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The GCSAA is holding their 57th International Conference and Show in San Francisco, CA from Jan. 27th to Feb. 7th. The show features a golf tournament; seminars from computers to the Rules of Golf; an opening ceremony with Col. Charles Yeager; educational sessions that run the gamut of turfgrass management; a trade show with an unaccountable amount of exhibitors; all this and the city of San Francisco with its promise of things to see and remember.

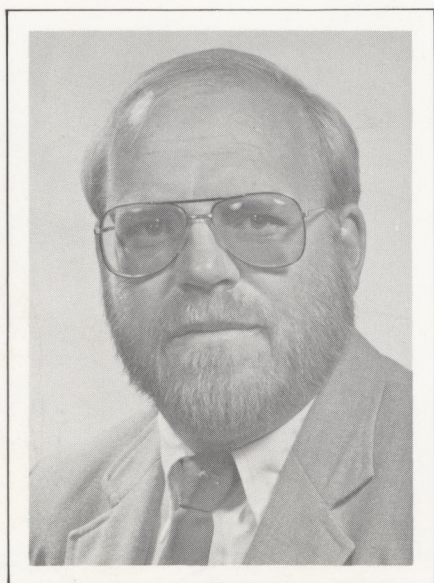
The prime benefit of attending a conference of this scope is meeting the people, namely other golf course superintendents. Regular participants of the show will be renewing acquaintances from other years; new participants will be getting the chance to meet and share ideas with superintendents from all the states. Sometimes the best ideas are discovered on the shuttlebus; in the hallways outside the seminars; or maybe the best place, the lounge or lobby of the hotel.

Since this article is offering tips and suggestions, there is one area that is must for those seeking the unusual. It is off the main floor; it is the exhibit area of the last minute exhibitors. These are usually first-time exhibitors and they normally offer new ideas and products. This off-floor area also may contain local schools and universities that have numerous publications for free. It is a very creative area.

It is on the floor where you meet everyone; fellow GCSANJ members, local sales people in for the day, GCSAA candidates shaking hands, long-lost school classmates, friends from past conventions, people you sit next to at seminars, even someone off the plane. It is tough sometimes with names unless you are quick enough to spot their name tag before they know you have forgotten their name.

For anyone who has the opportunity to travel to San Francisco for the Show it is worthwhile. You return revitalized and ready for another golf season, which is only around the corner. ■

J.F.G.



STEVEN G. CADENELLI, CGCS, Golf Course Superintendent at the developing Links at Vista Center, Jackson, NJ, has been nominated for Director of the GCSAA. Steve, who joined GCSANJ shortly after assuming his new responsibilities in June of 1985, has long been active in GCSAA affairs. A twelve-year member of GCSAA, Steve has served on the Editorial, Communication & Awards, Conference & Show, Chapter Relations, Scholarship & Research, Tournament, and Education Committees. While serving his three-year term on the Education Committee, Steve represented GCSAA at the 1982 International Turf Conference where he presented a paper, "Educating the Superintendent—USA Style." Steve has authored several articles which have been published in "Golf Course Management" and the "Green Section

Record", while also delivering numerous presentations at various conferences and university forums.

Steve is a past president of the Conn. Assoc. of G.C. Superintendents, as well as having served as Vice-President and Director while sitting on the Conn. Board for several years. He also served as Editor of the "Conn. Clippings" for five years. Steve's involvement with the Metropolitan G.C. Assoc. includes stints on the education and newsletter committees as well as serving as that chapter's GCSAA voting delegate for several years.

Steve is most appreciative of the warm welcome he has received from so many fellow supers in NJ and regardless of the GCSAA election outcomes hopes to contribute in whatever way possible to the profession in his new home state. ■

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EDITORIALS

I'D LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY to wish everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year.

First and foremost, congratulations are in order for Jim Gilligan and his staff. The "Greenerside" has again been selected as one of the best newsletters in the country. This is Jim's first year as Editor and I'm sure you all will agree that Jim's dedication and hard work has produced an outstanding publication. Beginning the new year we will be mailing a complimentary copy of the "Greenerside" to all member clubs, addressed to the President. By doing so, we hope to highlight the many aspects of our profession and association. This will be the first edition of many more to come and I'm sure will be favorably received.

Again—Mr. Gilligan Congratulations!

This year will bring a new addition to our association in the form of a past president council. The council will be comprised of all past presidents of our association still residing in NJ. They will meet three to four times a year to assist in the guidance of our association. Their expertise and experience will be a great asset in the development of a stronger organization.

A seminar is in the planning stages now for a date in late March. The topics are being discussed and details will follow shortly.

This year will bring a few changes in our association and hopefully all positive. We will be working closer with the NJ PGA and Managers Assoc. to develop better relations. All three associations are important for the future enjoyment of golf and together golf and golf courses will only improve. And that's the name of the game.

BOB RIBBANS

A New Year

EACH NEW YEAR BRINGS WITH IT a promise of change, advancement, and satisfaction. Look back at 1985 and can we pinpoint anything of these characteristics in our profession? We all make changes professionally, some of us advance and a few of us feel satisfied, but we do it individually. Can we see the same results in the GCSANJ as we see individually? I am a firm believer that we can achieve more for ourselves as a dedicated group then we can as individuals.

It means a change for most of us; we must channel some of our energy toward the group. We must help the group advance by contributing our talents and resources; but we must achieve some satisfaction from our involvement.

It has been my theory that the GCSANJ remains today as it has since its inception because of the character of the membership. The GCSANJ fills the need for professional recognition but it does not go far enough except in the time of controversy. Controversy stimulates people into action but it is short-lived; it results in individuals retiring prematurely from their involvement. It is time to stimulate the GCSANJ from a positive angle: use education, use golf; use the threat of advancement professionally; use the reward of standing at the top of the golf profession.

What does this mean? Simply, we all must involve ourselves in some degree to the working of the Association. Some suggestions: committees, meeting host, newsletter author, association representative, or as simple as helping a fellow superintendent who needs some assistance. An ounce of involvement may result in pound of satisfaction.

JIM GILLIGAN

Greenerside

THIS IS VOL. 9, NO. 1 JAN.-FEB., 1986. The golf season doesn't begin in NJ for another three months, but we are beginning our Greenerside season with this first issue of 1986.

As they say in sports, it is our first full season. We begin with a fourteen page issue that will be our standard; except the March and July issues will be eighteen pages. This issue also marks a significant increase in our distribution: we will be mailing an issue to each GCSANJ members (A,B) club president. Each member has the option of declining this additional mailing.

The new patron and advertising policy has been accepted very well by our industry sponsors. It is with their unfailing support that we are able to produce this newsletter.

In addition to the sponsors, it is important to note the support we have received from the GCSANJ officers and directors and from the membership.

Bruce Cadenelli is our new associate editor. We welcome him enthusiastically. His interest, knowledge, and skills will add to the quality of this newsletter.

The Greenerside was selected as winner in the GCSAA Newsletter Contest in the category of best original editorial content. This is an award that we share with all the GCSANJ members.

Letters to the Editor...

December 25, 1985

Jim,

Your last issue of the Greenside carried a letter in this column that was totally misunderstood. My good friend, Dennis DeSanctis wrote a totally facetious letter criticizing yours truly. Dennis and I have been friends for many years and this type of banter is not uncommon between us both. I am sorry if anyone took his letter out of context. It was never meant to be anything but a witticism.

Sincerely yours,

Ed Walsh

November 25, 1985

Dear Jim,

Just a short note to say hello and to thank you for the November-December issue of the Greenside. It just came today.

Is there something going on between Dennis DeSanctis and Ed Walsh? Just an observation.

All in all it is a very good issue as they all are. One thing I have noticed over the past few months is a reduction in the number of pictures. Perhaps I would notice it more since I read the newsletter as someone outside of the field.

I really appreciate your positive attitude and I don't know whether you are aware of it or not but you add a good dimension of affirmation and positiveness to the readers. Keep up the good work.

Peace,

Bill Gilligan

December 17, 1985

Mr. Jim Gilligan
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Dear Jim:

I just saw the release from the GCSAA recognizing The Greenside for Best Editorial. The award is certainly deserved and your publication continues to be outstanding issue after issue.

Best wishes for the holidays and again, congratulations on the award.

Very truly yours,

Jay Mottola
Executive Director, MGA

JM:Imc

Enclosures

cc: Bruce Cadenelli
Ed Walsh

Willet Wilt says:

"Gaggles of Geese"



I have been asked recently why the styrofoam swans no longer have any effect on the geese. To draw an analogy—would you be afraid of a six foot styrofoam mugger with a knife?

The USGA recently recommended that you might try getting a couple of good bird dogs to pester the geese off the golf course. This could be a problem because most of the geese have gotten so fat and happy they're bigger than most

of the dogs.

I met a golf course supt. who was somewhat confused about something his greens chairman had said. The quote was, "Those things are noisy, disruptive, and messy." The supt. couldn't figure out if his chairman was talking about the geese or a recent outing held at the club.

I have yet to find in the rules of golf what happens when you land your shot in goose droppings. I guess it depends if you are playing Summer or Winter Rules.

One golf course has put out styrofoam swans, fenced around the shore, installed sirens, thrown cherry bombs, fired a starter's pistol, bought chase dogs, and sprayed repellent. Do you realize that if the Germans had done this before D-Day, they would have probably won the War?

According to the most recent Wilt Poll, the goose has become the supt.'s greatest adversary, surpassing the weather, his labor force, his bosses, and the golfers. Have you ever tried to predict what a goose will do, or pay one to do what you want, or reason with one, or even work around a whole gaggle of them?

All are invited to attend Willet Wilt's new dialogue session. A number of noted senior supt.'s are going to reminisce on what it was like on the golf course before the geese came to roost. If interested, please contact Ken Kubik, P.O. Box 336, Mt. Freedom, NJ 07970. ■

Editor's Note: Willet Wilt has changed. The caricature accompanying his column depicts a more mature, sophisticated man of letters. Now everyone is going to want a "W W" hat.

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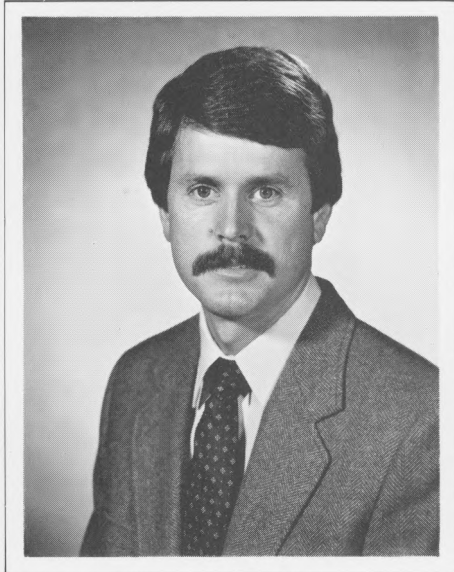
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DR. RICHARD WHITE



An important new individual was added to the staff of Rutgers University in October when Dr. Richard White joined the faculty. He assumes the post of Assistant Professor in Turfgrass Science. Besides his teaching responsibilities Dr. White will conduct an extensive research program in turfgrass management, physiology, and ecology.

Dr. White, a native of Alabama, received his B.S. and M.S. degrees from Auburn University. While at Auburn he studied under Dr. Ray Dickens. His Ph.D. was earned in Agronomy in 1985 from Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University.

The Greenerside staff recently had the opportunity to visit Dr. White. Our discussion centered on his new position, along with hopes and goals for the research program. It's interesting to note that one of the reasons Dr. White chose Rutgers was because of its standing and respectability within the scientific community. Dr. White wanted to work in this type of scientific environment. His words spoke very well for our state university.

During our talk Dr. White stated that Rutgers has recently approved \$70,000 to

be spent on better equipping his research lab. Although this is an excellent beginning more funding will be needed as the research programs grow and develop.

Coming to a new university we asked Dr. White how one goes about prioritizing and developing research projects. His response was two fold: "First, Rutgers mandates that within a five year period I publish four to six papers detailing my research work. So naturally a portion of my time will be spent on projects that can be completed within this time frame. I'll look to strike a balance between laboratory and field work. The lab work allows for very controlled conditions to be maintained so that environmental, cultural, and physiological factors which influence turfgrass growth and development can be thoroughly described, while the field work may paint a better picture of what is actually happening to turfgrass plants in their natural environment. Both laboratory and field research are necessary to improve turfgrass management practices. These papers need to be completed so that I can maintain my position, and hopefully advance at Rutgers."

"Also a major thrust of my work will deal with water use and water management by the turfgrass plant. We need to better understand why certain cultivars are more water efficient than others. Once some of these answers are found we can then take this information to the plant breeders for them to use in their programs. Knowing the water problems NJ has faced in recent years it's very important that this type of water management research be conducted."

Dr. White went on to say, "I also very much want the input from groups such as the golf course superintendents so I can better understand where your problem areas are. Once we find that common ground I can design research projects to help find the answers we need in order

to grow and maintain quality turf. Your suggestions are very important to my research work."

To more fully meet the needs of his research program Dr. White will soon be adding a research technician to his staff. Dr. White also looks to continue the bentgrass research work presently being conducted by Dr. Engel.

It soon becomes evident from talking with Richard White that Rutgers has found an intelligent, committed, hard working individual to carry on the tradition of turfgrass teaching and research begun by Ralph Engel. We can only hope that Rutgers University continues its commitment to the turfgrass program, and that professional organizations such as the GCSANJ and the NJ Turfgrass Association maintain their support at the local level. We have tremendous resources in NJ which, if properly channelled, can only enhance the reputations of Rutgers and of the individuals who grow and maintain the green carpets which abound in our state. We are very happy to have Dr. White with us in NJ. We all look to a long and productive relationship. Welcome aboard!!■

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Ribbans Back in Office

Bob Ribbans, CGCS, Fairmount CC, was re-elected President of the GCSANJ at the Annual Meeting in November. Also re-elected were **Wayne Foster**, Rockaway River CC, Vice President; **Bob Matthews**, CGCS, Deal Golf and CC, Secretary; **Wayne Ballinger**, CGCS, Glenwood CC, Treasurer; **Bob Dickison**, CGCS, Upper Montclair CC, remains Past President.

At the district level there were a number of changes. In District One, **Joe Kennedy**, Ramsay CC, was elected to second term as director. He continues to work with **Jo-Ann Ward** representing District One. District Two elected **Dan McGlynn**, Suburban GC, to replace **Chris Gaynor** who moved to District Three when he took the Pike Brook CC job. Dan will be working with **Geoff Drake**, Richmond County CC, as District Two directors. District Three elected **Nat Binns**, Hopewell Valley GC, to fill the shoes of **Charlie Edgar**, who is leaving the board. **Dave Pease**, Hominy Hill GC, will be Nat's partner in District Three. District Four elected two new directors; **Tom Grimac**, Tavistock CC and **Steve Malikowski**, Wildwood Golf and CC. They take the places of **John Boyer**, Seaview CC and **Len Forlenza**, Riverton CC.■

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GCSANJ in Atlantic City

The 1985 Turfgrass EXPO in Atlantic City provided the GCSANJ with a couple of firsts. For the first time the GCSANJ was represented as an exhibitor in the EXPO Trade Show. The GCSANJ newsletter staff manned a booth, exhibiting Greenerside information for perspective patrons and advertisers; dispensing copies of the newsletter and also GCSAA literature; fielding questions from lost superintendents; directing GCSANJ members to the hospitality suite; generally creating a favorable impression.

The second first at EXPO was the hospitality suite hosted by the GCSANJ officers and directors for the members. It was very successful. The suite was full and the bar was being emptied as quick as it could be replenished.

Henry Indyk, EXPO General Chairman, was instrumental in making arrangements for both of these events.■

The Greenerside—A Winner!

The Greenerside, a bi-monthly newsletter of the Golf Course Superintendents Assoc., was named a winner in the GCSAA Chapter Newsletter Contest. James M. Taylor, Sr., CGCS Chairman, Communications/Awards Committee announced the award.

The GCSAA Chapter Newsletter Contest has seven categories. Three are best overall in size categories: A—fewer than 30 members; B—30 to 70 members; C—more than 70 members. The remaining categories are: best cover, best flag design, best original content, and best format and readability.

The Greenerside was awarded the Best Original Editorial Content.

Editor **Jim Gilligan** will receive the award and recognition during the GCSAA's 57th Annual International Golf Course Conference and Show in San Francisco, CA, January 27–February 4, 1986.

Jim Gilligan succeeded **Ed Walsh** as editor in March, 1985. During Mr. Walsh's tenure of six years the Greenerside had been a consistent winner in the Contest. Mr. Gilligan seems to carry on a rich tradition. It is a proud accomplishment for the GCSANJ.■

Research Funds

The GCSANJ 1985 Research Committee Chairman **Charlie Edgar** reported the following donations were approved by the GCSANJ Executive Board:

\$1,000—to the MGA Green Committee Research Fund.

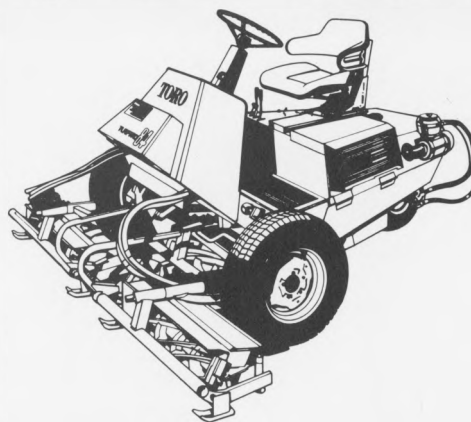
\$1,000—to the USGA/GCSAA Turf Research Fund.

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\$500—to the New Jersey Agricultural Museum.■

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Officers

QUESTION—Increased water restrictions, growing public concerns over pesticide usage are only two problems facing the golf course superintendent. What role should GCSAA take in assisting the Superintendent and his club in managing these problem areas?

Hearn—GCSAA should provide assistance when legislation affecting us is proposed. One of the major problems GCSAA faces are the potential regulations from the federal level as well as from fifty state legislatures. Obviously, this makes GCSAA's task extremely difficult. Our Association can't do it alone. Members must communicate their experiences to Headquarters so current information can be made available to others when the need arises. In this way GCSAA can serve as a central point of information.

Laake—GCSAA, by nature of its non-profit status, is forbidden to take a direct part in any lobbying efforts. However, there are other legal means GCSAA can use to insure that only fair legitimate controls are placed on our profession. Among them are: 1) Gather and disseminate the facts, such as GCSAA did with the water conference. 2) Provide assistance in publishing these facts both on the national and on the state level. 3) Encourage and assist golf course superintendents, and other experts with talks or when testimony is necessary.

Taylor—Educate. Educate not only the superintendent in how to be more efficient in his operation and to be aware of his environment but also educate those in local and state government and the general public as to the true impact that the golf course has on the total community.

I also feel in the area of water restrictions due to water shortages that the on going research into trying to develop grasses that are more drought tolerant must remain a high priority not only for GCSAA but for the whole turf industry.

FOR THE PAST number of years the voting delegates of GCSANJ, in conjunction with "The Greenside", has developed a series of questions which we ask the nominees for office to GCSAA to answer. Each year all candidates have been honest and forthright in their responses. As a service to all GCSAA members the full, unedited answers have been mailed, with the consent of all candidates, to the various voting delegates across the US.

Candidates for election at the International Conference & Show in San Francisco are:

For President—**Riley L. Stottern**, CGCS Utah

For Vice-President—**Donald E. Hearn**, CGCS Massachusetts, **John E. Laake**, CGCS Ohio, **James M. Taylor, Sr.**, CGCS Texas

For Director—**Stanley Boraski**, CGCS North Carolina, **Stephen G. Cadenelli**, CGCS New Jersey, **Gerald L. Faubel**, CGCS Michigan, **William R. Roberts**, CGCS Wisconsin, **Kenneth A. Sakai**, CGCS California

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CANDIDATES RESPOND

Directors

QUESTION—The Nominating Committee has selected you as a worthy candidate for election to the governing body of our National Association. Briefly discuss your strengths as a candidate, and the abilities you would bring to GCSAA with your election.

Boraski—I feel I have a vast amount of experience as a golf course superintendent. I have been a member of GCSAA for 30 years. I have been a Certified Golf Course Superintendent since the very beginning and I have been re-certified twice. I feel that I have leadership qualities and the ability to get the job done. I feel that I have many new ideas that would help the superintendent. I have gained a great deal by being a member of the GCSAA and would like to give a little back.

Cadenelli—The strengths and abilities which I believe I offer as a candidate for GCSAA Director stem mainly from a background of involvement and learning through experiences offered by that involvement. Serving on the Connecticut Board for some seven years, two as President; more than eight years of working on the Connecticut newsletter, five as Editor; sitting on numerous committees of the Connecticut and Metropolitan associations have been most helpful. Serving as a GCSAA Voting Delegate for several years, and sitting on some seven GCSAA committees over the years has given me a great deal of understanding into the workings of our National Association. I'm hopeful of translating what I have learned into meaningful, useful action on behalf of the individuals in our profession.

Faubel—Having actively served on various committees on local, state and national levels, it has given me the opportunity to serve my chosen profession. I feel my understanding of how an organization is operated is very clear. An organization exists because of its membership, not in spite of its membership. We must work toward our specific goals and have our total efforts placed towards their accomplishment. What can I do for GCSAA—Work for our organization for the benefit of turf and do it in the name of GCSAA.

Roberts—I believe I can offer qualification and commitment to the role I seek as a Director of GCSAA. I believe my activities in the Wisconsin GCSA, including my roles as Newsletter Editor, Secretary, Vice-President, and, currently, as President, have given me a background in leadership that is vital to success. Further, I know that the environments in which I have pursued my profession have helped prepare me for the position by giving me a broad base of organizational, communication and planning experience from which to draw. It is my intention, if elected, to pursue this role with hard work, an eye for detail, enthusiasm and an open mind to the concerns and input of the GCSAA membership.

Sakai—The strength of my candidacy is my involvement and belief in our system. This feeling exudes within me and, as witness, my State Association believes in that. Abilities which I bring to the Board are sound reasoning practices, the ability to listen at all levels and most of all, to admit that I can make mistakes.

QUESTION—A number of superintendents in New Jersey have serious reservations about the new attestor rules now involved in the certification process. What are your thoughts on this "peer review" provision, and does it improve the certification program?

Boraski—I am not really in favor of the "peer review" provision. I do not really feel that it improves the certification program. I really don't think that any superintendent has to worry about the "peer review".

Cadenelli—I hesitate to label the attestor provision within the upgraded certification program as "peer review" because one, I do not believe that is what is intended by the attestor requirement and secondly, there are various alternatives that one can take in fulfilling the requirements in question. More importantly, it must be recognized that the attestor requirement was developed as a solution to the ever-stated criticism of the program, "can the individual seeking certification grow grass."

I can understand and somewhat sympathize with those who feel uncomfortable with fellow superintendents, "albeit certified superintendents", judging their competence as turf managers. But who is to judge? There exists many possibilities and should the cry for a change in the attestor requirement grow loud enough it seems likely that other possibilities could be tried.

Faubel—The attestor "rules" involved in becoming a Certified Golf Course Superintendent are for the benefit of the program and the individual. As I see the attestor program, it is to verify that each person becoming a CGCS is a true professional and to insure the validity of the program. The person being judged is not in an adversarial position. No one should feel threatened unless they have something to hide. This portion should not be perceived as negative.

Roberts—In fact, the attestor program helps remove the old criticism that Certification could only judge one's ability to take a test and did not evaluate one's ability to grow grass.

In order that the attestor standards be applicable for an individual throughout the industry and not simply on an individual "club" level, I would hope that the selection attestors could be made a more objective process. There appears to be a stigma attached to the selection of attestors by the applicant and it may be possible to make the process even more meaningful by having GCSAA designate qualified and objective individuals to complete the evaluation.

Sakai—While I'm proud of our certification program, I am also very critical of some of its workings. We must admit that our certification program is the only path to being fully accepted as a truly professional organization. Every other organization has achieved an increased competence level due to this structuring.

Peer review is "an idea whose time has not yet come". I do not want to be checked off due to friendship, position, or golf course status. I want to be graded against the highest levels. If peer reviewing continues, perhaps we can assemble a semi-permanent committee to review the applications. In that order, our standards would be consistent throughout the procedure.

See you in San Francisco!

Thoughts from the X-Editor



We have the opportunity this year to support and encourage others to support the candidacy for National Office of one of our own. Steve Cadenelli, Superintendent at Vista Center, Jackson Township, is a candidate for the GCSAA Board of Directors. I have personally known Steve for the past eight years and have always found him to be an extremely conscientious, positive thinking, strong willed individual. He has been a past Board Member of the Connecticut Golf Course Superintendent's Association and continued on their Board until he reached the Presidency, a position which he held for two years. He is

well liked and equally well respected by his fellow superintendents. I became familiar with Steve as the Editor of the Connecticut Association's newsletter and worked along side him as a member of the GCSAA Educational Committee.

If you are looking for someone who is constantly mid-stream, Steve is not your man. If you are looking for someone who will continually go with the flow to appease someone, Steve, is not your man. If you are looking for someone who places being liked over being respected, Steve, is not your man. But if you are looking for someone who takes a stand in a belief, a positive direction, and productivity, then Steve Cadenelli should get your support.

If this sounds like a campaign pitch, you are right. Having been involved with local and National elections, I feel my past experience allows me to be this direct.

Some may question why we support a candidate who has only been a resident in our state for such a short period of time. To you I say, as your "Voting Delegate", I would make the same commitment to Steve's candidacy if he were still employed in Connecticut. He ran very strong as a candidate off the floor in 1985. He is an exceptionally strong candidate throughout the entire country and having him in our professional ranks in New Jersey is an asset we must utilize.■

CORE AND CATEGORY TEST DATES AND LOCATIONS FOR 1986

| LOCATION | DATE | LOCATION | DATE |
|-----------------------------------|---------|----------------------------------|---------|
| Atlantic County Extension Service | Jan. 13 | NJ Dept. of Env. Protection | Jan. 7 |
| 1200 West Harding Highway | Feb. 10 | Bureau of Pesticide Control | Feb. 4 |
| Mays Landing, NJ | Mar. 11 | 380 Scotch Road, West Trenton NJ | Mar. 4 |
| Camden County Extension Service | Jan. 28 | Sussex County Extension Service | Jan. 20 |
| 152 Ohio Avenue | Feb. 26 | St. Paul's Abbey (Rt. 206) | Feb. 24 |
| Clementon, NJ | Mar. 20 | South of Newton, NJ | Mar. 24 |
| Monmouth County Extension Serv. | Jan. 16 | Union County Extension Service | Jan. 23 |
| 20 Court Street | Feb. 6 | 300 North Avenue East | Feb. 18 |
| Freehold, NJ | Mar. 17 | Westfield, NJ | Mar. 18 |

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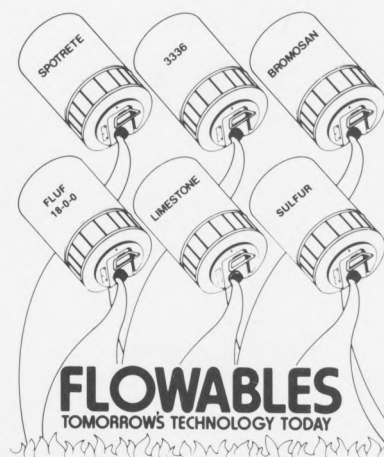
by Harvey C. Dreibelbis

With the water shortage and the drought in different areas of NJ, the golf course superintendent had a good chance to observe and learn a little more about the care of grass on a golf course.

While playing some of these courses with restricted irrigation, the grass on the fairways had died, the fairways were brown, and yet one inch in the rough the grass was green and surviving. Did the superintendent observe why the grass was nice in the rough and did not survive in the fairways???

Yes, the remarks are, "the players want the grass cut short in the fairways to get more roll with the ball." When hot dry weather sets in, and when the grass plant is cut so short that there are hardly any leaf to the plant left to take anything from the air to support the plant, thus weakens the entire plant.

Now the question: "What comes first, the golf course or the player?" Before golf can be played, the golf course is first and the players come second. Here is where the superintendent should explain to the players, that in dry weather the grass has to be mowed higher to preserve the grass. Even when the grass is cut higher each golf player has the same course to play like his opponent.■



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A Midsummer's Nightmare —The 1985 Drought

ROBERT DICKISON

New Jersey golf courses free of water restrictions in 1985 had a good year for the most part. If there was water, there were few major problems.

Those of us, who were placed under water restriction survived a tough season fairly well. Some courses looked better than others, but considering all things the damage could have been greater. Turf was lost, mostly *Poa annua*. One of the effects of the lack of water was the invasion of weeds into the weakened turf. It will be a while before these pests can be eradicated. Without the use of water overseedings had to be repeated four or five times; numerous chemical applications had to be postponed or cancelled; and most troublesome was answering all the complaints from a uninformed golfing public. The drought seems to be over and the restrictions have been lifted. But I am not sure things will ever be the same.

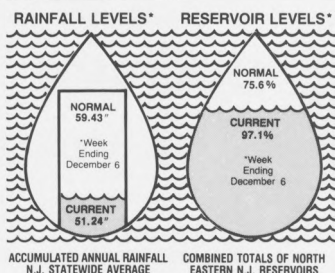
It was hard to understand the reasoning behind the DEP and their restrictions and harder yet to comply with them. For those who did follow the restrictions I commend you for showing that our industry is willing to cooperate with the government under trying and questionable times.

We have found that the way to improve our position is through discussions with the DEP not by circumventing the regulations. We had many discussions this year with the water task force and although it took longer than I would have liked we did see some progress. Although we cannot see what future summers will be like, it seems that the outlook is good for a unrestricted year in 1986. In 1987 restrictions will be placed on some courses in the Monmouth County area that use water from certain aquifers. These courses will be able to develop other water sources to compensate for their reductions.

In the near future we expect to lay the ground work for future restrictions. If we act now maybe the consequences won't be as harsh in the future.■

WATER WATCH

Trenton, NJ—Nov. 1, 1985. The NJ DEP lifted mandatory water restrictions in the remaining 121 communities, thereby officially ending the 1985 drought. But NJ droughts are never over, they go into remission. NJ remains in a water shortage cycle, but it is hoped voluntary conservation efforts will forestall the implementation of renewed restrictions.



Quiz

Evapotranspiration—the evaporative processes that occur from the soil and the transpiration from the plants growing thereon.

QUESTION—What is the normal, and maximum daily water use rates on turfgrasses?

Normal water use rates:

- A. .05 to .1 inches per day
- B. .1 to .2 inches per day
- C. .1 to .3 inches per day

Maximum water use rates:

- D. .3 inches per day
- E. .45 inches per day
- F. .5 inches per day

CORRECT ANSWERS—C and E.

IN THE ROUGH WITH BRUCE



It's neat having a public forum to express your thoughts. From time to time I'll surely take advantage of this situation and let my thoughts ramble. I hope never to be sermonic, just intelligent, witty, and insightful. Lofty expectations!!

Sometimes I think being a golf course superintendent means always being a little bit unhappy. It's either too hot, too dry, too windy, too rainy, or too something. It can get you down when some of your success is based on factors out of your control.

In the song "Flashdance" there is a line that says: "Get your passions and make them happen". I'm not talking women here, I'm talking GCSANJ. I believe it's time more of us got passionate about our state association. Yes, I know it sounds corny and trite, but the bottom line is we need more people to share the work load. I also know you've heard this before. Sociologists state we must be exposed to an idea seven times before it registers and is remembered. Let's all make believe that this is at least the seventh time we've heard this. So now that we're all exposed, why not do your part, pitch in, and help make your state professional association just a little bit better. Your involvement can start with hosting a monthly meeting, and carry on from there. Think about it.

One of the finest men in golf is Geoffrey Cornish. It's always a delight to visit with him and discuss the history of golf course architecture. Not really a discussion, more a student listening to a grand master. One of my favorite stories he tells relates to the architect Walter Travis. Of the many fine courses Travis designed his personal favorite was Ekwanok C.C. in Vermont. Mr. Travis so loved this area he is buried off the 14th hole at Ekwanok. His tombstone is simply inscribed "Here lies Walter Travis, slightly out of bounds".■

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Names in the News

Dr. Henry Indyk, GCSANJ Executive Director, was named to the NJ Turfgrass Assoc. Hall of Fame at the NJ Turfgrass Expo '85 in Atlantic City, NJ. Dr. Indyk has been the driving force behind the Turfgrass Expo since its inception in 1971. Congratulations, Henry.

Richard T. Dewling, NJ DEP Deputy Commissioner and 1985 Drought Coordinator has been named to succeed Robert Hughey as Commissioner of the NJ DEP.

Joseph De Santis has been re-elected to second term as President of the NJ Turfgrass Association. **Dave McGee**, Fiddlers Elbow continues as immediate Past President.

LPGA Hall of Fame member **Patty Berg** will receive the GCSAA's prestigious Old Tom

Morris Award at GCSAA's 57th Annual International Golf Course Conference and Show this coming winter in San Francisco.

Dr. Stephen J. Kleinschuster became Dean of Cook College and Director of the NJ Agricultural Experiment Station on July 1, 1985. He served in the same capacity at the University of New Hampshire before coming to Cook College.

The NY State Turfgrass Assoc. has presented its highest honor, the Citation of Merit, to **Melvin B. Lucas, Jr.** The award was presented at the Association's recent turfgrass conference and trade show held in Syracuse, NY.

The GCSANJ Board of Directors honored **Helen Penska**, Dr. Indyk's secretary, who has retired from Cook College after many years of service.

Super Hobbies

Dan McGlynn, Suburban CC—Woodworking with tools to prove it.

Frank Caravella, Ass't Greenbrook CC—Tropical fish aquarium nut!

Bill Feury, President, Terre Co. of NJ—White water rafting.

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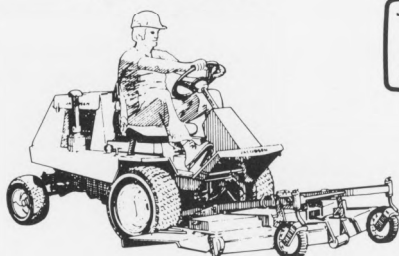
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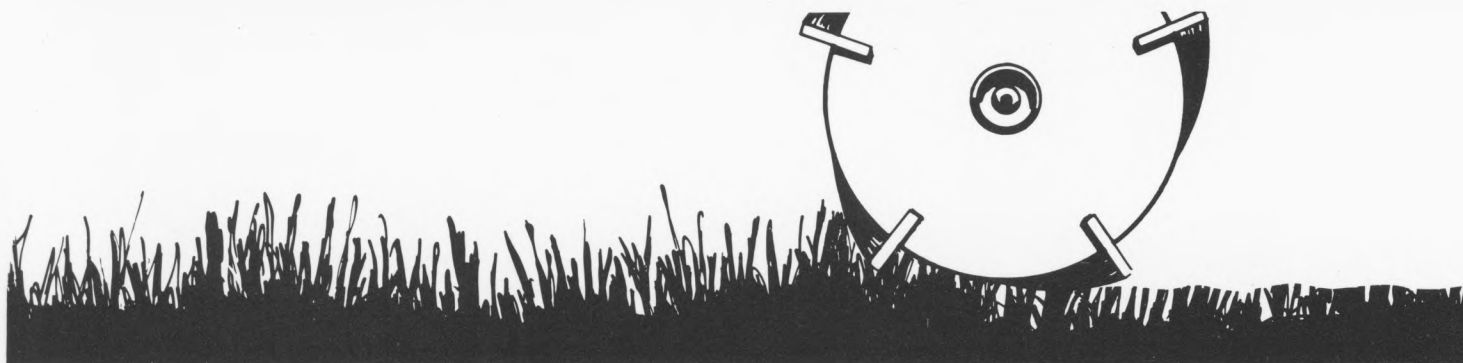
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Chip Shots

In November in Freeport of the Bahamas, **Tim McAvoy** of Fox Hollow GC was a member of the team which won the International Pro-Am. The rest of the team was made-up of two other amateurs and Tim's brother Mark, the Pro at Fox Hollow.

Ed Walsh's assistant at Ridgewood CC **Dick La Flamme** has been retained as the new GC Supt. at Lake Mohawk GC. **Chris Carson** will be the new GC Supt. at Echo Lake CC. **Bruce Peebles** of Monmouth County's Howell GC will be the new GC Supt. at Spring Lake CC.

Mike Hannigan, formerly of the Greener-side staff, is now the editor of the New England GC Supt. Newsletter.

New Arrivals

Dave Lerner of Guardian Development Corp. and his wife **Leslie** were blessed with the birth of a baby boy in December. His name is Jordan Scott, and both he and mom are doing fine.

A baby girl, Laura Grace, was born to **Jeff** and **Cheryl Allan** of Rumson Country Club in December.

Mike and Debbie Caravella, Hill and Dale CC are proud parents of their new baby girl, Laura Catherine.

Marathon Man

Greg Brand, Turf Products Corporation, ran in the 1985 NYC Marathon. He finished 5,156 out of 19,230 runners. His time was 3:45:57. This being his rookie run, Greg was well satisfied. Congratulations, Greg.

GCSANJ Membership News

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

CLASS A George E. Scherer, Mt. Tabor Country Club

CLASS B David Richards, Warrenbrook Golf Club

CLASS B-1 Richard F. Reidinger, Lake Mohawk Golf Club

CLASS C Pat O'Neil, The Terre Company
..... John J. Scara, Package Pavement Co.

The following change of status requests were approved by the Exec. Committee:

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| Gary Stedman, Battleground Country Club | from B to A |
| David R. Pease, Monmouth County Golf Course | from B to A |
| Joseph E. Mack, Shark River Golf Club | from B to A |
| David A. Heroian, Rockland Country Club | from B to A |
| Joseph Gunson, Cranbury Golf Club | from B to A |
| Fred Allan, Seabright Lawn Tennis Club | from B to A |
| Harvey C. Dreibelbis | from A to Life A |

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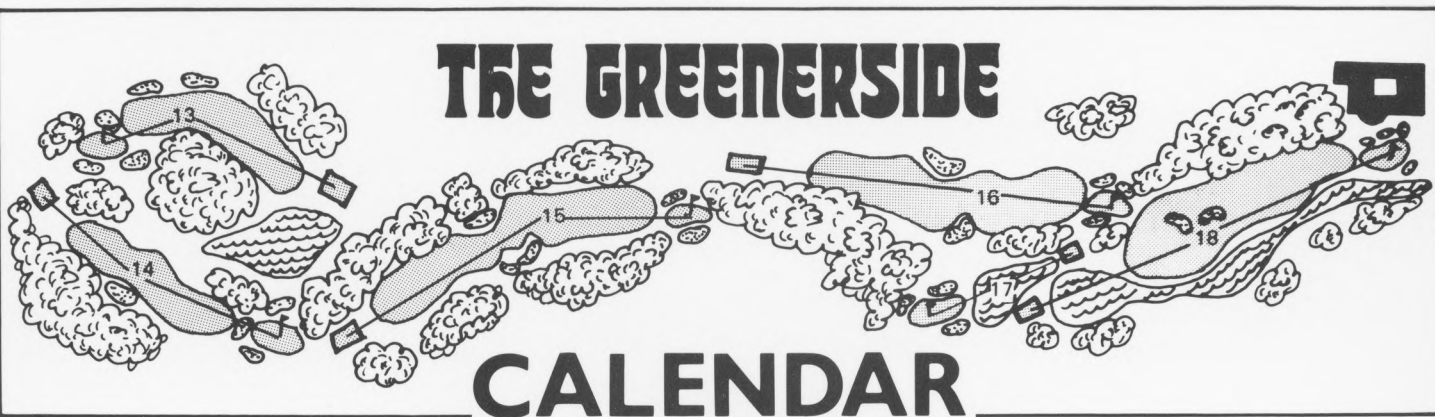
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CALENDAR

GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENTS ASSOCIATION OF NEW JERSEY

| EVENT | DATE | LOCATION | HOST |
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| GCSAA Golf Course Conference and Show | January 27–February 4 | San Francisco, California | John Schilling Executive Director |
| North Jersey Turf Institute | February 5 | Robin Hood Inn Clifton, New Jersey | Dr. Henry Indyk |
| South Jersey Grounds Conference | February 13 | Flanders Hotel Ocean City, New Jersey | Dr. Henry Indyk |
| The Greenside Advertising Copy Deadline for the March Issue | February 20 | P.O. Box 143 Skillman, NJ 08558 | Jim Gilligan Editor |
| The Greenside Editorial Copy Deadline for the March Issue | March 1 | P.O. Box 143 Skillman, NJ 08558 | Jim Gilligan Editor |
| New Jersey Flower & Garden Show | March 1–9 | Morristown, New Jersey | New Jersey Flower & Garden Show, Inc. |
| Massachusetts Turf Conference | March 4–6 | Springfield, Massachusetts | Dr. Joseph Troll |
| Landscape Expo | March 5–7 | Valley Forge, Pennsylvania | HBJ Expo |
| Central Jersey Turf Institute | March 11 | Sheraton Gardens Freehold, New Jersey | Dr. Henry Indyk |
| Central Jersey Turf Institute | March 12 | 4-H Center Somerville, New Jersey | Dr. Henry Indyk |
| Central Jersey Turf Institute | March 13 | Angeloni's, Rt. 533 Hamilton Township, New Jersey | Dr. Henry Indyk |
| The Greenside Publication Date | March 20 | Skillman, New Jersey | Jim Gilligan Editor |
| GCSAA Seminar: Golf Course Design Principles | March 26–27 | Albany, New York | GCSAA |
| GCSAA Seminar: Environmental and Water Issues in the Northeast | April 7–8 | Cape Cod, Massachusetts | GCSAA |
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