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November 16, 1982

GCSANJ Annual Meeting, Dasti's Mountainside Inn, Mountainside, N.J.

December 6-9, 1982

New Jersey Turfgrass Expo '82, Resorts International, Atlantic City, N.J.

February 19-25, 1983

GCSAA National Conference, Atlanta, Georgia

September 20, 1983

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

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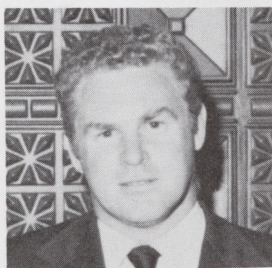
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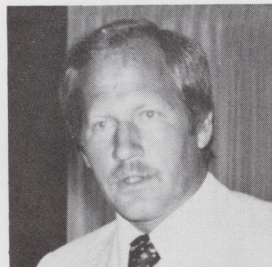
Bob has been at Upper Montclair C.C. for the past 22 years. He became the course superintendent in 1971 upon Carl Ostberg's retirement. Bob attended the Rutgers Winter Turf Program which he completed in 1963. He attained CGCS status in 1977 and recertification in 1982. Bob has served on the GCSANJ Board for six years, first as director and then as our vice president from 1978-1979 and again in 1982. Bob and his wife, Cindy, reside in Verona, NJ.



Secretary - Wayne Foster

Wayne is the course superintendent at Roselle Golf Club, Rosell, NJ. He started at Roselle as assistant super in 1967 and assumed the position of Course Superintendent in 1969. Wayne is presently serving as the District 3 Acting Director until a permanent director can be elected.

Wayne and his wife, Ingeborg, and their two children live in Roselle.



Vice President - Bob Ribbans

Bob is finishing his third year as Superintendent at Fairmont Country club in Chatham, NJ. Before this he spent four years as course super at Roxiticus Golf Club, Mendham, NJ. Bob is a graduate of the Rutgers Winter Turf Program (1972). He served as Director of District 3 for three years and has been the GCSANJ's secretary for the past three years.

Bob, wife Helen, and one child reside in Somerville, NJ.



Treasurer - Ed Walsh, CGCS

Ed is the Greens and Grounds Superintendent at Ridgewood Country Club, Ridgewood, NJ. He has held that position since 1976. Before Ridgewood, Ed spent three years as course super at Colonia Country Club, Colonia, NJ. he attended the Rutgers Winter Turf Program (1971) and the Rutgers Winter Program for Landscape Design and Maintenance (1968). Ed attained CGCS status in 1978.

Ed served as GCSANJ treasurer in 1982 and as District 1 Director in 1978-79 and again in 1981. Ed and his wife, Mary, and three children live in Monroe, NY.

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During the third week of September, I had the opportunity to visit our national headquarters in Lawrence, Kansas. The GCSAA held its first (hopefully annual) newsletter editors' seminar. Jim McLoughlin, our Executive Director, and his staff presented an outstanding program that was both interesting and enlightening. Topics included the Atlanta Conference, the Superintendent's image, meeting the 1983 national candidate, and the proposed move to Orlando, Florida are just to name a few.

We were given the opportunity to question the GCSAA staff during and after their presentations and I must admit some awkward and interesting questions were asked. Never did I sense a staff member being uncomfortable with his or her answers. Each and every one seemed certain the future is bright for the golf course superintendent. Every attending newsletter editor I talked with had the same impressions as I. We are fortunate to have such an outstanding group of competent individuals and a man like Jim McLoughlin to direct their talents.

If we are prudent in selecting directors to our National Board we are certain to gain an image and status. Our present Board of Directors have put together a work force that will work for us. Let us not forget our responsibility to seek out and elect the people who will best utilize that resource.

Much was said about the present location of our national association during our three days in Lawrence. Lawrence and Kansas itself are beautiful areas of our country, centrally located and reasonably accessible from all areas of the United States. The headquarters building is a beautiful complex located in a delightful area. It borders a fine golf course (Aluamar - 36 holes) and is minutes away from Kansas University.

It did seem quite crowded but I am sure it could be enlarged or, as I was told, other property in the same general area would be available for construction of a new and enlarged facility.

With all the aforementioned pluses why would the GCSAA want to relocate? It appears to me the reason is clear. Visibility. Lawrence, as beautiful as it is, is not in a golf area. I know my friends (Nels Lindgren,, Jud Coester and Sandy Queen) from Kansas will not agree but golf is not a way of life in Kansas. It does not receive the same attention it does in Florida. How many condominium complexes in Kansas build a golf course with their facility? How many condominium complexes in Florida don't? Florida and golf are synonymous.

From the Editor's Desk

The Orlando area has received the most attention and rightfully so. The PGA and club managers association have their national headquarters in that vicinity.

Wouldn't it be a big help if we could drive around the corner and discuss mutual problems with our sister associations on a regular basis. Wouldn't that give them the opportunity to know us better. Improved communication is the key to enhancing our professional image. We should all agree that verbal communication has always had more impact than the phone or a letter. It is my opinion that a move to the Orlando, Florida, area would be in the best interest of the golf course superintendents profession. I am hopeful the majority of my peers will agree and back this proposal. One interesting comment that I heard many times while in Kansas was "we are the best kept secret in golf." I personally don't want to be a secret any longer.

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SKY BERGEN

Sky was born and raised in Brooklyn, NY. He joined the Army after school and spent time overseas during World War II. He was a member of the Corps of Engineers. Sky moved to New Jersey in 1953 when he joined the sales force of the Doggett & Pfeil Co., Springfield. Doggett & Pfeil was one of the first turf supply companies to visit golf courses as Sky did in New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

In 1959 Sky accepted a sales position with the Vaughan Seed Co., which was then located in New York City. In 1964 he left Vaughan's to manage a retail garden center in Morristown, NJ. In 1967 he returned to sales when he joined the staff at Agrico Chemical Co. as a district representative. At that time, Sky visited suppliers and dealers in New Jersey and Long Island.

Sky returned to Vaughan's in 1974. He visits golf courses, sod growers, and related turf grass operations in New Jersey and Long Island.

Sky is an avid sailor who spends almost every summer weekend on Long Island racing his 22' Catalina Dream. He belongs to two small yacht clubs and has attained the position of Commodore, at one of the clubs, twice.

He is also an avid jazz fan who still plays the cornet regularly. Sky is an active member of the New Jersey Jazz Society and collects records, tapes and books related to his hobby.

Sky has two grown children and one grandchild. Daughter Connie and granddaughter Elizabeth (Silleck) reside in Tarrytown, NY, while son Dave is on the administrative staff at Texas A&M University.

Sky lives in Chatham, NJ.

Tree of the Month

**KWANZAN CHERRY
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the Kwanzan Cherry is a double-flowered cherry which is ablaze with large pink flowers in late April. It is one of the more spectacular of the flowering cherry trees. These trees grow about 20' high and 30' wide so they need considerable space in which to grow along with a well-drained soil. Kwanzan, together with the Mt. Fuji Cherry, which is a double-flowering white cherry, make a nice spring display.

Ask: Willet Wilt



Mr. Wilt's career as a turfgrass consultant has been rapidly going downhill, so in order to continue this downward trend, the Greener Side has again consented to permit Willet to answer questions from our readers.

- Q:** We have been whipping our greens every morning for years before we cut them. Would you recommend we continue this practice? S.M.W., Tranquility, NJ
- A:** You are being a little too harsh! A reprimand and a stern warning should suffice. W.W.
- Q:** The membership of our golf course is very old and they drag their feet across the greens. This causes a terrible putting surface. What should we do? L.S., Pittstown, NJ

A: Sell rubber replacement spikes for their golf shoes. W.W.

Q: My handicap at the last Golf Course Superintendents' Tournament was vehemently questioned by my peers. How does one figure his golf handicap? P.P., Blawenburg, NJ

A: Add all the clubs in your bag and divide them by two; then, add a stroke for every week it has been since you last played, and a stroke for every ball you lost the last time out. W.W.

Q: I have small burrowed tunnels all over my fairways. What would one expect if one looked down these small holes? M.C., Mauricetown, NJ

A: A lot of Mole-asses! W.W.



The infamous Mr. Wilt will be a speaker at the New Jersey Turfgrass Expo '82 in Atlantic City. He will speak on the newest method of ridding your golf course of those pesty geese. He has developed a sea mine in the shape of a

goose, so when the entire gaggle of geese lands in your pond, you can blow those little suckers right to kingdom come!

If you have a question for Mr. Wilt, send it to him c-o Ken Kubik, P.O. Box 336, Mt. Freedom, NJ 07970.

Thank You

Fran Berdine, Dick Grant, Ken Kubik, Ernie Rizzio, Wayne Foster, Bill Gaydosh, and Les Stout — 1982 was our most successful Invitational Championship and your efforts are greatly appreciated. E.W.

New Jersey Turfgrass Expo '82 — A New and More Ambitious Effort

New Jersey Turfgrass Expo '82 stands ready on the first tee with new interest and excitement poised for a long and straight drive into a new "Era" for Expo programs. The successful Expos of past years in Cherry Hill have necessitated the selection of larger facilities to accommodate the continued growing interest of professional turfgrass managers and the commercial suppliers of the industry. The search for a suitable facility which could best accommodate the increased need for space culminated with the selection of Resorts International Hotel on the boardwalk in Atlantic City. The meeting rooms and trade show floor space will provide more spacious and attractive facilities which will contribute to more convenience in accommodating the registrants and exhibitors.

Scheduled to begin on December 6 with Workshop Sessions and conclude with the Grand Finale on December 9, New Jersey Turfgrass Expo '82 will provide a wide range of subject matter which should appeal to a wide range of turfgrass interests. Featured in the Workshop Session on December 6 will be a "hands-on" CPR training session supervised by Overlook Hospital Instructors certified by the American Heart Association. This should

be a "must session" for all Golf Course Superintendents. The Educational Sessions specifically related to golf turf will feature topics on fungicides, turfgrass diseases, nematodes, turfgrass species (ryegrass, bentgrass, tall fescue), gypsum, water-turfgrass root relationships, the past and future of turf. In addition, the Lawn Session will include topics of interest and importance to golf turf management. An impressive lineup of highly qualified speakers has been scheduled to discuss the various topics included in the program.

Many of the topics will be eligible for granting of credits for Pesticide Application continuing certification credits. Representatives of the New Jersey DEP Office of Pesticide Control will be present to assist in the completion of the required forms for registrants to obtain credit for attendance. In addition, opportunity will be provided on Thursday for taking Pesticide Application tests in Category 3-A, 3-B, and 5 as well as Core.

One of the added features in Expo '82 will be a special program for the Ladies. Scheduled is a Luncheon with a national authority speaking on the subject of Dry Flower Arrangements and a trip to historic Smithville - a delight for anyone who enjoys shopping. In addition, there will be ample

opportunity not only for attending the Expo educational and trade show sessions but also many of the hotel activities.

An impressive Banquet program has been arranged for Wednesday evening, December 8. Preceded by a Social Hour and a sumptuous dinner, the program will feature student awards, scholarship awards, research grants, a recognition award and highlighted by the annual New Jersey Turfgrass Hall of Fame Award.

The program will be brought to an enjoyable and relaxing conclusion with a live floor show for entertainment.

Expo '82 has been planned to fulfill a commitment to Bigger and Better Expos to serve the turfgrass industry. It should prove to be successful in meeting this commitment - don't miss the opportunity. Complete program details and registration forms are available from Dr. Henry Indyk, Soils and Crops department, Cook College, New Brunswick, NJ 08903.

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Although Mother Nature did threaten us



Larry leads his team to victory.



And Bill helps carry home the silver.

early she gave way and produced some rather pleasant conditions. By mid-afternoon all dark clouds were gone and bright sunny skies prevailed. Along with the good weather came some good golf scores.

Larry Dodge and his Madison Golf Club were our winners at 15 under Par. Madison took home our first ever Superintendent-Pro Championship Trophy with Larry and Pro Bill Ryan finishing at 9 under Par. Fred Moser and Art Moulton rounded out the Madison foursome, but it was Larry's gross 75 that carried the team although Big Bill says he did all the work. Les Mickens, Larry Dietz, Charlie Morris, and Al Dombroski, representing Passaic County Golf Club, took second place honors with a score of 14 under Par. Again it was the team's Superintendent, Les Mickens, who carried his team. Les shot a gross 87 which usually isn't that good unless you have a 28 handicap. (Mickens obviously read John Schoellner's book on handicapping.)

The Ridgewood Country Club's team of Ed Walsh, Bill Adams, George McCanless, and Gene Benzenberg finished third at 13 under. Everyone from Ridgewood contributed with 10 natural birdies from the group. Ed and Bill Adams would have had a good shot at the Superintendent-Pro Trophy if their putters didn't abandon them on the same holes (we'll be ready for next year).

Our fourth place finishers were from Rumson Country Club. Charlie Cross, Dale Shankland, Joe Lord, and Fred Williams ended the day at 12 under. Rumson also finished fourth in 1981 and also at a score of 12 under. Charlie says they are certain to move up a few notches in 1983.

Les Pelleck, Club Manager, and his staff did a fine job with the inside arrangements and Mike Toto and his Assistant, Ted Staats, and starter Bob Koehnen were so well organized that our shotgun start went better than expected after a slow start. I want to personally thank them all for a most enjoyable day.

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GCSANJ — Our Financial Outlook

The often used phrase "champagne taste on a beer pocketbook" is certainly appropriate when discussing the financial future of our association. What we want and need to continue to provide for our membership is fast outgrowing our financial capabilities. We, as an Association, are at a point where we must consider one of three available options. First: reduce operating expenses by curtailing services and programs. Second: substantially increase fees for services offered by our Association. Examples would be: Field Day and Greener Side advertising. Third: increase membership dues.

I am personally against any reduction in membership services or programs that allow us to realize improved status in the golf industry. These options have made us the leaders, not the followers, in our continued fight for professional recognition.

It is also my feeling that the commercial members of the GCSANJ carry enough of the financial weight of our Association. We have often gone to them and they have always responded, but it is time we realized our own personal responsibility.

This Association is run by us and for us, the Golf Course Superintendents of New Jersey. Any improvements we make we make as a collective group through the efforts of our elected officials. New and improved programs in educational seminars, government relations, and membership communications are a reality. But keeping these programs going and improving them cost money. It is time we take a good look at ourselves and make a decision. The choices are clear. A dues increase will be necessary if we are to provide our Board of Directors with the necessary financial assistance they need to help us continue to grow.

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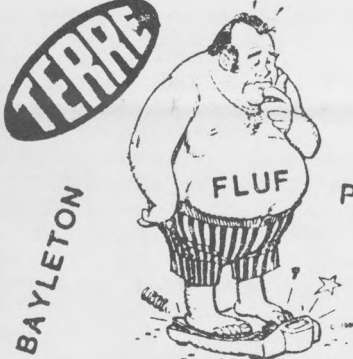
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District 8 welcomes the membership of Gary Nokes, superintendent of Bey Lea Country Club. Great to have you on board Gary!!

Chris Gaynor tied the big KNOT . . .
So did John Fenwick . . . Our Best.

Glen and Denise Moore had their first addition to their family on October 19, 1982. Embarrassed as we are, we do not have their daughter's name but we do know that she was a healthy 9 lbs. 10 oz. Many more for the Moores!

District 1 had a very successful meeting on October 25, 1982 at Ridgewood C.C. Dr. Lou Vasvary gave an interesting Insect Update.

Elliot Lewis is pleased to report that the 11th fairway at White Beeches C.C. is now free of the Quarry Rock Pile it so proudly displayed for most of the 1982 season!

Al Foster is keeping busy with some sand-trap reconstruction at the Hackensack C.C.

Ed Nickelsen will be a busy man for the next (?) months. The Montclair Golf Course is reconstructing the first NINE holes of the course! Stay busy Ed . . .

Dennis Wagner, Trenton C.C., is rebuilding a number of tees (no rest for the wicked!).

District 6 is having a meeting at the Cranbury Golf Club on November 9.

Election of District 6 Officers will take place. Greg McClain is now the "General Manager" of the Cranbury Golf Club.

Charlie "Workaholic" Edgar is not only redesigning and rebuilding two of the golf holes at Green Acres C.C., he is also installing a new irrigation system.

Dave Sylvester of Tuco Corporation was married on October 30. He and his wife built themselves a home in Connecticut.

Don Sauvigne of Columbia University, formerly of Forsgate C.C., and his wife Maureen are the proud parents of Daniel, born October 7 weighing in at 8 lbs. 3 oz.

District 3 had their annual meeting this October at Sunset Valley G.C., a Morris County Park System facility. Dennis Shea, the host, was elected the new district director. Willet Wilt spoke on the perils of walking the streets of Atlanta at the 1979 GCSAA Convention, and he also did his sprinkler imitation. Following the meeting, the District 3 Team Scramble Golf Championship was held. The team, captained by Tom Murphy of Flanders G.C., defeated the team captained by Wayne Foster of Roselle G.C. by one stroke.

Construction is going full force on the new nine at Tom Murphy's Flanders G.C.

Bill Martin, formerly a superintendent in the shore area, competed and finished in the Iron Man Contest out West this fall. He did it in a little over 14 hours. It consists of swimming a couple of miles in the ocean, bicycling over 100 miles, and then running a full marathon. Who said Golf Course Superintendents aren't in great shape?

This past summer Phil Scott of Bamm Hollow C.C. left the course long enough to vacation in Alaska and meet up with a grizzly bear on a golf course. Phil lost to the bear on the 19th hole.

Congratulations to Bob and Gail Dwyer who are expecting child no. 5 in a few weeks. No. 5 will put them one up on the Kubiks and Flahertys.

Bert Jones back in full swing after recent illness. Some say it was Jack Martin's 40th birthday parties that had Bert under the weather.



Credit — Divots July 1982

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