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Four USGA Championships in New Jersey

The United States Golf Association, Far Hills, NJ has scheduled four 1985 national championships at New Jersey golf courses. This imposing schedule includes the Women's Amateur Public Links at Flanders Valley Golf Course (June 19-23), Tom Murphy, Golf Course Superintendent; the Women's Open at Baltusrol Golf Course (July 11-14), Joe Flaherty, Golf Course Superintendent; the Walker Cup at Pine Valley Golf Club (August 21-22), Dick Bator, Golf Course Superintendent; the Men's Amateur at Montclair Golf Club (August 27-September 1), Ed Nickelsen, Golf Course Superintendent.

Tom Murphy

Tom Murphy's course at Flanders was designed by Hal Purdy. Mr. Purdy designed the original 27 holes in 1964. In

a recent expansion to 36 holes, six of the additional nine were designed by Rees Jones. The blue and white nines will be used for the championship, measuring 5,808 yards, par 72. Flanders was selected by *Golf Digest* as one of the top 50 public golf courses in 1984.

Tom Murphy, like all NJ superintendents, has had to contend with fickle weather patterns this spring. April was very dry, only .5" of rainfall—May was pleasant with enough rain and plenty of cool nights—June has provided the needed rain but produced typical high humidity.

Joe Flaherty

In 1961 Baltusrol Golf Club hosted the USGA Women's Open (played on the lower course), won by Mickey Wright. Was Joe Flaherty there? Joe is at Baltusrol now hosting the 1985 USGA Women's Open (played on the upper course). He was there in 1967 and again in 1980 for the Men's Opens.

The championship will be played this year on the upper course. The upper course, with slanted, undulated fairways will offer a challenge to the contestants and also for Joe who claims these upper fairways are difficult to maintain because of their topography.

Joe, in the past, has down played his role in the previous Men's Open Championships, but he is to be commended for the outstanding work he does in preparing Baltusrol for these major championships.

Dick Bator

This is Dick's third season at Pine Valley. He came to NJ from the Oak Hill Country

DROUGHT AND THE SUPERINTENDENT

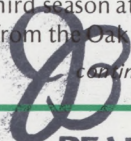
The official 1985 drought has been with us since August, 1984, but the "real" drought struck New Jersey golf courses in April. April was a tough month, .5" of rain, way below the average of 3.47", coupled with a dry March, made April feel like July.

Droughts are trouble that only happen to someone else. Most superintendents were unprepared for a dry April. There was a flurry to activate pump and irrigation systems earlier than usual. The wait for rain was in earnest, everyone knows it always rains in April, but not this year. The 11" of rain in April, 1984 was our April allotment for three years.

By the third week of April concern had deepened, still no rain. Superintendents were saying the grass will be stronger, the roots will be deeper, the rain will come—an overly optimistic outlook. There was genuine signs of stress injury to the grass: greens mowers were picking up dust, tees and fairways were not being mowed regularly and cart traffic was damaging the turf.

Communication was imperative now, golfers would have to understand this might be a difficult year.

Jeff Scott, golf course superintendent at Knickerbocker Country Club, Tenafly, NJ had made two major decisions as the drought worsened: first, he communicated to his membership the severity of the drought and the stress the turf was suffering; secondly he altered his mowing schedule, mowing early morning and late afternoon to



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EDITORIALS

Viewing the GCSAA

THE GCSAA HAS CHANGED THE STANDARDS for certification applicants. Applicants are now being attested by certified golf course superintendents. The attestation process involves an evaluation of the applicants competence as a golf course superintendent.

An attestation is proof of a superintendents presence as the person responsible for the condition of the golf course. It is not an evaluation of the condition of the golf course.

Can one golf course superintendent evaluate another superintendent without prejudice? There are many potential conflicts that may exist knowingly or unknowingly. Job competitiveness among superintendents is high; past injustices that were never resolved, personality differences, lack of evaluation training and experience among attestors or subjectivity of the attestor or evaluator. This is a small list of conflicts that could prevent a competent person from being able to sit for the certification test.

The opposing issue would involve an attestor who is too friendly and cannot make an objective evaluation. If the attestation is necessary, remove the pressure of the applicant being evaluated and relieve the attestors of the difficult judgement of trying to evaluate a peer.

It is understandable the GCSAA wants to raise the goal of certification to a higher level, but not at the expense of discouraging fine superintendents with the predicament of the evaluation.

To reach their goal, why not expedite the Certification Long Range Plan (CLRP) regarding the continuing education program. Make available on a scheduled basis regional education seminars and correlate the certification requirements with chapter and regional turfgrass education meetings. The success of the seminars at the national conference should be an indicator that the golf course superintendent has a thirst for knowledge.■

THE GCSAA HAS ELECTED TO SPONSOR a Turfgrass Conference and Show in Indianapolis, Indiana from Thursday, September 19, 1985 to Tuesday, September 24, 1985. The show will be held in the Hoosier Dome.

My first reaction . . . is this necessary? To answer my own question . . . NO!

The initial announcement at the Washington show seemed hasty and uncertain.

The GCSAA has outlined the need, the reasons why, and the benefits in attending; but with all their good intentions this show is at the wrong time of year for me and I'll guess most superintendents in the northeast. In September, we complete the finals of club championships, start construction projects and fall renovations, mend irrigation systems and—REST.

Consider supplementing the national show in February with regional education programs in late fall or early spring. Seminars, workshops and education sessions are more fruitful during the off-season.

I'd like to see all of the new equipment, but instead of traveling so far, I'll attend the GCSANJ field day on October 1, 1985 in New Brunswick, NJ where I'll share the comradie of a summer well spent.■

Jim Gilligan, Editor
The Greenside

"It were not best that we should all think alike; it is difference of opinion that makes horseraces."

S. L. Clemens (Mark Twain)

THIS YEAR, 4 NJ GOLF COURSES will host major U.S.G.A. Tournaments:

Flander Valley. . . "Womens' Amateur Public Links"	Baltustrol . . "Womens' Open"
Pine Valley. . . "Walker Cup"	Montclair. . . "Mens' Amateur"

The U.S.G.A. selected these courses years in advance confident that tournament caliber playing conditions would prevail.

Hosting a U.S.G.A. tournament is a tribute to each club and to the people responsible for achieving those quality conditions, the golf course superintendents. Their many successful years of turf management are a major factor in the selection of these clubs for tournament play. Even with the favorable quality of these courses, many long and hard hours will precede the tournaments as well as follow. Dedication and success are synonymous with all these individuals.

I'd like to extend a personal note of congratulations to Tom Murphy, Joe Flaherty, Dick Bator, Ed Nickelson and their personnel for making it possible to play championship golf on championship turf.■

Bob Ribbans, CGCS
GCSANJ President

Dewling Supersedes E.O. 97-1

Richard T. Dewling, Drought Coordinator, Department of Environmental Protection issued Administrative Order No. 5 placing all municipalities in the state under either Phase I-Mandatory Restrictions or Phase II-Mandatory Restrictions.

In the Voluntary Phase I-Water Emergency everyone is urged to practice water conservation and voluntarily reduce water consumption in order to avoid imposition of mandatory restrictions.

The Phase I-Mandatory Restrictions, which are in effect in 230 municipalities (New Jersey has 567 municipalities), prohibit the use of water in a number of areas. With some adjustments, the use of water on lawns, plants, vehicles (except in car washes), streets, sidewalks (except in a threat to public health), and recreational areas is prohibited.

Golf courses are prohibited from watering with the following exceptions: "Golf course greens and tees may be watered with sprinklers or other mechanical means from 9PM to 12AM and 3AM to 6AM. Syringing is permitted for 10 minutes for each green between 12PM and 3PM." Golf courses are not permitted to water fairways.■

Willet Wilt says:



One of the things I have noted is the innovative and imaginative ways individuals have found to vandalize or at least disrupt a golf course. I have termed this "Creative Vandalism." At times I believe more planning has preceded a creative vandalism project than a typical Greens Committee meeting.

At one golf course, pranksters removed all the personalized flags and their poles and replaced them with another course's personalized flags and poles. I figure they must have walked (or run) about eight miles to perform this feat.

You can't imagine how many times I have heard, "Would you believe they stole the whole ball washer, stand and all?" I have started to believe there must be a syndicate operating selling ball washers overseas. Once you have stolen a ball washer, what the heck do you do with it?

Some of the sights I have seen include: an old man across from a golf course raking leaves with a 22 inch bunker rake with the spike still in it; another man watering his lawn with a sprinkler on a large roller base and 1" golf course hose; and a driveway lined on both sides with red, white, and blue tee markers on the Fourth of July.

Those wiffle ball tee markers are the most favorite. You have to buy them by the gross, because before long every neighborhood kid (and dog) must have a red, white, and blue one of his own. One mother claimed her kid bought his at K-Mart—complete with spike?

Some of this "Creative Vandalism" is much more destructive, such as gouging out a comment about the Caddy Master's ancestry on a green; popping a wheely across a tee; driving a bulldozer through an irrigation pump house; or even using a rain shelter as kindling on a cold winter's night. Would the judge rule "temporary insanity" if a Superintendent caught and attempted to impress on such a vandal the error of his ways?

Willet Wilt's next lecture in his series is entitled "How Come if the Weather's Been So Good to Me, I Feel So Tired?" If anyone is interested in this lecture besides Willet's mother, please write Ken Kubik, Randolph, NJ.■

Letters to the Editor...

Dear Jim,

I always felt a most difficult time for me as a past editor, would be for me to open the envelope of the first newsletter from the new editor. After 5½ years, I was not sure how I would react. Would I be skeptical, would I be critical, would I be fair. All of those questions were answered as I looked through your first newsletter. In one simple word "outstanding"! The improvements you made in layout and design were fabulous. The information the publication contained covered a wide range of subjects and people. Your enthusiasm and dedication is obvious throughout every page.

I am hopeful that I can continue to be a small part of the publication. I have enjoyed my past participation and I hope that I can continue to be a part of your outstanding effort. Just one single closing comment. Don't trust anyone who suggests... "the article is in the mail" or "I will do it tomorrow". Those people do not help a quality publication like yours. The very best of luck and continued success from someone who knows what effort goes into a quality publication.

The Best,

Ed Walsh, CGCS

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Bamm Hollow - Rain Again!

Phil Scott knowing there would be a shortage of rain this year graciously offered the use of his golf course for a membership meeting knowing it would probably rain—and it did. Not hard enough to control the “drought emergency” but enough to remind everyone who played that a rain suit would have been appreciated.

It was a good day on a fine golf course; and the splendid meal made it all worth while.

Bob Ribbans, GCSANJ President, presented Henry Indyk, GCSANJ Executive Director, with a plaque commemorating his ten years of involvement with the LPGA Tournament.

Bob Dickison, GCSANJ Legislative Chairman, reported on the new guidelines imposed by the DEP on golf courses (See page 3).

Bob has met frequently with the DEP and Task Force members presenting a strong case each time on our behalf to ease the restrictions. It takes time and patience.

Bob acknowledged the work his predecessor, Jack Martin had done in getting the “doors open” in Trenton. It was Jack’s pioneer work that has made this recent gain possible.

Bob introduced our guest for the evening Bob Mancini, NJDEP Water Allocation Division.

Spencer Davis, consulting arborist and “good friend” presented the serious portion of the evening. He spoke of trees and their values and hazards. Recent litigations has awakened everyone to appraising the values of trees and also the hazards of trees that lead to injuries. Golf courses should heed his words and inventory their growing stock. Particularly the hazardous trees that could fall and injure or damage.

Golf results on page 10.■

GCSANJ Day at the Track

Members and guests enjoyed a day at Monmouth Park Race Track as guests of Ben Dziedzic, grounds superintendent.

Al Caravella was the prime mover and reports everyone enjoyed the races. Later he assembled everyone for dinner at Old Orchard.

We don’t know who won or lost all we know is it was a good day.■

COLONIA IN JUNE

June meetings fall right in the midst of a very busy golf season for superintendents. There were many GCSANJ members at Colonia enjoying a day of relaxation on the golf course; not having a care in the world, except maybe a few were concerned about sinking a putt or wondering if they should stop at the halfway house, but everyone enjoyed the pause during a busy time.

The social hour and dinner that followed golf proved to be the right medicine for the ills of a group that have suffered this spring. During the day a storm threat appeared in the sky but never provided the rain that was needed, but at least it didn’t damper their spirits.

Chris Gaynor, Colonia superintendent, introduced his successor Kevin Gunn at the meeting. Chris is returning to Pike Brook and Kevin assumed the reins that evening.

Bob Ribbans, GCSANJ President, presented an award to The Greenside’s Editor Emeritus Ed Walsh for his effort, dedication and style in making this newsletter into one of the finest in the business. Ed acknowledged the people who had helped him; thanking his wife, Mary for her patience and thanking Ken Kubik for all his help and support.

Ed and Mary will be our guests at The Manor in East Orange for dinner.

Andy Moore, Aquatrols Inc. presented an outline of the difference in wetting agent products and their general characteristics. He explained the definitions and the terms familiar in the industry; generally wetting agent language.

A good soil wetting agent has four major factors: (1) nonionic—low phytotoxicity, (2) 100% airline ingredients, (3) long residual in the soil and (4) blended material for broad spectrum results.

Golf results on page 10.■

DROUGHT WATCH '85

Rainfall in Upper Delaware River Basin in 24-hour period ending 8 a.m. yesterday: 0 inches.

Total rainfall for June: 2.87 inches.

Normal total June rainfall through yesterday: 3.46 inches.

Normal total rainfall for date: 20.51 inches.

Total 1985 rainfall: 13.90 inches.

Delaware Basin reservoir storage: 161.750 billion gallons.

Approximate normal storage for date: 260.788 billion gallons.

Yesterday’s stream flow at Trenton: 4,540 cubic feet per second.

Average stream flow for June: 7,180 cubic feet per second.

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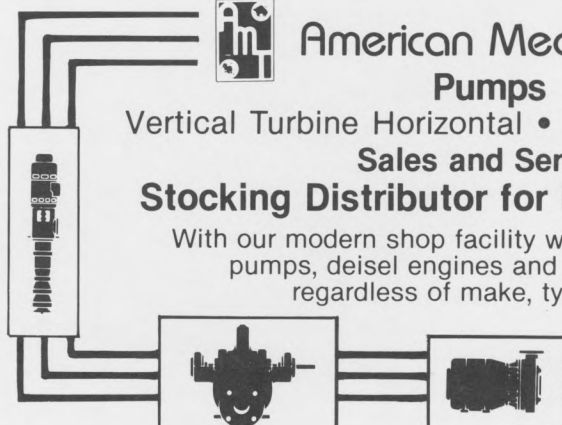
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WALSH

Since its inception, the GCSAA Certification Program has met with much criticism. While the program's progress bogged down for a period of time, it is presently on the rebound and measures are being taken to develop its full potential. It seems that the two biggest criticisms to this program initially, were the quality and condition of a superintendent's golf course and the relative ease of the testing process. Both of these ideas were given much attention as new criterion for certification was developed.

The testing process will become more difficult and in the not too distant future, only superintendents holding a bachelor degree will be eligible for the program. This does give superintendents with a lesser educational background the opportunity to enter the program now and should certainly strengthen the educational aspects of the program in the future.

In an attempt to monitor the on-the-job performance of a new entry into the certification program, an attestor format has been developed. The attestors (2) should be, if possible, certified superintendents themselves. Unfortunately this aspect of the program has met with much skepticism. From my perspective, the skepticism is just. Having performed as an attestor, I found it extremely difficult to rate or evaluate a peer's course. I do feel I gave a fair and honest evaluation and have discussed this situation with the superintendent who had his operation evaluated and the other certified superintendent who assisted in the attestorship.

It is my firm belief that the certification program is a strong and valid one. It will help to develop professionalism in our business and strengthen recognition of our industry. I think it is important to understand that attempts are being made to strengthen the program and although these attempts may be questionable, they are being made with progress in mind. It is my hope that the true professionals of our industry will realize this progress, become involved with the program, and help to correct its flaws from within. ■

ED WALSH, CGCS

CADENELLI

Recently, GCSAA changed the requirements for all applicants into its Certification Program. As outlined in its Long Range Plan any superintendent wishing to become certified must have two currently certified superintendents attest his application. The attestors visit the applicant's course and actually critique the conditions they find. GCSAA is not asking someone to attest an application, but in fact they are asking one superintendent to pass judgement on the professional qualifications of another. What we have is peer review.

I object to this entrance requirement for a number of reasons. My foremost objection is that I don't feel one superintendent should be placed in the position of grading the performance of another. If anything we superintendents should be working more closely to solve our combined turfgrass problems and not be out passing judgement on the merits of another superintendent's work. I don't feel peer review will assist the superintendent in his working relationship with others in his profession.

Another problem I have is when do we ask someone to visit our course? It stands to reason that if someone wants to insure a passing grade you arrange for the visit in May, June or October. We all look great then, but does that mean one can grow grass in July or August when the pressure is really on! I think in most situations that a visit other than during the summer months is meaningless.

It has been stated to me by members of the certification committee that anyone can study and pass a test, but does that truly measure his agronomic abilities? I believe the test tells a great deal about an individual. It tells me he is dedicated to both himself and his profession to want to prepare for the exam. It also tells me that the knowledge gained from the exam will help him perform his professional duties in a more proficient manner. It's obvious that the superintendent will put this newly acquired knowledge to work for him. By denying a person the right to become certified because his golf course doesn't measure up to another superintendent's standards only hurts our profession.

In closing I would state that if GCSAA wants to add stature to its Certification Program it simply should make the test more comprehensive and demanding. As the requirements now stand a person must be a superintendent for five years before they are eligible to enter the program. If they can hold a superintendent position for that period of time then they have passed the most difficult test of all, that of satisfying their membership. With that done they deserve the right to try and become certified.

BRUCE E. CADENELLI

P.S. Now that I've opened my mouth I better have Hollywood in great shape for our October meeting! ■



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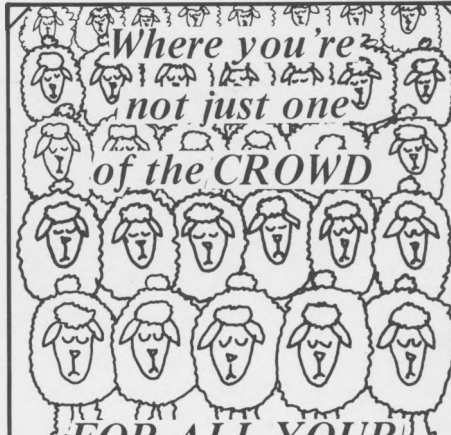
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FOUR USGA CHAMPIONSHIPS

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Club in Rochester, NY. Dick is a graduate of the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts and is a native of Pittsfield, Massachusetts.

The time and energy in preparing Pine Valley for the Walker Cup, a biennial match-play team competition in which United States Amateur Golfers oppose those from Britain and Ireland, has produced a finely tuned golf course for these international golfers to challenge each other. Pine Valley will play at 6,765 yards and to par 70. It can be the world's most difficult golf course, because the fairways are tight, the greens quick and the hazards treacherous.

Ed Nickelsen

The USGA Amateur will be played at the Montclair Golf Club in the latter part of August. Ed is hoping that enough rain will fall during the summer to accomplish two things: (1) fill the reservoirs and remove the water emergency mandatory restrictions; (2) preserve all his efforts to keep Montclair in pristine shape for the championship. In preparing for this championship Ed has built a course beautification project into his program. Included are an extensive tree pruning plan, redesigning and rebuilding tee complexes, improving roughs with fertilization, weed control, overseeding and sodding. ■

J.G.

DROUGHT

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avoid injury to the turf. Jeff continued to adapt by increasing the use of wetting agents (granular) on greens and tees and began using wetting agents (liquid) on the fairways. They were applied in the early evening to reduce the chances of a phytotoxic reaction and to utilize the two hour allocation to water the greens and tees. Because of the water restrictions he was unable to water the fairways.

Jeff had to postpone his early season aerification until sufficient moisture was available to the plants. The rain began to fall in May, almost 6'8" in North Jersey, helping restore some normalcy to the season. Jeff resumed his aerification work but continued cutting fairways at 3/4" instead of his normal 5/8".

During May, the earlier restrictions were eased and this helped Jeff and other superintendents to resume fertilizer and pesticide applications. In June we have received adequate rainfall, but two difficult months remain; July and August.

Jeff Scott is beginning his first year at Knickerbocker and he's had his first experience with a New Jersey "drought emergency". It will be interesting to talk to Jeff in the fall and hear how his decisions worked.

Just a word of thanks to Jeff Scott for sharing his thoughts with us and we all wish him the best here in New Jersey. ■

J.G.

GCSANJ Membership News

The following individuals have been accepted for membership in the GCSANJ:

CLASS A. Steven T. Malikowski, CGCS, Wildwood Golf and Country Club

CLASS B. Kenneth B. Thompson, Sands Greate Bay Country Club
. Kent Rickenbach, Woodcrest Country Club

CLASS B-1. Charles Defrancesco, Plainfield Country Club
. Kevin J. Gunn, Colonia Country Club
. Richard L. Mumpower, Spring Lake Golf Club
. Thomas E. Zurcher, Manasquan River Golf Club
. Rod Brennan, Bedens Brook Club
. Mark J. Williams, Tavistock Country Club

CLASS C. Roy Griffiths, Owner, Sportsturf East
. Mark Ericson, Sales Rep., Steven Willand Inc.
. Robert W. Lovell, Manager, Corbyl Construction Co.
. Joseph Meross, Plant Manager, Lofts, Inc.
. David McDermott, Sales Rep., Mid-Atlantic Equip.

The following change of status requests have been approved by the Executive Committee:

Patrick A. Wall, NAEC Golf Club	from B to A
Earle E. Casteen, Jr., Brigantine Country Club	from D to B
Daniel P. McGlynn, Suburban Golf Club	from B to A
Tim McAvoy, Fox Hollow Golf Club	from B to A
Lawrence W. Dodge, Navesink Country Club	from B to A
Bruce Peebles, Howell Park Golf Club	from B-1 to A
Gary E. Nokes, Bey Lea Muni. Golf Club	from B to A
Mike Hocko, Beacon Hill Country Club	from B-1 to B
William P. Wattsak III, Atlantic City Country Club	from B-1 to B
Louis Polidor, Jr., Madison Country Club	from B-1 to B

The request for a change in company representative was granted to Geo. Schofield Company. Michael Stair is sales rep. with that company.

Membership applications may be obtained from Dr. Indyk's office or from Bob Matthews, CGCS, Membership Chairman. Please send completed applications to Bob at Deal Golf Club, Box 387, Deal, NJ 07723.

"There are many objects of great value to man which cannot be attained by unconnected individuals, but must be attained, if attained at all, by association."

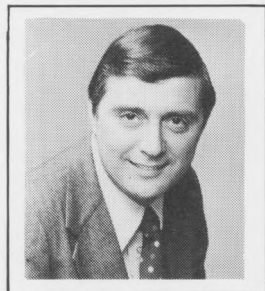
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MEET THE PATRON



William F. Koonz

William F. Koonz, President of Koonz Sprinkler Supply, Inc. is our "Designated Patron" for this issue. Bill has been a member of the GCSANJ for twenty seven years. His looks and demeanor belie his years of experience, knowledge and skill.

Koonz Sprinkler Supply is located in Springfield, NJ and serves as the Rainbird distributor for northern New Jersey. In addition to the Rainbird line Koonz carries a full line of irrigation and drainage supplies.

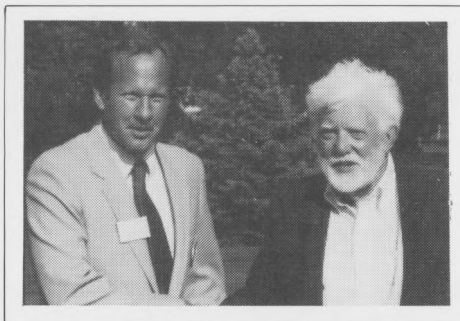
Bill is a graduate of Seton Hall University, South Orange, NJ where he received his Bachelor of Science degree. Bill went to the "Hall" to play basketball, but after being standout high school athlete at Jonathan Dayton H.S., Springfield, NJ, he was disappointed to find out 6'2" power forwards are not big enough for major college basketball. He continued to play baseball (catching) and accumulated a number of foul balls that managed to change the shape of a few fingers.

Sports aside, Bill is a successful businessman. He is very active in civil affairs and is a dedicated family person.

His wife Marlene is a partner, active in Koonz Sprinkler Supply and supportive in most of his endeavors. Bill, Jr. is the general manager of Koonz Sprinkler Supply.

Association Members Volunteer for LPGA Tournament

National, state and local golfing interests focused attention on Fairmount Country Club in Chatham during the week of May 13 for the kick-off Tournament of the LPGA's eastern swing. Thirty members of our Association contributed to the success of the Tournament by answering the call for volunteers to serve on the Transportation Committee. The volunteers provided a valuable service not only in transporting the lady golf professionals but also contributed to a charitable cause.



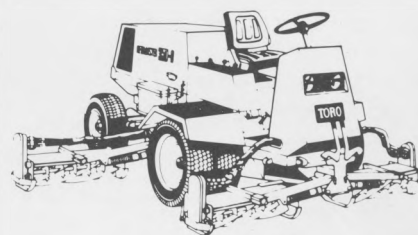
Bob Ribbans, CGCS and Hal Purdy, Fairmount Golf Architect meet at LPGA Classic.

At the conclusion of a successful Tournament, the Association was provided an opportunity during the closing ceremony on the 18th green to award an appropriate plaque to the host superintendent, Robert Ribbans, in recognition of his professional efforts in the preparation and grooming of the golf course. The presentation was made by past President, Robert Dickison in behalf of the Association. ■

A HEARTY THANK YOU to the following list of volunteers for their efforts in behalf of the Association.

Shaun Barry	Dave Heroine
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Reuter-Stokes, Inc. of Cleveland, Ohio has introduced into the turfgrass technology market a disease forecasting concept and model.

The product is their RSS-412 Predictor. It is a micro-computer that analyzes data such as air, soil, thatch temperature, relative humidity and turfgrass wetness. The initial forecasting model was done for anthracnose.

The model was developed by Doctors T.K. Danneberger, J.M. Vargas, Jr. and A.L. Jones of Michigan State University. An anthracnose severity index (ASI) was established from a mathematical equation developed from analysis of controlled-temperature inoculation experiments performed in growth chambers. For field work the ASI values are programmed into the computer and when these values are registered out in the computer from the sensors the Predictor prints out a directive to the superintendent that anthracnose severity is high.

This is a unique tool that may someday become common place with the greens mower and computer as a management aid for the superintendent. Another model is being planned to forecast Pythium blight on bentgrass and annual bluegrass. The Predictor has been in use for three years now primarily to forecast apple scab infection.

Additional information appeared in the article "Forecasting Turfgrass Disease—An Update" in the March, 1985 issue of Golf Course Management. ■

IS IT NOSTALGIA OR IS IT SERIOUS?

A great part of life consists in imitation. For the whole conduct of life is based on this: what we admire in others we want to do ourselves.

A trend in greens mowing is beginning to evolve: walking greens mowers are recapturing some of their popularity as golf course superintendents are reverting and cutting greens with the "walkers."

The desire to achieve the finest putting surface for golf has caused many superintendents to abandon the three-gang greens mower. The walking greens mower eliminates the negative effects of the three-gang hydraulic greens mower. Soil compaction, turfgrass wear, thatch accumulation, graininess and hydraulic oil spills are just some of the problems associated with three-gang hydraulic greens mowers.

There may also be some subtle reasons for the change. The checkerboard effect on greens is more pleasing to the eye. Operators would be more conscious of the green surface and be able to avoid any objects on the green. It is easier to maintain the "walkers" and it slows the pace down.

Currently there are four major manufacturers of walking greens mowers. Goodall (Bunton); Jacobsen; Ransome; Toro.

Goodall is marketing a relatively new product for them: a 22" walking greens mower. This mower has an optional rotating brush (in reverse) to help control grain.

Jacobsen continues to manufacture a 22" mower that transcends generations of superintendents. The mower has undergone some changes but it is recognized today as it was sixty years ago. This mower has an optional rotating brush.

Ransome enters with their walking greens mowers that are built either with a 18" or 20" width of cut. The mower has been time tested throughout the United Kingdom.



Toro offers two styles of walking greens mowers. Their rejuvenated series IV with a rigid-mounted reel assembly and the series V which has a floating-head reel assembly.

There used to be a Cooper greens mower manufactured, but little is heard of it. If anyone knows of the Cooper or other walking greens mowers, let us know. ■

Quiz

DO YOU KNOW THE RULES OF GOLF?

SITUATION: A player's ball comes to rest against a rake in a bunker. When he removes the rake, the ball rolls nearer the hole. According to Rule 24-1, the ball must be replaced, but there is no place in the bunker where the player can place the ball without having it roll nearer the hole.

- ☐ A. The player may press the ball slightly into the sand to keep it from rolling.
- ☐ B. The player should drop the ball out of the bunker, keeping the spot where the ball lay between himself and the hole, without penalty.
- ☐ C. The player should drop the ball, under penalty of one-stroke, keeping the spot where the ball lay between himself and the hole.

CORRECT CHOICE: C. There is nothing in the Rules of Golf permitting a player to press his ball lightly into the sand to make it remain at rest. In equity, the ball should be dropped outside the bunker under penalty of one stroke.

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GCSAA Mid-Year Show

The Mid-Year Turfgrass Conference will be held September 19-24, 1985, at the Hoosier Dome in Indianapolis, Indiana.

The Mid-Year Conference represents an extension of GCSAA's education program and will offer additional opportunities for improvement to those in the golf course and turfgrass management and maintenance profession. This conference is oriented toward the superintendent's staff; equipment demonstrations and staff technician training will be featured.

One unique feature of this conference will be the ability of exhibitors to sell merchandise to superintendents.

The GCSAA will be bringing together golf course superintendents, landscape contractors, lawn service maintenance people and park and recreation managers. ■

USGA RECEIVES AWARD FOR NEW ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, TEST FACILITY



FAR HILLS, NJ—The United States Golf Association received a Somerset County (NJ) Planning Board Land Development Award for the construction and design of the USGA's new administrative building and test facility on May 8th.

The award was accepted by USGA Senior Executive Director Frank Hannigan and Director of Business Administration Charles W. Smith at the Planning Board's annual County Conference at the Somerset County College Theater complex in North Branch, NJ.

The award is presented annually "to create a public awareness of innovative and resourceful land uses which have a positive influence on the character of towns of Somerset County."

The award was also presented to the principal architect of the USGA project, Thompson, Hancock and Witte, of Atlanta, GA.

The USGA construction project began in November 1983. The test facility, which measures approximately 7,200 square feet, was fully occupied in August 1984 and the administrative building, which measures approximately 40,000 square feet, was fully occupied on March 5, 1985.

Official dedication ceremonies for the new USGA buildings were held on May 21. ■

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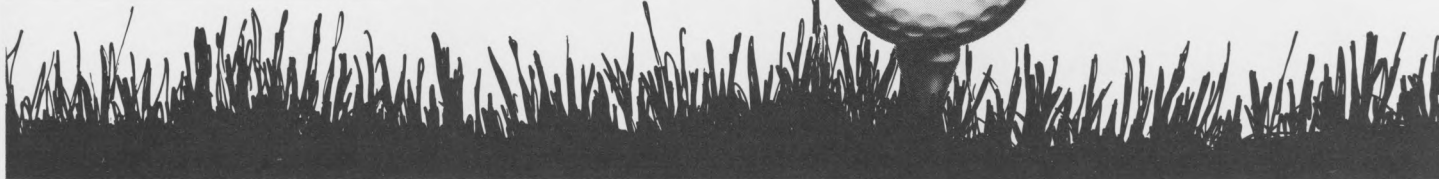
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HIGHLIGHTS...

Bob Kapherr and Sabby Defalco enjoyed themselves at the Colonia meeting.

Joe Flaherty made his debut at Bamm Hollow—maybe we will see him again?

Jim McNally ventured down from Westchester County to Bamm Hollow to renew himself with the Garden State Parkway traffic.

Dr. John Meade was at Bamm Hollow carrying his friend Spence Davis on the golf course.

The real Willet Wilt came to Bamm Hollow looking for a game or maybe new ideas for his column.

GCSANJ GOLF TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

JULY	Farmstead _____ Tournament: Team Scramble Scats (A-B-C-D Teams) Entry Fee: \$10.00 per person Prizes: Gift Certificates Closest to the Pin (2) Longest Drive
AUGUST	Hopewell _____ Tournament: Four Man Low Net - Best Two Balls Note: Teams will be picked blind after all of the groups have started (A-B-C-D Teams) Entry Fee: \$5.00 per man Prizes: Gift Certificates SKINS GAME (optional) Entry Fee: \$5.00 Prizes: Cash
OCTOBER	Greenbrook _____ Tournament: Invitational
OCTOBER	Hollywood _____ Tournament: Championship Entry Fee: \$5.00 (estimate) Prizes: Trophies SKINS GAME (optional) Entry Fee: \$5.00 Prizes: Cash Longest Drive - Closest to the Pin (2)

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Jack Montecalvo #6

TIMELY! Essex County Extension Service will be holding a Core and Category Certification Seminar on August 7, 1985 at the Robin Hood Inn, Clifton, NJ beginning at 9AM. For further information contact Bill Munk at the Cedar Grove Extension office.

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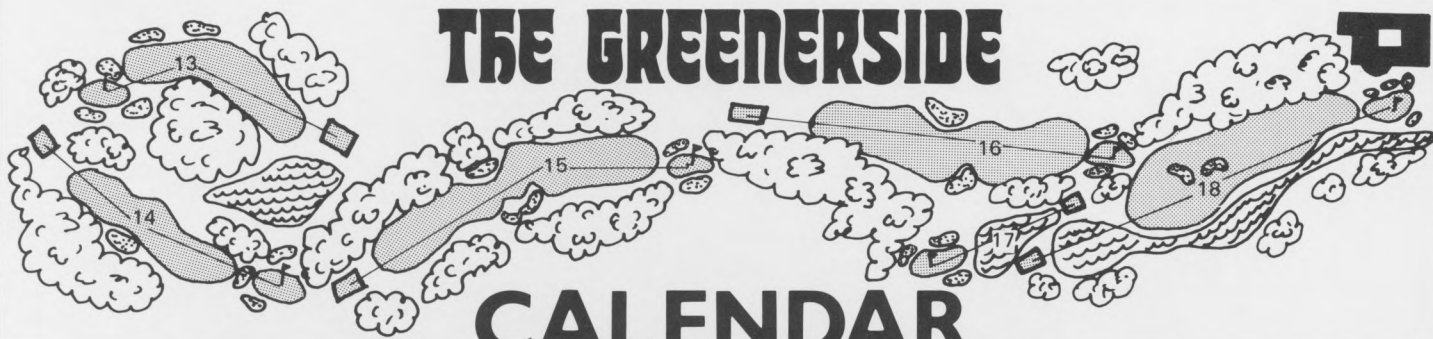
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THE GREENERSIDE CALENDAR

GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENTS ASSOCIATION OF NEW JERSEY

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	HOST
July 10-12	NJSGA/First Fidelity Open Championship	Echo Lake Country Club Westfield, New Jersey	Don Pullen Golf Course Superintendent
July 11-14	USGA Women's Open	Baltusrol Golf Club Springfield, New Jersey	Joe Flaherty, CGCS Golf Course Superintendent
July 23	GCSANJ Membership Meeting	Farmstead Golf and Country Club Lafayette, New Jersey	Bob Phoebus Golf Course Superintendent
August 1-4	MGA Amateur Championship	Ridgewood Country Club Ridgewood, New Jersey	Ed Walsh Golf Course Superintendent
August 14	Irrigation Association of NJ Field Day	Reed Sod Farm Princeton, New Jersey	Linda Errickson Administrator
August 19	Greenerside Deadline	P.O. Box 143 Skillman, New Jersey	Jim Gilligan Editor
August 20-22	MGA Open Championship	Mountain Ridge Country Club West Caldwell, New Jersey	Tony Bifano Golf Course Superintendent
August 21-22	Walker Cup	Pine Valley Golf Club Pine Valley, New Jersey	Dick Bator Golf Course Superintendent
August 27	GCSANJ Membership Meeting	Hopewell Valley Golf Club Hopewell, New Jersey	Nat Binns Golf Course Superintendent
Aug. 27-Sept. 1	USGA Men's Amateur	Montclair Golf Club Montclair, New Jersey	Ed Nickelsen Golf Course Superintendent
August 27-29	Michelob-NJPGA Championship	Forsgate Country Club Forsgate, New Jersey	Joe Schoen Golf Course Superintendent
September 19	The Seventh Annual Metropolitan Area Superintendents Associations Team Championship	Stanwich Club Greenwich, Connecticut	Scott Niven Golf Course Superintendent
September 27-29	GCSAA Mid-year Turfgrass Conference and Show	Hoosier Dome Indianapolis, Indiana	John Schilling Executive Director
October 1	GCSANJ Field Day	Rutgers University New Brunswick, New Jersey	Wayne Ballinger Chairman
October 8	The Eighth Annual GCSANJ Invitational	Greenbrook Country Club North Caldwell, New Jersey	Al Caravella Golf Course Superintendent
October 24	GCSANJ Championship	Hollywood Golf Club Deal, New Jersey	Bruce Cadenelli Golf Course Superintendent
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