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## Making An Educated Choice

There is a lot of discussion in the news today about quality and making the right choices. These decisions determine our future as well as today's agenda. Every Golf Course Superintendents Association of New Jersey member has the right to vote for the leadership of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America which will determine to a large measure what our association will be like in 1990 and the years that follow. The "Greenside" is proud to help you make your choices by providing the candidates' comments on the issues of importance to golf course superintendents.

### Gerald Faubel, CGCS —PRESIDENTIAL TIMBER

Gerald Faubel has been active in the GCSAA for many years. Most recently, he served as vice president. The "Greenside" asked him to outline his hopes and goals for his year as president of GCSAA. Gerald is currently the superintendent of Saginaw Country Club, Saginaw, Michigan. His response follows:

### Gerald L. Faubel, CGCS

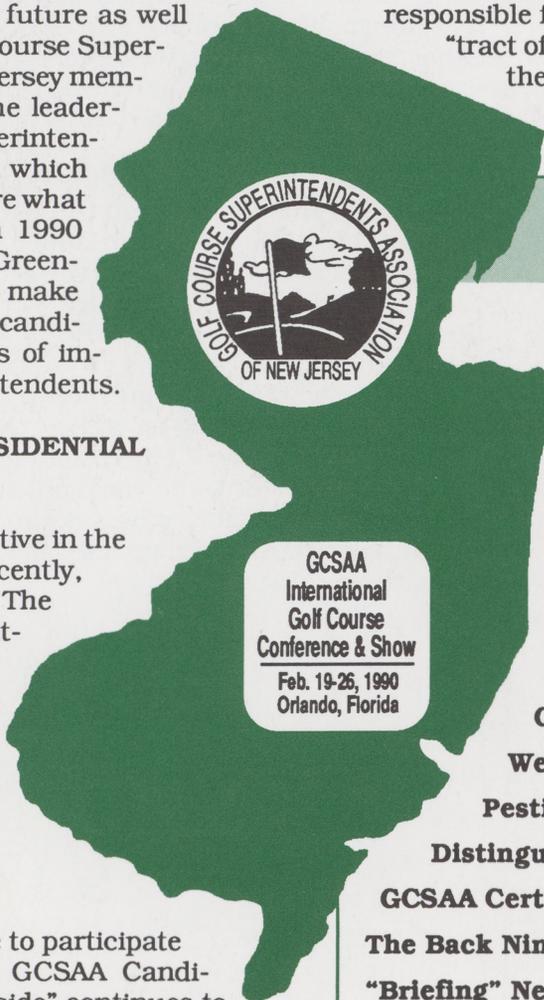
Thank you for allowing me to participate in the "Greenside's" annual GCSAA Candidates Statement. The "Greenside" continues to help focus the issues which relate to the Golf course Superintendents Association of America.

The main issue for GCSAA in future years will be primarily the ENVIRONMENT and meeting the in-

creased needs of an expanding membership.

We, as golf course superintendents, are directly responsible for the environmental conditions on a "tract of land defined as a golf course." We are the stewards of the land! It is the profes-

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## EDITORIALS

### Who says there is no cure for the wintertime blues (WTB)?

The first indication that the winter of 1989/1990 might carry with it some pretty severe symptoms of the Winter-Time Blues (WTB) was the frosty and snowy greeting we received on Thanksgiving Day. On the premise that we may be in for a longer winter than we want, this editorial is dedicated to the CURE!

The major winter holidays and the good cheer of New Year's Day will carry most of us for a bit. WTB, however, is not so easily shrugged off. One good cure is to start actively day-dreaming about spring annuals. You remember, those gorgeous flowers that greet us and remind us of the warmer days to come. Emeritus Professor, Dr. Donald Lacey gave the "Greenside" his choices at the Turfgrass Expo, based on long season effectiveness, minimum maintenance, and low height to eliminate staking. Included in these are such favorites as Ageratum 'Blue Danube,' Alternanathera (for foliage); Impatiens 'Novette' series and 'Tango'; French Marigolds 'Honeycomb', 'Janie', and 'Yellow Boy.' Other favorite subjects for fantasizing of spring include Begonia, Celosia, Dusty Miller, Geranium, Petunia, Salvia, Santolina, Vinca and Zinnia. You probably have your own favorite fantasy, but that you have to keep to yourself.

Day dreaming, reviewing catalogs and making some serious landscape plans should carry you through January. February is the hump month of the WTB. It can be beaten back with a good trip to the GCSAA meeting in Orlando or visits to the local NJ Flower Show or New Jersey Landscape 1990. After February, we have only to wait for the ground hog's prediction followed by the Philadelphia Flower Show and spring itself.

WTB symptoms include cold hands, cold feet, running nose, fatigue, and a yearning for spring. All of these symptoms have to be addressed to achieve a cure. So don't forget to take advantage of the work load slack for some vacation, strike up conversations with your neglected family and friends, take some vacation time, attend training sessions, professional meetings and, most important, enjoy yourself doing these things.

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# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



**Steve Finamore,**  
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**President GCSANJ**

## Presidents Message

My first year as president was most enjoyable. The year began with the hiring of Association Management Corporation to assist us in our affairs. My involvement in all the committees of our association was certainly enlightening. One of the major highlights of the year was the formation of the Tri State Turf Research Foundation which should ensure the necessary financial support for turf problems in the Metropolitan area.

Other highlights were of course, representing the association at various functions, including the GCSAA Research Awards, the N.J. Golf Association Annual Meeting, plus the MGA Presidents Council and Annual Meeting. At the NJ Turfgrass Association Banquet, we awarded Dr. Henry Indyk with our most prestigious Distinguished Service Award. The work involved, the time spent and the people I had the opportunity to meet, have made for a very rewarding 1st year as president.

Not all of 1989 was pleasant. Although the summer of 1989 was not as oppressive as that of 1988, the wet season, the late fall, then the sudden winter tested our skills to the max. Also, too many of our fellow superintendents have resigned their positions and once again we were reminded of one of the stressful

shortcomings of our profession.

I look forward to my second year as president and onward to the next decade, because of the many positive factors in our group and profession. Your executive committee will be working hard to meet your needs and I encourage the many members who have not taken advantage of the opportunities our association offers, to become involved. Your participation will assure that we will continue to improve the superintendents' position in the golfing industry.

Steve Finamore, CGCS  
 President

## CALENDAR

**February 6 - 9**

**Ornamental Horticultural Institute**, Robin Hood Inn, Clifton, NJ. Contact: Passaic County Extension Service (201) 881-4536.

**February 6 - 7**

**The Garden State Nursery and Landscape Conference + Trade Show**, Somerset Hilton and The Garden State Convention and Exhibit Center, Somerset, NJ. Contact: Howard Davis (609) 737-0890.

**February 19 - 26**

**GCSAA International Golf Course Conference and Show**, Orlando, FL. Contact: GCSAA (800) 472-7878.

**February 24 - March 4**

**NJ Flower and Garden Show**, Morristown Armory. Contact: Todd Jameson (201) 560-9020.

**February 28**

**New Jersey Landscape 1990**, Giant Stadium, East Rutherford, NJ. Contact: Bergen County Landscape Contractors Association, Skip Powers (201) 664-5228.

**March 11 - 17**

**Philadelphia Flower Show**, Philadelphia Horticultural Society, Contact: (215) 625-8280.

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# GCSANJ NEWS

## MET TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

The Met Team Championship moved to the Meadow Brook Club on Long Island as it celebrated its 10th anniversary. This year eight associations sent teams made up of a combination of gross and net players. The field was in total awe as it traversed the 250 acres under Charlie Gross's care. Within that area are four acres of flawless greens that some players referred to as the best greens they had ever played on. If Charlie was double cutting his fairways as was reported, then this explains why the greens had no speed limit. It was so testing that Chris Gaynor had 45 putts, Shaun Barry had 41 and Harry Harsin is still counting.

New Jersey fielded a team that, for only the second time in its history, did not include Ed Walsh. The last time this happened Ed played for Hudson Valley - Harry Harsin played for New Jersey and New Jersey won. The exact same sequence happened this year as New Jersey won by nine shots for its second victory. Captain Bob Prickett and Tom Grimac both shot 80 and Forrest Arthur had an 84. Steve Finamore and Phil Scott completed the eight-man team.

SHAUN BARRY - REPORTER

## GCSANJ CHAMPIONSHIPS

Wayne Remo was starting his back nine as we came to the tee. He smiled and asked how we were doing. Then, before he continued play, he noted that he hadn't played a better conditioned course all year. This sentiment was shared by all the 64 golfers at Shackamaxon for the GCSANJ Championships.

Jack Martin and his crew gave all those playing this Tillinghast gem a real treat. Somehow everybody playing found a way to finish but nobody was able to master the greens. It is fortunate that the ability to enjoy a beautiful golf course does not require talent.

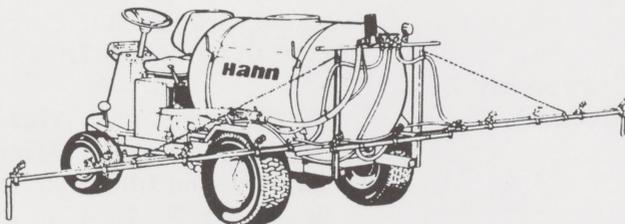
There were 22 plaques and cups given to the members who performed the best in their flights. The highlight of the evening was the Sherwood Moore cup that goes to the superintendent who has the best gross score. Harry Harsin will keep this cup for a year after shooting a 77. The Dr. Henry Indyk cup went to John Carpinelli for the best net score in the superintendent category. Shaun Barry had the lowest score in the commercial group, so he took home the Dr. Paul Sartorello cup.

In addition to the flight championships, the district title was also decided at this time. The district 3 team of Harry Harsin, Dave Champion, Shaun Barry, Phil Scott, Paul Granger and Dave Pease took first place. It is a wonderful day when everybody is a winner. This was such a day.

SHAUN BARRY

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## Championship and District Championship Shackamaxon Golf and Country Club - Jack Martin, Superintendent

Sherwood Moore Cup - Superintendent Low Gross - Harry Harsin - 77

Championship Flight	1	Harry Harsin	77
Low Gross	2	Tom Grimac	81
	3	John Huda	83
	4	Bob Prickett	83

A. Flight	1	Harry Harsin	67
Low Net	2	Tom Grimac	69
	3	Bob Prickett	70
	4	Phil Scott	72

B. Flight	1	Dave Campion	67
Low Net	2	John Carpinelli	69
	3	Wayne Ballinger	70
	4	Pierre Coste	72

C. Flight	1	Mike Vacchiano	70
Low Net	2	Jeff Allen	80
	3	Matt Clement	82
	4	John Hyland	82

Dr. Henry Indyk Cup - Superintendent Low Net - John Carpinelli - 69

Commercial Flight	1	Paul Granger	73
Low Net	2	Shaun Barry	74
	3	Dennis Smalldone	76
	4	Bob Gregory	78

Dr. Paul Sartoretto Cup - Commercial Low Gross - Shaun Barry - 82

Guests - Low Gross	John Male
Low Net	Peter DeGeralimo

Closest to the Pin	Hole	5	Roy Griffiths	11'3"
		11	Fran Owsik	6'9"
		14	Fran Owsik	14'6"
		17	Mark Johnston	7'4"

Longest Drive	Hole	10	Shaun Barry	
Skins	Hole	6	John Huda	10 Paul Richards
		7	Ray Sharo	12 Jack Martin (Eagle !!)
		8	Wayne Foster	14 Paul Granger
		9	Chris Gaynor	16 Fran Owsik

District Championship - District #3 Winner

Harry Harsin		77
Dave Campion		81
Shaun Barry		82
Phil Scott		85
Paul Granger		86
Dave Pease		87

# GCSAA President Faubel responds

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sional responsibility of the superintendent to insure proper care and use of the golf course.

For the superintendent, the environmental issue is more than use of pesticides and fertilizers - it extends into demonstrating their leadership within their community. Each member must be willing to seek alternative management practices which insure the safety of our environment to insure their operating methods are environmentally correct and to demonstrate to neighbors how each person can help make everyone's environment safe.



**Gerald L. Faubel, CGCS candidate for president of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA)**

GCSAA is a national organization which was formed to help golf course superintendents perform their jobs better and be

recognized as true professionals. GCSAA has a continuing education system for all golf course superintendents. The seminar programs provide pertinent information which is both technical and practical.

The environmental issue will relate to each phase of GCSAA's headquarters operation. Golf course superintendents will need to have a greater environmental awareness during the 1990's. Our influence can become a positive force which will lead us into the 21st century.

The golf course industry is in a tremendous growth phase. We can help this growth to continue or we can bring it to a standstill. The maintenance techniques of yesterday are no longer acceptable. We must be innovative in maintaining the playing surface for the golfer with sound agronomic practices. The superintendent has the responsibility to their employer and the golf industry to manage a safe and environmentally sound golf course.

The active demonstration of professional turf maintenance needs greater recognition. Golf courses and superintendents need good public relations. The message of the beneficial effects of turf and golf courses needs to be widely publicized.

Great strides have been taken to increase communications and cooperation with the allied golf associations such as the USGA, PGA, CMAA, NGF, SGCA and GCBA.

The cooperative efforts in research through the USGA/GCSAA Turf Research Committee have been very beneficial and this committee will address the environmental impact of golf courses through scientific research. This will allow regulatory agencies, the news media, the golf industry and others to deal factually with the environmental issues concerning turfgrass.

Next year will be a continuation of positive progress into our future.



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# SUPERINTENDENT PROFILE

## JOHN D. FENWICK, III

I don't recall exactly who it was that first told me, back in the late spring, about John Fenwick's return to the golf course side of turf management after a three-year absence, taking charge at Basking Ridge GC. I do remember that the news helped to considerably brighten up that otherwise wet and overcast period.

A 1975 Rutgers graduate with a BS in Forestry, John initially worked for the California Forest Service. Late in 1975 he discussed his career options with Henry Indyk and Paul Boizelle, then superintendent at Fiddler's Elbow CC, who suggested he get into turf management. In the spring of 1976, John went to work at Fiddler's Elbow as foreman of the "Blue" nine where, under Paul Boizelle's area concept, each of the three nines had a foreman and several groundspeople who were responsible for all cultural practices pertaining to their respective course. The foremen were all careerists.

John attended the Rutgers Winter School in 1977 and 1978, and during this same period of time was very much a part of the extensive tree planting program going on at Fiddler's Elbow. He eventually was moved up from foreman to be responsible for spraying all fairways on all three nines, and he was involved in much of the field trials for a now widely used fungicide, working with Sam Horst. John gently reminded me of how his endorsement for that product had been prominently displayed in all the trade publications of the time. It was a bit discomfoting to have to be reminded of that, since I was foreman of the "Red" nine at the time, and should have remembered.

By the fall of 1979 John had moved on to Copper Hill CC in Flemington, the area he is originally from, as superintendent. Of his tenure at Copper Hill, John told me it was a "learning experience managing Poa." He also found it enjoyable watching the expansion of the Flemington community. John served as district director for GCSANJ from 1980-83. A major project at Copper Hill in 1984 saw the digging out and replacement of all sand in all bunkers on the course in a six-week period. One thousand tons of sand were required to complete the job.

In the spring of 1986, John decided on a career change, subsequently going to work selling "Orange" equipment (or working as an ironmonger, as Sky Bergen would say). Later in 1986 John returned to turf in the lawn care industry. His heart remained in the golf course business, however, and in the late spring of 1989 he took charge at Basking Ridge GC.

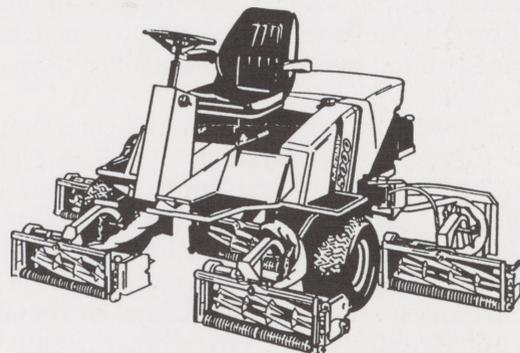
In the short time he's been at Basking Ridge,

John and his assistant, John Washkwich, have finished the drainage work and cart path projects that had been started before his arrival. Further drainage work is planned, as well as improvements for other aspects of the course. As this is written (late November), John is looking forward to being able to close the course for the winter. His crew is kept busy cutting and splitting firewood taken from the extensive woods comprising the Basking Ridge property, and the wood is a nice source of income for the club.

An avid volleyball player of ten years, John is a member of the U.S. Volleyball Association Tournament Team, as well as holding a 15 handicap in golf. He and wife, Lisa, a store manager in Flemington, reside in Milford, NJ. Glad you're back, John.

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# GCSAA CANDIDATES RESPOND



**William R. Roberts, CGCS**  
Candidate for Vice President of the GCSAA

**Stephen G. Cadenelli, CGCS**  
Candidate for Vice President of the GCSAA



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*Vice Presidential candidates Stephen G. Cadenelli and William R. Roberts respond to two "Greenside" questions.*

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**Q.** Over the last number of years we have seen GCSAA's involvement within the golf community expand substantially. Please describe how that expanded involvement will impact superintendents and their profession.

**William R. Roberts, CGCS** - I think GCSAA is continuing to meet its responsibilities to golf by assuming a leadership role in those areas where its experience and expertise will have maximum impact. Our involvement and opinion in environmental and regulatory affairs, our ability to communicate through any number of vehicles, our capacity to educate and our competence in defining and answering the tough questions through the support of quality research are acknowledged and respected by the allied associations with whom we work.

These leadership responsibilities are consistent with the management responsibilities being faced by individual golf course superintendents. Awareness of environmental and regulatory affairs is becoming increasingly vital to golf/club operations. The ability to communicate effectively has never been more important. Continuing education is needed to remain current in our dynamic work environment. Our professional ability to define the new challenges we face is enhanced by involvement with the research community.

It seems to me that in these and other areas, GCSAA's involvement within the golf community is reflective of the demands being placed upon today's golf course superintendent.

**Stephen G. Cadenelli, CGCS** - It is most important to first recognize that GCSAA is not only more involved within the golf community but, indeed, is a leader in that community. Superintendents and their profession not only benefit from this more active role, but are the reasons why GCSAA is more involved. The ability

of golf course superintendents to manage courses so effectively in a world of complex technology, increasing costs, environmental concerns, and often times unrealistic demands in terms of playing conditions, have not gone unnoticed. Nor has the profession's ability to structure a well managed professional organization gone without recognition; the end result being a heightened status within the golf community.

Superintendents are and will continue to be recognized as professional men and women who function well in today's business environment. Such recognition results directly in greater financial rewards and improved professional image.

**Q.** Environmental issues, over recent years, have become everyday concerns for the turfgrass professional. In your opinion, how should our profession respond to the ever-increasing environmental concerns regarding the use of water resources, fertilizers and pesticides on golf courses?

**William R. Roberts, CGCS** - The approach must continue to be proactive rather than reactive. Golf course superintendents have a vested interest in maintaining the environmental integrity of their golf courses and have a good record of doing just that. It is imperative, however, that we continue to communicate that good record to our players, to legislators, to regulators and to the public.

It is equally important for our profession to continue to enhance that good reputation through any number of avenues. Support for sound, directed environmental research is essential. GCSAA has provided any number of educational opportunities for golf course superintendents to increase their level of expertise in these areas and those opportunities will be expanded in the very near future. I think more intensive staff training can help to insure an environmentally sound operation. Support for reasonable, workable legisla-

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tion, which has taken place at the state level already, will allow us to arrive at solutions which are acceptable to all parties.

**Stephen G. Cadenelli, CGCS** - The profession and GCSAA must respond in a proactive manner to the environmental issues facing golf today. The decade of the '80s, I believe, will be known as the decade of environmental awareness, while the '90s will become the decade of environmental action. Our profession must be willing to adapt to a world of diminishing

resources and concern for natural ecosystems. We must be willing to balance the needs of turfgrass not only with the needs of nature, but with the best interests of the human species in mind.

GCSAA as an organization must lead the way in establishing programs of a varied nature which will assist superintendents in meeting these new challenges as well as promoting the absolute benefit to all in doing so. Golf course superintendents can and should be the leaders in an enlightened approach to the management of turfgrass.



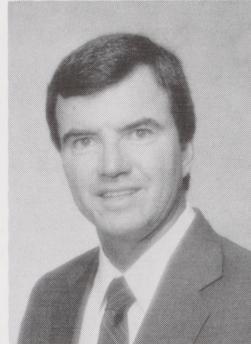
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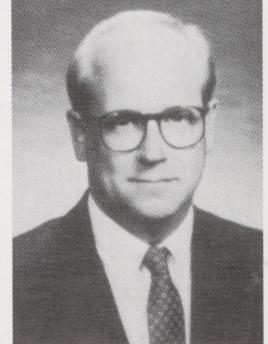
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**Randy Zidik, CGCS**

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## Five director candidates give us their opinions.

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**Q.** Please give us your thoughts as to what the role of a GCSAA director is and relate your association and personal experiences to meeting that role.

**Joseph G. Baidy, CGCS** - The role of a GCSAA director is to carry out the wishes and desires of the membership. The director's role parallels that of the golf course superintendent whose duty it is to carry out the wishes and desires of the golfer whether on a private country club or a public golf course. GCSAA must be operated by sound business practices just as you operate the golf course with sound business practices.

My qualifications are demonstrated in my consistent involvement on boards of golf course and affiliated turf associations at the local, state and national levels. This is indicative of my interest, concern and leadership effectiveness in my desire to meet the membership needs.

**Chuck Clark, CGCS** - I feel the role of director carries many varied responsibilities. A director is the voice through which the entire membership can have their views expressed. Board members are assigned certain

responsibilities, which when properly carried out, enable the association to effectively meet its goals. In general, I feel the Board member is a voice and an ear for GCSAA, a member of the problem solving-policy setting Board of Directors and an individual who is willing to accept whatever responsibilities are given to him and a desire to work tirelessly to accomplish them. Being a past president of RMGCSA, a past editor of its newsletter and a member of GCSAA's Membership and Education Committees, I have valuable experience which would be beneficial in carrying out the role of a director.

**Charles T. Passios, CGCS** - As with any organization, directors are just that, they are there to direct the association on the path to achieving its goals. The motivation of these individuals to give back to the profession by fulfilling the responsibilities is a tribute to the success of the organization. They are there to create, promote and follow through with new and existing ideals that will further benefit our membership. For Charlie Passios, the adrenaline enhanced

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while lobbying legislation, promulgating decisions for chapters, arranging research or conversing on matters of the profession, drive this individual. Having a purpose, finding the means and accomplishing the task with an end that is beneficial to superintendents is the ultimate goal.

**Cecil C. Johnston, CGCS** - There are several roles a GCSAA director must fill to be successful. First and foremost, a director must ensure that the association is serving the needs of its membership. Directors serve as a conduit collecting ideas and concerns from our members and bringing this information to our staff for evaluation and implementation. Directors also have the responsibility of representing the GCSAA at various industry functions. Another very important duty of a director is to chair committees. My experience as past president of the Florida GCSA and Florida West Coast GCSA has helped prepare me for a directorship of the GCSAA. We have 600 members in the FGCSA, all of which are golf course superintendents or assistants.

**Randy Zidik, CGCS** - The primary role of any elected official is to represent his constituency in an honest, forthright and professional manner. As a GCSAA director, I feel a solemn obligation to determine, as best I can, what the membership is thinking relative to a particular issue and to use that information either to initiate action, support other initiatives or to cast a dissenting vote. That is not to suggest, however, that personal opinions have no place in the boardroom, for one is elected at least in part, because others respect his/her well considered thoughts and trust one to act in their best interest. It pleases me to say, without reservation, that your current Board of Directors embodies all that is honorable in public service. Their professionalism is demonstrated by the fact that they are able to disagree, argue intelligently and challenge individually, and yet leave each meeting with a unified sense of purpose and direction. I am extremely proud to be part of such a group and trust that the membership will recognize my sincerity and commitment when casting their votes in February.

**Q.** Please state to us what you believe to be the primary mission of GCSAA and how that mission can best be met.

**Joseph G. Baldy, CGCS** - The primary mission of the GCSAA is to continually increase the level of knowledge of the golf course superintendent, whether the knowledge be in business management, technology or

human relation skills. This can be accomplished best through the continuation of expanded opportunities for education.

**Chuck Clark, CGCS** - I feel the primary mission of GCSAA is to provide education to its members, strengthen the superintendents image and be a bastion in representing his interests. This mission will be met by having GCSAA continue to encourage its members to update their education and making available the many seminars and educational possibilities required for them to do so. The certification plan gives the superintendent the opportunity to be recognized for meeting a set of standards based on the knowledge he has about his profession and how well he puts these principles into practice on his own course. The image of the superintendent will continue to improve as the golfing community and general public become better informed about his job in general. This can come about through the increased use of all media sources by GCSAA, local chapters and individual superintendents. The superintendent needs to become more visual and vocal through a closer association with his club. If needed skills are not present, he needs to be motivated to improve them through the many available classes at local institutions of higher learning and in some cases through seminars sponsored by GCSAA. The superintendent who is not a member of GCSAA is robbing himself of a wealth of educational possibilities made possible through this membership.

**Charles T. Passios, CGCS** - The mission of GCSAA must first start with what the association stands for, promoting the professionalism of the golf course superintendent through education, to provide our members with state of the art information in the quest to master the art of golf course management. While producing supportive education with environmental concerns, we not only promote ourselves, we bolster the image of the golf community. A key to this success will be to sustain the stature we now possess while continuing to expand the programs at hand. This will allow us to shape a good portion of our own future.

**Cecil C. Johnston, CGCS** - The primary mission of the GCSAA should be to satisfy the needs of its members. We need to be well represented, well informed and well paid.

**Randy Zidik, CGCS** - The primary mission of GCSAA always has and always should be to provide for and enhance the recognition of the golf course superintendent as a professional. This is accomplished in a great many ways including our leadership role in promoting environmental responsibility, our public relation ef-

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forts, our cooperation with the allied associations in promoting and consolidating research, our highly regarded and improved magazine and our scholarship funding. But none more important, in my opinion, than GCSAA's commitment to continuing education. This is the very cornerstone of our existence as an association. For while the word "professional" may have many definitions, those definitions always include the constant search for new information and the long term goal of reaching higher levels of development. As long as the membership and leadership of GCSAA recognize this mandate to promote professionalism, our position as industry leaders will be secure.

9.

Give us your views on the expanding role of GCSAA within the golf community, and how you would seek to further define or develop GCSAA's contributions to the game.

**Joseph G. Baidy, CGCS** - The role of the superintendent has always been and will continue to be far into the future, to prepare the field of play to meet the demands of the game. Again, the expansion of educational opportunities will greatly increase our skills for this role.

To gain the recognition for our contributions to the game, we must learn more in the human relations skills to help us meet the demands of the media, to improve our relations with the golfer, and to improve our relations with the other members of the management team; the golf professional and the club manager.

Long standing recognition for the superintendents' contribution must be initiated by the improved condition of the course and through the public relations and leadership skills of the superintendent. Again, these skills are attained through education and practice.

**Chuck Clark, CGCS** - I feel that the golf superintendent, primarily due to the efforts of GCSAA, is now a recognized person within the golf community. His involvement and influence on the game of golf is much better understood due to GCSAA's strong interaction with all of the allied organizations. GCSAA is devoted to improving the quality of golf and with the close coordination between the PGA and CMAA we can expect to see these groups work more harmoniously in the future to further this mutual cause. However, I feel it is the GCSAA that will garner most of the spotlight in the years to come. Because of the nature of our busi-

ness and what is required to effectively maintain our areas at a level that is acceptable to today's golfers, we can expect opposition from specialty groups who are opposed to everything from the water we use to the chemicals and fertilizers so necessary to our very existence. This is why I feel that GCSAA must continue to take a lead on all issues that would adversely affect the playability of our courses or the well-being of the superintendent.

**Charles T. Passios, CGCS** - Whether by choice or force, we are the leaders of environmental concern in the golf community. It is our responsibility to educate ourselves as to what is sound environmental practice and to be willing to take proactive actions when needed. Producing fact to support the beneficial nature of this industry will strengthen our foundations in society today as well as into the future. We must strive to continue as a team within and embrace the allied associations creating an industry of substance. Today it is environmental concerns that are affecting tomorrow's growth and future capacities of the game. We have the opportunity to take the lead, provide the facts needed for our future and be the guiding force that will take golf course superintendents to the top in the new decade.

**Cecil C. Johnston, CGCS** - The role of the GCSAA in our industry is definitely expanding. We are leaders in dealing with regulatory issues, in providing scholarships and in supporting research efforts. The \$27,000 raised by Steve Cadenelli and the Metedeconk Golf Club this year is a shining example of the successes we are having. The greatest contribution that our organization brings to the game is the playing surfaces that our members provide. Never before have so many golfers played on so many courses in such good condition.

**Randy Zidik, CGCS** - GCSAA's role within the golf community, expanding or otherwise, is very clearly defined in our association bylaws. Any cooperative effort which ultimately serves to enhance the recognition of the golf course superintendent as a professional should be given every consideration. Every request involving the resources of GCSAA is scrutinized and evaluated to determine whether or not it would serve our membership and the good of the game. We are currently witnessing an unprecedented degree of cooperation and mutual respect among the allied associations and we should be justifiably proud of the fact that we are recognized as an integral part of the game and its future well being.

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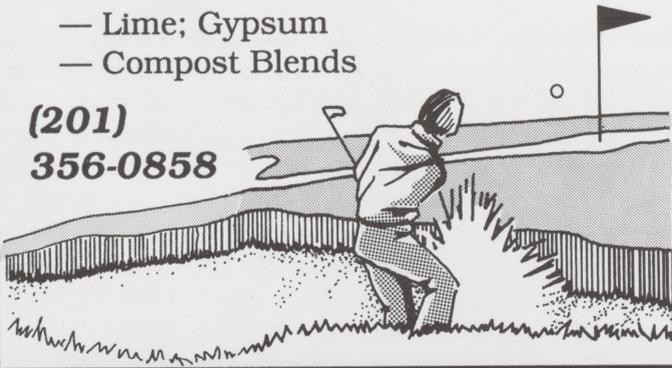
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## Golf course safety, security and risk management

Golf course superintendents, golf professionals and even insurance professionals spent a very busy Monday at the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America's seminar. The Ramada Renaissance Hotel in East Brunswick was the site chosen this year for the seminar held on Nov. 6, 1989. A capacity crowd was on hand to listen to Dr. Michael J. Hurdzan, golf course architect, as he presented us with many interesting and thought provoking examples of hazards and risks that we encounter in our business.

As resource managers, we have an obligation to protect ourselves, our employees and our employers against risks and hazards. These obligations extend to the golf course, buildings, storage tanks and any other potential source of danger in our work areas.

Country clubs are especially vulnerable, because the general public goes by the deep pocket theory. Litigation is not fun; it is costly and it is very difficult for a country club to win a lawsuit. It is best to avoid these kinds of suits by keeping risk and hazards to a minimum. It can even be as simple as pruning dead branches or replacing a leaking fuel tank. The cost of solving the problem is a lot less than going to court over an injury or a fine from a state agency.

Dr. Hurdzan posed many examples of how we can solve our problems. The first thing we need to do is to inform our superiors that a potential problem exists, and then set out to solve it.

It was an excellent seminar. Everyone in attendance will now look carefully at their work place to identify possible risks and hazards, and take corrective actions.

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It's evident that in any professional organization, there are basically three classifications of individuals: the Leaders, the Followers and the ones who get out of the way. There are interesting and varied personalities in all three categories, but the Leaders are the ones who make for the best conversation. The following words are about one of our Leaders.

This man has come up through the ranks of the GCSANJ, holding all the positions and eventually holding the office of president. He's been a speaker at a number of regional and national seminars, giving an excellent presentation each time.

Articles written by this man on subjects pertaining to golf course maintenance have appeared on numerous occasions in the "Green Section Record," "Golf Course Management" and "The Greenside."

He has been instrumental in organizing the Annual Metropolitan Area Team championship, which matches teams of golf course superintendents from various regional associations competing against each other with the winners obtaining bragging rights for one year.

He plays a pretty good game of golf, also, but beware when he pulls out his 46" putter with the 4" grip (inside the leather, huh). He's also been known to play taps for his golfing partners when they do not play up to their capability.

As a contributing columnist to "The Greenside"

for many years and also as its editor for a good number of years, Ed Walsh's input into "The Greenside" has been critical (when criticism was deserved), slightly controversial on occasion, but always interesting. And on numerous occasions—humorous.

Ridgewood Country Club, under Ed's direction, has undergone many positive changes. Tee construction, bunker renovation and an extensive tree pruning program, installation of a new irrigation system are some of the improvements that have occurred during Ed's tenure. Also, Ed's maintenance area is one that any club could easily model their own after. On top of all this, Ridgewood Country Club is hosting the 1990 USGA Senior Open. Everything will be under control, I'm sure of it.

Six or seven years ago, while I was Golf Course Superintendent at Rumson Country Club, our group was eating dinner at the Canoe Brook Country Club, which was hosting our Annual Invitational Golf Tournament. Ed was speaking to the group of superintendents, golf professionals and various club officials assembled. A short while into his speech, my greens chairman at the time, Jeff Lord, asked me who was the gentleman speaking to our group and went on to say how impressed he was with Ed's speaking demeanor and also how he enjoyed Ed's humor. That incident made me feel especially proud to be a member of GCSANJ. I'm sure that my greens chairman wasn't the only one impressed.

Ed, you've always represented the Golf Course Superintendent in a truly outstanding manner. Having you as a spokesman in various situations representing the Golf Course Superintendents has, in my opinion, upgraded our profession tremendously.

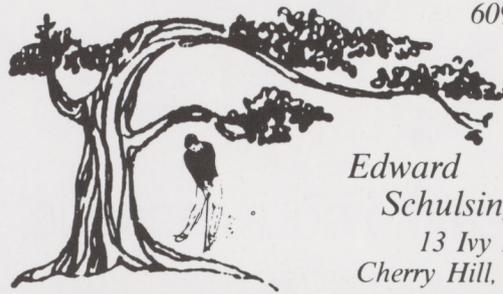
Ed, you are a leader, a fine gentleman, and a great asset to our profession. I hope Ridgewood Country Club knows what they have, because we fellow golf course superintendents certainly do.

Oh, by the way, the next time we play golf together I'll be getting two aside from you and no using that 46" putter with the 4" grip.

Thanks for everything.

CHARLIE CROSS  
SUPERINTENDENT, MEADOW BROOK CLUB

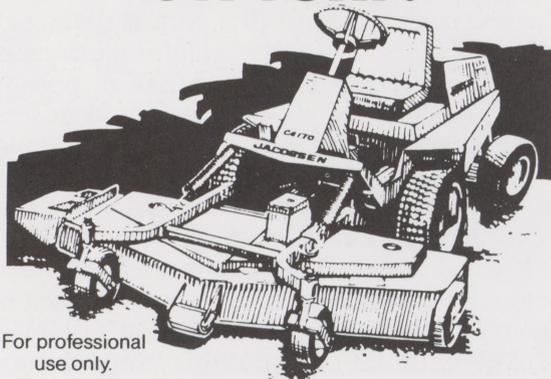
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# Safe Winter storage of pesticides

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Most pesticides will retain their effectiveness for more than a year if properly stored. Low temperatures, excessive heat and/or inadequate storage conditions can ruin your pesticides.

The storage area should be a separate room, building, shed or truck body devoted exclusively to pesticide storage, if possible.

This area should be heated, dry and well ventilated and the enclosed pesticides should be kept out of direct sunlight. Cold temperatures may crystallize liquid pesticides and damp areas cause metal or paper containers and paper labels to deteriorate. If the humidity is high, wettable powders and granular formulations can cake or lump into useless blocks. Storage areas without adequate ventilation can build up toxic fumes and high temperatures can break down pesticides or release them as toxic gases. As a general rule, keep the storage area above 40°F and below 95°F.

Make sure you properly identify this area by placing identification/warning signs on all pesticide storage buildings to advise all persons of the hazardous nature of the stored contents. In New Jersey, use

at least one sign per building written in both English and Spanish language. Be sure to keep doors and gates locked whenever the facility is not in use.

Always store pesticides in their original containers with the labels securely attached and plainly visible. If material is to be stored for a long period, you can protect the labels by covering them with transparent tape or lacquer. Inspect containers for cracks, leaks, tears, bulges or seal failures. Strong odors, wet spots and bulges indicate potential problems.

Pesticides in large containers, or those which are very heavy, should be stored on the floor to prevent their falling. Pallets will keep the container or package off the cold floor, but remember—to not use these pallets for other pesticide or other purposes. Do not let shelved containers extend beyond the shelf edge or cabinet edge where they can be spilled or knocked off. Mark each container with the purchase date and keep a complete inventory of all products. Keep this list readily accessible in a separate building. You must supply a pesticide inventory to the local fire department at least once per year, and it would help to give them a floor plan of your storage area indicating where different pesticides are regularly stored. It is suggested you include with your inventory list the name and phone numbers of your physician, hospital, Poison Control Center and Emergency Poison Centers, and to keep a copy posted in a prominent location in the storage area.

Pesticides must frequently be protected from one another to avoid cross-contamination. Do not store herbicides with other pesticides since some herbicides are volatile and readily contaminate other chemicals, often going undetected until a crop is damaged. Never store respirators and other safety equipment in the same room with pesticides because of possible contamination. Similarly, do not keep food or feed products, seed, fertilizer, veterinary supplies or plant material in the same room.

Chemicals subjected to cold or heat, or chemicals stored for long periods of time, may lose their effectiveness. If you are in doubt, test a small amount of the pesticide according to label directions. If the test is not satisfactory, dispose of the pesticide properly. Some signs of deterioration commonly observed in pesticide formulations after storage are given in Table 1.

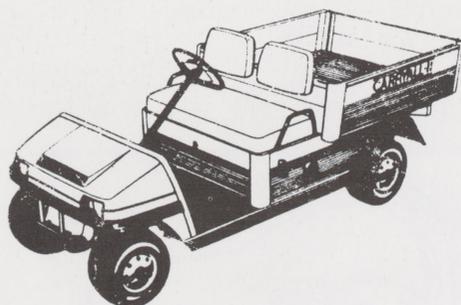
To check for crystallization or precipitates at the bottom of a drum, insert a long rod into the container. You can distinguish by feel whether any of the ingredients have settled out of solution.

Products with emulsifiers may separate at low temperatures. A hollow glass tube inserted into the mixture can be used to withdraw some of the liquid and determine if stratification has occurred. Similar separation is often observed with flowable formulations. Generally, solutions that have become sepa-

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# Distinguished service award given to Dr. Henry Indyk

This year's NJ Turfgrass Expo had an extra special event, the presentation of the Golf Course Superintendent's Association of New Jersey's Distinguished Service Award to Dr. Henry Indyk. The award was presented during the main banquet by Steven Finamore, president of GCSANJ. Steven stated that the "award came about as a way to recognize and honor individuals who have had a significant, positive impact on promoting our association and our profession."

Dr. Indyk has dedicated his life toward the promotion and advancement of not only New Jersey's golf turf, but also all of the state's turfgrass interests. He has been with Rutgers for 31 years. One year after his arrival, he saw the need for turfgrass support and switched to an opening as extension specialist in turfgrass.

During his tenure, he has been a guiding force for our profession on many fronts. He was instrumental in starting the Cultivated Sod Growers Association of New Jersey and has been its executive secretary for 25 years. He was involved in the formation of the Ameri-

can Sod Growers Association, which has grown to become a worldwide association. His affiliation with the New Jersey Turfgrass Association has included the chairmanship of all 19 Turfgrass Expos that have been held.

Dr. Indyk is respected throughout the United States, and has many conferences and papers to his credit. During the Los Angeles Olympics, he was called to consult on field preparations, a testimony to his expertise.

His association with the GCSANJ has spanned over 25 years. During the past 13 years, he has served as the executive director. He has provided us with his stable counsel and led us into the period we are now enjoying as a vibrant force in the golf industry.

High honors have been given Dr. Indyk from many New Jersey groups including the prestigious NJ Turfgrass Association's "Hall of Fame Award" and the NJ Irrigation Association's "Man of the Year Award." The GCSANJ is proud to add its accolades to Dr. Indyk's collection and present him with its "Distinguished Service Award."



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# NJ superintendent receives GCSAA Certification

Patrick A. Wall, superintendent of Cedar Creek Municipal Golf Course, has been designated a Certified Golf Course Superintendent by the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America.

Wall has been superintendent of the Bayville, NJ course since 1985. He lives in Toms River, NJ.

To become certified, a candidate must have five years' experience as a golf course superintendent and be employed in that capacity. The candidate must pass a rigorous six-hour examination covering the rules of golf, turfgrass management, pest management, financial and organizational management and the history, ethics, purpose and procedures of GCSAA. Also, an on-site inspection of Wall's golf course operation was conducted by GCSAA Secretary/Treasurer Steve Cadenelli, CGCS, of Jackson, NJ and another currently certified superintendent, Tom Grimac, CGCS, of Haddonfield, NJ.

GCSAA, an 8,800-member international profes-

sional and educational association, instituted the certification program in 1971 to recognize outstanding and progressive superintendents. More than 1,000 GCSAA members currently hold "CGCS" status.

## Safe Winter storage of pesticides

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rated often redissolve if the material is brought to warmer temperatures (50°-80°F) and is agitated. Never use an open flame to heat a mixture. Consult the manufacturer's label for helpful hints. For more information concerning specific pesticides and winter storage, see Table 1, entitled "Winter Storage of Chemicals," in the 1989 New Jersey Commercial Vegetable Production Recommendations. Remember—all chemicals can be dangerous and should be handled and stored with a great deal of care.



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TABLE 1

General signs of pesticide deterioration of various formulations.

FORMULATION	GENERAL SIGN OF DETERIORATION
Wettable Powders	Excessive lumping or caking occurs, or the powder will not stay in suspension.
Oils	Milky coloration or clouding does not occur when added to water.
Liquid Concentrates	Crystals form, or a separation or layering of components occurs, or sludge is present, or milky coloration does not occur when added to water.
Granular	Excessive lumping or caking into useless blocks occurs.
Flowables	Settling out or layering of components is evident.

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*Jon Loft, center, president of Lofts Seed Inc., presents royalty check to Dr. C.R. Funk of Rutgers University on far left. Drs. Jaleh Daie and Bruce Clarke look on.*

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**Steve and Christine Malikowski** recently had a son named Steve Joseph, 7 lbs. 11 oz., on November 19, 1989. All are doing well.

**Glenn and Diane Miller** enjoyed the birth of Diane Kathleen Miller who entered this world on November 17, 1989 weighing 8 lbs. 12 oz.

**Andy and Melanie Schuckers** of Darlington Golf Course had identical twin girls on December 4, 1989: Casey Suzanne at 4 lbs., 7 oz. and Kathleen Anne at 4 lbs., 2 oz.

Congratulations to all the lucky and proud new parents!

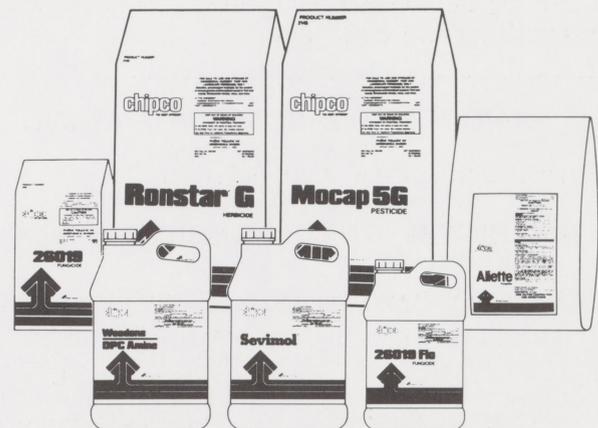
## ARMAND LeSAGE ASSUMES PRESIDENCY OF THE ALLIANCE FOR ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS

Armand LeSage, superintendent of White Beeches Golf and Country Club, Haworth, NJ was elected as president of the Alliance for Environmental Concerns at its annual meeting held in November. Armand previously held the position of vice president in that organization. He also is active in the GCSAA, serving on its Government Relations Committee. Armand was featured in the "Superintendent Profile" in the September 1988 issue of the "Greenside."

## NJ TURFGRASS ASSOCIATION ELECTS BOB DICKISON AS PRESIDENT

Congratulations to Bob Dickison, CGCS of Upper Montclair CC. Bob was elected president of the NJ Turfgrass Association at this year's annual meeting in Atlantic City. Bob is no stranger to leadership. He has been a district director, a vice president and president of GCSANJ. He has also served on the Communication and Awards Committee of the GCSAA. Bob was also the winner of the 1988 GCSANJ Distinguished Service Award.

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## GCSAA launches "Briefing"

The GCSAA Government Relations Committee now publishes a newsletter called "Briefing." Its purpose is to help superintendents stay informed about regulations and laws that affect the profession. William Roberts, chairman of the Government Relations Committee, stated in the first issue that a growing number of laws that impact the way we do our jobs will be written by state and local governments. It is imperative that superintendents be aware of proposed regulations, knowledgeable about the rulemaking process and organized to effectively work to gain input into that process. For a copy of "Briefing," contact the GCSAA office at 800-472-7878. Ask for the Office of Government Relations.

## Two books of practical info for the "Garden State" landscaper

Following are two books which many will find interesting. Both contain practical information as we strive to develop those perfect landscapes in the "Garden State."

"Landscaping for Water Conservation, A Guide for New Jersey" is a 24 page booklet written by Drs. Theodore Shelton and Bruce Hamilton. Both gentlemen are on the staff at Cook College. It contains a great deal of useful information in the areas of selecting and using landscape materials.

This booklet is available from your Cooperative Extension office or from the Division of Water Resources within the N.J. Department of Environmental Protection.

For all the ornamental grass fans, a new book, "Ornamental Grass Gardening," contains much information along with many lovely pictures showing numerous ways to use these grasses. The book, written by Reinhardt, Reinhardt, & Moskowitz, is published by HP Books, a division of Price Stern Sloan.

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