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Looking at Both Sides of the Coin

The 1983 golf season was a valuable asset for me both as a professional and as a person. Any golf course superintendent from the New York Metropolitan area who lived through this experience would consider this statement to be ludicrous, but with the right attitude, they too would take on this viewpoint. There are two sides to every coin, most superintendents reflect back to 1983 and usually refer to one side of the coin only.

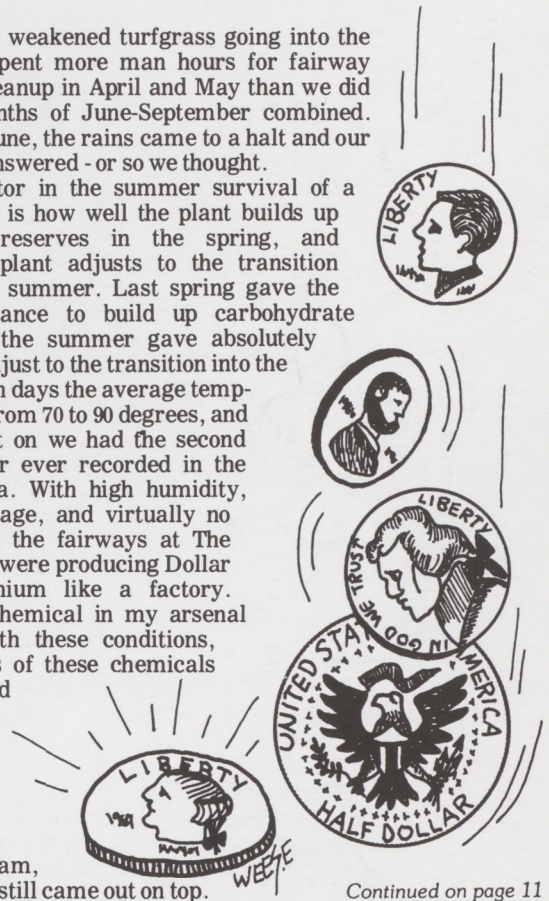
Last year is considered by many to be one of the most challenging years in memory for turf managers. From March till early June, we received record shattering rain-falls. As soon as the rains stopped, a heat wave came upon us immediately and endured throughout the summer even through September. Just as we were recovering from the heat wave, heavy rains came again. Thus 1983 went out as it came in, wet and miserable. These adverse conditions were even more extreme for myself, for at The Millbrook Club we had clay based soils from tee to green. Our soils had poor drainage, no surface runoff, and a high potential for compaction. To compound our problems, we had several trees which have not been trimmed or maintained for sixty years, resulting in poor air circulation throughout the golf course. All of these conditions allowed me to see one side of the coin which was full of headaches, stomach cramps, and sleepless nights. Let us now examine this side of the coin in more detail.

Last year gave us our wettest spring in 108 years. At The Millbrook Club our poor soils resulted in large amounts of surface water from March until June. On three of our fairways, we were mowing with rotaries and flymos because everything else would sink. Because we would have to wait several days between mowings, we raised the height of cut on fairways to prevent shock. Once we had the mowing schedule under control, we were able to lower our height of cut to $\frac{3}{4}$ " again. The end result was a dramatic increase in

labor costs and weakened turfgrass going into the summer. We spent more man hours for fairway mowing and cleanup in April and May than we did during the months of June-September combined. Then in early June, the rains came to a halt and our prayers were answered - or so we thought.

A major factor in the summer survival of a turfgrass plant is how well the plant builds up carbohydrate reserves in the spring, and how well the plant adjusts to the transition from spring to summer. Last spring gave the plant little chance to build up carbohydrate reserves, and the summer gave absolutely no chance to adjust to the transition into the summer. Within days the average temperatures went from 70 to 90 degrees, and from that point on we had the second hottest summer ever recorded in the New York area. With high humidity, poor soil drainage, and virtually no air circulation, the fairways at The Millbrook Club were producing Dollar Spot and Pythium like a factory. I used every chemical in my arsenal to compete with these conditions, and the results of these chemicals will be discussed later on in this article.

Despite a lot of hard work and an intensive chemical program, Mother Nature still came out on top.



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Dates to Remember

March 21, 1984

GCSANJ Spring Seminar '84,
Battleground C.C., Freehold, N.J., Gary
Stedman, Host

March 26, 1984

NJPGA Annual Show, Parsippany, N.J.

April 25, 1984

GCSANJ Monthly Meeting, Little Mill
C.C., Hammonton, N.J., Rich Broome,
Host

May 14-21, 1984

LPGA Chrysler-Plymouth Classic, Upper
Montclair C.C., Clifton, N.J., Bob
Dickison CGCS, Supt.

May 23, 1984

GCSANJ Monthly Meeting, Haworth C.C.,
Haworth, N.J., John Emmolo, Host

June 14-17, 1984

U.S. Open Championship, Winged Foot
Golf Club, Mamaroneck, N.Y., Sherwood
Moore CGCS and Bob Alonzi, Supts.

June 28, 1984

GCSANJ Monthly Meeting, Essex Fells
C.C., Essex Fells, N.J., Wayne Remo,
Host

September 21, 1984

Seventh Annual GCSANJ Invitational
Championship, Canoe Brook C.C., Skip
Cameron, Host

October 2, 1984

6th Annual Met Area Superintendent
Association's Team Championship,
Wilmington C.C., Montchanin, Delaware,
Dave Kroll CGCS, Host.

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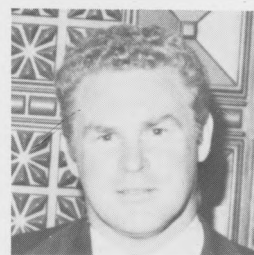
Education thru Communications

Later this month on March 21st our Association is having its annual spring symposium. Mike Dale has selected "Improved Understandings and Relations through Effective Communications" which is a topic that each of us can learn from.

In today's world, proper and good communications are needed more than in the past. We are no longer the invisible person who maintains the golf course from an out of the way shop. Today's Golf Course Superintendent is in the mainstream of the golf world. We are responsible for hundred thousand dollar budgets and more than half million dollars in maintenance and irrigation equipment. We handle pesticides that are becoming more in the public eye

President's Message

Bob Dickison
CGCS



every day and dealing with more and more people because of it.

Golf course maintenance is no small time operation; it is an operation that needs a dedicated professional who knows how to communicate. It has become more evident that those who communicate successfully are the people who will succeed in this industry.

Because of this, I urge each and every one of you to attend our spring symposium at Battleground Country Club. This is an excellent opportunity for you to show others at your Club what is necessary in good Golf Course Management.

You will not only help yourself, you will be supporting your Association also.

Keep Up the Good Work

With most of the 1984 winter conferences, trade shows, seminars, and related educational opportunities behind us, it is time to reflect on those endeavors and put their worth in their proper perspective.

Without question, our national conference and show in Las Vegas was the pinnacle of the available educational offerings. The seminars presented at this year's national were simply outstanding. Subjects ranging from Computers in the Golf Course Maintenance Operation to Golf Course Design Principles were covered along with the more general, but certainly not less informative, Turfgrass Science, Pest Control Management, etc., etc. The G.C.S.A.A. staff should be as proud of their efforts as we, the members, are. I personally do not hesitate to say this was the best conference I have ever attended.

Along with the national, our local conferences are also on the upswing. Turf Expo, University of Massachusetts show, Penn State Turfgrass Conference, and our own GCSANJ seminar, offered educational

From the Editor's Desk



opportunities that were both informative and interesting. It seems at no time in recent memory have our associations realized the need for educational awareness the way they have in '84. Let us hope this is a trend and not a flash in the pan situation. We will all gain by this continuing effort.

Greener Side Wins GCSAA Award

The Greener Side was honored at the Golf Course Superintendents of America's 1984 convention last month in Las Vegas, Nevada. The Greener Side was determined by a panel of experts to be one of the ten most Outstanding Chapter Newsletters of 1983. In order to win this award, a newsletter has to show competency in every area of presentation.

The fantastic underlying factor about this award is that this is the fourth year in a row the newsletter has won. This is a perfect record since Ed Walsh has been the editor of the Greener Side for just over four years.

When you are an editor of a top-flite

newsletter such as this you must devote an enormous amount of time and effort to produce a winner. You are always thinking about deadlines, new concepts, financing it, and editorials. You see your finished product six times a year. You're somewhat satisfied, but being a perfectionist like Ed, you are never completely happy.

Ed Walsh may not be satisfied with the newsletter he has produced, but the members of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of New Jersey respect Ed for his all out efforts and are extremely proud of the newsletter he has produced.

Ken Kubik

GCSAA 1984 Conference and Trade Show

G.C.S.A.A.'s 1984 Conference and Trade Show in Las Vegas, Nevada turned out to be the most successful one in history. Total attendance was over 8,000. The Trade Show, along with the educational sessions and the U.S.G.A. session were excellent. For those of you in attendance at the U.S.G.A. session, you must agree that the talk given by Mrs. Bobby Gee concerning image and professionalism was most motivating and inspiring. I'm sure everyone in the room was touched by her speech. It was excellent.

The G.C.S.A.A. election of officers and Annual Meeting went smooth in comparison to years past.

The G.C.S.A.N.J. held a caucus to determine what candidates we would support. After a discussion and a vote we decided to support James Timmerman CGCS for President, Eugene Batson CGCS for Vice President. For Directors, we supported John Laake CGCS, Ohio, James Taylor CGCS, West Virginia, and Riley Stottern CGCS, Utah.

Paul Boizelle C.G.C.S. and Riley Stottern C.G.C.S. were nominated from the floor after being defeated in the Vice Presidential Election. Voting tabulations are listed below.

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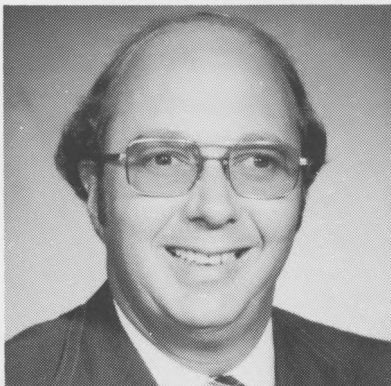
James Timmerman, C.G.C.S.
No opponent, elected unanimously

Vice President

Eugene Baston C.G.C.S.	2,213
Paul Boizelle C.G.C.S.	728
Riley Stottern C.G.C.S.	251
Total votes cast	3,192



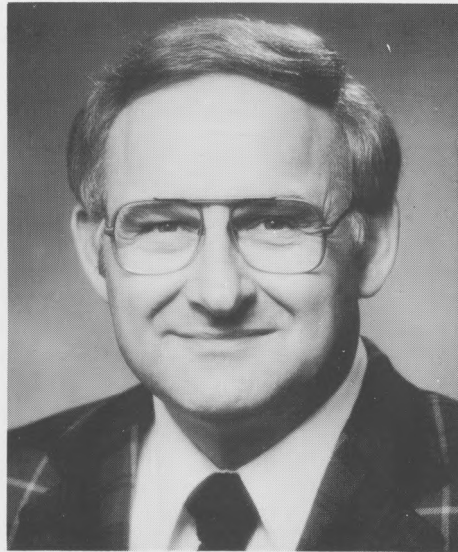
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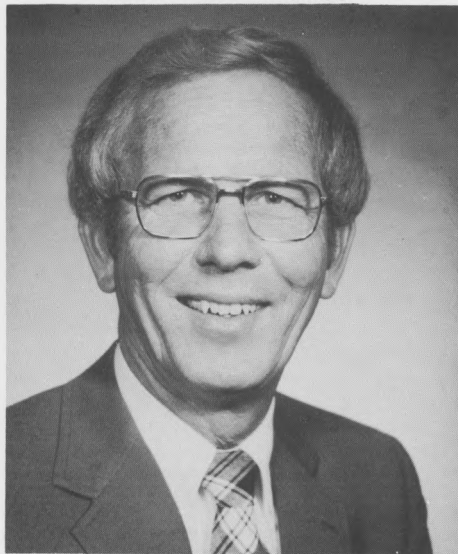
Riley Stottern CGCS

Directors

John Laake C.G.C.S.	2,733
Riley Stottern C.G.C.S.	2,292
James Taylor C.G.C.S.	2,230
Paul Boizelle C.G.C.S.	1,154
Robert Ford C.G.C.S.	626
Sanford Queen C.G.C.S.	364
Total votes cast	9,399



Jim Timmerman CGCS



Gene Baston CGCS



Jim Taylor CGCS

The annual meeting was called to order on Thursday, February 2, at 2:12 p.m. There were no by-law changes. The meeting was adjourned at 4:22 p.m.

For those of you who are not G.C.S.A.A. members, I highly recommend that you become members. G.C.S.A.A. offers many services to its members which include:

- (1) Regional and national educational seminars
- (2) Cassettes on various topics pertaining to the golf course superintendent and his role in the golf community
- (3) Referral service
- (4) Fabulous annual trade show
- (5) A chance for you as a member to become actively involved with the future of the golf course superintendent.

For those of you who are members, I recommend that you try to attend a national conference as often as time and finances allow.

Attending a national conference is a positive experience. The more of you who become actively involved, the better off the organization will be. The more participation, the stronger the organization.

1984 CGSAA Golf Championship

January 26 and 27
Scottsdale, Arizona

Although this was only my second attempt at the National Golf Tournament, it is my understanding that this year's championship was the best in recent memory. The weather could not have been any better and the Cactus and Pines GCSA, along with Frank Lamphier and his committee, organized a flawless event. Our own GC-SANJ team looked pretty good after the first day as we were tied for the lead in the net division. Unfortunately for us, we had to play the second day. Our total for both days wasn't even in the top 10.

McNally
Our Savior



Jim McNally was our only consistent performer as his net total for the tournament was near or under par. Unfortunately, big Jim wasn't able to carry Remo, Pullen and Walsh. I guess the GC-SANJ team really does need John Schoellner and his 30 (ha ha) handicap. Maybe Gerald (don't call me Jerry) Fountain will play next year.

A special note of thanks from our team to Diana Green. As Frank will admit, she's the real backbone of this event.

NYS Turfgrass Association Elects Officers & Directors

New Officers and Directors of the New York State Turfgrass Association were elected at the organization's recent Annual Meeting held in Rochester, N.Y. They are: President, Janet Worthington Dudones, The Ed Worthington Corp., Saranac Lake; Vice President, Jack Sloane, Oakwood Morningside Cemetery, Syracuse; Secretary-Treasurer, William Stark III, Cortland Country Club, Cortland.

Continuing on the Board are Immediate Past President John Musto, Back O' Beyond, Brewster; and Directors, Dan Antonecchia, Fordham University, Bronx; Donald Burton, Lawn Medic, Bergen; Joseph Laubenstein, O.M. Scott, Schenectady; S.V. Moffett III, S.V. Moffett Co., Inc., West Henrietta; Stephen Smith, I & E Supply, Montgomery; and Richard McGovern, McGovern Sod Farms, Melville.

Newly elected directors are Gene Bowler, Green Gene's, Port Washington; Ted Horton, Westchester Country Club, Rye; and Richard Canale, Cortland Youth Bureau, Cortland.

Dr. A. Martin Petrovic will continue on the Board of Directors as liaison to Cornell University and Ann Reilly will continue to serve as Executive Director.

Chip Shots

Joel Jacquemot was recently in the hospital for some orthodontic work done. Even though his jaw was wired shut for awhile, Joel was back on the job within a week. Hope you're feeling better Joel.

Matt Clement, Assistant Superintendent at Howell Park G.C. was married January 14. He and his wife will be honeymooning down in Orlando, Fla. at Walt Disney World. Remember Matt, if you take the garbage out once you'll have to do it all the time.

Jeff Allen (Assistant Superintendent at the Hominy Hill G.C.) and his wife Cheryl are the proud parents of a baby boy. His name is Christopher and he weighed in at a healthy 8 lbs. 1 oz.

Ed Walsh - please tell us the truth. Have you been printing the name of our state newsletter incorrectly all this time? Shouldn't it be "The Greensider" rather than "The Greener Side"?

Jeff Drake, formerly Assistant Superintendent to Bob Dickison at Upper Montclair C.C. has taken the job as Superintendent at the Richmond Hill C.C. on Staten Island. Good luck, Jeff.

Bob Ribbans has had some back problems as of late. Hope you've been feeling better, Bob.

Well, the Cleary boys went down in defeat at the Calvada C.C. outside of Las Vegas this past February. Shaun Barry and Bill Riden (alias the DSMA brothers) lost to Dave Pease and Charlie Cross. The margin of victory was substantial, Shaun and Bill claim they were playing customer golf but that is not true.

John Fenwick and Joel Jacquemot have been doing some downhill skiing as of late. Tom Zimich has used five straight weeks of snow ? cover to do some cross country skiing.

Dave McGhee has found an exciting second profession. He has moved quickly from the stage of Resorts International to the stage of the MGM Grand Hotel. The show, titled "McGhee's Follies," was a big hit in Las Vegas. Dave will keep us posted on appearances in New Jersey.

Arty Elmers is recuperating from eye surgery. Get well soon, Arty.

Bob Dickison has hired a new assistant. Bruce Bailey is his name and he is from Ocean City, N.J.

John Ward of Cedar Hill and Jo-Ann Ward of Americana Great Gorge are the proud parents of a baby girl. Kathryn Noel was born December 25, 1983. She weighed in at a healthy 7 lbs. 4 oz. Congratulations John and Jo-Ann.

The District 8 January meeting was held at the Ramblewood C.C. Host Pete Jones was in the hospital at the time, so his son Trip played host. Get well, Pete. Bob Dwyer of O.M. Scotts and Shaun Barry of W.A. Cleary have good presentations of their companies' product lines.

Congratulations to Steve Cyr for taking over the superintendent's position at The Links at Kings Grant.

District 1 held its February meeting at the Paramus Golf Club, Paramus. George Sauer, Golf Pro at Ramsey Golf Club, discussed the Superintendent-Pro relationship. The meeting was well-attended and a fine buffet lunch was provided by the club. District 1 is on the upswing with another luncheon meeting scheduled in March with the topic of well permits being discussed.

Sincerest thanks to all our friends for your thoughts and prayers after the recent passing of my mother.

Ed and Mary Walsh



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Attention Supers

This year, at our monthly golf meetings, some clubs will have restrictive tee-off times. It will be imperative that cards be sent in punctually so the Golf Chairman, Host Superintendent, District

Director, and club officials, can accommodate us effectively. This courtesy is of utmost importance.

Thanks.

Mike Dale

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If this is the first time you are reading this column, congratulations! You have spared yourself the anguish of reading many absurd answers to questions from the readers of Greener Side.

Q.: Is it possible to publish in your next column the famous Willet Wilt All-time lists? P.U., Fish House, N.J.

A.: The following are my lists of all-time greats:

Movies:

1. Splendor in the Grass
2. Abbott and Costello Meet the Greens Chairman
3. That Championship Season
4. Mr. Green Goes to Washington
5. Caddy Shack

Books:

1. Roots
2. How Green Was My Valley
3. Ann of Green Gables
4. Moby Green
5. The Grass of Wrath

Songs:

1. Tee for Two
2. Billy Green
3. That Old Green Magic
4. It's Not Easy Being Green
5. Greensleeves

W.W.



Our readers will be happy to learn that the book *The Best of Willet Wilt* will be made into a movie this spring. Tom Selleck has agreed to play the part of Willet Wilt and Ronald Reagan is going to play the part of Ed Walsh, boy

editor. The movie is expected to premier sometime this year between the time the poa annua blooms and when it starts to fade. It will be rated PG (Pretty Gross). Be sure to miss it if you can.

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Two caterpillars were crawling across the grass when a butterfly flew over them. They looked up, and one nudged the other and said: "You couldn't get me up in one of those things for a million dollars!"

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1984 Met Area Superintendents Association Team Championship

The 1984 Team Championship will be played at the Wilmington Country Club (South), Montchanin, Delaware, on Tuesday, October 2, 1984. Dave Kroll, CGCS, and the Philadelphia Association of Golf Course Superintendents to host. Wilmington's South course is rated as one of the top courses in the U.S. by Golf Digest.

To qualify for the GCSANJ team, you must be an A, B, B-1, or C member of our Association. You must play golf and enter a score in at least two monthly meetings throughout the '84 calendar year.

The two lowest scores of each player will be added and an average score will be developed. The six players with the lowest averages will be invited. Should we have one of our monthly meetings rained out, players in attendance at the dinner and educational session of that meeting can utilize their home course handicap for an average score and that score will be counted toward the team average. You must have a registered USGA or club handicap for this option to be available. This same format was utilized after our meeting at Essex Fells was rained out in 1983.

The Greener Side will again sponsor the GCSANJ team. Please contact me if there are any questions regarding qualifying procedures.

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W.W. Racquetball Results

The Willet Wilt Racquetball Tournament was held on January 4, 1984 in Little Silver, N.J. The turnout was double what we had in 1983. The tournament was set up in three different flights so that we would have more guys physically survive the tournament. The results were as follows:

Golf Flight:

Pete Dachisen, Harker's Hollow C.C.	84
Matt Dobbie, Bamm Hollow C.C.	66
John Van Brunt, Randolph Parks & Rec.	65
Ken Kubik, Grass Roots	51
Jim Argast, Past Champ	Injured

Blue Flight:

Tim McAvoy, Fox Hollow G.C.	75
Phil Scott, Bamm Hollow C.C.	61
Ed Walsh, Ridgewood C.C.	61
Dick Van Zandt, Unattached	58
Dave Pease, Monmouth Co. Pk. System	51
Mike Hocko, Beacon Hill C.C.	45

Red Flight:

Shaun Barry, W.A. Cleary	75
Charlie Cross, Rumson C.C.	61
Joe Kennedy, Ramsey C.C.	57
Tom Connell, Bamm Hollow C.C.	56
Bob Matthews, Deal C.C.	53
Ralph McNeel, Harker's Hollow C.C.	36

We have been alternating sites since the tournaments started in 1980, so next year's event will probably be in the North. This is the seventh racquetball tournament we have had in the state. It is a great way to work off some of the Holiday Season's extra poundage.

Student Assistance

The following young men are seeking Assistant Superintendents positions:

Darrel Harding (21)
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Bill Pennington (28)
55 Glenwood Drive
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Two years experience as Golf Course Superintendent; Three years experience as Assistant Superintendent; Five years working on course maintenance staff; Graduate of University of Rhode Island - Golf Course Management.

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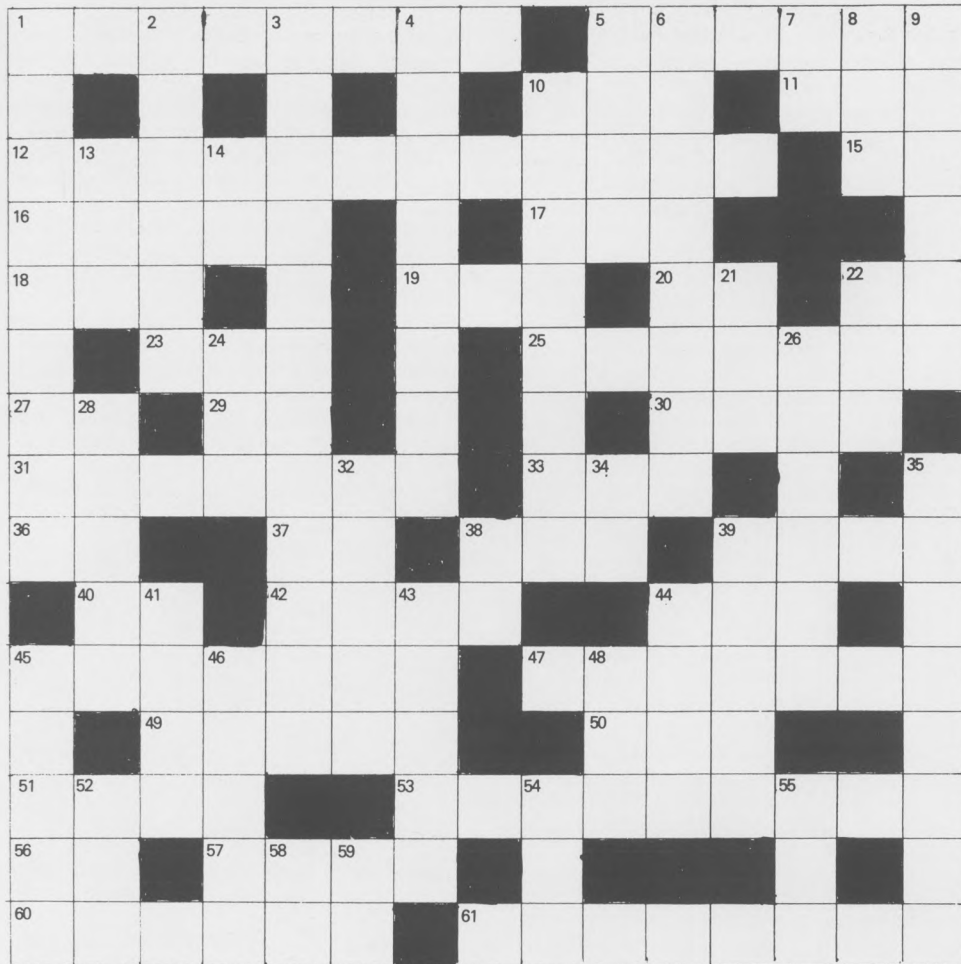
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1. Cultural practice
5. Type of engine
10. Result of lots of sun
11. N.J. is part of the _____ state area
12. Vegetatively propagated bentgrass
15. Short for agriculture
16. To join
17. Federal Energy Commission abbrev.
18. Suffix
19. _____ of paper
20. Preposition
22. Greenbrook Super
23. Rural Free Delivery
25. Comes with old age
27. Missouri abbrev.
29. French word meaning "the"
30. Type of meat
31. Middlesex for one
33. Fish eggs
36. No charge
37. Initials of former Trenton C.C. super
38. Opposite of on
39. Used to combat crabgrass
40. Overhead
42. Anger one
44. Present plural of be
45. Ask for one's hand in marriage
47. Type of water hazard
49. Mr. Claus
50. Snake
51. Curtis Strange for one

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53. Arrange
56. Initials of Tavistock C.C. super
57. Long form of it's
60. Penna. golf course _____ Valley
61. Bedens Brook super
1. Incoming G.C.S.A.A. President
2. The Basackwards for instance
3. Evergreen
4. Golfers should be penalized for this
5. July 4th for instance
6. Cool season turf in winter is this
7. Found on many addresses
8. Women's movement
9. Grass plant part
10. Type of bermudagrass
13. Consume food
14. Initials of Rutgers professor
21. Single
22. Total
24. Winter sickness
26. Former Pro Golf Tournament _____ Open
28. Happen
32. 1960's dance
34. Preposition
35. Fungicide
38. First and last letters of first name of 1969 U.S. Open winner
39. Wander mentally
41. Type of traction

43. _____ and bounds
44. Pinky for one
45. Strikes ball on green
46. Fright
48. TV network
52. This group runs the Western Open
54. The rope a dope master
55. Heart analysis
58. _____ be or not to be
59. _____ like Flint

Commercial Clippings

The Wilfred McDonald Company, Clifton, N.J., is pleased to announce the addition of Dennis DiSanctus to our Management Team. Dennis, a graduate of Wadhams Hall College in New York, brings to us a wide range of turfgrass experience having attended Brower Community College in Florida receiving his Agronomy diploma, employed as Golf Course Superintendent at Pembroke Lakes, Ltd. Golf Club and Tara Greens Golf Course. In addition, Dennis was the Northeast Technical Representative for the Cleary Corporation, and held a management position with the Terre Company of Clifton, N.J. Dennis resides with his wife, Hilda, son Dennis, and daughter Christine, in Jamesburg, New Jersey.

RANSOMES, INC., manufacturer of commercial grass machinery, recently concluded its annual marketing conference. During the conference, the company announced the addition of two machines to its product line - a small rotary riding mower and a water-cooled gas unit - and named Steven Willand, Inc., Fairfield, N.J., as "Distributor of the Year."

Steven Willand Inc. is proud to announce the appointment of Kurt Wagner to its Turf Division Sales Staff. Kurt comes to Steven Willand Inc. with over 20 years experience in the Lawn Mower Industry, as owner of Hill-n-Dale Equipment in Woodcliff Lake, N.J. Kurt will be responsible for calling on all golf courses, school districts, municipalities, and commercial accounts in Bergen, Passaic and Rockland Counties.

Ransomes, Inc., Johnson Creek, Wisconsin has announced that as of October 1, 1983, all parts for Ransomes Reel Mowers will be coming out of Wisconsin. Prior to this, distributors had to order parts through Ransomes, Sims & Jefferies, Ipswich, England. Ordering through Wisconsin will enable the distributor to give faster parts service. Ransomes also announces the appointment of a full-time Service Manager, who will be working out of their Wisconsin factory.

Don T. Cherry has been added to the staff of W.A. Cleary. He graduated from Delaware Valley College with a B.S. degree in Agronomy. He was employed by DeVries Nursery and has had his own lawn care company. His present position is as an inside technical service representative. Don can be reached at (201) 247-8000.

District Evaluation Preliminary Report



The District Evaluation Committee's first consideration was deciding whether to keep the district concept. We were of unanimous opinion that the benefits of this type of organization were many and worth saving.

The main weakness of the existing district set-up is that there are not enough supers attending the district meetings. The way to get more supers to each meeting is to encourage participation and make the meeting worthwhile. However, there are still not enough supers interested enough or able to get free to attend the meetings. It was determined that there needs to be a larger pool of supers in each district from which to draw for the meetings.

The six district idea, advanced by a previous committee, was investigated and it was determined to have some of the same flaws as now exist. Some of the districts did not have enough supers and the numbers per district were very unequal. Also in one of the districts north-south travel was required in an area of excellent east-west roads.

We want a simple division of districts allowing all members easy transportation access to the meetings. The 4 District Organization is designed along transportation routes. District 1 consists of all golf courses north of Route 80, District 2 is those golf courses south of Route 80 but north of Route 78 and 287, District 3 contains those golf courses south of Route 78 and 287 and north of the existing District 8, and District 4 is the existing District 8. (See map.) Golf courses on the border areas may elect to go with the district they have developed close associations with.

The number of supers per district works out to be very close. Below are the preliminary counts and apportionment from each of the existing districts:

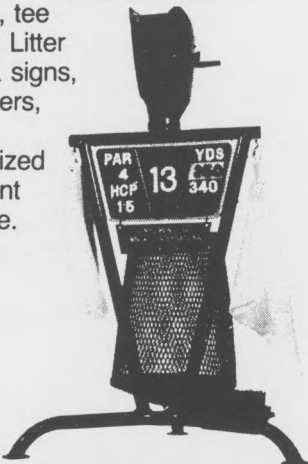
District 1	(1) All of existing District 1	(25)	
	(2) Some of District 2	(4)	
	(3) Some of District 3	(10)	
	(4) Some of District 4	(12)	Total (51)
District 2	(1) Some of District 2	(19)	
	(2) Some of District 3	(15)	
	(3) Some of District 4	(5)	
	(4) Some of District 5	(17)	
	(5) 2 Clubs from District 6	(2)	(58)
District 3	(1) 2 Clubs of District 4	(2)	
	(2) Some of District 5	(8)	
	(3) Most of District 6	(20)	
	(4) All of District 7	(24)	(54)
District 4	(1) All of District 8	(64)	(64)

The committee will be making further recommendations to encourage activity in each district and provide organization. Future Board representation and committee make-up also needs further analysis.

We present this preliminary redistricting report to allow the membership at their prospective district meetings to make recommendations and ask questions to provide input to the committee.

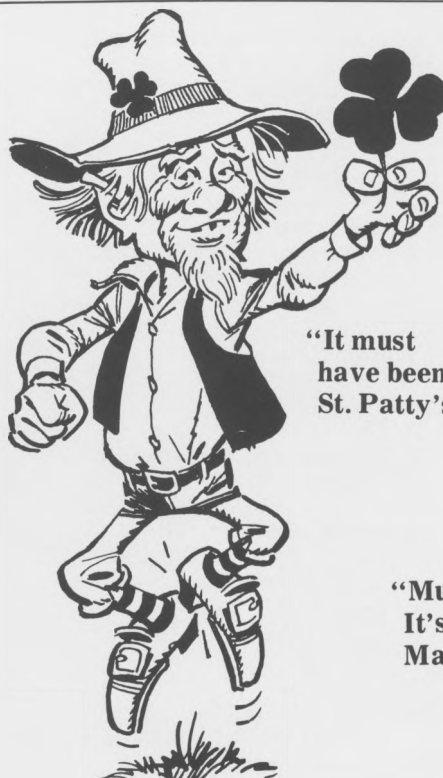
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A Young Person's View on Overcoming Stress

by Jim Davis
River North Golf and Country Club
Macon, Georgia

We, as Golf Course Superintendents, and for that matter anyone in a position of responsibility, must deal with a great amount of stress from time to time. Some of these stressful situations, such as weather and budgetary limitation, are beyond our control. For the most part, however, we can take control of our lives, both personal and what we do for a livelihood. I would like to share with you my personal experience with stress and how I overcame it.

After being a Superintendent for three years, I had become "burned-out" by trying to do it all myself. I averaged 70-75 hours per week, sometimes more and usually not less, trying to achieve a perfectly maintained golf course on a very limited budget. The last year of this three-year period my family and job performance suffered. I started smoking again, developed daily headaches, gained 20 pounds, lost control of my emotions and actually reached a point of moderate depression. Although I enjoyed golf course work, I questioned the work I was trained for and, in fact, applied for many different types of jobs.

Realizing all the time that I was backsliding, I was not making the necessary adjustments to overcome what was happening to me. With the help of my wife and children, I picked myself up by the bootstraps and started to make those adjustments. Consider the alternative. First off, a job change was in order (which, incidentally can cost a lot in telephone calls and transportation). Secondly, I channeled my energy into quality time spent with my family and on the job. Thirdly, I developed a strong set of guidelines for myself so that I could face each new challenge with freshness and not let it get the best of me. Fortunately, I was able to attain these three steps and now enjoy soccer, swimming, baseball, golf, cookouts, and picnics with my family. I now average 48-52 hours per week at work and find I am getting more accomplished by not trying to do it all myself. This was not intended to be an autobiography but was written with the hope of helping someone who may find themselves "backsliding" or "burned-out." It can happen to young people, middleaged or older people, in any walk of life.

In summary, stress, or pressure (whichever term you call it) can creep up on you to the "burn-out" stage, especially if you are a workaholic or high achiever. I have listed the three basic steps that have helped me in overcoming stress:

1. Realization and admission that one is having a hard time coping with situations.
2. Adjustment and adapting. Seek professional help if necessary.
3. Channel energy into quality time spent with family, friends and doing things you like to do.

Our society is rapidly changing and no longer does one have to keep everything

within because you are a "man." Pressure from competition, higher standards and more demands equal more stress. However, it can be overcome.

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And drinking deeply of life and love;
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But taking loss with a cheerful grin;
It's sharing sorrow, and work and mirth,
And making better this good old earth;
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It's doing your noblest — that's success!

Author Unknown



"Yeah! I always used to be the low bidder."

Slide Sets on Diseases, Insects and Weeds of Turfgrass Available

Three different 35mm slide sets, one each on insects, diseases and weeds of turfgrass, are now available from the New York State Turfgrass Association. These slide sets are a useful tool in the identification and diagnosis of turfgrass problems, and are of value to turfgrass superintendents of golf courses, athletic fields, parks, schools and universities, cemeteries, institutional and commercial grounds and residential complexes; landscape gardeners; lawn care firms; and those in the educational fields.

The 66-slide set on turfgrass diseases, compiled by Dr. Richard Smiley of Cornell University, pictures the characteristics and effects of snow mold, leaf spot, dollar spot, rust, red thread, slide mold, striped smut, mildew, fairy rings, brown patch, melting out, fusarium and pythium. The 76-slide set on insects of turfgrass in the northeast, compiled by Dr. Haruo Tashiro of the New York State Agricultural Experiment Station, pictures a variety of chafers, beetles, weevils, sod webworms and chinch bugs and the damage they do to turf. The 80-slide set on weeds, compiled by Dr. Arthur Bing and Robert O'Knefski of Cornell University, features line drawings and identifying photos of 16 common weeds including annual bluegrass, crabgrass, goosegrass, tall fescue, nutsedge, wild onion and garlic, woodsorrel, clover, dandelion, ground ivy, plantain, chickweed, knotweed, and black medic.

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Supers Get USGA Boost

For years, the golf course superintendent has toiled in the shadow of his surroundings as if his was an isolated job set apart from the other workings of the country club.

However, no less an authority than the United States Golf Association (through its president) believes the lines of communication between supers and golfers are in need of added spark.

The USGA notes that the ideal situation presents an arrangement whereby the club membership is represented by a key person in an exchange of needs, opinions, explanations and the like of both parties.

Such a setup exists in most clubs with the green chairman assuming the responsibility of establishing a link between the members and the superintendent. Yet, terms of the arrangement often are violated by overzealous members who feel their input must be recognized in the every day operation of grooming the golf course.

For that reason, the USGA suggests that the green chairman be entrusted with the job of getting to appreciate the problems a super encounters, relate same to the membership and perhaps clear up the fallacy that course maintenance is based on a snap-judgment act by the superintendent.

Probably the most persistent complaint by superintendents, in relation to their main function of improving and maintaining playing conditions, is that there are too many bosses to deal with.

The USGA recognizes this and, in turn, advises country clubs and public courses to take a second look at their communication lines with the super.

More specifically, the USGA feels any criticism on the condition of the golf course should come from a single source (green chairman or owner). That source also should be educated in the maintenance field so as to be able and worthy to make such criticism on a constructive note.

This may sound all well and good. However, it has come to the attention of several superintendents that the designated overseer often is not qualified to either make constructive criticism or lend rallying support when it is needed.

Much too often the green chairman serves for one term (sometimes a minimal one year) and never seems to get a grasp of the overall situation until it is time for him or her to turn over the title to someone else.

Therefore, the USGA also suggests that country clubs move in the direction of establishing a green chairman (one person) on a permanent basis, provided the relationship between the super and chairman has proven satisfactory in the past.

The sad aside to dependence on a green chairman for the very important task of feeding and receiving input in the super relationship is that many appointments to the post are made on a friendship and not a practical basis.

Then, too, many clubs are not aware of another ideal situation or grooming future green chairmen under an assistantship appointment. This has proven beneficial to both the superintendent and country club when it is applied.

It has been said that more than a few supers live in a shell and prefer as little contact with members as possible. Perhaps the reason for this is job-preservation in light of the fact that some members take it upon themselves to restrict their end of a communication with the super to criticism.

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Again, appreciation of the golf course superintendent's role in the overall operation of the club lies at the bottom of unnecessary and undeserved criticism. However, it is not to be expected that every member take the time to understand how much goes into a course grooming program and how much knowledge the super must have in order to make it succeed.

The USGA theory, then, appears to have merit. But does this mean putting a gag on every member other than the green chairman?

Not really, however, criticism should take form in a chain of command process. The individual member speaks to the green chairman who, in turn, takes up the complaint with the super. And that goes for praise, too.

Whatever, the superintendent doesn't have time to listen to 350 bosses. Most assuredly, neither does the member in his life away from the club. It would appear that common sense rules here and the USGA has come through with it in spades.

Now, if only the country clubs will take heed.

Gerry Finn

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Letters to the Editor

Gentlemen:

Thank you very much for your confidence and support in electing me as a Director of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America. I appreciate this honor and I will work to my best abilities to make our Association what we all want it to be.

President Timmerman has appointed me Chairman of the Internal Affairs Committee and Chairman of the Scholarship and Research Funding Committee. He has also appointed me Vice Chairman of the Education and Certification Committee. Any comments or suggestions you may have concerning these committees or for any other GCSAA business will be most welcome. Remember, your input will help me to make the decisions in the best interest of the total membership. So, please feel free to contact me at any time.

Thanks again for your help.

Sincerely,

John E. Laake, CGCS

Dear Ed:

Thanks so much for your recent note and placing me on the mailing list for The Greener Side. Jim Snow has kept me in touch with your newsletter by sending Xerox copies in the past.

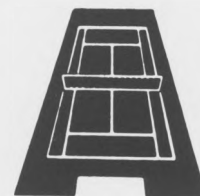
A special word of thanks is due you and Charlie Cross (I presume) for the article on page 3 "USGA Links." Of course, all of us in the Green Section are proud to be a part of the USGA and, during Bill Campbell's USGA Presidency, the golf course superintendents have indeed been deservedly recognized for their contribution to the game. In all honesty, this has also helped our relationship with superintendents around the nation. On behalf of the Green Section, we look forward to continuing this spirit of cooperation, understanding and progress in turfgrass management for the good of golf.

Thanks again for your thoughtfulness in including me on The Greener Side. It is much appreciated! Best wishes for a great 1984!

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COINS, *Continued from page 1*

As mentioned earlier, the fall was wet and miserable though not nearly as bad as the spring. At The Millbrook Club we were again limited with the use of heavy equipment and labor costs increased again. The most damaging blows from the fall rains occurred in the Oregon area during the seed harvest. Those rains created a major Bentgrass shortage for this year, thus in 1984 we are still feeling the wounds from 1983. Now if you were to go back to the opening statement of this article, one would think that 1983 caused severe mental and emotional disorders to myself. However, when looking at the other side of the coin, one can see why 1983 was such a benefit to me.

A good golf course superintendent will try and make the best of every opportunity. In football, what differentiates a great running back from an average running back is the "ability to see a small hole and make a big gain." A good superintendent should also have "the ability to see a small hole and make a big gain." I feel that 1983 was beneficial to me for I learned how to make the most of every opportunity.

Last spring created several problems for me, but after a few adjustments, the problems were either eliminated or reduced. We adjusted the height of cut on our fairways, and mowed areas with triplexes and rotaries instead of gang units. We altered our work schedule around the weather which allowed us to take advantage of any breaks in the weather. Our labor costs for the spring increased, but when considering the other alternatives, the decision wasn't hard to make. A lot of superintendents had less than desirable results with their pre-emergence applications. By spending a little extra on one more application gave other superintendents the results they were seeking. I look back at last spring and realize that if I had done some things differently, I would have gone into the summer in much better shape. Even more important, I realize that those superintendents who are able to make adjustments when needed will be the ones to succeed in this business.

The summer of 1983 also taught me well. By visually inspecting the root systems of our greens, tees and fairways in early June, I knew which areas would do better than others. By taking certain precautions, one

can prevent any future problems from occurring. The use of extra wetting agents, extra chemicals, and extra syringing helped nurse these problem areas through the summer. Last summer was also an ideal time to evaluate the effects of various fungicides, for disease pressure was high from June through September. By spending a few dollars more with more frequent applications, I spent less money in the long run. It cost more money to spray at the curative rate than at the preventive rate. Also I found that in order to have good results with Brown Patch and Pythium, you must spray before the diseases strike, for these diseases can be reoccurring headaches even after the curative sprays. I also learned how mowing height, verticutting, and topdressing influence the roll of the ball. When I raised the height of cut on greens, I verticuted more often. When I was afraid verticutting would cause too much stress, I reduced the frequency of vertical mowing and increased the frequency of topdressing from every four weeks to every 17-21 days.

The list can go on and on, but what it comes down to is dealing with particular problems, learning from them, adjusting your game plan or cultural practices, and finally, evaluating. If you do this looking back to 1983, you'll see how much good came out of it. That's why it is easy for me to say that last year was the best thing that every happened for my career.

So next time you are under adverse conditions and are asking if all this is worth the trouble and headaches, just examine the situation. Then "flip the coin over" and examine what good is coming out of all this, keeping in mind that a great superintendent can "pick a small hole and make a big gain of it." Within minutes you will be attacking your job with as much excitement and enthusiasm as ever.

Dave Heroian
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Much Named NGF Executive Director

Sheridan (Joe) Much has been named executive director of the National Golf Foundation by David Hueber, the NGF's new president.

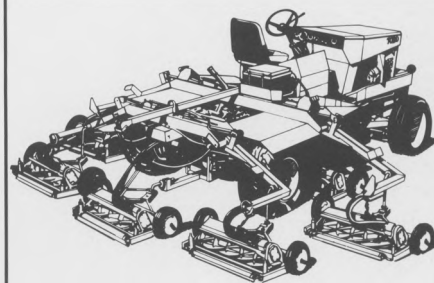
Much, 60, joined the Foundation staff in 1968 after a 20-year newspaper career. He traveled the West Coast as a field representative and served as Western Director before moving to headquarters in 1982 as director of field services. He was named acting executive director in July, 1983.

"I wanted this to be my first official act upon joining the Foundation," Hueber remarked. "Having someone of his experience and expertise will be a tremendous asset."

"Joe has a thorough understanding of the inner workings of the NGF, and that will be a great help to me," he added. "He's a very well respected figure throughout the industry, and it's going to be a pleasure to work with him."

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