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# **SUPERINTENDENT** AUDAX\*

The original thought here was to review the turf/golf season as it affected golf course superintendents. Unable to gather the forces necessary to complete the task it was decided to marshall our efforts and chronicle the exploits of some familiar names.

Deferring to rank we acknowledge **Bob Ribbans'** contribution to the debut of the LPGA Chrysler/Plymouth Classic at the Fairmount CC. Bob's organization, course preparation and professional demeanor will bring the event back to Fairmount next year. But where will the drivers come from?

Jeff Scott, Knickerbocker CC, encountered an unexpected problem as he began his first year as a golf course superintendent: the '85 Drought. In a previous issue (July-August) we outlined some of his plans to thwart the effects of the drought and the mandatory restrictions. We learned from Jeff that ensuing rainfall in May and June held off the expected turf stress until July. leff said he was able to maintain normal mowing schedules with the fairways at three-quarters of an inch and later in the summer he was able to prepare for the club championship by lowering his greens to one-eighth of an inch. During the season he timed his insecticide applications with anticipated rainfall and was able to continue wetting agent applications because of adequate soil moisture. Jeff feels he can get by with less water than he thought and he even saw an increase in bentgrass population where the Poa annua was weakened from the drought.

A change of pace and career; **Don Pullen**, Echo Lake, achieved his certification; accomplished the task of preparing his course for the NJ State Open in fine fashion; successfully initiated a major irrigation project and culminated the year by fulfilling a dream to enter the seminary and continue his studies. In September, 1986, he will enter the Columbia (SC) Graduate School of Bible and Missions to begin a three year program of study that will earn him a Master of Divinity, and to service to a foreign mission.

John Boyer, Seaview CC, acclamating himself to corporate change as Marriot Hotels assumed ownership of this reknown golf course. John has assimulated the change very well, becoming accustom to regular weekly staff meetings, constant flow of paper work, a sense of being an integral part of the corporate structure instead of being a singular head.

Drought talk, talk and more talk, everyone talks but who does anything about it. **Bob Dickison** didn't have the authority to change the weather or the power to fill the reservoirs but he worked hard to convince the DEP that we needed more water to survive the drought. It must have been frustrating and disappointing to almost single-handedly work with complexity of the DEP.

Greg Brand, Turf Product, Inc., will enter the annuals of the NYC Marathon as #P679, a rookie in 1985. Greg is running in this years marathon after completing a year of intense training averaging almost seventy miles per week since July and racing in two warm-up races, the Spring Lake Five-Miler in June and the Flanders Valley 10K in July. An adventurous task for a few.

We all must have stories to share: some will say it was an easy year; a few will say it was difficult; another will say it was unique and there will be a few who can't or won't remember. But now we are in the autumn of '85 and can reflect of the season past and be stimulated by the thought of a new season in 1986. Plans are probably being made now to ask for increased budgets, new equipment, maybe good weather and the knowledge that past problems may not surface in the future. If they do we should know how to handle them, but who remembers. November-December 1985

## Annual Meeting at Meadowlands

The GCSANJ Annual Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 5, 1985 at the Meadowlands Hilton Hotel, Secaucus, NJ.

The days schedule begins with lunch at 11:30AM followed by a program featuring Mr. Neil Roberts, Sports Editor of Suburban Trends in Butler, NJ. Mr. Roberts will share with us his viewpoints on the general sports scene in the NJ area. At the conclusion of this program, President Ribbans will open the Annual Meeting. The agenda will include reports from the officers and directors, committee reports that include the golf committee's plans to interest more members in participating in the golf meetings; the newsletter committee will outline their objectives for next year and the education committee will offer suggestions for next years meeting and seminar schedules.

Bob Dickison, GCSANJ nominating chairman, is presenting the following nominees for office:

President . . . . Robert Ribbans, CGCS Vice President. . . . . . Wayne Foster Secretary . . . Robert Matthews, CGCS Treasurer . . . . Wayne Ballinger, CGCS

The district directors will already be selected by their respective districts prior to the Annual Meeting.

At the meeting the GČSANJ will honor three members for twenty-five years service to the Assoc. Receiving plaques commemorating this occasion are Pete Pedrazzi, Crestmont Country Club; Nelson Vreeland, East Orange Lawn and Tennis Club; Tom Zimich, Newton Country Club.

Ed Walsh has been appointed by Bob Ribbans to be our delegate to the GCSAA conference and show in January, 1986.

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## EDITORIALS

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### GCSANJ '85

AS THE 1985 GOLF SEASON COMES TO A CLOSE it is fair to say that, at least for one year, New Jersey was the "Golfing Capital of the World". All golfing fans focused on New Jersey starting in May with LPGA Chrysler-Plymouth Classic followed by the US Women's Open, The Walker Cup Matches and The US Men's Amateur. Along with the tournaments New Jersey can also boast of having the #1 rated Golf course in the world in Pine Valley Golf Club. Adding to the list of credentials, located in NJ is the governing body of golf in the US-The USGA Headquarters in Far Hills. Pretty impressive!

1985 also brought "The Drought" which in turn brought water restrictions to many golf courses. The restrictions although unfair, had to be followed. Thousands of dollars in fairway turf were damaged this year because of the lack of water. There are many courses this year where overseeding is becoming a capital expense. Our associations work in Trenton this year enabled us to get longer hours for irrigating greens and tees but still no water for fairways. We will continue to work with our legislators to achieve a more equitable solution for future drought conditions. Hopefully we will be limited by percentages than told *Where* to put the water. It is obvious with all the computerized and highly sophisticated irrigation systems being installed that golf clubs and superintendents are very concerned about using the minimal amount of water possible to maintain quality turf. Let's hope for a wet winter.

A big thanks goes out this year to our commercial friends for helping to make the 1985 Field Day a great success. GCSANJ sold a record number of booth space this year, 78 booths opposed to 66 in 1984. Field Day is becoming better and better and with your support we will continue to sponsor this event for many years to come.

We have an association that is working and can become better and stronger. We need your involvement. We have the highest membership ever, let's draw from that and make it work for us. This newsletter is proof of what people can do when working together. Every time a new edition comes out it's better than the previous one.

Bob Ribbans, CGCS GCSANJ President

## FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

THIS NOVEMBER-DECEMBER (Vol. 8, No. 6) Greenerside issue concludes a busy, exciting and interesting year for this editor. It has been a rewarding year for me. Writing and editing this newsletter has been an enlightening experience that has broadened my interest as superintendent. I now read most of the trade periodicals; I listen to turf people; and I think. I am pleased with the gracious comments I've received from GCSANJ members and other Greenerside readers. I've learned that many people read every word.

My reflection continues with thoughts of all the people I have met this year. Editorship has brought me into contact with many Association members and the common thread I see throughout our membership is one of skill, dedication and pride. Let us all take a small portion of these ingredients and blend it with others to formulate the basis for a strong association.

A word of thanks is due to our contributors, especially Willet; to our patrons for their financial support and a special thanks to Diane Backes and Karen Mamo at Backes Graphics for their notable contributions.

All this means I'm looking forward to next year and my commitment to make this newsletter as interesting as possible.

Jim Gilligan, Editor The Greenerside

## THE GREENERSIDE ANNOUNCES 1986 SCHEDULE

THE GREENERSIDE will be published bi-monthly in 1986, beginning in January. The publication dates are: January 20th; March 20; May 20th; July 20th; September 20th; and November 1st.

Editorial copy deadlines will be *twenty* calendar days prior to publication. Advertising copy (camera ready) will be due *thirty* calendar days prior to publication. Patron and advertising information is available from the editor, either call or write.

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# Willet Wilt says:



### Rambling with Willet...

In the something new department-the Pro Shop at one club creatively displays "experienced" golf balls for sale. Another course placed a new addition in the divot repair mix box on their tees-a hammer to get the tees into the ground.

I guess if they make the area at Rutgers U. where we have our Field Day a parking lot, we can have a Parking Lot Day. At least it would be a good place to demonstrate the speed of greens!

In the no-show department, a young lady explained her absence was due to the fact that her chest hurt from bouncing around the day before on an upfront rotary mower. With equal rights in employment, we are discovering new and fascinating problems.

If you want to know what pressure was this year, it is when you can't water your grass, so it dies. Then if you can get seed during the shortage, you are not going to be able to water it.

Sometimes you think that you have not lived through another summer-but merely survived it. It is then that you hear the mournful cry of the Jersey Supt., "Please let the snow fly."

One event reflected best the longevity of the golf season this year-a superintendent was seen waving a white flag from the first tee in the direction of the club house.

Willet Wilt will be lecturing this December at the NJTA Expo in Atlantic City on The Comparison of the Roll of the Dice and the Speed of the Green. If you desire to attend, please meet Ken Kubik at the Cashier's Window on the floor of Resorts International.

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## Letters to the Editor.





## 1985 Met Area Team Championship

The GCSANJ entered a formidable team in the Met Area Championship held at the Stanwich Club, Greenwich, CT on Sept. 19, 1985. Scott Nivens was the host superintendent. The GCSANJ was represented by Rich Browne, Natt Binns, Phil Scott, Jack Montecalvo, Shaun Barry and playing captain Ed Walsh. Alternates were: Armand LeSage, Chris Gaynor and Larry Dodge. The Tournament is sponsored by the Metropolitan Golf Course Superintendents Association.

Stanwich, considered to be one of the toughest golf courses in the NY Met area, was in superb condition for the event. Course Superintendent, Scott Niven, had the course absolutely perfect.

The Met Assoc. won this year's invitational with a four man total of 334. The teams total also included the low score of the day (81) turned in by John Carlone.

Joe Felus of the PA Assoc. did not fair well in this year's event. Shaun Barry's 86 was low for the GCSANJ. The team's total was 353.



The Annual Turfgrass Educational Conference and Trade Show, sponsored by the Cooperative Extension Service in cooperation with Cook College - Rutgers University and the New Jersey Turfgrass Association offers more in '85. Sessions will include: Workshops (Computers, Insects, Weeds, Motivation) and lectures by recognized authorities on the establishment and maintenance of turf on golf courses, athletic fields, lawns of various types and use of sod. The Trade Show will feature the latest technology in turfgrass equipment, irrigation and products.

Reserve the date, plan to attend and participate in this exciting annual Turfgrass Conference. Complete program details and registration forms available October 1, 1985. For information contact:

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## Thoughts from the X-Editor



Now that the drought is over, where do we go from here? Were we dealt with equitably during this crisis? Did the state DEP work with or against us? It seems to me the answers have to be no.

After the 1981 drought we were asked to provide information regarding our irrigation systems. Water usage, times and amounts were given. Water quantity, quality and locations (pond, well, etc.) were provided. The Department of Water Resources told us this information would be utilized to better deal with golf courses under future drought conditions. Well, 1985 was one of those future drought conditions and not a damn thing changed.

As you all know, we were originally cut back to 2 hours a day, every other day and water only to be applied to greens and tees. Thanks to a diligent effort by our Association, and particularly

by Bob Dickison, some positive changes were made. We were not allowed to water fairways but our greens and tees could survive under the format developed. We asked if this is what they considered equitable. We asked why was all the information provided if it was not going to be utilized in the future?

Bob Mancini. Director of the Water Allocation of the State DEP seems to be our friend. He has attended many of our meetings and provided us with information keeping us abreast and updated. Unfortunately, Bob only helps direct the final decisions. He does not make them. The Water Allocations Commissioners are the people we deal with. It is obvious they give little consideration to golf courses as a business. We are considered recreational and not in need of water under drought conditions. If the allocations made this year will be considered under similar conditions in the future, we must act now when there are no problems. We must build a strong case for our profession. Granted, we do work in a recreational environment and we certainly understand the priorities when it comes to health and well-being, but when I look across the river and see Westchester County in a far more difficult situation being dealt with in a far more equitable way, I must question our state's DEP.

We all recognize that many of these decisions are made in the political and not practical arenas. It may be time for us to recognize the need to pursue the same avenues. Let's build our case now and hope the future produces an arrangement that is equitable.





## "Weeping May Endure for a Night"

### by Virgil Robinson, Superintendent Burning Tree Club

The rest of the quote for the title of this article is "but joy cometh in the morning." As many of you know, this is a direct quote from Psalms 30:5. I would like to apply this quotation to a subject that is close to my heart and very common to our profession, a subject that most superintendents never broach, that causes many sleepless nights and many bleeding ulcers. That subject: personal trials or afflictions or failures.

As bona fide members of the human race, as golf course superintendents, we are quite willing to talk about our personal triumphs, our accomplishments, our successes. But, what about the real building blocks (a seemingly paradoxical statement) of our character, of our personhood—our failures.

Because of an experience in 1977, a "failure" if you will, and to other personal trials that are even now upon me, I believe I qualify as a specialist, an authority on the subject of failure. I make that statement out of thankfulness and humility, not regret or boastfulness. By relating that experience and what I obliquely learned, I hope to show that probably more is gained through our failures than our successes. In looking back eight years removed from that "failure" I consider it one of the most valuable experiences of my life; at the time, I was asking, no, demanding, why me, Lord?

1977, of course, was my first year at Burning Tree; I had reached a personal goal of mine, a tournament course or very fine private club, fully seven years before I could even dream of such a possibility. At a beautiful club, steeped in tradition, I was going to provide the first conditioned golf course on the East coast. After three successful years at Andrews AFB that seemed to be a reasonable goal at the time.

By August of that year the golf course-tees, greens and fairways-looked as if someone had done a poor job of spraying Round-up herbicide; the only thing consistently green were the leaves on the trees and they turned brown early that year. What happened? I still do not know. When things started going down in May or June, I certainly overreacted with certain management practices but not to the extent that the course was suffering.

If the turf was suffering, I was more so. My personal pride was being ripped out by the roots. For the first time in my life I realized I did not have control over my job situation or my personal destiny. That realization is both sobering and humbling. At the time and during those four months, I slept a maximum of two hours per night—the other 4–6 hours were spent endlessly tossing and turning and worrying; I did not share any of what I was going through with anyone, not even Karen. By the end of the season I was a basket case, even though I managed to put on a good front. Within myself, I got consolation from the fact that I probably would never take my own life since I hadn't already.

For those of you who may go through a similar experience, for those of you who may be having problems, trials, or afflictions not necessarily of your own making with green chairmen, committee chairmen, or members in general, for those of you who may be having personal problems, what did I learn from '77 that might possibly encourage you?

First of all, make certain your priorities are in line. What is most important to you? If you do not know what is most important, look to see where your time is spent; that is a pretty good barometer of your priorities. Do you pass up vacations with the family because the course would founder without you? Do you work seven days a week even though your wife would like you to visit relatives or go to church with her? Do you not participate in your children's activities because you have to work till 6 in the evening or on Saturday mornings?

For me, I learned my priorities were totally out of kilter. Because of my total personhood, who I was as an individual was tied up in my job at that time. Because my course was going under, I was going under also, as an individual. Out of 1977 came a realignment of my priorities. For me, faith in my Creator and trusting in him became numero uno, my family second, and job, third; everything else fell below each of these. This does not mean that my job is unimportant to me, that I do not give 100%, that I do not care; it does mean that it is in perspective to other areas of my life that I consider important. I believe that because of this I am even more valuable to my employer now.

Secondly, if you are having difficulties, open up to others and share your problems with them. As you do, it is amazing, absolutely amazing, how many other people have



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had or are having similar problems. The more you open up and expose your inner being, your thoughts, your feelings, your hopes, your dreams, your prayers to others, they in turn feel the freedom to open up to you. That ten ton weight of "bricks" or "baggage" suddenly becomes five tons when shared with another. That problem does not necessarily go away but it does become manageable; it is brought into perspective.

In the "summer of '77" I did not do this. I kept everything within. My pride would not allow me to share my problems; I was internally imploding. Death, truly, would have been a welcome relief.

Third and lastly, I feel that the "failure" eight years ago started me on the way to becoming a "people person". Not that I have arrived in this area of my life, far from it, but I'm on the road. It behooves each one of us to take the time to listen, truly listen, to what another is saying. He may be asking or crying out for our help and yet we are not really hearing his need; he may need a kind word of encouragement, a helping hand, a thank you or a please. Are we really listening?

In summing up, I would say that personal trials, afflictions and failures throughout life are going to come our way. How we choose to handle them, what we learn from them goes a long way toward our own personal happiness, contentment, and wellbeing. "Weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning".

\*\*Virgil Robinson is the golf course superintendent at the Burning Tree Club, Bethesda, MD.

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#### GCSAA Slate for 1986

Robert Osterman, CGCS, GCSAA Nominating Chairman, announced the candidates for GCSAA elective office. Elections will be held at The International Golf Course Conference and Show in San Francisco, CA on February 3, 1986.

The Candidates are: PRESIDENT Riley L. Stottern, CGCS, Utah VICE PRESIDENT (Elect one) Donald E. Hearn, CGCS, Massachusetts John E. Laake, CGCS, Ohio James M. Taylor, CGCS, Texas DIRECTOR (Elect three for two-year term) Stanley Borawski, CGCS, North Carolina Steven G. Cadenelli, CGCS, New Jersey Gerald L. Faubel, CGCS, Michigan William R. Roberts, CGCS, Wisconsin Kenneth A. Sakai, CGCS, California

## 21<sup>°</sup> Annual Field Day

The 21st Annual Turfgrass Equipment, Irrigation, Supplies Field Day was a great success. We had a record number of exhibitors, booths and demonstrations this year.

Mother Nature supplied us with a bright sunny warm day just 4 days after the ravishes of hurricane Gloria. This accounted for the fact that an attendance record was not set eventhough we had over 500 people registered.

Everyone there was responsible for the successfulness of the day and the funds that were raised for our organization. On behalf of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of New Jersey I would like to thank everyone for their participation, and especially the people who worked extra hard that day including Joe Spang and his crew, Dr. Henry Indyk, Warner Thurlow, Helen Penska, the Field Day Committee and volunteers including my wife, and Nat Binn's crew.

Hopefully everyone benefitted from the Field Day and we are looking forward to seeing everyone next year.

Thank you,

Wayne F. Ballinger, CGCS Field Day Chairman

P.S. A great Thank You goes to Jim Gilligan for the fine job he did in producing a special edition of "*The Greenerside*".■

## The Agricultural Museum of the State of New Jersey

This newly incorporated museum is comprised of the Krueger collection, an integrated collection that includes implements used in all phases of agricultural work; ground preparation, planting, and harvesting. The collection is named for Wabun Krueger, an agricultural engineer who taught at the Agricultural College for forty years.

Mr. Vince Abbatiello, a museum trustee, spoke to the GCSANJ directors at a recent meeting and said the turf industry will be represented in this museum. Antique artifacts from the turf industry would be of interest to the museum.

It is also possible to become a member of the museum and/or to become actively involved with the museum programs. Membership categories range from:

Student-\$5.00 and Individual-\$15.00 to Family-\$25.00, Institutional-\$50.00.

Supporting-\$100.00, Sustaining-\$250.00, Benefactor-\$500.00,

and Patron-\$1,000.00.

Questions about the museum should be directed to Thomas Harrington, Director, AMSNJ, P.O. Box 1978, New Brunswick, New Jersey 08903. Telephone: (201) 932-9090. Information about membership should be requested from Rick Mitchell, Treasurer, AMSNJ, at the above address or by phone at (201) 932-9266.

Golf is an open exhibition of overweening ambition, courage deflated by stupidity, skill soured by a whiff of arrogance.... These humiliations are the essence of the game. —Alistair Cooke, *journalist* 

The object of a bunker or trap is not only to punish a physical mistake, to punish lack of control, but also to punish pride and egotism.

-Charles Blair Macdonald, golf course architect



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Deal, New Jersey

October 24, 1985

## TERRY STANLEY WINS MOORE CUP

Terry Stanley, Knob Hill Country Club, shot a 79 over a tough but beautiful Hollywood Golf Club course to win the GCSANJ Golf Championship. Terry becomes the first player to take home the Moore Cup, the symbol of a great champion. The Moore Cup is named in honor of Sherwood Moore who was there to present the award to Terry at the ceremonies this evening. The Cup is donated by the members of Hollywood Golf Club.

Sherwood Moore has devoted 45 years to this profession a legacy that has earned him the respect of all his peers. Sherwood began his career in New Jersey at Lake Mohawk Country Club, moved to Crestmont Country Club, then journeyed south to the Hollywood Golf Club, moved across the border to Winged Foot managing two U.S. Open Championships, then up to Woodway and then returning to Winged Foot. He is now at the Captain's Club on Cape Cod where he is viewing a new career in retirement and continuing his work in this profession that he has contributed so much to.

Bob Ribbans, GCSANJ President introduced Sherwood "as the true pioneer", a phrase well deserved. Sherwood commented that being at Hollywood brought back many happy memories. His son Glen was born while he worked here. His nephew Skip Cameron began his own career working at Hollywood although it could have ended quickly if he hadn't gotten his foot out from under a rotary in time. Sherwood remarked at the size of the trees that he had planted then, and the enormous size they are now. There has been a lot of growth in those years.

Bruce Cadenelli, Hollywoood superintendent and former student of Sherwood's presented him with a painting of the 4th hole at Hollywood as remembrance of his days at Hollywood. There also was a painting of the course at Winged Foot and at Woodway that had been presented to Sherwood. Bruce introduced the many friends and associates that came to honor Sherwood this evening. Ted Horton, Westchester Country Club, Bob Alonzi, Winged Foot Country Club, Jerry Mahoney his former chairman at Winged Foot and now with the MGA, Roger Rulewich, Robert Trent Jones firm, Rees Jones, Peter Rappoccio, President of MET Golf Superintendents Association and Red Hoffman, reknown golf writer. This is in addition to all Sherwood's friends in New Jersey including Skip and Jack.

The day was perfect for golf. Attracted by the opportunity of playing such a great golf course over 100 members and guests used their skills to try and overcome the challenge of Hollywood.

The Willet Wilt "Honest Abe" award was won by Bruce Peeples with a gross count of 127. He narrowly defeated previous four time winner Walt Will, who managed 117 blows. Ken Kubik presented the award.

The winners in the Skins Game (Scats) were Don Pullen, Galleo Gamera, Randy Van Yahers, Jack Swick and Bruce Cadenelli. The longest drive on #18 was won by Terry Stanley. Closest to the pin on #4 was Mike Hockel. Closest to the pin on #15 was Hank Williams.

The soft drinks on the course during the day were donated by Wilfred McDonald. The trophies presented during the evening were donated by Double Eagle Equipment Co.

Terry Stanley won the championship but there were many other winners today. The golf committee of Shaun Barry and Dave Pease with the assistance of Ken Kubik did a fine job in keeping everything organized.

Bruce Cadenelli did his usual outstanding job in preparing his golf course for this championship, making the arrangements for the delicious lunch and the fine dinner. I'm sure his assistant Chris Whelan had his hand in the course preparations also.

It was a great day for all!

#### HOLLYWOOD GOLF RESULTS

Championship Flight Sherwood Moore Cup-Low Gross Terry Stanley - 79

> Low Net Phil Scott - 70 Larry Dodge - 74 Bruce Cadenelli - 76

#### "A" Flight

Low Net Harry Harsin - 69 Chris Gaynor - 70 Armand LeSage - 73

#### "B" Flight

Low Net Duke Polidor - 74 Dave Pease - 75 Joe Fricovsky - 76

#### "C" Flight

Low Net John Schoellner - 59 Greg Hutch - 76 Tony Mosca - 80

### **Commercial Flight**

Low Gross Dick Grant - 82

Low Net Jack Montecalvo - 75 Rich Hurley - 78 Bill Nist - 78

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## 1985 Invitational

The GCSANJ held their Eighth Annual Invitational Tournament at the Green Brook Country Club, which is under the guidance of Al Caravella. October 8th dawned bright and clear after a four day period of heavy rains. The golf course was in excellent condition. It is a tribute to Al and his assistant Frank Caravella for their management skills in getting the course mowed and conditioned for the tournament. The greens were quick and getting quicker but true; the fairway lies were constant and unerring.

Wayne Foster, Invitational Chairman and his Committee deserve a "well done" for the fine job they did in organizing the event.

Continuing a tradition begun a number of years ago at the Invitational, each hole was sponsored by a turfgrass supplier with the monies going to turfgrass research.

The GCSANI is proud to be associated with this fine group of people and of their interest in turfgrass research.

The golf match was closely contested throughout the day. Two of the four winners were decided on a match of cards.

The first-place winners, with a net 60, were the team from Picatinny Golf Club led by Les Carpenter, Jr. Les had plenty of help from his teammates; Jerry Gorsica, golf professional, Pete Pavolovich and Pete Hill.

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Les and Jerry also won the Superintendent/ Pro Championship with a net 68. Picatinny had to call out the troops to escort the silver home. In 1978 Picatinny won the inaugural event at Edgewood Country Club.

Twin Brooks Country Club (Watchung) took second place on a match of cards with Ramsay Golf & Country Club, Twin Brooks superintendent Tom Crump and pro Ron Chmura along with Joe Donatelli and Bob Cronheim teamed for a net 63.

Ramsay Golf & Country Club with their net 63 took third place and graciously accepted the trophy. Joe Kennedy, superintendent, George Sauer (#83), golf professional, Harold Pomper and Larry Silverman comprised the stalwart foursome.



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Host Foursome-Arnold Friedman, Ed Lifson, Al Caravella and Norm Becker, golf professional.

Another match of cards determined the fourth place finish, with Canoe Brook Country Club edging out Echo Lake Country Club. Their scores were a net 64. Skip Cameron, always confident, carried his team of Bruce Stewart, golf professional, Rich Stimets and Neil Golding to the wire and a photo finish.

Echo Lake's net 64 didn't bring home the silver but provided some excitement for Don Pullen, superintendent, Mike Preston, golf professional, Ray McEntee and Everson Pearsall.

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## **OBTAINING AN INTERVIEW**

by James T. Snow, Director Green Section, USGA

Just as a salesman can't make a sale unless he gets his foot in the door, a golf course superintendent can't sell himself to a club unless he gets an interview. In both instances, it takes plenty of preparation and a well organized effort to get that proverbial foot in the door. Based upon the information gleaned from conversations with club officials who have searched for and hired golf course superintendents, I'd like to share with you my conclusions with regard to obtaining that elusive job interview.

- 1. Since many club officials are looking for certain talents which their previous superintendent did not have, try to broaden your experience in as many areas as possible. Specifically, some club officials have mentioned;
  - ability to properly rebuild or renovate greens and tees
  - ability to install drainage or irrigation systems
  - ability to keep records and budgets and manage people
  - mechanical ability
  - knowledge of flowers, trees and landscaping
- 2. Educational background *does* make a difference in getting an interview when the competition is stiff. Thus, the more education you have, the better your chances. In addition to college work, become a certified golf course superintendent and show your prospective employer that you are keeping abreast of developments in the profession by attending seminars, conferences, etc.
- 3. Broaden your list of contacts who can act as references or who will at least know something about you if contacted. Many, if not most, club officials have little or no basis for judging your technical expertise, so they depend on others for this information. Included in this group are:
  - university personnel
  - Green Section staff
  - well known and well respected superintendents in the area
  - long-time regional golf association officers or staff
  - well respected golfers in the area, amateur and professional alike
- 4. When your club hosts member-guest, regional, state, or national events, take advantage of the situation by doing *as much as possible* to get the course in top shape. The people who attend, officiate and play in these events are often the people who are involved in hiring superintendents for their own courses, or who are contacted by other club officials for ideas and recommendations. Finally, encourage your club to host these events so that you have the opportunity to show these people what you can do.

All of these items need to be planned and carried out long before you ever actually apply for a job. If you are willing to go to the trouble to follow through with some or all of these ideas, you will be much more successful than others when it comes to getting interviews and securing better jobs.

However, all of this background work can be for naught if your resume and cover letter are not in good order. I've been told by serveral club officials who have been overwhelmed by applications that they've arbitrarily weeded out 70% of the applications simply by the appearance of the resume. In general, a large number of the resumes sent to clubs are messy and poorly organized, with many misspellings and poor grammar. Cover letters, if included at all, are often scrawled in pen and hard to read, and suffer from the same spelling and grammatical errors. These applicants have almost no chance of being considered.

Resumes should be well organized, neat, and contain no spelling or grammatical errors. The resume should be accompanied by a typed cover letter which addresses the club and chairman by name, and which stresses supplemental information about yourself which could pertain to needs of that club. If you are unsure of your ability to put together a good resume and cover letter, get some help. This is *important*.

*Editor's Note:* This article has been condensed from a longer article written by Mr. Snow entitled "The Hard Part Is Getting The Interview".



## Mid-Year at Indianapolis

### Bruce Cadenelli

For a number of personal reasons I was not terribly excited about traveling to Indianapolis for participation in GCSAA's first mid-year conference. Returning home two days later I regretted that my schedule prevented me from staying longer.

The conference was indeed a very pleasant surprise. There were 92 companies and organizations on hand for the trade show. The show was not as hectic as that found in the International Conference so one had ample time to linger at each booth and conduct whatever business one wanted. Dr. James Watson remarked that the Indianapolis show was reminiscent of the early National Conferences, friendly and relaxed.

Total attendance for the week was 1100. This included 140 individuals who attended the various seminar offerings. It's well to note that at the 1980 St. Louis International Conference a similar number of turfgrass professionals participated in the seminar program. It seems GCSAA has hit the mark with this portion of its educational program.

I took part in the water crisis program on Saturday afternoon. This three hour session explored the problems golf courses are facing from ever increasing state imposed water restrictions. Speakers from New York, New Jersey, Iowa, and Arizona spoke on water developments in their states and on strategies employed to insure golf courses access to irrigation waters. Although this session was not well attended the program was videotaped and is available to individuals who contact GCSAA in Lawrence.

The joint GCSAA/USGA research session on Monday attracted a very large audience. University researchers from across the U.S. presented papers highlighting the featured research they are conducting at their respective schools. As is the practice of GCSAA this session was audiotaped. Again, by contacting GCSAA at 1-800-472-7878 you will receive information on how to order this tape for your reference library.

Key GCSAA staff members with whom I've spoken say they are 85% satisfied with the initial Mid-Year Conference. One area of concern is the low turnout at the trade show on Sunday. It's no secret that if a company doesn't have sufficient activity level in its booth it will question continued participation in the show. We can only hope that all companies who took part in the Indianapolis show saw adequate promise in this concept and will continue their support in future years.

As of this writing no formal determination has been made as to whether there will be a second Mid-Year Conference. I understand this decision will be made sometime in November. My personal hope is that GCSAA carries on with this conference and show. I believe the interest is there, especially from those individuals who cannot attend the International gathering. This smaller scale program offers these people an opportunity to keep better abreast of developments in their field. It also sends out the message that GCSAA is not only interested in the superintendent from the big budgeted clubs, but that we have an interest in all who grow fine turfgrass.

For me personally, 'I look forward to being part of the next Mid-Year Conference, wherever it may be.







## CHIP SHOTS

On October 5, Jeff Scott of Knickerbocker CC married Kathy Fix. Congratulations!

Louis "Duke" Polidor of Madison GC was a member of the winning NJ PGA Sectional Oldsmobile Scramble held at Forest Hill Field Club. In addition to Duke, the team was made up of Bill Ryan, the Golf Pro, and three Madison GC members. Their winning score was 15 under par. This gave them the right to play against 90 other teams from across the country at the TPC Course in Houston, Texas.

Steve Finamore of Wykagyl CC in New Rochelle, NY and his lovely wife Janet were blessed with a baby boy this October.

lim Dempsey of Roselle GC is actively pursuing his black belt in karate and has made a good showing in his first karate tournament this fall.

Charlie Cifelli of Packanack Lake GC and his son have been involved in racing their speedster on the dirt tracks in the metropolitan area.

#### The Broken Drought

The prophet of disaster ceased to shout. Something was going right outside the hall. A rain, though stingy, had begun to fall That rather hurt his theory of the drought And all the great convention was about. A cheer went up that shook the mottoed wall.

He did as Shakespeare says, you may recall, Good orators will do when they are out. Yet in his heart he was unshaken sure The drought was one no spit of rain

could cure.

It was the drought of deserts. Earth would soon

Be uninhabitable as the moon.

What for that matter had it ever been? Who advised man to come and live therein?

-Robert Frost

### **GCSANJ MEMBERSHIP NEWS**

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

CLASS B	Matthew R. C	Cook, Laurel (	Oak Golf Club
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CLASS B-1. . . . . Jurgen Busch, Concordia Golf Club ..... William P. Dunlap, Jr., Morris County Park Commission ..... Thomas J. Nugent, Roselle Golf Club

A review of the new roster indicates that there are a number of "B" members who qualify for "A" memberships. Class A members shall have at least three years experience as a Golf Course Superintendent and be presently employed as such. All requests for a classification change must be submitted in writing to that member's District Director or sent to Bob Mathews, Membership Chairman, to be reviewed by the Executive Committee. It is the responsibility of the member to request a classification change.

Membership applications may be obtained from Dr. Indyk's office or from Bob Mathews, CGCS. Please send completed applications with a check for dues to Bob at Deal Golf Club, Box 387, Deal, New Jersey 07723.

## WATER WATCH

Trenton-Oct. 4, 1985-The State of NI announced the end of mandatory Phase One water restrictions in 93 northeastern communities. Statewide, the rainfall deficit has been reduced to 9.19 inches. Since August 1, 1984 a rainfall of 53.32 inches would be normal but only 44.13 inches has actually fallen over the period.





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DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	HOST
November 5	GCSANJ Annual Meeting	Meadowlands Hilton	Bob Ribbans President
November 6–8	New York Turfgrass Association Conference	Syracuse, New York	Ann Reilly Executive Director
November 11–13	Pennsylvania State University Golf Turf Conference	Keller Conference Center Pennsylvania State University	Dr. Joseph Duich Department of Agronomy
November 21–22	GCSAA Seminar: Irrigation Equipment and Technology	Providence, Rhode Island	Betsy Evans GCSAA Education Coordinator
December 2–5	New Jersey Turfgrass Expo '85	Atlantic City, New Jersey	Dr. Henry Indyk Executive Director
December 15	The Greenerside Patron Deadline	P.O. Box 143 Skillman, New Jersey	Jim Gilligan Editor
December 20	The Greenerside Advertising Copy Deadline for the January Issue	P.O. Box 143 Skillman, New Jersey	Jim Gilligan Editor
January 1	The Greenerside Editorial Copy Deadline for the January Issue	P.O. Box 143 Skillman, New Jersey	Jim Gilligan Editor
January 9 & 16	Advanced Turfgrass Course	Cook College	Ned Lipman, Director Short Courses
January 20–22	Eastern Pennsylvania Turf Conference	King of Prussia, Pennsylvania	Dr. Thomas Watschke Pennsylvania State University
January 27– February 4	GCSAA Golf Course Conference and Show	San Francisco, California	John Schilling Executive Director

**Coming in November:** The MGA will be holding a Green Committee seminar in the metropolitan area, in November, focusing on the level of conditioning desired by golfers in this area. One of the questions that will be addressed is: "What type of golf course do golfers want?" This question and other points will be explored jointly with green chairman and golf course superintendents at the seminar.

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