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Superintendents Change Standards for Tour Play

by Brad Kocher

If the PGA Tour came to Eagle Trace, Bay Hill or Doral or any other of the "tournament courses" in mid-August, would the players find the same course-conditions they do in February or March when the tournaments are held? Are the PGA and LPGA tour courses--of which there are now approximately 20 in Florida--in acceptable tournament condition 12 months of the year?

In most cases, the answer is, "No." Tour professionals play under much different conditions than the average golfer. The conditions that exist for the tour player are ones that club members and the general public find somewhat undesirable. These include very closely mowed fairways, long rough and extremely "fast" greens. Their wood and iron play takes advantage of the tightly mowed fairway grass. These conditions exist consistently on a week-to-week basis for the tour players, and because they are the best players in the world, their talents are best displayed when these conditions exist.

The course standards for tournament play are prescribed by the PGA and LPGA tours. Each tour has turf professionals who meet and work with the golf course superintendent at each tournament course. It is the superintendent's job to make sure that tournament golf course conditions are met. There are guidelines for fairway widths, types of sand traps and how they should be raked, and procedures governing mowing heights for tees, fairways, rough, collars and greens on a daily basis.

In order to achieve these results, golf course superintendents must possess a great deal of knowledge about the different grasses and how different maintenance practices are used to

grow or not to grow, when to fertilize, when to irrigate and when and how to apply properly numerous types of pesticides.

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Dates to Remember

April 1, 1985

NJPGA Spring Golf Show, Aspen Hotel, Parsippany, New Jersey

April 23, 1985

GCSANJ Monthly Meeting, Tavistock C.C., Haddonfield, New Jersey. Tom Grimal, Host.

May 1, 1985

Greener Side Deadline

May 13-19, 1985

LPGA Chrysler-Plymouth Classic, Fairmount C.C., Chatham, N.J. Bob Ribbans, CGCS, Supt.

June 4, 1985

GCSANJ Day at the Races, Monmouth Park Race Track, Oceanport, N.J. Ben Dziebicz, Track Supt.

September ?, 1985

Eighth GCSANJ Invitational Championship, Green Brook C.C., North Caldwell, N.J. Al Caranella, Host.

October 1, 1985

GCSANJ Field Day, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, N.J.

October ?, 1985

Seventh Annual Met Area Superintendents' Associations Team Championship, Stanwich Club, Greenwich, CT. Scott Niven, Host.

October 24, 1985

GCSANJ Championship, Hollywood Golf Club, Deal, N.J. Bruce Cadenelli, Host

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Get Ready For A Dry One

Our 1985 season started off with a very informative seminar, held on March 12, concerning the water crisis in New Jersey. This topic could not have been more timely as the Department of Environmental Protection issued an official drought warning in 15 counties throughout the state that day. This warning is still in effect and, if we do not receive adequate rainfall soon, the state will go into "Phase One" of a drought emergency. This will mean restricted water usage. We will be working very closely with our lobbyist, Peter McDonough, to make known our position and our needs if this crisis continues into the summer months. Hopefully, our government officials will be more organized and understanding to these needs if cut-backs in usage are mandatory. Your directors will keep you informed of any further developments concerning our water emergency.

President's Message

Bob Ribbans, CGCS
President



I'd like to take this opportunity now to express my thanks and appreciation to an individual who has given our association something to be very proud of over the past six years. He and his capable staff have developed one of, if not the best, golf course superintendent's newsletters in the country. His publication, "The Greener Side," has received numerous awards from the G.C.S.A.A. including "Best Newsletter." I know Ed gives much credit to his fine staff, and rightly so, but his humor, his professionalism, and his love for the game of golf, has been shared with all of us through "The Greener Side."

This issue will be Ed's last as editor. He will be leaving "The Greener Side" in the capable hands of Jim Gilligan, our new editor. I'm sure we will all give Jim our support and help him continue a fine publication.

If I may, from all of us Mr. Walsh - Thank you very much!

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

About six or seven years ago I opened my big mouth and complained about the production of this publication. I suggested that it wasn't being given the attention it should and the time schedule was ridiculous. Well, the president at that time didn't want to hear any more of my mouth so he suggested that if I thought I could do any better, then I should become the editor. Now understand, that wasn't my plan in the beginning, but I have always had the foot-in-mouth affliction and at that point couldn't say no.

I really didn't know where to start but I did know that it was important to get someone who knew something about a newsletter. Enter Ken Kubik. Ken had worked with our last editor and was familiar with the mechanics of the publication. Needless to say, Ken has been a cornerstone of this newsletter ever since.

We were both fortunate to attract quality people along the way. Dennis DeSanctis, Jerry Schoonmaker, Mike Hannigan, Weese Goosman (now Beveridge), Wayne Foster, Charlie Cross, and recently, Jim Gilligan have all contributed to any success this publication has received.

There are also the unsung and unknown people who have also been instrumental in "The Greener Side's" successes. Elmer and Bertha Spear of the Spear Printing Company in Washingtonville, New York,



have been a tremendous asset. Their company has all the necessary staff and equipment to handle any and all printing, typesetting, photography, and lay-out needs necessary to the production of a quality product. They have given me more of their time and energies than I ever had the right to expect.

I would be remiss if I didn't mention two very important, but unnoticed assistants. Ginny Kubik and Mary Walsh have given many hours of their time over the past years. Whenever something went wrong we usually turned to them to help straighten out the mess and they never failed.

I am certain somewhere down the road I will miss my involvement in this publication but now it's time to seek a new look. Jim Gilligan has made the commitment and there is no question in my mind that he will only improve upon our efforts. I wish him and his staff the very best and assure him I am only a phone call away. Thank you all very, very much.

Chip Shots

Here we go again! "The Shuffle - Southern Style": Dave Curren, ex Merchantville CC, is at the Moorestown Field Club replacing Chip Pfisterer who has moved up the Delaware to Medford Village. To complete this cycle Bob Bishop moved from Medford Village to Mountain View CC, Mercer County Park System. Bob succeeded Jack Montecalvo who has forsaken working weekends for sand analysis for Harford Industries.

Ken Thompson is the superintendent at Greate Bay CC, Somers Point in Atlantic County.

Angelo Bernabe, Green Knoll GC, is retiring to enjoy the fruits of victory. With Angelo retiring Ujobagy will see a definite increase in play at the Somerset County golf courses.

Ed Walsh, Ridgewood CC, was on a panel at USGA Green Section meeting in Washington, DC. The subject was "Six Deadly Sins of Golf Course Superintendents and Green Committees." What sin has Ed committed? He will also be on the program at USGA Northeast Region Conference at the Westchester CC, Rye, New York.

Speaking of being on the program: the two-year short course students at Cook College were overwhelmed by GCSANJ members this winter. Joe Flaherty, Baltusrol GC; Al Rathjens, Raritan Valley CC; Jim Gilligan, Bedens Brook; Ed Walsh, Ridgewood CC; Bill Koonz, Sprinkler Supply; Fred Eden, New Jersey Irrigation; Rob Maul, Wilpat Associates all graced the dais at the Holly House on the Cook College campus.

"He who can does. He who cannot teaches." George B. Shaw: 1903.

Nancy and Jerry Pearlman, Double Eagle Equipment Co., visited the Far East recently. They had heard of a Japanese version of the Cushman truckster that was going to be imported, but the threat eased when they heard that Japan was exporting them to Hollywood as extras in the next "Star Wars" film.

Bob and Gayle Dwyer are the proud parents of Katherine Mary, born February 8, 1985. Katie joins Erin, Bobby, Beth, Mary and Michael in the Dwyer household.

Steve Malinkowski, Joe's nephew, has left the Poconos for the sun and fun at the Wildwood CC succeeding John Klosiewicz who has moved south to Delaware to the Bitterman CC.

Should Assistants form an Association? Bob Dickison, Upper Montclair CC, Ed Nickelsen, Montclair GC and Bob Ribbans, Fairmount CC have been named to the newly formed MGA Green Committee.

Sky Bergen, Vaughan's Seed, is performing in the reed section of the Chatham Community Band. The band's repertoire ranges from John Philip Sousa to Oscar Hammerstein to Duke Ellington; a wide range to say the least.

John Miller, assistant at Ramsay CC, is an upstate native New Yorker who recently took the job at Ramsay. He is a graduate from SUNY at Delhi and had worked at the IBM course in Johnson City, New York.

Ask: Willet Wilt



Fast, Faster, Fastest

A Superintendent noted to Willet that the more he sped up his greens, the slower the play became. He figures that the greens will play so fast that you will have to pack a lunch and dinner in order to get a full round of golf in in one day.

The golf greens were cut so low in 1984 that a topdressing manufacturer has introduced a product which will be dyed bentgrass green. It was also noted last year that pythium vastly increases the speed of greens. Your greens might be dead, but at least they're fast.

The greens have become so fast on Jersey golf courses, that one has to consider the skid factor when one is using a stimp meter. One might not say the greens are getting too fast, but did you hear about the golfer who putted out of bounds twice on the same hole?

Have you noticed that the golfers

complain more about the slow play since the greens have been made fast? A turfgrass researcher was recently asked what survives best at extremely low cut on greens. His answer was latex forest green paint.

Probably the best way to slow down your putts today would be to install a governor on your putter. Extremely fast greens do have their benefits. Did you realize that now you can draw a circle in your parking lot, knock in a couple of holes, and then call it your practice green?

If you have any topic requests for Willet Wilt, send them to Ken Kubik, P.O. Box 336, Mt. Freedom, N.J. 07970.

Mr. Wilt will be presenting his lecture at the next GCSANJ meeting on the most recent drought emergency entitled "If it's my lake, how come it's their water?" This lecture should be missed at all costs.

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GCSANJ Position Paper

by Bob Dickison, CGCS

I would like to take this opportunity to restate the concerns of the Golf Course Superintendents of New Jersey in regard to Senate Bill 1342 which would limit the effective use of pesticides. This bill would have a far reaching effect in the golf and the Country Club community in that it would restrict the treatment of the turf, trees, shrubs and waterways of the golf course, clubhouse, restaurant pest control and treatments of club swimming pools.

We feel that the terminology used in this bill such as "any potential threat", "any potentially hazardous pesticide" and "recognized environmental organization" are not definitive enough and would cause undue problems if this bill is allowed to become law.

We also have a problem with this bill in regulation of (1) authorized pesticide applicators (2) regulations in regard to aerial spraying, its buffer zones and notification requirements (3) ornamental pest control equipment retrictions and notifications (4) indoor pest control notifications (5) Buffer zones (6) the meaning of "a reasonably effective and practical alternative" (7) who would be "a representative from a

recognized environmental organization"? (8) elimination of broadspectrum pesticide spraying (9) storage of pesticides.

Over the past years the technology and understanding of pesticides has advanced greatly. We in the golf course industry have made every effort to stay abreast of all advancements in the turf and ornamental fields. Our organization feels that this proposed legislation is harmful to the fine turf industry in the fact that it puts undue restrictions on our business, is redundant with present legislation and generally not needed.

If there are any problems with present DEP regulations they should be strengthened by the DEP.

Over the past several months there have been several chemical spills and leaks connected with the pesticide industry. These were industrial in nature in the manufacturing of pesticides and should be dealt with in that regard, not in application procedure which Senate Bill 1342 addresses.

In general, the Golf Course Superintendents of New Jersey feel that Bill S-1342 is irresponsible and unneeded legislation.

Washington Faces

- a number of father and son teams.
- Paul Boizelle wished me well.
- Nat Bins appeared for a moment.
- Bill Closter manning the booth with a smile.
- was Charlie Dey there?
- Henry Indyk on a busman's holiday.
- Charlie Edgar buying everything in sight.
- John Fenwick at the seminars.
- Tom Hamulak, ex Hopewell Valley GC, enjoying the short season in Colorado.
- Wayne Foster holding caucus.
- everybody from Union County Park Commission.
- Jim McNally quiet as usual.
- Dan McGlynn looking for the missing link in his Binar.
- Pedrazzi?
- Mel Summer agreeing with the California climate.
- John Boyer suggesting to the GCSAA.
- Bill Caputi missed.

A farmer was asked to write a reference for a man he fired after only one week's work. He would not lie, and he did not want to hurt the man unnecessarily. So he wrote this: "To whom it may concern: John Jones worked for us for one week, and we're satisfied."

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The Golf Course Superintendent

By Betty Beckwith

You begin this work when you are young
It's out of bed early to meet the sun.
At first you're given the menial chores
And soon you learn the whys and wherefores!
As years go on, the pressures grow;
You apply the things you've come to know.
You read and learn through trial and test
And pray the Lord will do his best
To make your goals work, as you trust
Results, a golf course, trim and lush!

The years go by, the work goes on,
You love the job and success is won
But success is never a thing that's sure—
The elements and unknown often appear.
You exchange ideas in search of a clue;
What's right in some cases is not always true.
Age and experience do help a lot
But often its basics that "hit the spot".
You delight in success of the men you've taught,
An addition to pride that you've always sought.

Age 65 has gone and retirement is here,
A change so great from many a year.
The day still starts before the sun,
A yard to mow and golf is fun!
But Superintendents will always be
Unhappy unless there is turf to see.
They need the problems, miss the pride,
Yearn to see sprinklers go side to side.
The calls from friends who need advice
Make an ultimate end, almost nice.



Dedicated to my husband
John Beckwith, Class AA Ret.

Supers Change Standards (Continued from page 1)

They also must understand the highly technical equipment that is used to fine tune courses to desired specifications--equipment that costs from \$2,500 for a walk-behind greensmower to \$45,000 for a hydraulic powered fairway mower.

Most importantly, they must be able to relate how each of these practices comes closer to attaining course conditions that tour professionals consider ideal.

Overall course condition can affect the winning score of a tournament by 8 to 10 strokes, if not more. A green that does not putt well can cause even the best of players to miss putts. A fairway that has longer grass than is ideal for professional expertise can reduce the amount of good shots that hit and hold on the green. If a golfer cannot hit a shot with a backspin on it, the television commentators will say, "He hit a flyer." The golfer was not able to get any backspin on the ball. The ball was deep in the rough and he was not able to get all of the clubface on the ball.

Course conditions, if less than ideal, can cause unfairness to the test of the tour golfer. Golf is a game based on skill. If there are course conditions that do not test and reward a well hit shot, and instead involve luck, then these conditions are undesirable. Granted, there is a certain element of luck. Golf courses are not always perfect for the pros, and golf course superintendents cannot make everything perfect, but it is part of their job to minimize these occurrences.

For example, if a golfer puts the ball with a 'perfect' stroke, at 'perfect' speed, the ball should go into the hole 90 percent of the time or better. An imperfect green might only allow the ball to go into the hole 75 percent of the time or less. Greens that are not smooth and lack good speed can cause the number of putts per round to be higher than a nearly perfect green. The superintendents at the tour courses have an obvious talent to be able to create some of these extraordinarily smooth, true putting surfaces.

Understanding the relationship between the tour professional and the golf course superintendent. He is the individual who can ultimately provide a fair test and provide the tour golfers with conditions that test their true expertise. He also is the same individual who best understands what type of course conditions are best suited for the non-professional golfer, and must be able to adapt maintenance practices to achieve these standards.

Today's golf course superintendent must be a versatile, progressive turf professional who not only has the knowledge of the golf course environment, but also has the ability to create conditions effectively to test each skill level suitably and fairly.

Brad Kocher is the Superintendent at Pinehurst C.C., Pinehurst, N.C. Previously, he was super at Inverrary C.C., Lauderhill, Fla., for many years a stop on the PGA tour.



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Championship or Team Event	Entries Close	Qualifying Rounds	Dates of Event	Location
Open	April 24	Local — May 20 *Sectional — June 4	June 13-16	Oakland Hills Country Club Birmingham, Michigan
Women's Amateur Public Links	★May 8	★★May 25 - June 2	June 19-23	Flanders Valley Golf Course Flanders, New Jersey
Senior Open	May 22	June 17	June 27 - 30	Edgewood Tahoe Golf Course Stateline, Nevada
Women's Open	June 12	July 1	July 11 - 14	Baltusrol Golf Club Springfield, New Jersey
Amateur Public Links	★June 5	★★June 22 - 30	July 15 - 20	Wailua Country Club Kauai, Hawaii
Junior Amateur	June 19	July 9	July 23-27	Brookfield Country Club Clarence, New York
Girls' Junior	July 3	—	July 29 - Aug. 3	St. Clair Country Club Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
Women's Amateur	July 3	July 23	Aug. 5-10	Fox Chapel Golf Club Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
Walker Cup	—	—	Aug. 21-22	Pine Valley Golf Club Pine Valley, New Jersey
Amateur	July 17	Aug. 13	Aug. 27 - Sept. 1	Montclair Golf Club Montclair, New Jersey
Senior Amateur	Aug. 21	Sept. 10	Sept. 30 - Oct. 5	Wild Dunes Beach & Racquet Club Isle of Palms, South Carolina
Senior Women's Amateur	Sept. 4	—	Sept. 25-27	Sheraton Savannah Resort & C.C. Savannah, Georgia
Mid-Amateur	Aug. 28	Sept. 17	Nov. 9-14	The Vintage Club Indian Wells, California

***Open Championship:**

Date of Sectional Qualifying Championships may be changed to Monday, June 3, if local authority in charge deems advisable.

Amateur Public Links

Championships:

★Entries close with each Sectional Qualifying Chairman.

★★Exact date in each Section to be fixed by Sectional Chairman.

Handicap Limits:

Open — 2
Senior Open — 8
Women's Open — 4
Junior Amateur — 9
Girls' Junior — 12
Women's Amateur — 5
Amateur — 3
Mid-Amateur — 5
Senior Women's Amateur — 14
Senior Amateur — 10
Others — No Limit

Age Limits:

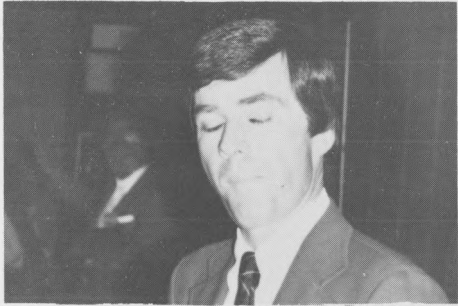
Senior Open — must be 50 on or before June 17.
Junior Amateur — cannot be 18 on or before July 27.
Girls' Junior — cannot be 18 on or before August 3.
Senior Amateur — must be 55 on or before September 10.
Senior Women's Amateur — must be 50 on or before September 25.
Mid-Amateur — must be 25 on or before September 17.

Dates entries close indicate last dates for applications to reach USGA office, except in the case of the Amateur Public Links Championships. For possible exceptions in Sectional Qualifying Rounds, see entry forms.

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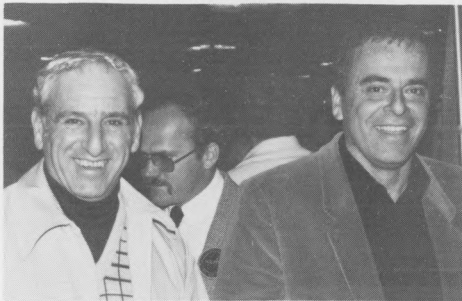
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Russ could probably shoot 72 with his eyes closed.



Bruce readies the slide show.



John Aluigi and Pete Pedrazzi are all smiles. Pete must have found a salesman with an American Express Card.



Bud, you'd better get Carol to stop smoking.



From left: Len Forlenza, District 4, Bob Dickison C.G.C.S., Past President; Joe Kennedy, District 1; Jo-Ann Ward, District 1; Bob Ribbans, C.G.C.S., President; Bob Matthews, C.G.C.S., Secretary; Wayne Ballinger, C.G.C.S., Treasurer; Charlie Edgar, District 3; Chris Gaynor, District 2; John Boyer, District 4. Missing from the picture were Wayne Foster, Vice President; Jeff Drake, District 2, and Dave Pease, District 3.

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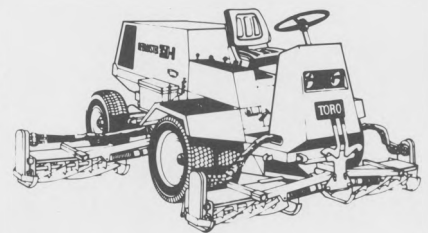
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I related too well to many of the things you said: fulfilling a dream; understanding my relationships; awareness of my potential; need to clean my car; filling people's egos when necessary; eliminating the guilt of my sexuality (a positive note); buying a red sweater (can't afford the car); making a positive commitment; pulling back when necessary; letting my family share in these dreams; most importantly lifting a cloud off my mind.

Everyone who attended the seminar must have had similar feelings, because all I heard were positive comments. I would like to know your secret; how you manage your life so well. I am an active person but I have difficulty sharing with people the positive aspects of my involvement. You were good.

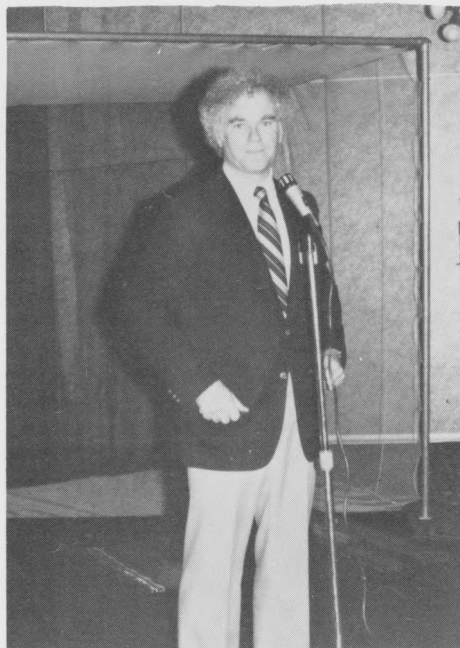
I have enclosed a copy of my responses to your questions that GCSAA requested for the CEU credit. I wonder what they thought of my answers in Lawrence, KS.

I would like to obtain a cassette copy of your talk for my personal use.

I hope you didn't mind the familiarity in the salutation, it came naturally.

Author Anonymous

Editor's Note: Anyone who has had the pleasure of listening to Bobbie Gee will certainly agree with this evaluation. We should get Bobbie to a GCSANJ seminar. I think she could make Henry smile.



Jim Gilligan will do a great job as editor of this publication, but he will need your help. Be ready, willing and able and we will all benefit.

American Holly (Ilex Opaca) will make a striking 150 yard specimen if planted where the soil is generally good. The shore courses where the Holly is native in the area this tree will work very well. Another Holly that is very winter hardy is the San Jose Holly. This Holly has a much brighter leaf a good show of berries. Remember that the sexes are separate on hollies so you need a male and female if you want berries. Also the flowering time of the male and female plants must match.

Black Gum (Nyssasylvatica) tends to be a pyramidal tree with glossy green leaves during the growing season that turn to scarlet in autumn. The Tupelo or Black Gum doesn't have the balls that the Sweet Gum has, hence it is a very clean tree. The Black Gum is a native to the swampy areas of the eastern United States so it will do well in heavy soils. It will also take some shearing to keep it in shape. Since the tupelo has a tap root is best planted when small with a ball soil in the spring time.

Spruce (Picea) in general will make a good 150 yard marker because of their distinctive shape. There are several varieties that can be used, Norway (Picea abies), Colorado (Picea pungens) Serbian (Picea omorike) and Oriental (Picea orientalis). You will have to decide what type of tree you want for each spruce has a little different growth characteristic. Remember before planting that Spruces grow to be very large trees.

Arborvitae (Thuja Occidentalis) is a good pyramidal to columnar tree that will grow almost any where. This evergreen tree has scale foliage. The Arborvitae is very tolerant of wet soil.

Exercise

The important thing to remember about exercise is to start slow - and then gradually taper off.

Japanese Black Pine (Pinus Thanbergii) is a pine that seems more tolerant of adverse growing conditions than other pines. Generally it is an open spreading fast growing tree. Since the Austrian pines have developed problems the Japanese Black has been used much more in landscaping in the Northeast.

Editor's Note: I would like to thank Bob Dickison for providing the suggested specimens. Bob is a master at landscaping as his club (Upper Montclair C.C.) would suggest.

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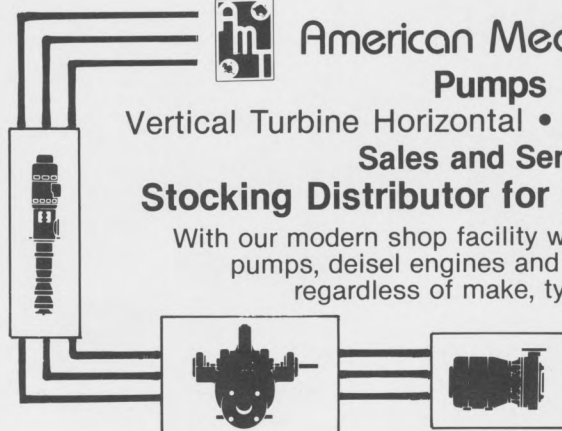
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GCSAA Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of GCSAA was held in Washington, D.C. on Tuesday, February 12, 1985. Our New Jersey chapter was represented by voting delegate Ed Walsh, with Bruce Cadenelli serving as alternate. Results of the elections are as follows: Eugene Baston, CGCS of Alabama was elected President; Riley Stottern, CGCS of Utah defeated Donald Hearn, CGCS of Massachusetts for the position of Vice-President by a vote of 2,185 to 1,142.

Per by-law requirements we elect three Directors each year. Individuals proposed by the nominating committee were: Gerald Faubel of Michigan, CGCS; Dennis Lyon, CGCS of Colorado; John Segui, CGCS of Pennsylvania; and William Roberts, CGCS of Wisconsin.

Nominated from the floor at the Annual Meeting were Donald Hearn, CGCS of Massachusetts, and Stephen Cadenelli, CGCS of Connecticut. Election results were:

Dennis Lyon, CGCS
2,244 votes
Donald Hearn, CGCS
2,198 votes
John Segui, CGCS
1,570 votes
Gerald Faubel, CGCS
1,323 votes



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William Roberts, CGCS
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Stephen Cadenelli, CGCS
1,022 votes

The three individuals with the highest vote totals were elected. Also, since Mr. Stottern moved up to the Vice-President position it created a vacancy on the Board of Directors. President-elect Baston appointed Mr. Faubel to fill this term.

Following the elections voting was held on the proposed changes to the Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws of GCSAA. The changes in the Articles of Incorporation were defeated by a vote of 1,749 to 1,536. Since the changes to the Articles of Incorporation were defeated, no vote was taken on the By-Law changes. The members present felt that the proposed name change for the association was the main reason this motion failed. These sentiments were expressed to the leadership of GCSAA and they were again charged with the responsibility of developing new Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws for our association and to have them ready for a vote at the next Annual Meeting in San Francisco in 1986.

The final point of the meeting which generated considerable discussion was the new mid-year Conference scheduled for late September in Indianapolis, Indiana. This conference has been developed to bring a smaller trade show into areas where we cannot now have the larger International Show, provide an outside equipment demonstration area, and provide another forum for GCSAA educational courses and seminars. Members present at the Annual Meeting expressed serious reservations as to the timing and merits of this Conference. Members expressed disappointment in the lack of communications in regards to this Conference and Show. As this mid-year Conference is only now scheduled for this year the success of the Indianapolis show will dictate future events.

Commercial Clippings

Chicopee, a pioneer in the manufacture of a full line of non-woven fabrics, announced that Standard Golf Co. has been appointed a National Turf Master Distributor for Chicopee Recreational Products.

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An Opinion

Each year at our International Turfgrass Conference and Show members of GCSANJ are called together for a caucus to decide on who we should support in our annual elections. The voting delegate and alternate make their recommendations, discussions ensue, followed by a formal vote which dictates how we as a chapter will actually vote. It is customary for our caucus to attract from eight to twelve individuals.

Having attended this meeting for the last four years I must seriously question the value of this caucus. With membership turnout being so low each year I question if this is a worthwhile effort on our part? I've concluded in my own mind that we as an association should abandon the practice and simply allow the voting delegate and alternate to make the decision based on their knowledge of all candidates running.

During a typical week at conference the voting delegate and alternate will attend a "Meet the Candidates" forum, attend the voting delegates' luncheon, plus visit with each candidate on a one to one basis. It is through these activities that one gets a feel for each candidate and what their abilities, goals, and priorities are both as individuals and as prospective leaders of GCSAA. This is the time where opinions are formulated on who actually are the best candidates for office within GCSAA. If our state association representatives do their homework and attend these functions they are in the best position to select the finest people to administer GCSAA activities. I don't feel it's necessary to go back to the few members present at our caucus to see if they concur with the decisions the voting delegate and alternate plan to make.

Of course during conference week any member of our state association would have the opportunity to discuss his feelings on the candidates with both the voting delegate and alternate from our association. Any member of GCSANJ will still have ample time and opportunity to voice his concerns and thoughts on the issues and candidates. I believe this format is the most effective approach we as an association could take.

What is vitally important if this approach is to be implemented is that the president of GCSANJ select two individuals who have the time and desire needed to represent our association as voting delegate and alternate. Any individuals selected must enjoy the confidence of our membership plus be willing to dedicate the time and effort necessary during conference week to carry out their assigned task. I have no doubt that if these individuals are wisely selected they will represent the interests of both GCSANJ and GCSAA in a proper and honorable fashion.

I titled this piece "An Opinion", I hope it generates some discussion within the membership of GCSANJ.

Bruce E. Cadenelli

Membership News

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

Benjamin F. Dunn, Buena Vista CC, Class B;

Jeffrey Scott, Knickerbocker CC, Class B;

Michael Pruser, Farmstead G & CC, Class B-1;

Gregory H. Close, Forest Hill Field Club, Class B-1;

Philip Eberle, Americana Resort and CC, Class B-1;

Bryan Bolehala, The Terre Co., Class C.

The following change of status requests were approved by the Executive Board:

Lawrence W. Dodge, Navesink CC, from Class B-1 to Class B;

Richard J. Allen, Rumson CC from Class B-1 to Class B;

Joseph Kennedy, Ramsey CC from Class B-1 to Class B.

The Executive Committee has accepted Dr. Joseph Troll as an Honorary Member.

The Executive Committee has accepted Sherwood Moore as a Life A member.

Membership applications may be obtained from Henry Indyk's office or from Bob Matthews, CGCS. Bob's address is: Deal Golf Club, Box 387, Deal, New Jersey 07723.

Letters To Editor

Dear Ed:

I don't know how to tell you how surprised I was last week at the banquet at your incredible generosity and that of your cohorts in the Association. I'm not sure yet what my wife and I will do with the money, maybe a trip to Europe, but I am sure that it was a fantastic surprise to me that you and the members of the New Jersey Association along with former students and friends of mine could do such a wonderful thing. I thank you and all of them.

And I prize my Honorary Membership in your Association very much. I may get down to your course one of these days when my load has lightened a bit.

Sincerely,
Joseph Troll, Professor
Turf Management

Dear Ed:

Thank you for your support in Washington, D.C. I will work hard for our association and profession.

My committees are education and certification. Please send your comments and suggestions in these areas.

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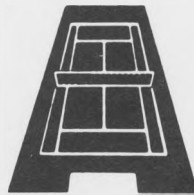
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Borscht from the Kitchen of Voykin

Due to the large response from hungry husbands to my chicken soup epistle of last year, I am presenting another delicious soup recipe. This time, a famous Russian one. I guarantee it will stick to your soul.

The recipe is secret and has been handed down from Voykin to Voykin for hundreds of years. It was given to me and my healthy brothers by my dear Mother just before we left Canada, where her borscht was famed far and wide for feeding not only a big Russian family, but a wandering Romanov or two.

Reading "special occasion" recipes makes me laugh, especially those by celebrities and famous chefs, who do their conjurings with meats and vegetables for our very commercialized holidays. These recipes are frustrating and expensive to prepare; another example of the Jones Syndrome. But now, dear friends, your worries are over. From now on, instead of keeping up with the Jones', you'll just have to keep up with the Voykins. And that, I assure you, will be easy and inexpensive because we enjoy Russian borscht for all the important holidays, and also in between. Frankly, our Russian borscht is a soup for all seasons.

A little-known but true fact is that Russian borscht is a delicious and powerful aphrodesiac. Coincidentally, it is also a well-known fact that Russian families never number less than five children. And so it is with the interests of the many love-starved and hungry greenskeepers in heart that I pass on my recipe for Romantic Russian Borscht. And I do this at the end of the golfing season because I feel strongly that Midwest wives would welcome a little tender recreation.

However, before I relate the recipe, I must clear up what I regard as a serious misconception throughout the Western world. My recipe is for Russian borscht,

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which is made with a basic ingredient of sweet cabbage with pieces of meat, and not for Ukrainian borscht containing red beets in a broth. You can perhaps understand my amazement and frustration in New York last January at the Russian Tea Room, the gathering place for many years for Manhattan's elite in the arts. Unfortunately, what the Tea Room called Russian borscht was actually Ukrainian borscht. This "goulash" mixture of beets and cabbage topped with sour cream is a good soup, but not a great one. Except for this major mistake, the other food in this famous restaurant was authentic Russian. (If you ever go there, be sure to order their cream of chicken soup, called Roszolnick, made with chicken giblets, potatoes and numerous vegetables.)

Okay, here's my recipe.

First, put water in a large kettle and turn on the flame. When the water boils, add 3 pounds of shortribs, cut up. The short ribs should be lean. When water returns to a boil, add salt, reduce to simmer and cover. Simmer for about one and a half hours or until the meat is ready to fall from the bone. Skim fat off surface. While meat is simmering, chop one medium cabbage, one large seeded green pepper, one bunch of green onions, two tablespoons of carrot (optional), dice about six medium potatoes; crush two cloves of garlic. Melt a stick (quarter pound) butter in a large skillet, add above vegetables along with two cans tomatoes. Saute slowly, stirring to coat vegetables with butter until cabbage is translucent (not soggy - do not overcook, as potatoes will become mushy).

When vegetables are done (about half an hour) add to meat and water in soup kettle, add salt to taste, black pepper and two teaspoons fresh dill or dried dill weed. (Fresh dill is hard to come by. It can only be obtained once a year, and at that, very rarely in supermarkets, as fresh dill must be picked and used immediately from a garden.) Stir vegetables into a broth and meat, if necessary. You may have to add a little water, but the soup should be fairly thick. While I am stirring the stuff, I like to listen to some Russian songs, particularly "Meadowland" played by the Red Army State Band. Never play acid rock or Texahilly, because I will not be responsible for how the borscht turns out.

Now bring out your borscht bowls (any large deep bowls will do), ladle a generous portion in each, and start to eat. But wait! Let's go Russian all the way. Get several dry, small red hot peppers, crush them (or a dash of bottled crushed pepper) and stir them into the bowls. Eat with Russian rye, black or pumpernickel bread. Then, for an ecstasy shot, put that chilled bottle of Stolichya vodka on the table. Open it and pour down a shot, and immediately lift yourself right into the borscht ethos. In this manner, Mr. and Mrs. Greenskeeper, you are ready for the most elite and sumptuous meal you will ever taste. Hopefully, after

enjoying that super soup - Russian borscht - a romantic evening will follow.

P.S. For an added bonus, put in refrigerator any leftover borscht. To reheat, place in saucepan and simmer until heated through. Never, never, reboil leftover borscht. I find borscht tastes even better the second day after flavors have a chance to settle.

Paul N. Voykin is the author of two books, "A Perfect Lawn the Easy Way," published by Rand McNally in 1969, and "Ask the Lawn Expert," published in 1976 by Mac-Millan. Presently, Mr. Voykin is writing his third book, which will deal with lawn games.

Editor's Note: Paul is also the Golf Course Superintendent at Briarwood Country Club, Deerfield, Illinois. It is safe to suggest he does not have both oars in the water and his playing card deck possesses somewhat less than the desired 52 cards. That must be the reason he and I always see eye-to-eye.

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