimists have us returning to the Scottish methods of management, while the optimists are out there aerifying their fairways with 24" machines squealing about the sensational results. One of the facets determining which of the above situations a particular club is in, is its management of the policy decisions.

"Knee jerk" reaction to membership complaints or demands often leads to attempts to produce an eagle out of turkey, or the old adage of champagne on a beer budget. Whatever the cliché, it's a complete disregard for the cost-to-benefit ratio.

This is where we as management have the responsibility to provide a clear picture of what it takes to implement a policy decision and of course, to be a part of the policy decision in the first place. Each operation has its own particular vagaries that will determine the level of management required to produce the desired results. It must be remembered that the most intensive level of maintenance will never overcome basic architectural deficiencies. A golfer may feel otherwise, but the playability and enjoyability of a golf course is primarily its architecture. The level of maintenance should be commensurate. The money saved may be utilized to hire the architect to improve the course. The architect may not be able to turn a turkey into a Baltusrol, Pine Valley or Pebble Beach, but he can do a lot more to improve the course than you can by cutting fairways to a quarter in an inch. The cost-to-benefit ratio is a direct function of policy.

All too often a member returns from a member-guest event at one of the better clubs and hears the locker room clap trap about how Happy Knoll maintains their golf course and thus starts the pressure to have his course do the same. We then find ourselves in a threatening defensive position and all too easily succumb to the "if I had the money they do . . ." retort. A careful and accurate analysis of the various operational procedures heard and read about is required before the benefits to your

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From the Editor's Desk



It's been said in this column and in many other columns time and time again that we all have a responsibility to our professional associates. It is our obligation to help when we can, to do our part. But so many of us just sit back and say, "Let the other guy do it," or worse, throw stones and run, criticize the problem but offer no solution.

No where is this more obvious than in the politics of this or any association. How many times do we find the person or people who yell the loudest throughout the year are not to be found at annual meetings and elections. But as soon as decisions are made and candidates are chosen, they resurface to start their same old B.S.

Always the most often heard criticism is that the Association is run by a certain group or clique. I must say I totally agree with that suggestion but I do it in a positive and realistic manner. That so called certain group or clique are the only ones who have made themselves available. The "hide and go seekers" are never around when you look for help.

I guess I am basically trying to tell you that this Association isn't being run by us for us. We want your ideas and assistance. We want our decisions to reflect your thoughts and wishes. We want you to be involved. We are here and ready to work with the ideas of the group. If you don't inform us of those ideas, don't blame us. Blame yourselves if our decisions don't coincide with your thoughts.

Packed With Patrons

The Greener Side again had more advertisers than they could accommodate in 1982. Due to the advertising policy of limiting advertising content to 25-30 percent of the newsletter, the cutoff had to be regrettably enforced. The Patrons have provided the funds to make the Greener Side a completely self-supporting publication.

This year's Greener Side is going to provide a new service, limited to patrons only, of enclosing a mail stuffer with the newsletter. This stuffer can only be one page, must be prefolded, and delivered to the Ad Manager. The editor does reserve the right to approval of the copy to be enclosed with the Greener Side. The charge for this service will be seventy-five dollars (\$75), which will be used to defray the cost of the Greener Side mailings. — KPK

Meet Our Patrons



Dick Grant

Like the first patron listed in this column (Jim Pelrine), Dick was born and raised in Canada. He moved with his parents to Verona, N.J., at an early age. Attending elementary and high school there, he developed an interest in golf while caddying at Essex County C.C. Like most of us, Dick's golf was confined to the late evening hours when few people were on the course and usually lasted until someone asked him to leave or darkness set in.

His golf skill increased as he entered Montclair State College. Dick played varsity golf four years, captaining the team in his junior and senior years. During his last year in college, he was considered one of the finest collegiate golfers in the metropolitan area where he finished second in the Met championship. Only a double bogie on the last hole kept him from gaining top honors.

After graduation, Dick began teaching at Heritage Junior High, Livingston, N.J. and also met and married his wife Robyn. The summers found him working at Essex County C.C. under the watchful eye of Ray Hansen and later Charlie Edgar. After realizing teaching wasn't what he wanted out of life, Dick became a full time employee of Essex County and accepted the Assistant Superintendent's job in 1972. That winter he attended the Penn State Turf Program and when Charlie Edgar left for Green Acres, Dick was offered and accepted the position of Golf Course Superintendent.

Dick continued as Essex County's super until 1977 when he formed the present Mountain Turf Products business.

While he still plays golf as often as possible, his handicap is higher than he likes to admit to. Hunting, tennis and skiing, all family-oriented activities, have a lot of his spare time.

Dick, his wife Robyn, son Daniel, 12, and daughter Christine, 11, reside in Pocono Pines, Pa.

Editor's Note: The Greener Side will try to introduce one or more of our listed patrons in future issues.

Gary Cameron Receives TUCO Turf Scholarship

Gary Cameron, a senior in Turf Management at Stockbridge School of Agriculture, University of Massachusetts, has received a TUCO Turf Scholarship for 1982. The Award was recently presented at the Massachusetts Turf Conference by Dave Sylvester, TUCO representative.

The annual scholarship is sponsored by TUCO, Division of the Upjohn Company, to assist turfgrass students in meeting their

educational needs. The scholarship is awarded for scholastic ability, personal integrity, and professed career interest in turfgrass management.

Gary is the son of Skip and Phyllis Cameron. Skip is the Superintendent at Canoe Brook Country Club, Summit, N.J.

Editor's Note: Anyone who knows the Camerons' realize Gary is fortunate to have his mother's attributes.



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What weighs 15 lbs. 1 oz., has four eyes and two sexes? Easy - Two newborn children of Jersey superintendents! Dennis Wagner, Trenton C.C. and his wife, Linda, are the proud parents of 7 lb. 6 oz. Stacy Lynn - born on January 22, 1982. Bruce and Jean Cadenelli, Hollywood C.C., brought Brayden Christopher, 7 lbs. 11 oz., into the world on January 19, 1982. Congratulations!

Ed Strazelski, formerly of Blackwood G.C. in New Jersey, is now at Yardley C.C. in Yardley, Pa. Ed is also a "new" father to a baby boy!

Chip Kern has taken over the directorship of District No. 6. He has replaced Dan McGlynn who moved into District No. 5 by virtue of his new job at Suburban C.C.

I wish I had a Dollar (\$1.00) for every time Charley Dey went down a ski slope this winter!

Stop over and take a look at Charlie Edgar's new Heald - Hauler at Green Acres C.C. I think he's the first in Jersey to get hold of this four-wheel drive work cart from Garden State Goodall.

District I had it's February meeting at Emerson Country Club where our host, and director, was Mike Dale. Hal Ruaderman and Joe Manda, from the Bergen County Vocational and Technical High School, discussed their student placement program and how it has and can benefit the golf course industry in our area.

Good luck to Bill Luthin, formerly Assistant to Ed Walsh at Ridgewood Country Club. Bill has accepted a position with Galaxy Landscaping of Bergen County.

Joe Kennedy, formerly Assistant Superintendent at Walden Lake C.C., Plant City, Florida, and Roselle Golf Club, Roselle, N.J., has accepted the Assistant's position at Ridgewood C.C.

District I's next meeting will be held on March 29 at 10:00 a.m. at the Ridgewood Country Club. Robert Hanna, specialist in Natural Resources for the Cooperative Extension Service of Cook College (Rutgers Univ.), will bring us up to date on changes in water laws as they apply to Golf Course Superintendents. We invite any members who may want to attend this meeting to be our guests as this subject is pertinent to us all.

District No. 7 had a successful meeting on January 12, 1982 by taking a tour of the Golf House in Far Hills, New Jersey. Janet Siegel and Jim Snow gave the District No. 7 group an excellent guided tour. The Golf Museum consists of clubs, balls, antique and illegal items golfers have used over the decades. The Library was also highlighted. New Jersey superintendents should all make this tour a 'must' (there's no telling how long we'll have the Golf House with us in Jersey!)

District No. 8 thanks the State Association for the \$100.00 loan it was given to initiate a Membership Drive. Not only was the Drive a success but they were able to repay the association with monies brought in as a result!

Riverton C.C. was the sight of the January 20th District No. 8 meeting. Bernie Stuck was the host super and an active discussion on the use of pre-emerge herbicides for crabgrass control took place.

The next meeting of District No. 8 will be February 24th at Laurel Oak C.C., Mark Reed will host the day and Charlie Dupree, Atlantic County Extension Agent, will speak on the Gypsy Moth problem and future in South Jersey. Oh, maybe a secondary discussion on the life of a newlywed will be headed by Mark Reed - Congratulations Mark!

District No. 8 March Meeting at Seaview C.C., host John Boyer, The installation of his new irrigation system (Toro VT-3, auto-controls) will be the days highlight.

In the Who's Who and Who's Where Column: Welcome Al Caravella back to New Jersey - Al has taken on the superintendent responsibilities at Green Brook Country Club in North Caldwell. The new face at Roxiticus C.C. isn't new at all; Bucky Carpenter has taken charge of the growing of the green at the Rox. And a new face at Suburban C.C. is Dan McGlynn, formerly of Hopewell Valley Golf Club.



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I think you'll find Les a pleasure to work with. He lives in Ridgewood, New Jersey with his wife Kay and three children, Amy 10, Eric 6, and Dave 3.

According to Bennett E. Wartman, President of Farm and Golf Course Supply Co., Inc. Mr. Howard T. Scott, formerly with Philadelphia Toro Company for eleven years, is Representing Farm and Golf Course Supply Company in the New Jersey Territory. Mr. Scott's duties commenced effective February 1, 1982 with his arrival in New Orleans for the GCSAA Conference.

College Training Offered in Turfgrass Management

The Mercer County Community College Agricultural Studies Program includes an option in Turfgrass Management. Students in the program take turfgrass and related courses that will give them the knowledge needed for entry level positions with golf courses and related turfgrass production and maintenance facilities. Graduates receive education which will enable them to move up the promotional line to supervisory and managerial positions.

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The program includes hands-on experience and book learning. Students maintain a putting green and also become involved with the lawn and athletic turfgrass development programs at the college.

Scholarship funds are available and there is a possibility of employment for students in need of financial aid.

Details regarding the program can be obtained by contacting the Coordinator of the Agricultural Studies Program, Mercer County Community College, Box "B", Trenton, N.J. 08690. The telephone number is: (609)586-4800, Ext. 372.

Ask: Willet Wilt

In spite of the under-whelming response to Willet's last column for the GREENER SIDE, he has again consented to answer questions from our readers. This month's questions and answers are as follows:

Q: A member asked me what I thought was best to use on dandelions. A.R. Wickatunk, N.J.

A: On dandelions (also known as dwarf marigolds) I would suggest oil, vinegar, and salt and pepper to taste. WW

Q: I recently had a major disagreement with my greens chairman, the general manager, and the golf pro. What would you suggest I do now? Z.B. Dividing Creek, N.J.

A: Check your oil, get good tires, and update your resume. WW

Q: Joggers are constantly running across

my greens. Would you anticipate any problems? E.N. Mizpah, N.J.

A: There will be definite problems with a contagious disease caused by a fungus that thrives on moist surfaces called athlete's foot. I would recommend a weekly spraying of your greens with Desenex. WW

Q: What would you suggest for keeping snowmobiles off the Golf Course? R.R. Ho-Ho-Kus, N.J.

A: One suggestion received from a golf course superintendent now located at Rahway State Prison is for piano wire and a good lawyer. WW

If you have a question of Mr. Wilt send it to him in care of the GREENER SIDE. Willet's new lecture series on "Selling Grass Clippings for Profit" is now available on tape for a nominal fee. Write for details.

— One thing common to most success stories is the alarm clock.

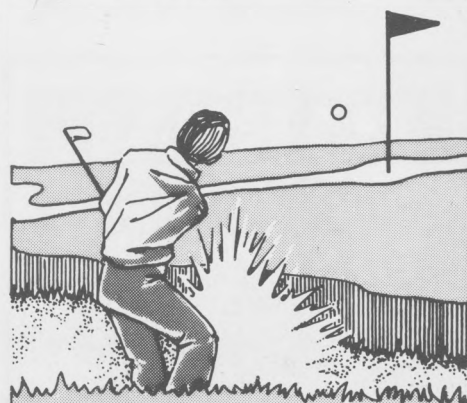
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President's Message

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particular operation can be assessed. It is not the operation that spends the most money, but the one that gets the most for the money spent that we should emulate.

This is the time of the year when analysis of your operation and its relationship to club policy and desires can be the most productive. Costs can be computed and the projected benefits assessed in a calm atmosphere. By applying the advances in technology one may be able to increase the intensity of maintenance without appreciably increasing costs. Also, by the employment of some innovative architecture in intensity may be increased due to the reduction of the total requirement. There are too many variables in club operations to have any one idea broadly applied. One must sift through the plethora of proposals in the industry, accept, reject or modify to suit. Not to do so is fiscal irresponsibility. Inflation and a tight economy, coupled with the demands of the golfer places a great deal of pressure on the budgeting process. Careful analysis of the cost-benefit ratio will mean survival. If your membership can't afford it, their desire to have it is only a dream. If the benefit does not justify the cost of an operation, it is only a farce.



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Conference and Show activities concluded Friday morning with a management tour of the 95,500-seat Louisiana Superdome. The Superdome, which has housed two Superbowls, the Sugar Bowl and the Duran-Leonard World Boxing Championship under its 9.7 acre roof, was toured by more than 200 conference participants.

At GCSAA's 1982 Conference and Show passes into history, the golf and turf industries begin to focus on Atlanta, site of the 1983 Conference. The Georgia World Congress Center there will house the 1983 Show and education sessions. The Association's annual preconference golf championships will be played at Arcadian Shores Golf Club and Myrtle Beach National Golf Club, both in Myrtle Beach, S.C.

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Jay Mottola Named Executive Director of Metropolitan Golf Association

Jay Mottola has been named Executive Director of the Metropolitan Golf Association, the nation's oldest and largest district golf association.

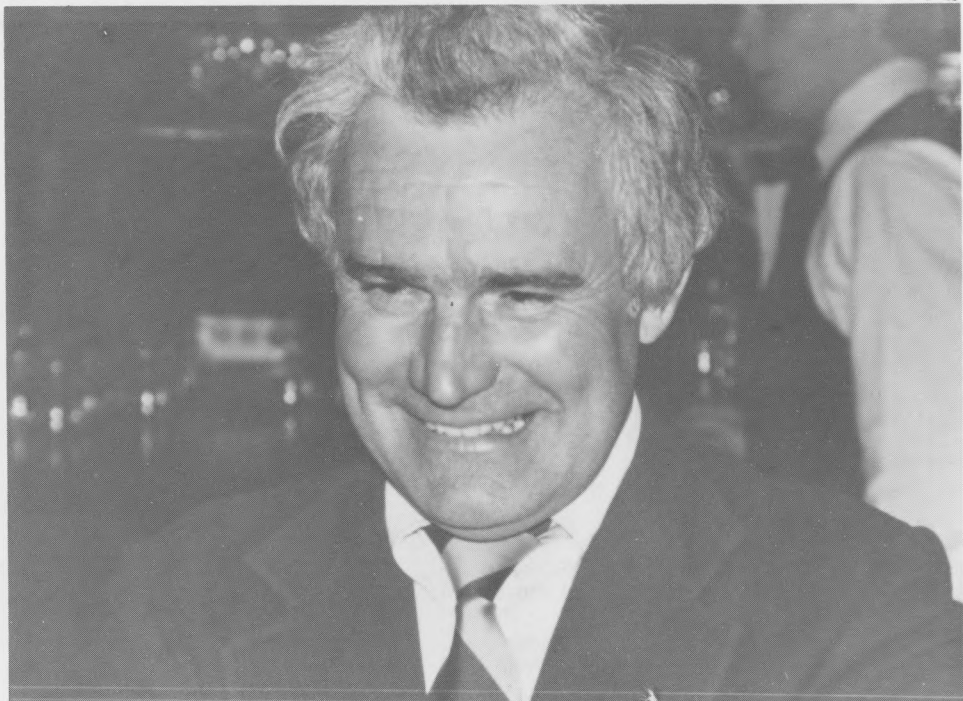
In making the announcement MGA President Joseph A. Donahue said, "We feel very fortunate to have someone as qualified and capable as Jay stepping into this important job. We are also pleased that former Executive Director, Gerald T. Mahoney has agreed to stay on with us as Director of Club Programs lending us the benefit of his many years as a businessman and golfing enthusiast."

Mr. Mottola, who has served as Deputy Executive Director of the Association since

early 1980, has a record with the MGA dating back to 1976, when he joined the group as part of their tournament field team. Prior to joining the MGA staff, Jay was involved in coaching and teaching at the college level.

A native of Tuxedo, New York, Jay is a cum laude graduate of Lafayette College and holds an MBA in financial management from the Wharton Graduate School. While at Lafayette, Jay captained the school's basketball and golf teams and, upon graduating, was named the outstanding scholar-athlete and outstanding senior in his 1972 graduating class.

Mr. Mottola is 31 years old and lives with his wife, Patricia, in Bronxville, New York.



**ABOVE: Skip is a very proud father after learning of son Gary's TUCO scholarship award.
BELOW: Bob Ribbens and Ken Kubik discuss Willet Wilt's talk at New Orleans Convention.**



Looking Back 1968

The Birth

D. Marshall

After two years of "we ought to" and "it could be done" the first issue of **The Jersey Golf Course Report** is now a reality. In this regard we join the countless other organizations that seem to feel they have no purpose unless they have a "house organ." Let us hope that if we reached the point where we are publishing useless material just to say we have a newsletter, someone will have the guts to tell us to quit the entire venture.

The old story with one of these profound literary pieces is that "if all you members actively contribute, we will automatically have a success." Yet, as witness **The Golf Superintendent** and its struggles for membership participation, we all know that somehow the next issue always appears even though you didn't submit that article you've been meaning to draft for three years. However, in our case we are dealing with a much smaller population of potential contributors; an editorial staff that consists of two people with many other things to do; and a certain lack of prestige in that it is doubtful that any one offering an article or idea to this sheet will vault to new glories based on publication herein.

So with this bleak basis of founding in your minds, let's look to the future. If we get constructive help in the form of articles, ideas, pictures, and just plain relevant information, you will find we can come up with a meaningful **Report** on just what is, or should be going on at the area golf courses. If we don't, we won't, and we will stop.

There is another aspect of this situation that warrants serious attention. Money! This page you are now reading cost more than \$50 to produce, not including mailing. Without going into lengthy financial details, our Association cannot long support such an outlay and still have any funds remaining for normal operations. In this regard we have borrowed an idea now in use in other areas of the country in similar situations. Yes, tap the commercial houses again. The plan is simple: fifty dollars buys a page, such as the one you are now reading and a box with suitable imprint of the size shown on page 1. As of now our estimates indicate that any one company would have this great opportunity only once every two years. It is hoped that same can be run on a strictly voluntary basis. Checks may be made payable to the New Jersey G.C.S.A. and send to Don Marshall, Box 194, Montclair, N.J. 07042. Reservations for future issues will be on a first come basis.

Gentlemen, with all of the above in mind, our next issue may be a great step forward, or an analysis of why great ideas of this type sometimes don't work.

Editor's Note: Thanks Don for the start. Our continuing this publication is the easy part.

Good Luck Floyd



After 28 years at Harkers Hollow Golf Club the King of the Hollow's Greens has retired! Floyd Staats has seen more years as superintendent at Harkers Hollow than most of us have seen in our own lifetime!! His years of dedication, hard work, memorable laughter and sincere friendship have made Floyd an example to all in the Turf business.

A surprise "Roast and Retirement" Dinner was hosted by his District No. 4 and

over 30 superintendents and their wives attended to honor Floyd at the Mountain View Chalet on January 9, 1982.

Floyd will be spending the summer months in Phillipsburg, N.J., with his daughter, and the cold months in Florida (where he'll probably see more Jersey supers!)

Thanks for the many years of service and friendship, Floyd! We hope we'll still see you at the different Association meetings and activities.

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GCSANJ Does It All In Orlando

The New Jersey golf team for the GCSAA 1982 Golf Championship took to the links at Walt Disney World in Orlando, Florida and came back with the gold.

Jersey won First Low Net of GCSAA Chapter teams. Our team consisted of Wayne Remo, Essex Fells C.C.; Jim McNally, Manasquan River C.C.; Jiggs Remo, North Jersey C.C.; and John Schoellner, Essex County C.C. If you ever met these four, you would realize that they could intimidate any other team on size alone.

In the individual area, Paul Schurtz came

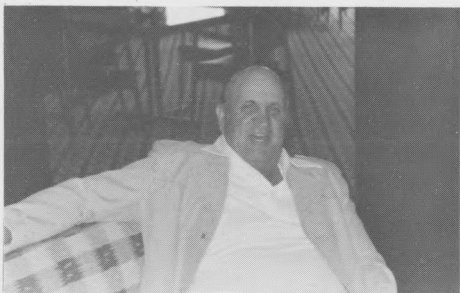
in second in the Low Gross Senior. Paul was formerly at the Playboy Club in Great Gorge. He now is located at Pine Lakes Golf Club in Jacksonville, Florida, as owner-operator. John Schoellner won First Low net in the Blue Flight and First Low Net Overall. John's low round was a respectable ninety. Jiggs Remo finished fifth Low Net in the Senior Flight. His son Wayne Remo coralled a First Low Net in the Red Flight. Wayne shot a career round of seventy-eight to win it. He has shot lower rounds, but never at a better time. Jim

McNally finished ninth Low Net in the Black Flight. The Black Flight is supposedly for Irishmen over 6'4" tall. Don Pullen, Echo Lake C.C., also played down in Orlando, but he still must be out on the course, because we don't have a report of his scores.

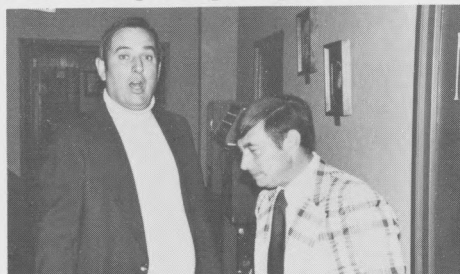
The Greener Side, on behalf of the GCSANJ would like to congratulate all these fellows and thank them for representing our chapter at the GCSAA 1982 Golf Championships. — KPK



Wayne Remo, Essex Fells C.C. accepts the award for Daily Longest Drive of 261 yards at GCSAA Championships.



The Old General led his team to victory. Can he do the same for the team at the Met Area Team Championship in September?



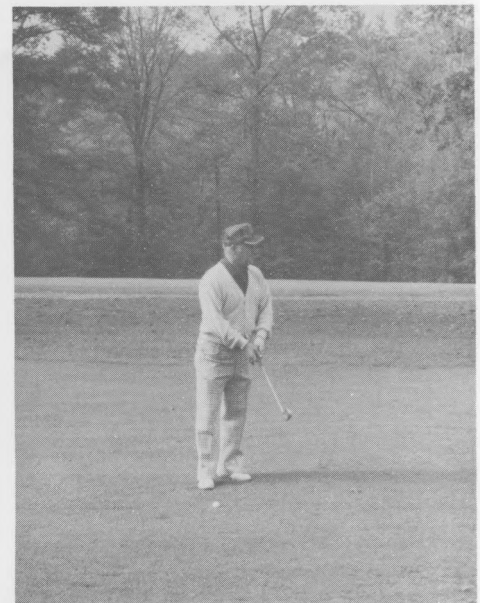
Marty, I really did play good!



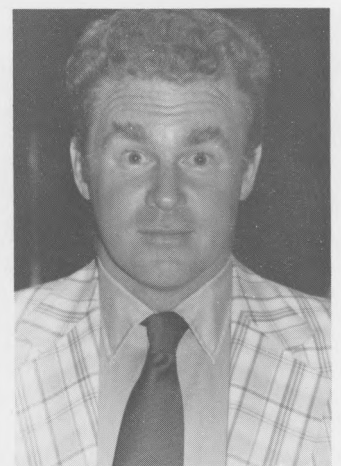
John explains to our ad manager how he withstood the pressure and went on to win overall low net. I guess 30-plus shots has got to help.



What are we doing on this page, Al? We didn't even play golf.



Paul seems to get better with age. Now that he's down in Florida and can play all year 'round, he will probably be one of the top finishers in next year's event.



John Schoellner gets how many shots?

GCSANJ Has A Racquet-Ball

The "Greensakeep" and "Greener Side"

Racquet Ball Tournaments Attract the States Best and Worst Players

January 19, 1982 was the date of the fourth GCSANJ Greensakeep Racquetball Open. Matt Dobbie coordinated the tournament at the Racquet Forum in Little Silver, N.J. The difference between first and sixth place was only ten points. Each player participated in six games of fifteen points each. The result was that Tony Bifano finished with a perfect 90 points. Matt Dobbie had a near perfect 89 points; the only point he missed was against Tony Bifano. The game that Tony and Matt played ended up in Tony's favor 15-14. It is interesting to note that just like the wounded warriors of old, our fearless editor was carried home from the tournament on his shield.

The next GCSANJ Racquetball tournament is the GREENER SIDE OPEN and the date is February 23, 1982. If you didn't make it this year try next year, because it is a great time had by all!

1982 GREENSAKEEP RACQUETBALL OPEN SCORES

Tony Bifano, Mt. Ridge CC.	90
Matt Dobbie, Bamm Hollow C.C.	89
Ken Kubik, Grass Roots Inc.	85
Ed Walsh, Ridgewood C.C.	85
Tim McAvoy, Fox Hollow G.C.	83
Mike Hocko, Navesink C.C.	80
Dick Van Zandt, Unattached	75
Larry Dodge, Madison G.C.	69
Charlie Cross, Runsom C.C.	64
Dave Pease, Howell Park G.C.	62
Ange Petraglia, Navesink C.C.	56
Joe Kennedy, Ridgewood C.C.	51
Willet Wilt, Greener Side	37
Bill Luthin, Ridgewood C.C.	17
Dave Herian, Ridgewood CC.	7



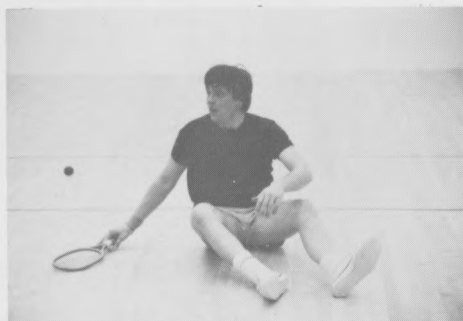
Matt Dobbie, Bob Duncan, Dave Pease, Charlie Cross, yours truly, and our Ad Manager display trophies after second tournament.



The crowds were enormous as Bill Rowland and Phil Scott were barely able to find a seat.



Joe Kennedy, Shaun Barry, Tim McAvoy, and Dick VanZandt relax between games.



Dave plays a different style than most of us.

The second GCSANJ Racquetball outing of 1982 was held at the Racquet Forum in Little Silver, N.J. on Feb. 23. The participants were divided into two flights. Each player played all other players in his flight an eighteen point game. Matt "Lefty" Dobbie took the A Flight and Bob "Dizzy" Duncan won the B Flight.

There will be two racquetball outings in 1983, one each in early January and February. If some members are interested in setting up one of these outings for next year, let Ed Walsh or Ken Kubik know. Over the last three years, the racquetball outings have been in Essex, Bergen and Monmouth counties. In order to get other members involved, it would be beneficial to move the location around the state.-KPK

A Flight

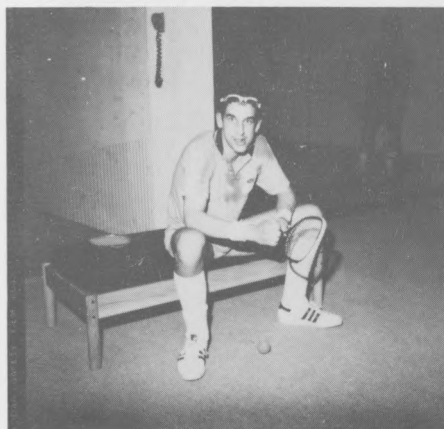
Matt Dobbie, Bamm Hollow CC	90
Ken Kubik, Grass Roots, Inc.	84
Ed Walsh, Ridgewood CC	80
Tim McAvoy, Fox Hollow CC	75
Shaun Barry, W.A. Cleary Corp.	58
Dick VanZandt, Van Zeppelin Landscaping	51
Willet Wilt, Greener Side	7

B Flight

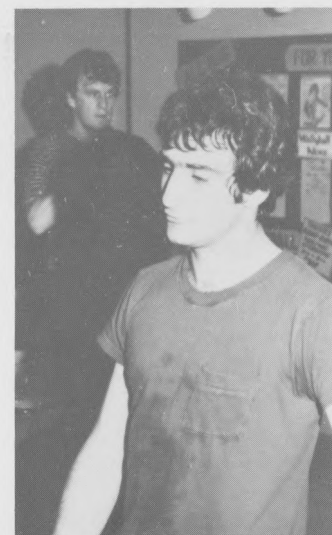
Bob Duncan, Howell Park G.C.	90
Dave Pease, Monmouth Co. Pk. System	85
Chuck Cross, Rumson CC	67
Joe Kennedy, Ridgewood CC	55
Bill Luthin, Galaxy Landscaping	39
Dave Heroian, Ridgewood CC	20

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Matt Dobbie: the thrill of victory



Dave Heroian: the agony of defeat

Myrtle Beach, S.C. is Site of 1983 GCSAA Golf Championship

Two Myrtle Beach, S.C., golf courses have been selected to host the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America's 1983 golf championships, GCSAA Tournament Committee Chairman Edward Dembnicki, CGCS, announced.

The annual championships, which are expected to attract a capacity field of 288 golf course superintendents and guests, will be played at Arcadian Shores Golf Club and at Myrtle Beach National Golf Club Feb. 17 and 18. Tournament headquarters will be in the Myrtle Beach Hilton Hotel. The course or courses that will host a companion ladies tournament will be announced at a later date, Dembnicki said.

Golfers will compete in the 36-hole, stroke play event for two championships that have been GCSAA traditions since 1938 and 1946. Superintendents will compete individually in four championship flights for a silver trophy donated in 1954 by the United States Golf Association, and in foursomes representing GCSAA's 97 chapters for an antique silver cup given by the Scottish Golf Greenkeepers Association in 1972. The tournament format also includes flights for

seniors, club officials and GCSAA conference exhibitors.

The two courses should provide a challenging test for GCSAA's golfers, Dembnicki, who is superintendent of the Arcadian Shores course, said. Arcadian Shores, a seven-year-old layout designed by Rees Jones, is listed among *Golf Digest Magazine's* top 100 courses in the United States. It is a 6960-yard course rated at 73 strokes.

Myrtle Beach National was designed and built by Arnold Palmer eight years ago, and its West Course, where the tournament will be played, is a 6,900-yard championship layout with a course rating of 73. Its superintendent is GCSAA member Fred Meda.

Both courses are part of the "Grand Strand," a seaside resort area that has grown in the past 15 years to include 33 golf courses. Its permanent population of about 40,000 swells each summer to more than a quarter of a million.

"It's a real haven for golfers," Dembnicki said. "They're so golf-oriented that we're assured of a lot of local interest. The golf season usually starts about the time we will be there," he noted.

The 1982 tournament will be played Jan. 28-29 on Walt Disney World's Palm and Magnolia courses in Orlando, Fla. A field of more than 280 golfers will compete in the tournament and in a long-drive contest sponsored by The Exide Corporation, a manufacturer of golf cart batteries.

This publication aims to please everyone so if you find any gramaticle errors or mis-spelled woreds 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.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

I sometimes get the feeling that Greens Chairmen question the national sites for our conventions like Miami Beach; Las Vegas; Anaheim, California, etc., and that maybe the expense is not justified by the educational return.

Well, after spending four nights in New Orleans in what I felt was an economical hotel, I think I can put some of the doubts to rest.

Upon arriving at my hotel I found that the name had not only been changed once but twice in the past three years.

Consider this happening to you. First, the elevators would only work at certain hours, the cigarette machines didn't work, the telephones were out of order. The basin in the room was only sixteen inches wide and set back two feet by walls that were seventeen inches wide so it was impossible to get to the sink. There was no running water in the sink and the shower had to be run twenty minutes in order to get any hot water which at times made the tub overflow.

The television had only one channel and it too didn't work. The door wouldn't close and was almost impossible to lock. There were no glasses in the room nor vending machines available in the corridors.

After leaving my room and going down to the lobby, the only place that I would see any of the hotel employees was in the recreation room playing space invaders. The bar was never opened and I would wait at least 45 minutes to get my car in the mornings, if I was lucky enough to get one of the parkers away from the space invaders game.

But I must admit the room only cost me \$250.00 for four nights. I rest my case.

NOTE: This letter was sent without a signature. I don't know who sent it but it had a FLorham Park, N.J. postage mark and was sent in Crestmont G.C. stationery?

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SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

Are you an active member,
 The kind that would be missed,
 Or are you just contented
 That your name be on the list?
 Do you attend the meetings
 And mingle with the flock,
 Or do you stay at home
 And criticize and knock?
 Do you take an active part
 To help the work along;
 Or are you satisfied to be
 The kind that just belong?
 Do you ever go to visit
 A member who is sick?
 Or leave the work to just a few
 And talk about the clique?
 Think this over, member
 You know right from wrong;
 Are you an active member
 Or do you "just belong"?
 Anon.

Tree of the Month

Bob Dickison, CGCS, Upper Montclair C.C. Superintendent, has consented to write an article describing his favorite specimen trees for the Greener Side's 1982 editions. Bob has long been considered one of the golf course management profession's experts in trees for golf course use. His articles have appeared in many recent editions of our national association's magazine, "Golf Course Management, and Bob has spoken to our state association at Expo and the National Conference on this very subject. We welcome Bob and his contributions.

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Bradford Callery Pear (Pyrus Calleryana)

The Bradford Pear is a tree that is a mass of white flowers in early spring, changing to shiny, green leaves during their growing season and turning to rich carmine foliage in the fall. The fruit of the Pear are small . . . in fact, pea-sized. This is a small Pyramidal tree (35') that can be used in areas where there isn't much room. The Bradford Pear will grow in marginal soils. One fault I have found is that the tree develops weak crotches and the branches will break during high winds or ice storms.

THE RISK OF SPRAYING 2,4,5-T

Environmental activist groups have been demanding the ban of 2,4,5-T on the premise that it increases the risk of developing tumors.

Dr. Richard Wilson, a Harvard Scientist, disputes the 2,4,5-T and tumors theory, however. He recently calculated the risks associated with spraying 2,4,5-T and found that if a person worked at applying 2,4,5-T with a backpack sprayer for five days a week, four months a year for 30 years, his chances of developing a tumor would be 0.4 per million.

In comparison, other risks associated with developing a tumor are:

	Chances per Million
Smoking Cigarettes	1,200.0
Being in a room with a smoker	10.0
Eating ¼ lbs. charcoal broiled steak per week	0.4
Drinking 1 can of diet soda with saccharin per day	10.0
Drinking milk with aflatoxin or 4 tablespoons of peanut butter per day	10.0
Drinking one can of beer per day	10.0
Sunbathing	5,000.0

With data comparisons such as this, it is hard to understand how and why society can be brought to such a controversial fever by a few self-interest groups over the use of a product that is closely watched and highly regulated.

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