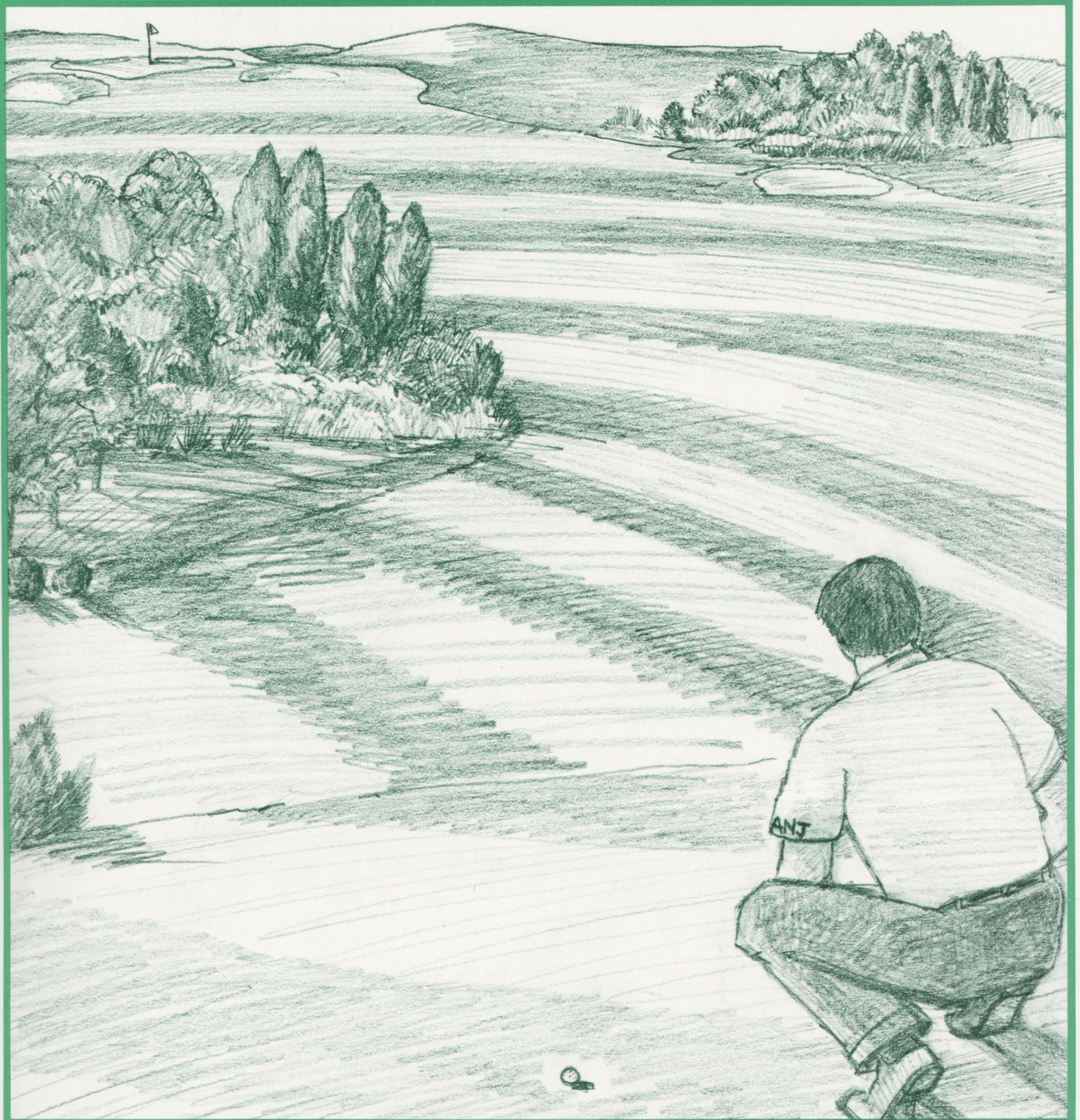


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What's Ahead?

WE ARE ENTERING the early phases of another golf season in New Jersey. The Flower Show, GCSAA Spring Seminar, NJPGA Golf Show are all signs that *Poa annua*, *Agrostis palustris* and *Lolium perenne* are awakening from a deep winters' rest.

Can we anticipate the turfgrass conditions this season? We know the drought has receded and does not pose a threat. We don't know how the fungal organisms overwintered. We can assume that there will be little or no winter disease or dissection; it is never safe to assume anything but looking at its' dormancy it appears healthy. What about those little white grubs that have been plaguing us for the past few seasons? Has nature in its own way thinned down the population? If it is not white grubs, what about chinchbugs, black turfgrass atenius or a sod webworm. Working with nature leaves these questions unanswered.

In preparing for the coming golf season we need to draw on our experiences, our skills, and our physical and mental strengths to manage ourselves and the grass through the entire season.

JIM GILLIGAN

"Whoever could make two ears of corn, or two blades of grass, to grow upon a spot of ground where only one grew before, would deserve better of mankind, and do more essential service to his country, than the whole race of politicians put together."

Jonathan Swift: Gulliver's Travels, II, 1726

Who Is Coming For Dinner?

DURING THE OFF-SEASON thoughts of better jobs, more money, and less headaches danced around in the minds of many golf course superintendents. In this business it is a truism "that the grass is always greener on the other golf course". Resumes are updated, references cleared and suits cleaned for potential interviews that most of us never get to.

It is interesting that during this past winter eight superintendents assumed new responsibilities here in New Jersey.

For those who join us from the outer regions of Connecticut, Pennsylvania and Long Island we welcome you to the land of the GCSANJ. To those prodigal sons who have returned from the wilderness, welcome back! To those who merely changed exits on the Garden State Parkway, thanks for staying.

Good luck to all of you!

JIM GILLIGAN

Guest Editorial

A Fair Price and a Fair Profit

OVER THE YEARS I have been in this field, there has been a tremendous drop in gross profit. Many of the turf managers are looking for the lowest price they can get. This seems to them like a fair way of purchasing for their club. I personally feel that there should be other considerations kept in mind when purchasing. The following are just a few:

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As far as profit margins are concerned, we are down to rock bottom. Years ago they may have been high, but they are now becoming too low. Why should turf managers be concerned? If we cannot make a fair profit in this field, we will get into something else. We have our obligations to banks, manufacturers, etc. There is a great risk even in a small business. If your distributor goes into another field and you only have one or two to buy from, you will see what happens to the price of materials. It is to your club's and your advantage to see that the distributors stop around to sell and service your needs.

I feel you should not always buy at the lowest price or highest price, but at a *Fair Price* and a *Fair Profit* for the distributor.

BERT JONES

NEW LOBBYIST

The GCSANJ Board of Directors has entered into a partnership with the NJ Turfgrass Association and the Irrigation Association of NJ. They have hired Russel F. Bent, Willingboro, NJ to be their governmental relations representative in Trenton. The GCSANJ is supporting this endeavor with a 25% contribution, the same as the Irrigation Association. The Turfgrass Association is maintaining the remaining 50%.

The former partnership with the NJ State Golf Association was dissolved because of different interests.

Mr. Bent had helped the irrigation people through the 1985 Drought situation with the NJDEP. Bob Dickison is continuing as the GCSANJ Governmental Relations Chairman.

In the next issue of The Greenside we will be focusing on the laws and policies of the different government agencies that impact our industry. ■

Meeting Policy

We are printing the GCSANJ meeting policy as a reminder to our members that this year the policy will be enforced. Every member planning to attend the monthly golf meeting has a responsibility to respond and make a commitment to attend. Members or guests who do not make a reservation will not be allowed to participate.

This policy has to be enforced in order to prevent a repeat of two embarrassing incidents last year. At one meeting we did not meet our dinner commitment and we had to pay for the absentees. At a second meeting we had the opposite problem; too many people. This caused some consternation among the club staff and GCSANJ management.

POLICIES

A. Guest Policy

1. Each member is allowed *one* guest per meeting and only *two* guests total per year, except for guests who are golf club officials.
2. Guests must not sign for expenses at a meeting. Any member bringing a guest must sign for him.

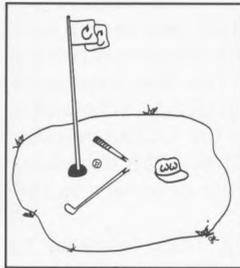
B. Attendance Policy

Attendance will not be permitted without proper reservations made by return of the card provided with the Meeting Notice within the specified deadline date or by a phone call to the Executive Director's office no later than 48 hours before the scheduled meeting date.

C. Cancellation Policy

If reservation(s) are made but unable to attend for unforeseen reasons, cancellation of reservation(s) will be required and accepted up to 48 hours before the scheduled meeting. Any reservations which are not cancelled within the prescribed period will be billed and obligated for payment of dinner cost.

Willet Wilt says:



This is the time of year when the GC Superintendent is urged to attend various seminars relating to the industry. Willet Wilt has a series of possible seminars that we really need, as follows:

English for the Foreign Born This seminar is designed to aid the GC Supt. in communicating with his crew.

Riding Mowers vs. Walk-Behind Mowers This seminar will concentrate on getting enough able-bodied employees to survive a full season of walk-behind mowers.

Pesticide Usage in the 1990's This course should be very interesting since most companies can't afford to develop any

new compounds, and those that do can't get them through the E.P.A.

Making Your Own Tee Markers This hands-on course will explore some of the creative materials you can make tee markers from, such as wood, pineapples, salt dough, bagels, paper mache, old golf cart tires, etc.

Golf Instruction This seminar will be especially beneficial to the 25 plus handicap GCSANJ member who is tired of embarrassing himself at monthly meetings.

Ball Washer Repair This has always been everyone's favorite, because it is a 7 to 14 day seminar held on the southwest coast of Florida.

GC Supt. & the Salesman This seminar will describe the best places to hide until the Salesman goes away.

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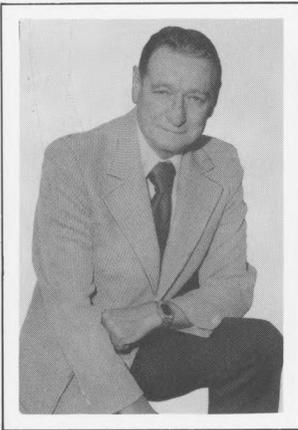
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CLEARY ESTABLISHES SCHOLARSHIP

The W.A. Cleary Corporation, Somerset, NJ recently honored their former president and technical director by initiating an \$8,000 scholarship, \$2,000 per year for the next four years in Paul Sartoretto's name. The donation is being made to the GCSAA Scholarship Fund. The first installment was presented to Gerald Faubel, CGCS, GCSAA Scholarship and Research Committee Chairman at the GCSAA Annual Banquet in San Francisco by Barbara Cleary. This donation coincides with Dr. Sartoretto's 40th year of service to the golf course industry.

Paul earned his BS degree in 1933, followed by his MS in 1934, and finally his Ph.D. in 1937 from the University of Notre Dame, South Bend, Indiana. Paul began his academic career at Notre Dame as a sixteen year-old freshman from Wyoming and completed all his degree programs in eight years. He taught at the university level for a number of years before entering the military service during World War II. It was during this period that he first took an interest in fungicides that were being used to control mildew in the tropics. Following his military service he entered private research and worked on a fungicide called PMAS which he developed as a turfgrass fungicide.

Paul sent samples of this product to the University of Rhode Island Research Station, to be field tested by Dr. Frank Howard as a fungicide. The fungicidal properties were evident but the biggest surprise in the trials was the herbicidal action PMAS showed in controlling crabgrass in bentgrass turf. It was a Research Station assistant by the name of Charlie Allen who brought this discovery to the attention of the Drs. Howard and Sartoretto. This prompted W.A. Cleary to market PMAS as both a fungicide and herbicide. PMAS at that time was only sold in one gallon jugs; but handled very carefully.

During a lull in the trade show in San Francisco Paul related a story how he had visited Baltusrol with O.J. Noer. The occasion was to show the work Ed Casey had been doing with PMAS for crabgrass control. They were evaluating one fairway that had been treated with PMAS and they were amazed at the dollar spot control on one-half of the fairway and none on the other. At this time PMAS couldn't decide whether it was a better herbicide or fungicide. Paul knew it could do both.

Paul asked Mr. Casey to consult with his spray man to explain the difference. Casey learned if he had left early and had not refilled the tank to complete the fairway, thus creating obvious overnight dollar spot infestation. It seems this wayward operator was a part-time musician and had a gig that night and music being important to him at that stage of his life figured he could finish in the morning. That musician matured and came to his senses and became a golf course superintendent. In those days he had the name "Red", today we know him as "Al as in Caravella". Paul still remains friends with Al today.

Paul continued his work with Cleary's developing mixtures for compatible tank mixing. He formulated rules and guidelines for the safe use of tank mixing fungicides and herbicides.

He advocated the use of nutritive and mineral elements to be added to spray mixes to strengthen the grass plant when it is under stress from applications of varied chemicals.

He began early to convert Cleary's wettable powder products to the safer liquid flowables.

Paul has been a valuable friend of the golf course superintendent here in New Jersey and throughout the country. He is a charter member of group that plays a confusing game with numbers and dollar bills.

Even in his retirement Paul is seen and listened to at many local and national education meetings. This scholarship is a tribute to a fine man. ■

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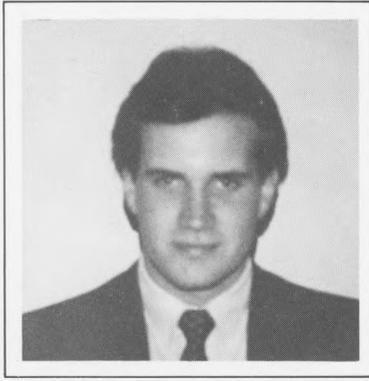
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JOHN NICHOLS

With a new golf season around the corner, golf course superintendents are making plans for the season ahead. One of the important priorities for a golf course superintendent is hiring new people for his crew. Spring also means graduation for many turfgrass students, most of whom are looking for good jobs. I am a senior in the two year turfgrass management course at Rutgers University, and will be graduating in March. I will be working at the Denver Country Club, in Denver, Colorado. I do know how difficult it can be for some students to find work, and I hope to be able to share some helpful information with turfgrass students looking for the best possible job.

First, a comprehensive resume is important. I think of it as a tool in which I use to sell myself to a prospective employer. I have been adding to my resume since I first began working on a golf course. Once you have made a decision for a career in golf course maintenance, you should try to work at a course where there is opportunity for advancement and position experience. A well respected golf course will have the opportunity for learning and advancement.

Education is the second ingredient that I have incorporated into my career. In addition to earning my certificate at Rutgers, I have attended the National Turfgrass Conference in Washington, as well as local conferences, trade shows seminars, that increase my knowledge of the turfgrass field. These were incorporated into my resume.

One of my biggest assets I have earned as my career progressed, were the people I met. Get to know your area USGA green section representative, local superintendents, commercial reps, your greens chairman, members, or anyone who can help you later in the future. All of these things such as where you work, who you get to know and the education you get will help you build a resume and eventually help to get you a good job.

One of the things that helped me the most was the fact that I was willing to travel. I started in the business in 1978 at the Milwaukee Country Club under Danny Quast. After eight years on the grounds crew, I decided to go to school and in doing so, enrolled at Rutgers. Between my first and second year of school, I wrote to Cherry Hills Country Club in Denver, Colorado, requesting work for the summer. Not only did I secure a position, I earned valuable experience in a different region of the country. This opportunity enabled me to be involved in preparing and maintaining the course for the 1985 PGA Championship. The entire summer was a valuable experience; once which I will never forget. I encourage everyone who has the opportunity to work in different regions, take it! It is a way to learn different maintenance techniques, to know people, and travel. It's not easy to just pick up and move to another part of the country, but the experience gained will make it much easier to come home.■

John Nichols is a native of Milwaukee, Wisconsin and is presently finishing his second and final year at the Rutgers Turfgrass Course. He will be working this year at the Denver Country Club, Colorado.



GCSAA Director's Column

STEVE CADENELLI, CGCS

Writing this column as a new member of GCSAA's Board of Directors is certainly a pleasure and a labor of love. The opportunity of serving the membership of GCSAA is a welcome challenge to which I pledge a total effort.

I am extremely thankful for the tremendous support of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of New Jersey and the many individuals within our association who helped in the electoral process. My sincere thanks and appreciation goes out to each of you.

The coming year holds great potential for GCSAA. There exists a tremendous enthusiasm at the Board level and within staff to do all that is possible to better serve the needs of all members. Presently, standing committees are being formed for the new year when most ongoing association programs will be evaluated. Obviously, any changes deemed beneficial and realistic will be made if at all possible. The enhancement of our profession is the utmost goal of the collective mind of the Board and staff.

While the successful attainment of stated goals is the responsibility of Board members and staff, it is the communication of members' wants, complaints, thoughts, criticisms, ideas, etc. that fuels the goal stating process. In short—let your thoughts be known. Don't hesitate to contact me, other Board members, or staff members at anytime. Your input is essential.

Thank you again! I look forward to working with all of you during the coming year.■

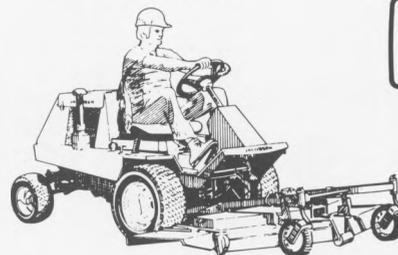
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—BENJAMIN DISRAELI Nov. 9, 1879

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To curtail usage from these aquifers the DEP has developed the following plan:

1. 1983 will be used as the base level of water usage.
2. restrictions will be 40% to 50% of the actual water used in 1983.

By January 1, 1987 all individuals drawing from these aquifers have to submit plans to the DEP stating how they plan to make up this water shortfall. The actual restrictions become effective in 1990.

Now is the time to explore all alternatives for new water sources. These may include developing a collection and impoundment system, the use of effluent water, a series of shallow wells, or purchasing from a local water company. Another option is to live within your allocation amount. The Manasquan Reservoir, scheduled for 1989, may also be a source of water for some users.

This is the initial effort by the New Jersey DEP to identify areas within our state that have long term water problems. It appears that the Camden and Atlantic City areas will be the next locations added to their list. As these efforts are expanded other aquifers will be added with similar reductions mandated. ■

B.E.C.

District 3 Meets at Rumson

JEFF ALLEN

On February 20th District 3 held a meeting at Rumson Country Club to discuss a variety of topics including the forthcoming water use restrictions imposed by the DEP. Representing the department were Bob Mancini and Rick Kropp. Bob and Rick outlined the DEP's goals and answered the many questions asked. In essence they stated which users and aquifers were affected, how the reductions were determined, when the alternative source plans and reductions were due (the plans are due by Jan. '87 and the actual reductions come into effect by 1997). He also emphasized how important it was that we communicate to our clubs membership and public what we were doing through our lobbyist and our association for the welfare of their courses. We sincerely appreciate Bob and Rick taking the time to come and talk to our group.

Also discussed at the meeting were topics including the status of our lobbyist, the need to communicate to our memberships as far as how active our association is in their (and our) behalf and our upcoming trip to see the Devils play the Rangers (go Devils). Bruce Cadenelli presented a survey that examines every facet of a superintendents operation. The idea behind this is to use it as a tool to enhance your own standing and budget and to try to show how the other superintendents are doing and maybe that things may not be as bad at your place as you thought. The results are available only to those who participate.

The meeting was a success and again showed District 3's organization and dedication to the association. ■

BENTGRASS BREEDING PROGRAM AT RUTGERS

At a recent GCSANJ Board meeting Dr. Reed Funk updated the members of the Board on the status of the bentgrass breeding program.

In 1974 the fairway bentgrass plots were established at the Ryders Lane Turfgrass Research Site. The primary objective was to find an improved bentgrass variety for fairway use. As the plots matured a number of graduate students devoted their efforts to making evaluations of the most promising selections. Since it takes a long period of time to select a specific variety of bentgrass for commercial production the program produced few immediate results. In later years the plots for a number of reasons suffered from a lack of interest and care. Dr. Funk stated when he is taking field selections he is looking for plants that have survived severe stress from drought, nutrient deficiency, and neglect.

From his field selections he was able to produce nine synthetic experimental varieties. These nine, plus twelve from other states, were sent to Oregon for field trials. From this total of twenty-one, one variety has been selected for commercial production. The seed from this experimental variety was planted in Oregon in the fall of 1985. Results of this seeding won't be known until the 1987 growing season.

A new breeding program is now being established by Dr. Funk for putting green bentgrass. Dr. Funk has collected over 200 samples from older bentgrass greens throughout the New Jersey metropolitan area. He is currently looking for twenty additional sources of older bentgrasses that have experienced severe stress at one time. He is seeking the cooperation of local golf superintendents in this endeavor. If you can be helpful contact Dr. Funk at Cook College.

Financial assistance for these programs is being received from the GCSAA and USGA Research Funds. ■

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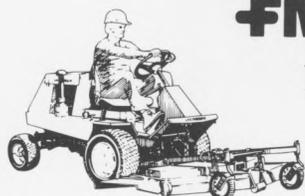
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Letters . . .

Each year at the holiday season the GCSANJ through the District Directors sends greetings to the retired members of the Association in the form of a festive fruit basket. After a short period the Association begins to receive the cards, notes, and letters of thank you from these members. This year was no exception, there were numerous cards and letters received. In keeping with an earlier theme of including all involved in the newsletter we are publishing four of the letters we received.

In addition to the letters, thank you cards were received from Bill Riley, formerly of Essex Fells CC, Alex Edgar, formerly of Essex County CC, Floyd Staats, formerly of Harkers Hollow CC, Joe Smirt, formerly of Haworth CC, and Arnold Tribble, formerly of Orange Lawn & Tennis Club.

A sad footnote to this article is that "Doc" Crawford passed away March 3, 1986, he was eighty-eight.

December 30, 1985

Dr. Henry Indyk
Cook College
New Brunswick, NJ

Dear Henry:

On Christmas Eve we were surprised with the GCSANJ in the form of Santa Claus, delivered a beautiful and tasty fruit basket. It was so good looking we could not wait to open the basket and "dive in". However, we held back, read the instructions, abided by them, and have been relishing the contents ever since. The basket contained so much fresh and delicious fruit we have become fruit-aholics and it seems we'll continue to do so long into the new year.

We are grateful to you and the NJ Supt. Assoc. for this wonderful Christmas gift. I will be sending a note to Bob Ribbens directly.

Extending our best wishes for a healthy and prosperous new year.

Cordially,

Leo Cleary

January, 1986

Steve Malikowski
Wildwood G & CC
Cape May Courthouse, NJ

Dear Steve,

Your call the other day was a nice surprise. To be remembered by the NJ Supt. Assoc. at this or any time gives one a good feeling.

A beautiful fruit basket was received by us on Christmas Eve. At the next meeting please give our thanks to all and the hope of all having a good season in 1986.

I have not really retired here as there is much to do on our house. We have purchased more land and have found a tree nursery close by and will plant quite a number in the spring.

. . . If you are ever up in the area please drop in, we are 33 miles west of Binghamton on 17, exit 62. Again thank you and all those involved in the Xmas remembrance.

Sincerely,

Lou Vay

January 2, 1986

Dr. Henry Indyk
Cook College
New Brunswick, NJ

Dear Henry:

Please thank the officers and directors of the Association for the beautiful basket of fruit sent to me for the holidays. It was first class in every way.

I note the membership of the Association is changing rapidly. The tired old timers are being replaced with aggressive young bucks. I know this is for the better. Keep building, stay nervous, good luck!

Sincerely,

Roy Bossolt

P.S. When are you and Ralph going to earn your basket of fruit?

January 7, 1986

GCSANJ Members
Box 231
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Dear Friends,

May 1986 be a good year for each of you! This is our wish.

Our Christmas season got under way with the arrival of a nice basket of fruit from New Jersey Supers. For this thoughtful gesture from you good people we are grateful. Our old age status brings back many fond memories.

On Oct. 10th we were treated to a Big Day by our son, Tom and his wife Jaci. It was our 60th Wedding Anniversary.

Friends, Marie and I thank you for the fruit. A Happy New Year to all.

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M.D. "Doc" Crawford

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Each year, GCSAA recognizes long-time members of the Association by inducting them into the Quarter Century Club—a group of members who have belonged to the Association for 25 years. New members of the Quarter Century Club are presented a pin that signifies their membership in the Club.

Through good times and bad, the dedicated members whose names appear here have unselfishly devoted their time and energy—for 25 years or more—to making their Association the strong and proud group it is today.

Two New Jersey golf course superintendents crossed that milestone of 25 years in the GCSAA and received their Quarter Century Pins without ceremony. Joseph C. Antonaccio, Morris County Golf Club and Maurice C. Cameron, Canoe Brook Country Club. Skip proudly displayed his to all who asked as he walked the floor of the trade show in San Francisco.

There are a number of other GCSANJ members who have achieved that distinction. George Burton, Tony Grasso, Bob Moore, Bob Oeschle, and Tom Zimich are approaching the 30 year milestone. Stanley Zontek is in the 30-34 year category. Arnold Tribble is in the 40-44 category. Ed Casey, Sherwood Moore, Alex Reid, and Bill Riley are approaching their Diamond Jubilee with more than 45 years in the GCSAA. Two special men have passed their 50th year in the GCSAA, EB Steiniger and Lew Weiland!!

SUPERINTENDENT shuffLe

The *Greenside* staff wishes to highlight the backgrounds and say Welcome to the superintendents who have recently assumed new positions in New Jersey.

Chris Carson *Echo Lake Country Club*—Began his career working summers at Essex County CC; later spent one season at Tara Greens; served as Ed Nickelsen's assistant for four years at Montclair GC. He left the golf course superintendent position at North Hempstead CC to return to New Jersey.

Bruce Peeples *Spring Lake Golf Club*—Graduated from Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts after working summers at Waconah CC in Dalton, Massachusetts. Bruce worked for Dick Bator at the CC of Pittsfield in Massachusetts. He moved on to other courses in Berkshire County, on Cape Cod and in Florida, absorbing the intricacies of the profession. Steve Finamore had Bruce as an assistant at Hominy Hill GC and continued with the Monmouth County Park System holding superintendent positions at Pine Brook and Howell Park. He took the helm at Spring Lake in December, 1985.

Richard LaFlamme *Lake Mohawk Country Club*—Attended and graduated from Stockbridge; did his placement training in the Monmouth Park System at Howell GC and Hominy Hill GC. He journeyed north for one year to work at the Golf Club of Avon in Connecticut and then took the right hand seat at Ridgewood CC to Ed Walsh. January, 1986 saw Dick as golf course superintendent at Lake Mohawk CC.

William Waltsak *Colonia Country Club*—Wally started working at Navesink CC with Paul Boizelle in 1970. He continued his education at Lake City (FL) Community College and graduated from the Turfgrass Program at Rutgers. He worked at Brae Burn CC as a crew leader and later as assistant superintendent. Wally also worked as an assistant at Manasquan River GC. He later assumed the reins as superintendent at Tamcrest CC and Atlantic City CC. In late 1985 he moved to Colonia CC.

Steve Finamore *Essex Fells Country Club*—Steve worked summers back in 1968 at the Wayland CC in Massachusetts stirring an interest in golf course work. He graduated with a B.S. Degree in Agronomy from the University of Massachusetts in

1974. While in school he continued working at Wayland and The Country Club in Brookline. He served as assistant to Al Rathjins at Raritan Valley in 1974-75. Steve was Golf Course Manager for the Monmouth County Park System from 1976-1981. He journeyed to Wykagyl CC in Westchester from 1982-1985. Steve returned to New Jersey in January 1986 when he took the superintendent position at Essex Fells. He served as a GCSANJ Board member from 1979-1981.

Curt Niven *Arcola Country Club*—Stockbridge graduate who learned the fundamentals at Angus Lea Golf Club in Hillsboro, New Hampshire from 1970-1976. Curt spent the summer of 1977 on the grounds staff of the Greenwich GC in Connecticut. He returned to Angus Lea as superintendent in 1978. In 1983 he was golf course superintendent at Duxbury Yacht Club in Massachusetts and he left there in January 1986 to begin as superintendent at Arcola CC.

Joe Henry *Burlington County Country Club*—Graduated from the Rutgers Turf Course in 1981. He moves over from Pennsylvania where he was assistant golf course superintendent to Bob Jackson at the Meadowlands CC, Blue Bell, PA. Joe had worked as the assistant at Radnor Valley CC under Mark Curtin and before that at Philadelphia Cricket Club for Bill Johnson. Joe is currently a member of the Philadelphia Association of Golf Course Superintendents and the GCSAA.

Glenn Stevenson *Fiddlers Elbow Country Club*—Served under three superintendent administrations at Fiddlers: Earle Gray, Paul Boizelle, and Dave McGhee. He assumes the position of golf course superintendent from Dave McGhee who has become general manager at Fiddlers Elbow. Glenn is a graduate of the Rutgers Turf Course and a member of both the GCSANJ and the GCSAA. During his off time he enjoys hunting and fishing. ■

Chrysler-Plymouth Classic

The eleventh LPGA Classic will be played again this year at the Fairmount Country Club, May 12-18, 1986. It is the longest-running national tournament to be conducted in New Jersey. This event is sponsored by the Chrysler-Plymouth Tri-State Dealers and the Chrysler Corporation. The benefiting charities are the American Cancer Society and Cystic Fibrosis.

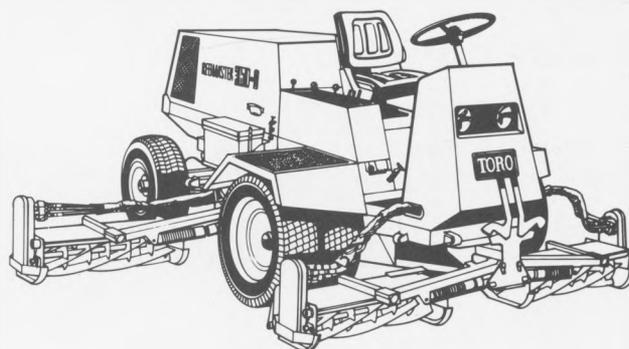


Bob Ribbans, CGCS, will have a years experience behind him as he prepares the course for the 54 hole event. Bob will not have to worry about drought restrictions this year. Bob is looking forward to the tournament, he says, "It will be easier the second time around".

In a related development the GCSANJ will not be participating in the tournament this year. In the previous ten years members of the GCSANJ were an important part of the Tournament Transportation Committee, driving the courtesy cars for the contestants. The GCSANJ withdrew to do an impasse over assignments.

The defending champion Nancy Lopez will not be able to defend her title this year. Nancy and her husband Ray Knight are expecting their second child in late April or early May. ■

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Thoughts from Walsh



It is said that we learn something new every day. This has never be more accurate than through the experiences I gained at our last GCSAA convention in San Francisco. GCSANJ and fellow superintendent's associations in the northeast, wholly supported Steve Cadenelli as a candidate for the National Board of Directors. Without question, Steve's experience and attitude placed him high on the list of available candidates. I personally thought he had every chance to accumulate the highest amount of votes in

the election. To my disbelief, this did not occur, and although Steve was later appointed to serve a one-year term on the Board of GCSAA, the experience I gained during this election is one I hope to utilize productively in the future. As a voting delegate from New Jersey, I had every reason to feel our candidate was strong. I had every reason to feel his election was secure. Steve is a proven commodity. His experience on the local and on the national level is exceptional. His convictions, experience and dedication are his strong points. Without question, he was one of the strongest candidates available, but politics can be a very funny game at times, and I must admit, it is a game I did not play well. Decisions that I helped dictate in the past, for reasons right or wrong, came back to haunt us. Support I anticipated did not materialize. Votes we expected did not come through.

I have learned from this experience and although the learning process was slow, I can assure the members of GCSANJ I will utilize what I have learned positively in the future. I want to take this opportunity to apologize to my fellow GCSANJ members and Steve Cadenelli for taking this election for granted. I did not do the job you trusted me to do, but I give my personal guarantee that that will not happen again. We have an obligation

to elect and support the best candidates available. Our association and our industry will not continue to grow without good quality leadership. I was a bit complacent the past few years as your voting delegate. I did not represent the GCSANJ the way you expected me to. I will not make those same mistakes again. ■

GCSAA Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting was held in the Ramada Renaissance Hotel, San Francisco, CA, February 3, 1985. The meeting was called to order by President Eugene D. Baston, CGCS, at 2:05pm.

The agenda was followed in the prescribed manner with no interruption; everyone was anxious for New Business that signalled the elections of officers and directors. The votes were cast for Vice-President and the results were announced by C. Baskin, Teller. There seemed to be little surprise that Don Hearn garnered 2,001 votes to 1,354 for John Laake and 271 for Jim Taylor. Hearn was elected as expected.

Bob Osterman, Nominating Chairman, presented a list of candidates that were nominated for two year terms as directors. Before the nominations were closed, J. Laake, CGCS, Ohio and J. Taylor, CGCS, Texas were placed in nomination from the floor.

The results from the first ballot were:

Faubel	2,455	elected	Laake	1,737
Roberts	1,990	elected	Cadenelli	1,404
Sakai	1,859	elected	Taylor	735
			Borawski	507

Cadenelli was appointed by the Board to fill the one year unexpired term of Don Hearn.

The meeting continued with questions and comments from the floor regarding the involvement of allied associations taking up space in the conference; another comment centered on the litigation the GCSAA is involved with and the question was asked, "Why are we always in this position?"

The Annual Meeting closed calmly and without incident. ■



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Tuesday, January 28, 1986—The flight attendants on United Flight #35 were happy to see Gilligan and Flaherty touch down in San Francisco. It wasn't that they were rowdy, but they kept moving into other peoples seats, ringing the attendants buzzer every five minutes and carrying on in loud tones the advantages and disadvantages of being in the turfgrass business. It was the dark hair one who was being very particular about the condition of the malt brew as it came frozen in the can. They must store on the wings. This twosome continued their debate later on that evening in the St. Francis and settled it with a fine meal on the Wharf.

All this was tempered by the tragic news of the shuttle failure.

Wednesday, January 29, 1986—Open day. Rained all day. Spent part of the day in the San Francisco Public Library composing some wicked editorials. Traveled to the outer boundaries of the city in search of skateboard parts. Returned to the hotel to study for my educational seminar.

Thursday, January 30, 1986—Newsletter Seminar. Sharing thoughts, ideas, and problems with other editors who are a dedicated group. It was disappointing more editors weren't at the seminar. In the evening explored the city looking for an Irishman named Barry, but later learned he remained in New Jersey. Enjoyed some original Irish music and brew, but found it difficult lugging my award plaque all over San Francisco. Earlier had attended the GCSAA Member's Briefing (For Members Only). The GCSAA only has two pieces of litigation pending at time. There will be no Mid-Year Show in 1986, phew! If you have to change jobs United Van Lines offers a discount to GCSAA members. Let us hope it is not the same type of discount United Airlines offered. The GCSAA Conference and Show will tour the sunbelt for the next five years:

- 1987 - Phoenix
- 1988 - Houston
- 1989 - Anaheim
- 1990 - Orlando
- 1991 - Las Vegas

The 1987 GCSAA Golf Tournament will be held in Tucson.

There was a concerned voice about the type of ads the PGA is running on TV, it seems golf professionals are becoming agronomists. In the future all certified golf course superintendents will have to learn how to fit clubs.

There was a serious concern raised by the New Mexico Chapter about the lack of concern most golf course superintendents are showing toward the national water crisis. They published a four page newsletter detailing their concern. We have copies for those who are interested.

Friday, January 31, 1986—Opening Session. The hall was filled in anticipation of General Yeager's keynote address. Mayor Diane Feinstein sent an emissary to welcome us to her city. Ken Sakai, CGCS, welcomed us on behalf of the host Chapter. He commented about the weather; it wasn't rain that was falling it was only an Oregon Mist. The Leo Feser Award went to Ted Whorle, CGCS—a touch of sour grapes—he even made a speech. Newsletter Award winners were recognized; all these years Walsh went up on stage and all I could do was get up from my seat.

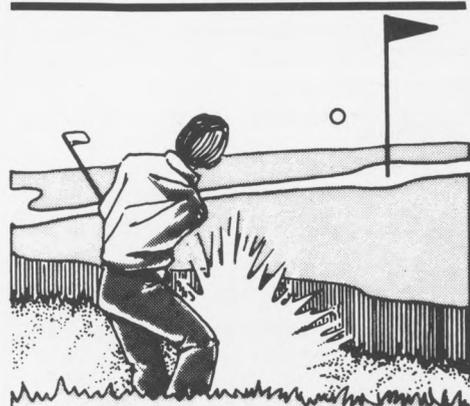
General Charles Yeager, USAF (retired) delivered the keynote address. His remarks centered about his aviator career and his pioneering efforts in the space program. I wish he had learned to play golf.

Saturday, February 1, 1986—The Trade Show opened. Arrived after all the Jacobsen hats had been given out, but I managed to get one from Jack Poksay. I'm happy to see they went back to the embroidered emblem, it keeps the collectors happy. Walked the floor of the Trade Show and walked and walked; I was fearful of stopping knowing I would have a difficult time beginning again. I managed to limit my brochures to under a hundred this year, I'm usually over the two hundred mark. I saw one new thing that interested me, it was the PVC welder.

Sunday, February 2, 1986—I saw my shadow. The sun came about noon, the beginning of a week of glorious California weather. Time to think about a few days of rest and relaxation in the wine valleys of northern California.

A **Business Card Exchange** was initiated in San Francisco with the following charter members:

- Gerald L. Faubel, CGCS, GCSAA Director
 - Michael W. Rothenberg, CGCS, Philadelphia Chapter Voting Delegate
 - James S. Fickle, Ph.D., Mallincrodt, Inc.
 - Robert Earley, Group Vice President—Weeds Trees & Turf
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Bill came to the company with more than 10 years experience in the Lawn & Garden industry. 1983 saw the addition of Kurt Wagner to the sales staff. Kurt has over 25 years experience; having owned his own lawnmower shop in Bergen County, NJ. With sales rapidly increasing, Mark Ericson was introduced to the sales staff in 1984. Mark was also a former lawnmower dealer, with 15 years experience in the Lawn & Garden industry. ■

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Big Tree Nursery, located in East Brunswick, is a supplier of small and large nursery stock. All sizes of Vermeer Tree Spades are available for hire. Stan Lubowicki is the owner of Big Tree and his ad is running in all of the 1986 issues. See page 4.

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NOTE: Montco Products was inadvertently omitted from the Patron Directory in our last issue. We listed them in this issue, check their listing. ■

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One of the great benefits of attending GCSAA's International Conference & Show is being able to meet and mix with superintendents from across the country, and from around the world. To share thoughts, ideas, and work experiences is enlightening. Some of the best learning experiences occur in halls, on the trade show floor, or over a beer in one of the evening's hospitality suites.

At the recent Conference & Show in San Francisco the GCSANJ co-sponsored a suite with the Metropolitan Golf Course Superintendents Association and the Connecticut Association of Golf Course Superintendents. The primary purpose being to advance the candidacy of Steve Cadenelli for the Board of Directors of GCSAA. During the two nights we were open many friends from the Northeast came by as well as individuals from across the US. We also made some new European friends during our stay. The suite was much more than simply a place to have a drink.

Dr. Bill Dest of UConn. came by and held a lengthy discussion with Jo-Ann and John Ward on some of the results of his fertility studies. When Jerry Faubel, chairman of GCSAA's Scholarship and Research Committee came by he was able to answer all of John Boyer's questions relating to the changes his committee instituted during the past year. Dr. Richard Skogley from URI also stopped in. A number of us discussed with him conditions in the seed industry, and the future outlook for improved bentgrasses. The suite was much more than simply a place to have a drink.

My point in this discussion is that the time has come for the various golf course superintendent associations in the metropolitan New York area to sponsor a hospitality suite at each and every International Conference & Show. This should be done regardless of whether we have a candidate from our area seeking office. Along with the groups which worked together this year we should also invite the Long Island Golf Course Superintendents Association to join us.

The benefits derived from this endeavor would be many. We would be cementing closer ties with our brethren in the metropolitan area, along with developing a stronger, more unified voice on the national scene. We would be sending out the message to our fellow GCSAA members that we in the greater New York area are a committed group willing to work for the betterment of all golf course superintendents. Finally, the suite would be a great place to share the friendship of everyone during conference week. The time is now for us to take a lead position for this action.

As with any new effort costs need to be explored. Using San Francisco as a guide I believe we can operate a first class hospitality suite for two evenings at a total cost of \$1,500. Monies would come from numerous sources. First, we would ask each chapter involved for funding. Then, we would ask for a small voluntary contribution from our local turfgrass equipment and supply companies. Finally, we would request that each chapter member who visits the suite to add to our coffer. This type of approach has worked well for other associations so I see it being successful with us.

Although we are ten months away from traveling to Phoenix we should begin discussing this idea now within the membership of our association. Once we decide on a course of action we can then begin negotiations with the other chapters involved. The time is right for this group action. Lets not delay!■

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Thoughts on San Francisco

BRUCE CADENELLI

Each year one thinks the trade show has reached its maximum size, yet the following year the show has indeed grown. It will most likely be a few years before the San Francisco show is topped in size.

The Cushman Division, of the Outboard Marine Corporation lost points with the cheap ornamentation they had in their booth. Their presentation was an insult to all the females who were true representatives of their companies.

It's interesting to see the number of companies trying to get into the mower business. One suspects they'll be some washouts similar to that of the computer industry.

The people of Rhone-Poulenc were quite happy to have received full registration for Aliette, their new Pythium control material.

It seems Toro may have a winner with its new aerator. Some adjustment may need to be made in the price. Lets hope competition works to our advantage.

It's nice to see hard work rewarded. Jerry Faubel proved his value to GCSAA by his diligent efforts in 1985 and received great support at the annual meeting. He is an asset to GCSAA.

A way needs to be found to limit the number and length of speeches given at the annual banquet. They turn what could be an enjoyable evening into a long, somewhat boring affair.

Although many line up to receive their annual Jacobsen hat at conference, the true collector's item will in time be the Willet Wilt cap. Good show Ken!

Our voting delegate, Ed Walsh, did his usual acceptable job. He was so engrossed in conversation during the annual meeting that we twice had to remind him to vote. Good show Ed!

Who's responsible for selecting the keynote speaker? Chuck Yeager could not relate to us or our profession at all.■

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Dave McGhee, Fiddler's Elbow, has assumed the general managers responsibilities at Fiddler's Elbow. Glenn Stevenson moves up from assistant golf course superintendent to become the superintendent.

Dr. Bruce Clarke, Extension Specialist in Plant Pathology, is Chairman of a newly formed Turfgrass Technical Committee at Rutgers University.

Jay Mottola, MGA Executive Director, elected President of the International Association of Golf Administrators.

William J. Williams, Jr., elected 49th President of the United States Golf Association at their 92nd Annual Meeting in Orlando, Florida.

Dr. Reed Funk, Rutgers University, received the 1985 Landscape & Irrigation magazine Man of the Year award during the Southern California Turfgrass Conference.

New Arrivals

Mr. and Mrs. Vic Gerard Jr. are the parents of a daughter, Gina, born on December 29th. She was a nice 7 lbs. at birth.

Gerald & Susan Fountain are the parents of a son, Austen Bradford, born on February 5th. He was a healthy 9 lbs. 4 oz. at birth.

GCSANJ Spring Seminar March 18, 1986

This year's seminar focuses on the assistant golf course superintendent and his career. It also offers an insight into possible alternative careers. There seems to be more qualified people than there is jobs and sometimes assistants may have to look outside the golf course industry to stay active in the turfgrass industry.

Bob Ribbens with the assistance of Jim Gilligan developed the program and arranged for the speakers.

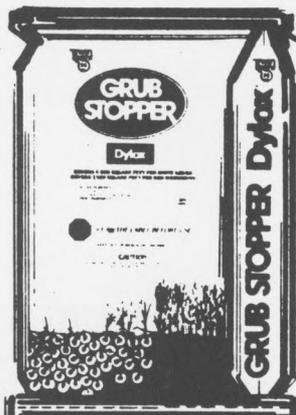
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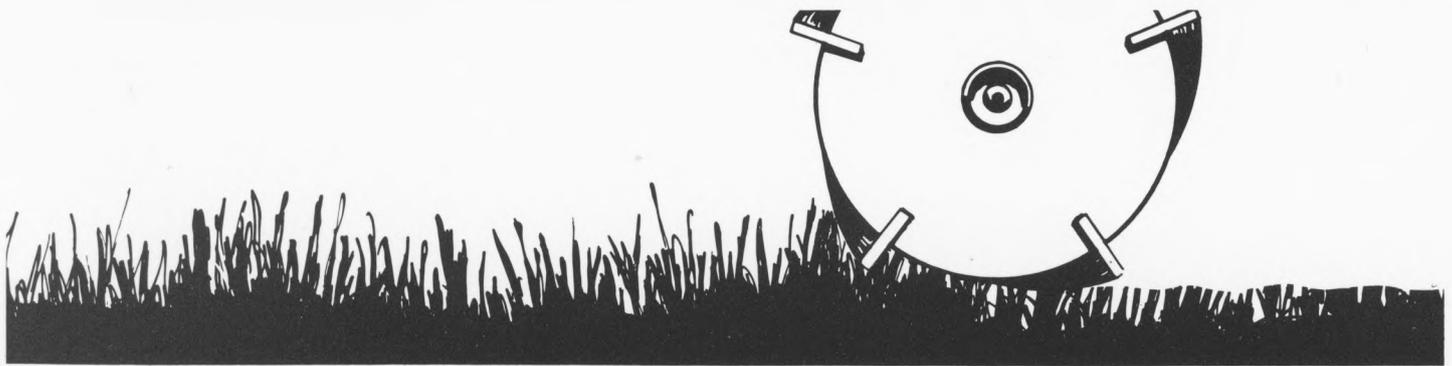
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GCSANJ Membership News

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

CLASS B-1 John T. Robertson, Suburban Golf Club

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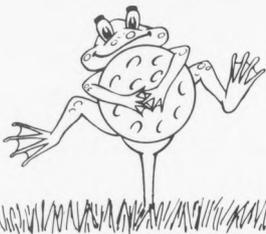
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The following change of status requests were approved by the Exec. Committee:

David Brubaker, Americana Resort and Country Club	from B to A
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EVENT	DATE	LOCATION	HOST
GCSANJ Seminar	March 18	Rutgers University	Bob Ribbans
NJPGA Golf Show	March 31	Aspen Hotel Parsippany, NJ	Steve Jubb
GCSAA Seminar	March 26-27	Albany, NY	GCSAA
GCSAA Seminar	April 7-8	Bass River, Mass.	GCSAA
CPR Training	April 9	Elizabeth, NJ	MGA-Gene Westmoreland
GCSANJ Meeting	April 15	Wildwood G & CC Cape May Courthouse, NJ	Steve Malikowski
The Greenside Ad Copy Deadline	April 20	P.O. Box 143	Jim Gilligan
The Greenside Editorial Copy Deadline	May 1	P.O. Box 143	Jim Gilligan
GCSANJ Meeting	May 15	Oak Hill GC Milford, NJ	Joel Jacquemot
LPGA Classic	May 13-18	Fairmount CC	Bob Ribbans
The Greenside	May 20	P.O. Box 143	Jim Gilligan

GCSANJ 1986 Monthly Meeting Schedule

DATE	LOCATION	HOST	TOURNAMENT
April 15	Wildwood G & CC	Steve Malikowski	Blind Nine
May 15	Oak Hill GC	Joel Jacquemot	Two-Man Best Ball
June	Flanders Valley GC	Tom Murphy	Scramble Event
July	Open		Four-Man Best Ball
August 21	The Bedens Brook Club	Jim Gilligan	District Championship
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