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The ins and outs of the new-and-improved GCSAA/Chapter Affiliation Agreement

What It Means for You and the GCSANJ

"United we stand, divided we fall."

That old adage may well be the basic premise behind the new-and-improved GCSAA/Chapter Affiliation Agreement which was unveiled at the Chapter Relations Meeting held September 9 and 10 in Lawrence, Kansas.

The culmination of two years of discussion and debate among GCSAA Chapter Relations Committee members, this proposed pact is designed expressly to strengthen the relationship between GCSAA and its affiliated chapters and, in turn, allow better representation of the golf course superintendent and the profession. But just as important, the new agreement offers provisions for protecting and reducing the liability of the directors, officers and members of the chapters, as well as the directors, officers and members of GCSAA.

The committee credited with this formidable undertaking is composed of four board officers and 11 GCSAA member superintendents, representing a broad cross-section of GCSAA's affiliated chapters. "We have poor chapters and affluent chapters, East Coast chapters and West Coast chapters, and North and South regional chapters represented on the committee," notes GCSAA President Gary T. Grigg, CGCS.

In short, that means everyone's needs were considered—and represented—when building the new affiliation standards.

What many superintendents don't know is that an affiliation agreement has long existed between GCSAA and local chapters. It's just that, for the past dozen years or so, little has been done to enforce the agreement.

"We realized we needed to strengthen a relationship that had started to fall apart," says Bruce Williams, GCSAA vice president and Chapter Relations Committee chairperson. "But we also realized," he adds to explain the lengthy reexamination of existing standards, "that to enforce the old agreement without input from the chapters would not have been fair."

New Agreement Standards at a Glance

At the two-day Chapter Relations Meeting, 95 chapter representatives—with Rock Spring Club Superintendent **Wayne P. Remo**, CGCS, representing the GCSANJ—were given the opportunity to discuss and amend the proposed chapter affiliation agreement. Here's a rundown on the new agreement standards—some of which will be up for GCSAA membership vote at the Annual Meeting in Orlando, Florida, in February:

Dual Membership: Any superintendent joining a local

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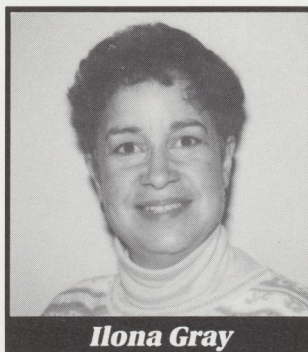
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EDITORIAL

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Ilona Gray

Got problems? Get solutions

By Ilona Gray



everyone has problems. The rich, the poor, the healthy and infirmed all share this same phenomenon. The difference between the suc-

cessful and the unsuccessful lies in their ability to face a problem, determine the solution and have the courage to take the needed action.

For the past several years our own GCSANJ Field Day had been in a tailspin. Cajoling members to attend did not work. Bribery did not work. Threats of pain and torture did not work. Nuclear destruction was considered but rejected because of budget constraints, but it would not have worked anyway.

The solution was taken by a group of stout hearted and level headed guys headed up by **Steve Malikowski** of Cape May National fame. The first step toward success was recognizing that the Field Day was in trouble. Attendance was tracking lower each year, and, worse, the event was not the fun it had once represented.

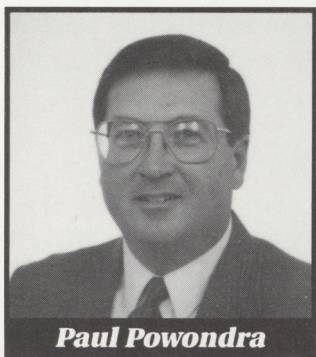
Steve took the next step as well. He and the Field Day Committee sent out letters to find out why superintendents were not participating. The response was startling. Everything from the venue to the way the Field Day was promoted had to be rethought. The ideas came from all over and were distilled into a new and exciting plan. GCSANJ members had "bought into" the ideas, and the team work started to gel. The vendors became more interested and excited as well. And most important, the Field Day became fun again.

There are so many lessons for all of us in this activity. If we can apply the same skills to solving other problems, there is nothing we can't do. The basic steps are applicable to personal problems, management problems, family problems, community problems and, well, even the GCSAA and the United Nations. Recognize that a problem exists. Seek the advise and counsel of qualified people. Sift through the ideas for a solution and decide upon a course of action. And take the last step, which is the first step, and that is to follow through on the plan.

Best wishes for a happy holiday!



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Paul Powondra

Reflections in the snow

As the year wanes and we turn our attention to the holidays, we give pause to reflect on the trials,

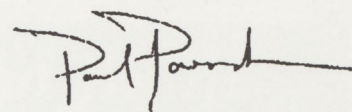
triumphs, and lessons learned from the season just past. They're always a challenge, but this year truly tested the mettle of every superintendent, assistant, staff member, spouse and irrigation system. Thankfully, not long after water restrictions were imposed which banned irrigation of fairways and roughs in the northern part of the state, the rains returned and most of that brown, dead-looking grass sprang back to life. That dry spell was a tough way of cutting down on disease pressure.

What might have been learned, other than that turfgrass can be amazingly resilient? Perhaps that communication continues to play such an important part in our profession. We stay in touch with our friends in the business, offering mutual support, suggesting ways of dealing with this or that problem. I admire those who are forthright in discussing openly, for the benefit of their peers, the heartrending near-calamities encountered at their courses. We don't like to admit it, but we're still fallible human beings. Yet I take heart in those who learn from their errors, resolve not to repeat them, and move on with life with an eye toward the next challenge. Would this profession appeal to us if it were easy?

This season, communication with members remained paramount, particularly in pointing out that irrigation systems in our part of the country are intended to supplement rainfall, not supplant it. Further, courses which are directly tied into municipal water as their sole source, without benefit of wells or holding ponds, received a wake-up call of sorts when they realized that they can be at the mercy of capricious restrictions and will surely be reviewing their options for the future. Effluent water is not widely used in our region, but I have used it for a number of years and would recommend it for consideration, given the correct circumstances of control a superintendent needs to have in dealing with this water source. Believe me, I felt a twinge of guilt when I received phone calls from people nearly out of water, while I was able to call the facility which supplies our tertiary effluent and ask that they send an extra 500,000 gallons to our holding pond. It's not for everyone and involves some unique burdens, but it rarely has an odor and with our cleansing rains I don't see any salt problems.

Of course, to put things in perspective, some people's burdens and trials were heavier than others in the GCSANJ family this year. While most of us endured the heat and drought, we emerged with our courses springing back and our families intact and healthy. Sadly, we note the passing of **Paul Boizelle, Bert Jones, Bob Leslie** and **Al Radko**, and our thoughts are with their families. Indeed, I doubt anyone in the room that night in October at Green Brook for the GCSANJ Championship was not moved when **Kathy Leslie** expressed to us her thanks for what we (along with METGCSA, Cleary Chemical, GCSAA and Bob's best friend, Randy Brock) had done in getting the education fund for her children established. It was the least we could do, and we were privileged to be able to participate. It helped all of us assuage some of the hurt any law-abiding, decent person would feel as a result of her loss.

The compassion of the GCSANJ family toward those in need is a constant source of edification to me, renewing my conviction that it is indeed a privilege to be associated with such a group. In the past three years we have raised over \$80,000 for various charitable causes, something to be proud of in this holiday season. You're the best. Season's greetings and happy new year.



CALENDAR

Jan. 3 - March 8, 1996 Winter Session of the Rutgers Professional Golf Turf Management School, Cook College Office of Continuing Education. Contact (908) 932-9271.

Jan. 9-11, 1996 Introduction to Golf Turf Management, Cook College Office of Continuing Education. Contact (908) 932-9271.

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chapter after July 1, 1997, must also join the GCSAA. Likewise, anyone joining GCSAA would also have to join a local chapter. Existing members would be exempt from the dual membership requirement.

To ease the expense burden for golf courses that employ multiple assistants, GCSAA will take the vote away from assistant superintendents and then reduce their dues.

Rationale: This would boost membership numbers in both the national and local associations and allow GCSAA to better serve and promote the image of superintendents across the country.

Consistency of Bylaws and Membership Classifications: Chapters' bylaws should not contradict GCSAA bylaws. For most, including the GCSANJ, that means adjusting superintendent and assistant superintendent classifications to parallel GCSAA's Class A, B and C classifications. In short, A's should be superintendents with three or more years' experience, B's would be superintendents with less than three years' experience, and C's would be assistants.

Rationale: Providing consistency in requirements for Class A, B and C members of both chapters and GCSAA would be beneficial with regard to employment notices that identify specific requirements tied to membership status.

Classification of Chapter Officers and Directors: All officers of local chapters must be GCSAA Class A and B members, and the majority—51 percent—of Board members should be GCSAA Class A and B members.

Rationale: This is designed to encourage the pursuit of common goals and interests of GCSAA and its chapters and to better represent the interests of superintendents.

Incorporation: Chapters must incorporate in the state where their principle business is located.

Rationale: The chapter corporation status serves to protect directors, officers, and members from being sued directly and held responsible for paying penalties and damages resulting from any legal actions.

Annual Reporting: This requires that local chapters submit an annual report outlining chapter activities for the year, current bylaws, current officers, a current membership roster, a certificate of good standing from the state where the chapter is incorporated, a certificate of insurance, a summary of the annual financial statements and the chapter's annual tax returns.

The report would be due within 30 days following a chapter's Annual Meeting and would, of course, be kept strictly confidential.

Rationale: GCSAA's annual report and financial information are available to chapters, so the Chapter Relations Committee feels that GCSAA should have access to similar information from affiliated chapters.

Chapter Representation: Chapters must send a representative to the Annual Chapter Relations Meeting and a representative to vote at the Annual Meeting.

Rationale: Chapters should be kept abreast of—and given the opportunity to discuss—GCSAA affairs. They should also be present at Annual Meetings to represent voting members who have cast their votes with the chapter.

Insurance: All chapters must obtain a minimum of \$1 million for both general liability and directors and officers (D&O) insurance.

Rationale: The insurance will protect the financial interests of Chapter directors and officers, members and GCSAA.

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Tax-Exempt Status: Chapters will be required to seek and retain tax-exempt status from the IRS. Those, unlike the GCSANJ, who do not have tax-exempt status would be given two years to attain it.

Rationale: This would reduce a chapter's tax liability and would allow all chapters to participate in cooperative programs requiring tax-exempt status.

Some of the many privileges of affiliation:

- **Bimonthly Newsletter:** Chapter leaders, officers and other interested association personnel will receive *Chapter Network News*, a new publication produced by GCSAA's Chapter Relations Department. Published six times a year, the newsletter is designed to keep affiliated chapters up to date on GCSAA programs and activities.

- **Chapter Recognition Program:** The Chapter Relations Department is developing a chapter awards program that will recognize affiliated chapters for their achievements in several categories, including fund-raising, meeting and event management, government relations, membership recruitment and publications.

- **Public Relations Campaign:** GCSAA has planned a multifaceted campaign that will combine new and existing public relations tools, which will be distributed among the affiliated chapters.

- **Cooperative Membership Recruitment Program:** Beginning July 1, 1996, GCSAA will launch a GCSAA/chapter recruitment drive, designed to aid affiliated chapters in recruiting new members.

- **Promotional Materials and Logo Use:** Affiliated chapters can promote their affiliation with GCSAA by using the association's affiliated chapter logo.

- **Planning Assistance:** Beginning next spring, GCSAA will offer strategic planning sessions to a chapter or chapters within a given region. A GCSAA staff representative would be available to lead the planning process.

- **Chapter Insurance:** GCSAA is offering a reasonable D&O and general liability insurance package that will cost chapters only \$700 annually. (In California, general liability is more costly, however, so their total will be \$850.)

- **Leadership Handbook:** The GCSAA Chapter Relations Department has developed a prototype of a leadership book, which it distributed to volunteer chapter leaders for review at the September meeting.

Designed to assist chapter delegates, the book offers information about GCSAA headquarters, present and planned chapter-related programs, chapter board and officer position descriptions, and tips on running effective meetings and managing successful committees.

- **Chapter Cooperative Research Program:** This program

would make available matching funds for chapter-based research projects and encourage multiple-chapter research initiatives.

More Than Just a Magazine

"We have to remember that GCSAA offers members more than just a glossy publication, *Golf Course Management*," says Wayne Remo, who points to the many other benefits of membership, including a certification program, regional educational seminars, and our national conference and golf tournament.

In addition, Wayne notes that GCSAA represents our industry with the EPA and has successfully addressed various environmental issues and concerns across the nation. Fully committed to communicating the positive effects of golf courses on the environment, GCSAA has recently initiated an Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program for Schools, which will teach children the environmental benefits of golf courses.

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The organization has also built important relationships with other leading golf organizations, including the PGA, USGA and CMA and is currently hard at work promoting the image of the profession of golf course superintendent. "In fact," says Wayne, "GCSAA has renewed its commitment with ESPN to televise 30 episodes of the highly successful show 'Par for the Course.' It will make tapes of the program available to local chapters and superintendents interested in showing them at their clubs.

"GCSAA is, no doubt, a great resource and support system for local associations," says Remo. "So as long as we can still keep our autonomy, I believe closer affiliation with this association and others across America could only be positive."

If you have any questions about the new GCSAA/Chapter Affiliation Agreement, feel free to contact your GCSANJ

Chapter Delegate, Wayne Remo, at (201) 736-2154 or Don Bretthauer, who heads the GCSAA Chapter Relations Department and programs, at (800) 472-7878 or (913) 832-4418 (direct line).

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Jan. 9-11, 1996

Eastern PA Turf Conference & Trade Show, Valley Forge Convention Center, King of Prussia, PA. Contact Pennsylvania Turfgrass Council, (814) 863-3475.

Jan. 12-13, 1996

Lake Management, Cook College of Continuing Professional Education Programs. Contact (908) 932-9271.

Jan. 15-17, 1996

65th Massachusetts Turfgrass Conference & 20th Trade Show, Boston, MA. Contact Edward Brearly, (508) 584-6568.

Feb. 5-11, 1996

GCSAA 67th International Golf Course Conference & Show, Orlando, FL. Contact GCSAA, (800) 472-7878.

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CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

By Shaun Barry

Green Brook C.C. once again challenged our members with its classic design and awe-inspiring green speeds. As usual, some of our players don't seem to know how hard this course plays. Most of us, however, showed it the respect it deserves and let (?) it win.

Angelo Petraglia had a 76. This was the low score of the day so he won the Sherwood Moore Cup. The next top three finishers were **Tom Grimac** (78), **Kevin Giles** (81) and **Ian Kunesch** (81). Kevin also won the Dr. Henry Indyk Cup with a net score of 72. **Bob Prickett** (73), **T. Grimac** (73) and **I. Kunesch** (74) couldn't quite match his score. The low gross

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Joe Kennedy (left), host superintendent of Green Brook C.C., receives plaque and thanks from Paul Powondra, president of GCSANJ.

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winners in the B Flight were **Ken Mathis** (84) and **Ed Walsh** (86), while **Vinnie Bracken** (70), **K. Mathis** (71), **Glenn Miller** (72) and **E. Walsh** (73) captured net honors.

John O'Keefe and **Gary Arlio** earned low gross honors in the C Flight so **Bruce Peeples** won the net division. He was followed by **G. Arlio**, **J. O'Keefe** and **Pat O'Neill**. Our Commercial Flight had a new winner of the Dr. Paul Sartoretto Cup when **Pete Siegel** shot an 82. **Jim Woods** was next with an 85. The low net winners were **Rob Finnesey**, **P. Siegel**, **Bob Dubee** and **Steve Chirip**.

Closest to the pin prizes went to **Mark Kriews**, **P. Siegel**, **Armand LeSage** and **Mike Miner**. The long drive contest was sponsored by **Rob Finnesey** of Tree Tech, and there were three winners: A Flight - **Jim Swiatlowski**, B Flight - **Shaun Barry** and C Flight - **Sky Bergen**.

Dr. Jim Thompson (73) won our guest tournament, and



Chris Carson, past president of GCSANJ, and Kathy Leslie display the Leslie trophy at the dinner following the GCSANJ Championship and Fund Raiser.



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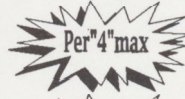
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the winners of skins were K. Giles, A. LeSage, B. Prickett, T. Grimalac and **Jim Carson**. District III wrested the District Championship title from District IV. On the winning team were: A. Petraglia (76), K. Giles (81), M. Kriews (82), K. Mathis (84), J. Woods (85) and **Harry Harsin** (91).

The final event of the day was a tournament that took all year to decide. This was the Two-Man Team event. The only differences this year were the names of the runners-up (J. Woods and **Jim Cross**), and now this tournament will be played for the Leslie Cup. Once again Tom Grimalac and Bob Prickett successfully took on all comers and won. They are worthy champions. They deserve to be the first team that was presented the trophy by Kathy Leslie. (I hope they try again because I know one team that has them in their sights.)

Our thanks go out to all of the tee sponsors, once again to **Clyde Ashton** and the people of **Double Eagle** for their generous donation toward our trophies, and to **Joe Kennedy** for all of his help. It really came together.

OUR CHAMPIONSHIP ADDS TO THE BOB LESLIE FUND

By Shaun Barry

Joe Kennedy had just finished another day of work. Green Brook C.C. had once again provided a beautiful setting for one of our meetings. This time it was our joint Championship and Fund Raiser, two very important items on our calendar of events. Our original choice of clubs had to withdraw their offer, and Joe was able to secure his club within days.

Now people were on their way home, and we were discussing the day. One hundred golfers had played one extraordinarily well-conditioned golf course, and we both knew what efforts had gone into preparation. Everyone had played hard and eaten well (at Green Brook C.C. you would expect nothing else). As we said good night, Joe asked me not to mention him in this article (sorry, Joe) because he felt that what he and his staff had done could in no way compare to what **Kathy Leslie** had done.

She had the courage and strength to bend but not break when her world was shattered. Through this unexplainable tragedy she never lost sight of her real world—her children. They needed her to be strong and she was. Bob was our friend, and now it was our chance to assist his family.

With help from the W.A. Cleary Corp., the Met superin-

tendents association, the GCSAA and the GCSANJ, we raised over \$35,000. In addition, Bob's best friend, Randy Brach, raised \$8,200 with a one-day golf tournament. These monies will go to the Bob Leslie Fund. That in turn will be earmarked for the children's education.

As Kathy spoke to us that night, I knew that we were all part of something special. Watching prize winner after prize winner turn their gift certificates back to the fund was heartwarming. These people, these members of GCSANJ, these friends of mine remind me of how lucky we are to be part of this industry. **Mike Mongon** asked Kathy to keep us informed and to please return next year. I hope you do, Kathy, because you and the Leslie family will always be part of us.

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PANTHER VALLEY HOSTS THE INVITATIONAL

By Shaun Barry

The original date for our 1995 Invitational was one miserable day. After a summer of drought stress, it rained before the day of the event and, as the Weather Channel predicted, it began again as the teams headed out to play. Within five holes the course had become unplayable. We would have had very few options if the wonderful people at Panther Valley had not gone out of their way to help. They chose to open the course on a Monday. We were happy to accept.

With the new date our only problem was how many teams would show. It could be a small field. It turned out to be a great field. Twenty-eight teams adjusted their schedules. They all

wanted to have another go at this challenging course. (Well, everybody but Vinnie. His team was six under when the first round was canceled. He didn't think it was unplayable.)

The second try was much better. It was cooler but dry, and the leaves were getting more colorful with each passing minute. The wind affected play, but I didn't hear one complaint. Well, maybe one. Our host, **Pat Campbell**, would have liked the greens just a little faster. Since they check the speed of the greens with a radar gun I hope he was joking. At the end of the day it became evident that some teams had played a different course. It is either that or some of us are not playing enough.

Winning the four-man event was **Pat O'Neill** and Navesink with a remarkable 61. What is perhaps more remarkable is that two other teams were tied, only one shot back. **John Gasper** and Ridgewood (62) edged out **Doug Vogel** and Packanack for second place on a match of cards (a pretty amazing finish for Doug and his team, since in the superintendent-pro division they shot an 81—no they were not the high team).

Ridgewood moved up to first place in the superintendent-pro event with a 66. Placing second was **Glenn Miller** and Manasquan River with a 69. They edged out Navesink on another match of cards.

Closest to the pin honors went to **Jim Gurzler** (River Vale), **Bill Dixon** (Apple Mountain), **Jay Wilsker** (Alpine), **Joe Mikulik** (Forest Hill) and **Jeff Maines** (Ridgewood). Completing our golf was **Tom Crump** (Twin Brooks) with the longest drive.

Congratulations to all our winners and our most sincere thanks to **Jim Savestano**, **Jacques Lebye** and the clubhouse staff for all of their help and professionalism which allowed this to happen. To Pat, Roger, Jeff and your crew, you have our respect. It can not be done any better. Keep up the good work.

OOOPS

By Shaun Barry

It pays not to know the history of your organization. In my last article about the New Jersey State Amateur, I had a picture of Paul Powondra presenting a plaque to Armand LeSage. In the text of the article I mentioned that this practice started with Dave Pease. That turns out to be inaccurate.

Jack Martin called and explained that this practice actually began in the 70s. It was great hearing from him, and I told him a correction would appear in the next issue of "The Greenerside."



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Two days later I received a note from Dr. Henry Indyk. He had also caught my mistake. He confirmed the fact that this started in the 70s.

What Dave did was restart something that he never knew had been done before. If someone does remember who actually received this plaque, please let me know. It will give me a chance to hear from another long-time member of this Association and that is always good thing.

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WELCOME TO THE NEWEST MEMBER OF THE GCSANJ FAMILY

By Shaun Barry

Alan and Rebecca Phillips and their daughter, Jessica Ann, two, welcomed 8 lb. 3 oz. Jason Alan into this world on October 2, 1995, at 10:00 a.m. Everybody is doing well.

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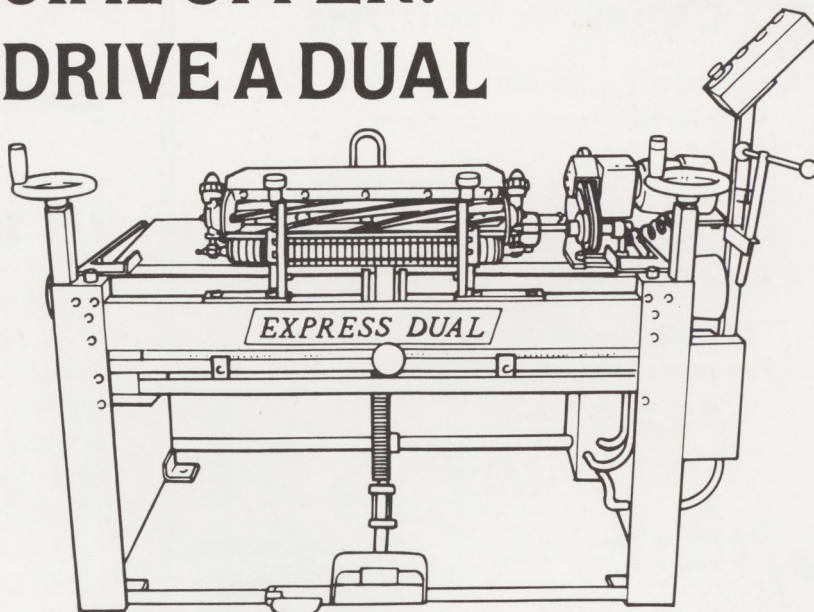
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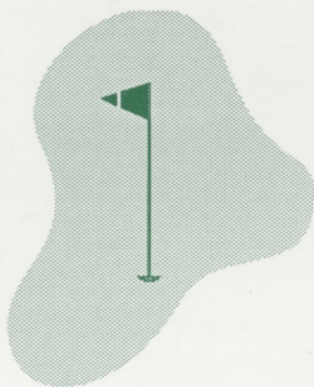
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HOLE-IN-ONE

By Shaun Barry

Ed Mellor made a hole-in-one on the seventh hole of Hominy Hill G.C. on September 1, 1995. He was playing the Steve Curry Memorial Tournament (just leaving the state—not the world). He played with **Ron Luepke**, **Chip Dayton** and **Steve Curry**.



DISTRICT II MEETING: MT. TABOR TO THE RESCUE

By Vince Bracken

Many thanks go to **Chris Holenstein** and the members of Mt. Tabor G.C. for their hospitality on such short notice. Members at Mt. Tabor should be proud of their golf course and the fine job Chris and his crew have done under very difficult conditions this year.

Nineteen golfers played the extremely well-maintained course, with **Jay McKenna** winning low gross and **Pat Campbell** winning low net.

Two skins were won by **Chris Boyle** of Essex County C.C. and one each by **Pete Pedrazzi** of Crestmont C.C. and **P. Campbell** of Panther Valley G.C.

Longest drive was as follows: **J. McKenna** - 245 yards, **Vince Bracken** - 240 yards and **Sky Bergen** - 160 yards. The District Team consists of **P. Campbell**, **J. McKenna**, **P. Pedrazzi**, **C. Holenstein**, **Ed Walsh** and **John Fitzgerald**.

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In memoriam

By Paul Powondra

Paul Boizelle, 72, died November 1, 1995. A past president of GCSANJ and New Jersey Turfgrass Association, Paul had been superintendent at Navesink and Fiddler Elbow prior to taking a position at Onwentsia Club in the Chicago area in 1981. Paul also served as a GCSAA director in the early 1980's. He served as mentor to numerous people in our profession, including myself, and was utterly devoted to his family, his God and church, and his country. A man of uncompromising conviction, he placed what he viewed as morally and ethically proper ahead of any concerns for the relative popularity or unpopularity of those views. He retired from Onwentsia a few years ago, and had remained in the Chicago area. Interment was in Quantico National Cemetery in Virginia. He is survived by his wife, Jeanne, 132 Oak Terrace, Bake Bluff, IL 60044.

Field Day 1995: A big success

By Steve Malikowski, CGCS

Now that Field Day 1995 is history, let's see how history treated us. How do we determine whether events are successful or not? Usually by the comments received after the fact. In fact, with the exception of only one, all commercial representatives whom I spoke with were happy with the food service, the program and the way we were handled by the staff at the Mattawang Golf Club. I did not speak with the only person who was unhappy, but I will at my first opportunity. To quote a brilliant, well-known individual, Mr. Spock from the planet Vulcan, "The good of many outweighs the good of one." In this case I believe this statement fits. Let me throw in one more quote from the famous Nigel Wisskowski, CGCS, which also fits in this case, "Apparently he's confused me with someone who gives a %##*."

With attendance in excess of 400 and almost 70 golf course superintendents, I feel we were pretty successful in the attempt we made to rebuild this event. Bringing the Field Day to a golf course is the way to go and, using the surveys we had taken at the beginning of the year, we provided what our members wanted.

A special thanks to **Dr. Richard Hurley** for his informative talk on Bentgrasses. For those who listened, it was interesting and valuable information. An educational session like this one will also be included in next year's field day. Particular

thanks to **Chip Kern**, the senior vice president at Shearon Golf, and his staff at the Mattawang Club for their tremendous help and hospitality before and during the event. Holding back morning tee times so we could use the 18th hole undisturbed was a gracious thing to do.

Thanks to **Joe Kennedy**, co-chairman of the Field Day Committee, the real workhorse of this event without whose help we would not have been as successful as we were. And thanks to our Field Day Committee members: Superintendents **Ron Mencl, John Carpinelli, Dave Pease and Mike Mongon**. Also Commercial Reps **Shaun Barry, Clyde Ashton, Pete McCormick, Dennis DeSanctis, Ken Kubik and Bob Carson**.

Finally, our committee is already busy working on next year's Field Day, and so if anyone has any suggestions for improving this event, please feel free to contact any of the committee members or me at any time.



Rich Ohnmacht, sales representative from Vermeer North Atlantic Sales & Service in Mount Holly, holds onto his 50/50 winnings.



PBI/Gordon Corporation's John W. Patten won a fruit basket donated by Grass Roots.

GCSAA delegates meeting: State of the Association

By Wayne P. Remo

On September 9-10, 1995, a meeting was held at the GCSAA Headquarters in Lawrence, Kansas. A total of 95 of the 114 delegates were in attendance along with the present Board of Directors of the GCSAA and the prospective candidates for this year's election in Orlando, Florida. New Jersey was represented by its delegate, Wayne P. Remo, CGCS.

President Gary Grigg opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. He was glad to see the steady improvement in the number of delegates attending as last year only 72 made the trip. He mentioned that over \$750,000 has been spent in new technology, including new computers, networking, e-mail, etc. this past year to improve membership services. GCSAA has tripled the number of members in 15 years and presently 72 percent are voting members. There has not been a dues increase in the past six years while our budget has increased to over

\$6,000,000. This has largely been achieved through revenues from commercial advertising. The old GCSAA Headquarters building has been sold for \$450,000. The money received from this sale went into the debt of the present new building. Net worth of the association is 8.8 million dollars. Mr. Grigg stated that the GCSAA has not represented the 9-hole operations or the public facilities very well and with the three new mandates for 1996 of Image, Environment and Chapter Relations, this will certainly be improved. Over one million dollars has been budgeted to develop and improve these mandates. The primary objective is one of working with the local chapters to serve the members.

Steve Mona, CEO, spoke next about changes made inside the four walls of headquarters. Presently GCSAA has 85 employees and has reorganized to achieve the following goals:

1. Focus on the needs of the membership;
2. Position each employee where best suited for his or her abilities;
3. Staff has been relocated within to improve interaction;
4. Benefit and compensation package has been improved to attract and keep good employees;
5. Continue to invest money in systems such as laptops, PCs, networking, voicemail, data bases, etc.;
6. Develop a strategic plan to see where we are going;
7. Create a new budgeting system to improve accountability
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 - c. Challenge vacancies (reduce possibilities of over-staffing).

The Board and staff of the GCSAA are truly dedicated to the goal of improving membership services through chapters. The image of the golf course superintendent is constantly being improved through our show, "Par-for-the-Course," and I urge each member to get involved. There are still over 40 members of the GCSANJ who are not registered to vote by delegate. Your voice is not being heard unless you vote. If you are unable to vote at the annual election in Orlando, please send your proxy to Wayne P. Remo, Rock Spring Club, Rock Spring Road, West Orange, NJ 07052, or call (201) 736-2154 (day) or (201) 871-6532 (night).

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Pine Valley named number one in the world for GOLF

The phone of Superintendent **Richard Christian** of Pine Valley Golf Club near Clementon and Pine Valley, New Jersey, has been ringing since the announcement by "GOLF Magazine" that Pine Valley was rated number one in the world. The course has an interesting history which starts with a design by a Philadelphia businessman, George Crump. He liked the property, bought it and designed a great golf course that has obviously been recognized by others for its uniqueness in the golf world.

"It's a spectacular piece of land," according to Richard

Christian. Richard, along with three assistants—**Dave Rank**, **Matt Keenan** and **Rich Tacconelli**, cares for this jewel. The course covers 650 acres, 200 of which is the main course and approximately 100 acres as a par 3 course. Richard feels that the special charm of the course lies in having all of the holes separated by trees. He attributes the number one ranking to this and a great crew.

A big "Greenerside" congratulations is extended to everyone involved in Pine Valley's success.

Congratulations

The Monmouth University Golf Team 1995 Community Service Award was presented to our own **Jozsef L. de Kovacs**, CCM, CHA, director of operations of the Deal Golf and Country Club, in appreciation for his outstanding commitment and loyalty to the Monmouth University's Golf Team. Mr. de Kovacs is not only a member of the GCSANJ, but also active with the Alliance for Environmental Concerns and the Club Managers Association.

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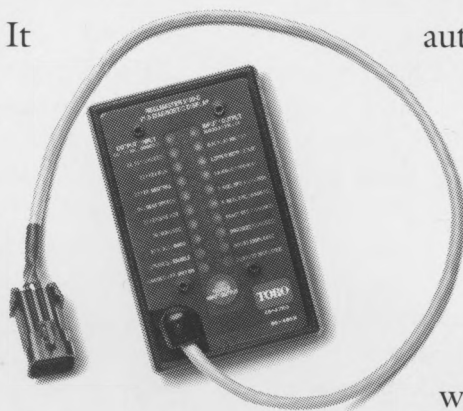
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In memoriam

Alexander M. Radko, former USGA Green Section agronomist from 1947-1982, and the Green Section's National Director from 1974 until his retirement, died on October 31, 1995. His 35-year career with the Green Section was marked by many outstanding contributions to the study of turfgrass management. In 1983, Al was the recipient of the 1983 USGA Green Section Award for his distinguished service to golf through his work with turfgrass. Al Radko rose from Research Assistant, Agronomist, Eastern Regional Director, and finally National Director of the USGA Green Section. He served as the National Research Director, administering the Green Section Research and Education Fund, the largest private turfgrass research fund in the United States. He was editor of the "Green Section Record" for five years and was a contributor as well as a primary editor of the USGA's book, "Turf Management for Golf Courses," by Dr. James B. Beard. His family requested that memorial donations be made to the USGA Foundation in support of its Junior Golf Program. Donations can be sent to the USGA Foundation, P.O. Box 708, Far Hills, New Jersey 07931

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SUPERINTENDENTS ANNOUNCE OFFICER AND BOARD SLATE

Bruce R. Williams, CGCS, has been nominated for the presidency of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA). The association's 1996 election of officers and directors is scheduled for Saturday, February 10, 1996, during its annual meeting at the GCSAA International Golf Course Conference and Show in Orlando, Florida.

Williams, superintendent at Bob O'Link Golf Club in Highland Park, Illinois, currently is vice president of GCSAA.

The nominee for vice president is **Paul S. McGinnis**, CGCS, of Union Hills Country Club in Sun City, Arizona. McGinnis currently is secretary/treasurer of the association.

The nominees for secretary/treasurer are **Dave Fearis**, CGCS, of Blue Hills Country Club in Kansas City, Missouri, and **George Renault III**, CGCS, of Burning Tree Club in Bethesda, Maryland.

Six candidates will vie for two director positions. The nominees are **Paul A. Dermott**, CGCS, of Oakdale Golf & Country Club in Downsview, Ontario, Canada; **Ken Mangum**, CGCS, of Atlanta Athletic Club in Duluth, Georgia; **Samuel Snyder VII**, CGCS, of Hercules Country Club in Wilmington, Delaware; **Robert J. "Bob" Tillema**, CGCS, of Sherwood Forest Golf Club in Sanger, California; **Michael Wallace**, CGCS, of Hop Meadow Country Club in Simsbury, Connecticut; and **R. Scott Woodhead**, CGCS, of Valley View Golf Club in Bozeman, Montana. Both Wallace and Woodhead currently serve on the GCSAA Board of Directors. GCSAA directors serve a two-year term.

Secretary/treasurer candidates Fearis and Renault each have one year remaining on their current terms as director. In

accordance with GCSAA bylaws, the incoming president will make an appointment to fill the director's seat vacated by the successful candidate for secretary/treasurer.

GCSAA's current president, **Gary T. Grigg**, CGCS, of Royal Poinciana Golf Club in Naples, Florida, will continue to serve on the Board of Directors for one additional year as immediate past president.

Joseph G. Baidy, CGCS, of Acacia Country Club in Lyndhurst, Ohio, whose one-year term as immediate past president expires, will end seven years' service on the GCSAA Board.

Board member **Tommy D. Witt**, CGCS, of Wynstone Golf Club in North Barrington, Illinois, has one year remaining on his current term.

GCSAA's International Golf Course Conference and Show will be held February 5-11, 1996, at the Orange County Convention Center.

GCSAA partners with Ciba for multi-year agreement

The success of a central welcoming location for attendees from other countries during the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America's (GCSAA) International Golf Course Conference and Show has prompted the lounge's sponsor, Ciba Turf & Ornamentals International, to extend its partnership agreement.

GCSAA announced that Ciba had signed a three-year partnership agreement to sponsor the lounge. Ciba began its sponsorship of the International Lounge at this year's GCSAA conference and show in San Francisco. The lounge was created to better serve the more than 1,400 international attendees expected at the association's annual event.

The 67th GCSAA International Golf Course Conference and Show is scheduled for February 5-11, 1996, at the Orange County Convention Center in Orlando, Florida.

"Ciba is providing a great opportunity for GCSAA to help service our international members and guests," said GCSAA President Gary T. Grigg, CGCS. "We are very appreciative of their involvement and support."

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TPC Day '95: A great day

By Jim Dempsey

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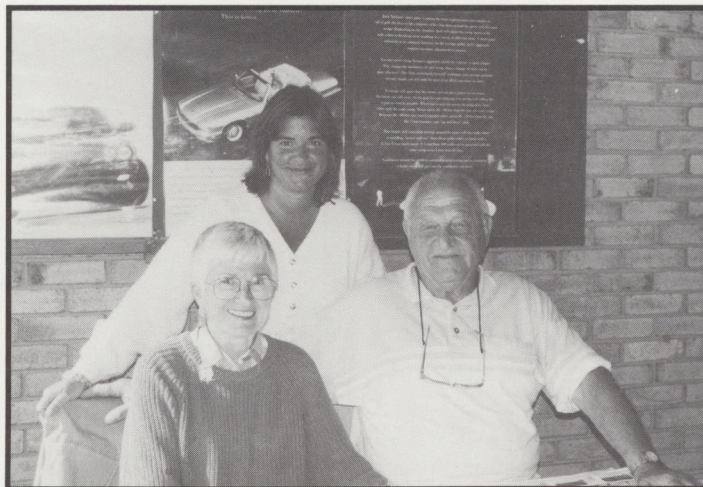
I'm happy to report the weather for the day was great and everyone had a good time! Eighty-two people showed up, almost topping the all-time high!

The first tee time was at 8:00 a.m., **Dave Brubaker's** group. They came for strictly serious golf, while most others were just waiting for **Buddy Rizzio** to start cooking his famous burgers.

The last tee time went off around 1:30 p.m. This was **Geoffrey Drake's** group. It's a good thing they didn't start any later because **Tony Gordon** came and left for strictly serious eating. For a short time I was afraid of a food shortage!

All in all, everything worked out for the best, and we'll be looking forward to next year's TPC Day!

Thanks to host Superintendent **Dave Lee** for great golf course conditions.



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Correction

Editor's Note: In the September-October issue of "The Greenside," we gave credit to the wrong person as author of the piece titled, "Don't get Green at Green Speeds." Angelo Petraglia, superintendent at Deal Golf and Country Club, was the actual author. He also has something further to add. The article was actually written for the benefit of the golfers at Deal, but you may also find it quite useful. See below for Angelo's thoughts.

GOOD COMMUNICATIONS CAN HELP

*By Angelo Petraglia, Greens Superintendent
Deal Golf and Country Club*

In early July, a few members were discussing our green speed, or lack of it, in the grill room at Deal Golf & Country. The emphasis is on grill, and we are not just talking about hamburgers here.

My general manager, Jozsef de Kovacs, overheard the conversation and discretely alerted me to the problem. You

know you have a concern when your general manager calls you at home on a Friday night. After conferring with my greens chairman, A. James Whitlock, we decided to address the problem in a memo to our members.

I compiled a list of factors (by the way, I left one out) which affect green speed, and an informative memo titled, "Green Speed/Care of Greens" was sent out by my greens chairman.

A funny thing happened on the way to the press. Mr. de Kovacs wrote a piece on a border collie named Meg called "Departures" and instructed our secretary to send it to Ilona Gray for publication in "The Greenside," but the memo on green speed got sent too. The green speed piece was to be sent to the Manager's Association publication but got published in "The Greenside."

The rest is history. There has been an overwhelming success with "Don't get Green at Green Speeds" at my club.

Well, thanks to Mr. de Kovacs who alerted us to a potential problem, I am no longer being served on the menu in the grill room.

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Turfgrass Management Symposium scheduled for February

The Advanced Turfgrass Management Symposium will be held February 27-28, 1996. This annual two-day program addresses specific subjects related to golf and fine turf management. This year's program, presented by top experts in the field, will update turf managers on some of the common problems found on fine turf. Nematode-incited diseases in turfgrass are widespread and poorly understood. In many cases, a great deal of time and effort is exhausted before the true cause of the turf decline is recognized. Anthracnose, a disease historically thought of only as a problem of stressed turf, is currently being recognized as one of the more destructive and troublesome diseases in fine turf. Take-all patch is infamous for its ability to disfigure large turf areas, particularly on new construction or rebuilt sites. Finally, gray leaf spot is among many new and unusual diseases turf managers must deal with each season.

This course is designed to explore all aspects of nematode-incited, anthracnose, take-all and gray leaf spot diseases with an emphasis on the current concepts in the management of these devastating problems. Current topics in nematode and

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Five minutes with Ed Whitman

By Doug Vogel

The drought, the heat and the high humidity were not the only elements scorching the New Jersey golf landscape during 1995. Ed Whitman, club pro from Knickerbocker C.C., lit up the tournament scoreboard this season with many impressive wins including the Pro-Pro at Fiddlers Elbow C.C., the Pro-Assistant at Canoe Brook C.C., the Healthcare at Rock Spring Club and the State Open at North Jersey C.C. I caught up with Whitman while he was competing in the prestigious Packanack Golf Club Pro-Member, the very event that last year kick-started his impressive winning streak. He was more than happy to take time out of his day and talk about our profession.

"Almost every course showed some stress, not many escaped it," observed Whitman about this year's weather condition. "But the pride superintendents take in hosting events was demonstrated by the great conditions of the courses. They took great care of their facilities." Whitman made an obvious point but one well worth repeating. "The courses with updated irrigation systems fared the best."

Playing and winning on the best courses in the state is

made easier when you work on one. Whitman had nothing but praise for his home course superintendent, Sam Juliano, CGCS. "Sam is an excellent superintendent. He is very well educated and trained. He serves the members well beyond what the members even realize." For the rest of us, Whitman offered that "Superintendents are all very professional now. The Association has really brought the image up. They take their jobs very seriously."

Did Whitman ever consider working in golf course maintenance? "I worked around the clubhouse as a kid at Fiddlers Elbow. Dave McGhee, CGCS, taught me a few things I use around the yard, but I never really worked on the course." With credentials such as State Open Champion, N.J. State Player of the Year and 1993 U.S. Open contestant, it seems he made the right career choice. "Being a superintendent," Whitman concluded, "is much harder than people realize."

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The Scotts Company signs on to sponsor President's Reception

The Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA) has announced that The Scotts Company has signed an agreement to sponsor the GCSAA President's Reception.

A formal, invitation-only affair, the President's Reception recognizes the accomplishments of the current GCSAA president. The next President's Reception will be held Friday, February 9, 1996, and will honor GCSAA President Gary T. Grigg, CGCS.

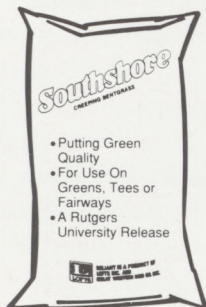
"This will be a very special evening. Many of our allied associates and industry partners will be joining in to congratulate Gary on a fantastic year," said Dave Heegard, vice president of Scotts Pro Turf. "We are proud to participate and show our appreciation in this way."

The President's Reception sponsorship extends The Scotts Company's involvement in important GCSAA activities. Scotts is a 1995 co-sponsor of GCSAA's television show, "Par for the Course," that appears on the ESPN cable network. The company also partners with the GCSAA Foundation for The Scotts Company Scholars Program, a program that offers education and employment opportunities to non-traditional students interested in careers in the turf industry.

The annual President's Reception is held during GCSAA's International Golf Course Conference and Show. In 1996, GCSAA's conference and show will be held Feb. 5-11 in Orlando, Florida, at the Orange County Convention Center.

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MARKS THE SPOT

"Proud to be an American"

By Ed Walsh, CGCS

That phrase can sometimes be over-used, and we have all heard people who make it sound a bit corny, but I was in a position a few weeks ago to really understand its true meaning.

In early September I had the opportunity to attend the Walker Cup in Porthcawl, Wales. It was a trip that I had been planning for almost four years, since I played in the Ransome Invitational in 1991 as a member of the GCSAA team. Ransome used to sponsor this event every three years and invite all of the golf course superintendents and/or course managers associations around the world. The '91 tournament was played in York, England. Half of the field stayed in a hotel in town, while our team was lodged at the Aldward Manor just outside the city limits. Also staying in our hotel were the teams from Ireland, Northern Ireland, England, Scotland and Wales. Between playing golf and attending meetings, we had little time for anything else, so the members of those teams spent quite a bit of time together.

After dinner we would sit around and talk, and it was during that period that I developed a friendship with the team members from Wales and a few from the Scottish group. Seems the Welsh, Scots and Americans all enjoy a good story,

a bad joke and a few pints of lager. As a matter of fact, the first night we arrived in York the Ryder Cup was won by the USA, and the above-mentioned teams made us stay up to the early hours of the morning celebrating the USA's success. I knew I was in trouble then because, as some of you know, I am usually in bed by 9:00 p.m.

Well, those late night, early morning experiences became a regular part of our schedule and strong friendships were developed. It was during one of those evenings that the participants from Wales mentioned that the Walker Cup was being played in their country for the first time in 1995. The more we talked about the Walker Cup the more interested I became in attending the matches.

While the fellows from Wales were rooting for their countrymen's success, they were extremely complimentary of the American team and their friendly demeanor on the course.

The friendships continued as we all stayed in touch through letters, holiday cards and the occasional exchange of golf sweaters and shirts and information about each other's course management programs and problems. I even joined their professional association, British and International Golf Greenkeepers Association (BIGGA). I became intrigued by their grass roots approach to turf management and their genuine love for the game we all serve.

I mentioned going to the Walker Cup to a friend who I play a lot of golf with, and he seemed interested in attending too so the spark was ignited. My club, Essex County Country Club, was extremely supportive, so a schedule and itinerary was developed and at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, Labor Day evening, we were off to Great Britain.

We spent a few days in Kent, England, playing golf and visiting one of the Welsh team members, Huw Morgan, who had moved from Wales to his new position at the Wilderness Club two years ago. We drove to Porthcawl, Wales, on Thursday, played golf that afternoon at Southerndowns Golf Club and the next day at Pennard Golf Club in Swansea. Both were links style courses with Pennard being what they called a severe links course. We found out that a "severe" links course is one that had little or no soil moved during construction other than the greens and tees. Both courses were terrific, and I could spend the rest of my golfing life on places like them. For courses that operated with budgets in the neighborhood of \$125,000 to \$175,000, they were extremely playable, although few members of clubs in our area would consider the conditions acceptable.

While in Wales we spent most evenings with the "green-

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A debt of gratitude

A recent mailing by **Chris Carson** requesting nominations for the Distinguished Service Award brought the following letter and reminiscence:

"Dear Chris,

"While reading your recent letter a thought came to mind that could be of interest to you and others in the Association.

"I was attending a Turf Short Course in Rutgers Ag School. After one session a group came together attracted by **John Anderson's** delivering a to-do about the need for a "Greenkeepers" Association. At that time G.C. Supts were all known as "Greenkeepers." This assembly was on the steps of the building where we had all been taking courses or attending classes.

"John Anderson was holding forth in that determined Scottish manner for which he was well known. At that time he was Greenskeeper at Crestmont.

"He was a very convincing man which accounted in part for his eventually becoming National President.

"Anyway, he had a group including Fred Roth of Plainfield, **Walsh Totty** of Echo Lake, **Frank Sevihle** - Suburban, and others whom I don't recall. John was delivering a lecture on the

need for an association of Greenskeepers in NJ. He was so convincing that he was assured by those present that they would help him with the efforts to sell the idea to other Greenskeepers.

"As a result of that meeting John and others organized NJGK Assn which is today known so well as Golf Course Supt Assn of New Jersey. Since that time all of the originals are long gone and probably all forgotten. But their good works have lived after them.

"Anyway, I have the satisfaction of having been a small part in the beginning of the GCS Assn of NJ.

"Best regards, Chris.

"James Smith Jr."

The Distinguished Service Award is given to honor life-long commitment and service to our profession and Association. As this letter clearly indicates, we as a group owe a debt of gratitude and a collective tip of the hat to all of those who have shaped GCSANJ into what it is today... a strong, vibrant, and talented organization.

"Proud to be an American"

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keepers" who volunteered their time to assist the staff at Royal Porthcawl in maintaining the course during the tournament. There were 15 or 18 men who took the entire week off (personal vacation time) to work at the Walker Cup. They raked bunkers, mowed fairways and tees and just about everything else that was necessary.

It was during those evening get-togethers that I realized what a great country we have here in the USA. While the fellows from Wales were rooting for their countrymen's success, they were extremely complimentary of the American team and their friendly demeanor on the course. Even the outstanding amateur, Tiger Woods, would stop and talk to the

fellows working on the course, spend time having pictures taken and sign almost anything put in front of him, while the Great Britain team was cold and (their own countryman's description) not very friendly.

Now I am certain the G.B. team was focusing on the matches; it seemed our team realized they were there to have fun and represent our country. I can't tell you how proud it made me feel to listen to all the compliments.

Of course, you all know that the G.B. team won the Walker Cup for only the fifth time in the almost 100 years that the event has been played, but that really was secondary to the respect our team gained as representatives of our country. Hearing all those positive comments made me "proud to be an American."

GCSAA partners with Ciba

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Located in the registration area, the lounge will have professional interpreters available to assist Japanese- and Spanish-speaking visitors. Additional assistance also will be provided for other international attendees.

Ciba International Business Development Director Owen Towne said, "This year's success in San Francisco convinced

us to team up with GCSAA to offer this opportunity on a long-term basis. We are glad to be able to offer this service to our international guests."

Other international golf associations also will have their literature and information on display in the lounge. The lounge will open Feb. 7-11 during conference and show registration hours.

Watching your money grow

By James K. Woods, a registered representative with New England Securities. Mr. Woods specializes in personal investment and insurance planning.

Those who continue to just buy American may just miss the boat. In 1967, foreign stocks only accounted for 30% of the world's stock market opportunities. Today, that number has more than doubled. That means more opportunity and more choices for international investors.

Over the long run, foreign stocks have provided far superior returns. In fact they've outpaced U.S. stocks 16 of the past 25 years. While foreign stocks have been more volatile, they have also provided the greatest rewards.

International stocks can actually help investors reduce risk. Because the economies of countries around the world often move in different rhythms, diversification across national boundaries can help investors reduce the risk of downturns in any one market. For example, during the past 25 years, the U.S. market has declined in six years; in five of those six



years international markets as a group performed better.

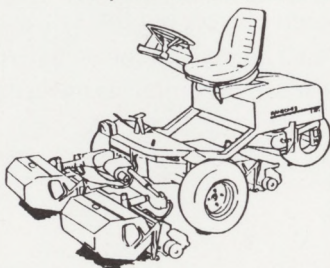
A truly global economy is emerging. Many companies are already crossing national borders for a large part of their manufacturing and sales. If trade and political barriers continue to dissipate, companies with a national advantage in cost, service and expertise should prosper.

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Weird science: What to do with a 100 trillion watt laser

By Dr. Bob

The other day the famous Lawrence Livermore Laboratory announced the successful firing of a 100 Trillion Watt laser. I guess Star Wars has finally hit some pay dirt. This monster light bulb is really only the scientific platform for a truly intense laser which is called a Petawatt laser. This puppy is good for a quadrillion watts and is expected to be tested around Christmas time. Look out Santa!

Now although 100 trillion watts is only a tenth or so duller than a quadrillion, it's still a lot of watts. It's frightening, however, to consider that 100 trillion is still less than the total U.S. debt, but that's another story.

The proud owners of this mega monster see applications in basic physics research, x-ray lasers, fast ignitor research and other areas that even Dr. Bob doesn't understand. Lasers will

ultimately be useful at a much more practical level including the golf course. I have identified four areas where lasers will be commonplace in the world of 21st century golf:

- Laser tracked golf balls will help speed up play because no one will ever lose a ball again.
- Laser measured slopes will help conserve irrigation expenses.
- Nanobot (really small robots) armed with lasers will search out and destroy surface soil insects (toward the end of the century—look me up on that one in the year 2099).
- Laser guarded golf course perimeters prevent vandalism.

It's not too early to enroll in Dr. Bob's program: **Basic Uses of Lightweight Lasers at the Scientific Help Institute of Technology.** Write "The Greenside" for registration information.

Turfgrass Management Symposium scheduled for February

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disease research in fine turf will be presented by several of the top turf nematologists and pathologists in the country.

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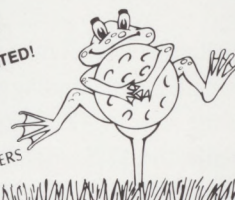
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1995 LONGEVITY RECORDS

Jeanne Calmet of France is the oldest living person on record, having passed her 120th birthday this year. Her heart has beat an estimated 4.25 billion times. Also of record this year is an animal fossil found in Mexico believed to be 600 million years old. The oldest fossil on record of any kind is a bacterium around 3.5 billion years old. And you thought your boss was an old fossil?

NJ CYBERNEWS

(at <http://www.nj.com/yucky>). This is the Internet address of the Liberty Science Center, Jersey City, New Jersey, and it's billed as the "yuckiest site on the Internet." It can answer questions on entomology or show you a dissected cow eye. Better than a cyberversion is the real version, and if you haven't visited the Science Center you owe yourself and family a trip.

MOSQUITO PESTS: AEDES AEGYPTI

We've almost forgotten in New Jersey just how dangerous a mosquito can be. Our pests are managed by a network of experts who, through the use of IPM, keep this pest from ruining our lives. Outside the U.S., dengue fever spread by mosquitoes is a growing problem. The fever comes in two

forms: a straight fever and hemorrhagic one. The Pan American Health Organization reported over 100,000 cases in ten Latin American countries which resulted in 14 deaths.

WHO'S NUMBER ONE?

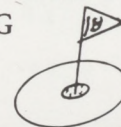
New Jersey's own Pine Valley (Clementon, NJ) has taken top honors in the GOLF Magazine "100 Greatest Courses" in both the U.S. and the worldwide categories. Trailing Pine Valley in the U.S. were: Cypress Point at Pebble Beach, California; Pebble Beach, California; Augusta National, Georgia; Shinnecock Hills, New York; Pinehurst (#2), North Carolina; Merion (East), Pennsylvania; Crystal Downs, Michigan; Oakmont, Pennsylvania; and Winged Foot (West), New York. On a global scoring, the following trailed Pine Valley: Cypress Point, California; Augusta National, Georgia; St. Andrews (Old), Scotland; Royal Melbourne (Composite), Australia; Shinnecock Hills, New York; Muirfield, Scotland; Pinehurst (#2), North Carolina; and Royal County Down, North Ireland. The list is based on "geographic location, topography, scenery, seasoning, and reasonable length and that little bit of charm" according to George Peper, GOLF Magazine editor-in-chief.

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