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Concord C.C. super Dick Duggan gets to the root of his problem greens

December Meeting

Tuesday, December 13, 1994
Concord Country Club
Concord, Massachusetts

Host Superintendent
Richard Duggan, CGCS

8:30 a.m. Board Meeting
11:30 a.m. Regular Meeting
12 noon Lunch
1 p.m. Education (Michael Fay of the Donald Ross Society)

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Dick Duggan has been the golf course superintendent at Concord Country Club since 1984. Prior to that, he was the superintendent at Maynard Country Club for five years. Dick became certified in 1989 and serves on the Board of Directors of the GCSANE as Education Chairman. He resides in Marlborough with his wife Janet and sons Kevin, Jeffery, and Matthew. When he isn't working, Dick enjoys hiking and family activities.

Directions: From Rte. 128 take Exit 29B (Rte. 2 west). At the 5th set of lights, take a left, keeping Emerson Hospital on your left. Club entrance is .3 mile on the right. From I-495 take exit 29 (Rte. 2 east). At the 3rd set of lights after the Concord rotary, take a right, keeping Emerson Hospital on your left. Club is .3 mile on the right.

There was a time — and in the not too long ago — when certain greens at the Concord Country Club didn't have a chance. They didn't get enough of that lucky old sun . . . until . . .

Until golf course superintendent Dick Duggan started a veritable logging camp at the venerable layout which turns 100 years old next year. The project, designed to increase air circulation around the greens and thereby breathe new and vibrant life into them, began five years ago. However, the road to healthier greens wasn't without its curves, slowdowns and virtual detours because of aesthetic and environmental caution flags dotting the way.

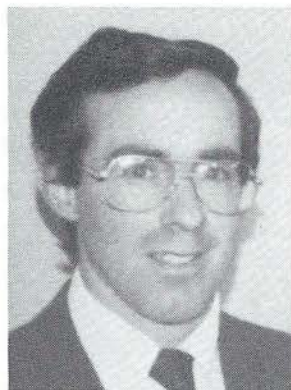
The aesthetic concern was to be expected. After all, you just don't wheel a

soon-to-be 100-year-old, grand lady of golf into surgery for a face-lift without gaining the consent of her lovers or the Concord C.C. membership. That didn't come easily.

"There were pros and cons about taking down trees that over the years had been regarded as an integral part of the lore and tradition of the course," Duggan told. "The thought of losing all those trees was troubling to some of our members, and I can appreciate their feelings. But it was a matter of them agreeing to get rid of the trees, or playing conditions not in keeping with that same Concord C.C. tradition."

Duggan used his power of persuasion to bring his members around and also enlisted back-up power in noted golf course

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Dick Duggan, Concord C.C.

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architect Brian Silva, who spoke to the congregation in silvery tones about the advantages of bringing more sunlight into the greens areas. "Brian sort of smoothed over any rough edges of my presentation," Duggan said. "In the end he convinced my members that taking down a lot of trees wasn't so bad in light of what it would mean in improved playing conditions."

Before the members decided the surgery wouldn't be as drastic as some of the doomsayers feared, Duggan engaged in a little game of cat and mouse with some of the more determined dissenters. "Trees targeted to be felled were marked with red ribbons," Dick disclosed. "And some members would go around taking them off. But that didn't work. We knew which ones had to go in order to save the greens from becoming too weak and thin to survive."

The New England Forestry Foundation also sat in on the sensitive issue and contributed to the project with an identification service which aided the initial thrust of the project, undertaken by a land-clearing company (John L. Brown Company) in 1990. Its assignment was to open up the areas surrounding the first and seventh greens which had come up sparse despite tender, loving care the winter before the '90 golf season.

"That first takedown was a big cut," Duggan said. "Two-hundred pine trees got the ax and some of them were as tall as 80 feet. The trees were blocking out sunlight for the two most endangered greens, the first and seventh. Before they were felled, we had tried everything with those greens, even covering them for the winter. But come every spring they'd come up brown when the covers were taken off."

The project bore favorable results almost immediately. "There was a dramatic improvement in the texture and substance of the greens," Dick revealed. "I'm convinced that we would have lost both greens had we not initiated the tree removal program. So, the alternative was present for members to think about. In a word, it was lose the trees or lose those two greens."

Duggan, who is in his ninth year as head man at Concord after stops at Spring Valley and Maynard, left the tree work to the Brown Company in that first critical year (1990). After that, he took over the job with his crew and it has been in full swing ever since.

"We're almost like a logging outfit," he quipped. "We have our own wood chipper and stump grinder. We have everything except an aerial bucket, so we're well equipped to continue thinning out more trees than the golf course can afford to house without hurting the turf. There's a

flock of them, too many for an actual count. However, in the last five years I'd estimate that we've cut down 5,000."

Regardless of that wholesale clear-out process, Concord still has enough trees to define the layout and retain its aesthetic value. The overall project has been so immense, even members have been known to lend a hand in the removal season. Duggan reports that working parties of a dozen or more members are familiar sights on the course in late autumn and early winter.

Because of the rejuvenation of the heavily shaded greens being allowed to bask in the sunlight, Duggan is embarked on a hole-by-hole mission to increase the air circulation around all the Concord greens. Also on the agenda is a program to cut back areas where trees encroach fairways, where tee shots are unfairly affected.

In all of the attempts to sell the tree-cutting program to members, Duggan has had the solid support of the club green committees. "Now, most of the members also have come around and realize this is the only way we can go if we want to maximize playing conditions," Dick explained. "Once in a while I get a complaint but nothing to sidetrack the improvement pattern. I figure a few more years and the job will be completed. Certainly it will mean a big plus for us when the club hosts the State Amateur championship next year."

So, Concord — nearing the century mark — is getting close to prime time condition-wise because of Dick Duggan's ongoing tree-felling frenzy, proving a golf course can get better as it grows older . . . graciously.

GERRY FINN

Calendar

Dec. 7 & 8	GCSAA Regional Seminar <i>Golf Course Construction Techniques & Management</i> The International, Bolton, Mass.
Dec. 13	GCSANE Monthly Meeting Concord C.C., Concord, Mass.
Jan. 9	GCSANE Monthly Meeting Franklin C.C., Franklin, Mass.
Jan. 2-5	Northeast Weed Science Society Conference Marriott Copley Place, Boston, Mass.
Feb. 20-27	GCSAA 66th International Golf Course Conference & Show Moscone Center, San Francisco, Cal.
Feb.	GCSANE Monthly Meeting Brae Burn C.C., W. Newton, Mass.
March 6-8	Mass. Turf Conference & Industrial Show W. Springfield, Mass.

The Super Speaks Out:

This month's question: *In light of conflicting reports as to amount of rainfall, severity of humidity, and outside-instigated stress on the golf course superintendent this growing season, just what kind of a year was it for you?*

Kip Tyler, Salem Country Club: "If anything, I'd say this was the year when the expertise of the superintendent was put to the test and, from what has transpired in recent weeks, survival became a highly topical subject. I guess I had water on the brain, so to speak, all summer. We went through a period (88 days) when only 3 1/4 inches of rain fell. There were thunderstorms all around us but we recorded just one good downpour. Therefore, it was a testing summer with long stretches of humidity and greens showing signs of stress. We had to be selective in our watering program, so our roughs showed wear and tear at the end of the season, resulting in a rough-aerifying project in the fall.



"Fortunately, the course got through the winter in pretty good shape, although we did suffer some gray snow mold in the fairways.

Our big project was rebuilding bunkers, and it seemed to run smoothly. Overall, it was a good year, though, but one where a superintendent's expertise had to carry him through the rough spots."

Max Mierzwa, Chicopee Country Club: "I understand some of the guys had it tough this year and I suppose it all depended on where you were and what circumstances you had to work under.

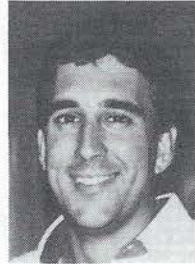


"Me? I guess I have to feel pretty lucky because the course came out of winter in pretty good shape and stayed that way through the golf season. I say I'm lucky since other areas had to operate under more stressful conditions at the expense of strained turf.

"I did nothing different in my maintenance program other than concentrating on taking a disease prevention attitude from the beginning of spring and staying

with it till the end of the growing season. I sprayed every 14 days and stuck to it religiously. It worked. Again, the gods or whoever were with me.

Rick Tworig, Ponkapaug Golf Club: "I'm still getting acquainted with the course, which means getting used to the intricacies, if any, the turf might spring on me.



"We still have a relatively old irrigation system here, so I had to stay on top of that part of the maintenance program, especially in June, July, and August when it was dryer than usual. Thankfully, I had enough water to combat the situation and came out in fairly decent shape.

"Remember, this is a course-turn-around situation for me, trying to stay on top of an operation that is MDC-controlled and offers 36 holes for an average of over 100,000 rounds a year. Consequently, I was a little nervous about a few things.

"Problems? I had some summer patch and four greens that contracted root pythium. Some of the other greens thinned out a bit but I met that head-on by spraying and applying an over-seeding program.

"Actually, I'm still feeling my way around here but I'm satisfied with how this year went. I monitored every solution attempt and will rely on those notes to set up an overall program for next year."

Randy Kehres, Pleasant Valley Country Club: "It's no secret. I'm under the gun here, Mostly because of the responsibility of giving the PGA Tour players the best possible playing conditions for the New England Classic.

"This year was trying because of excessive heat and humidity in, around, and during tournament week. If I said we experienced every turf disease known to man, I'd be shortchanging that statement. Whoever is responsible for it just shoved high-90s temperatures down our throats

during tournament week and made for a big sweat in the maintenance department.

"PGA Tour officials have made it clear that they are more concerned with the consistency rather than the speed of our greens and I'm following that guideline as I point to next year.

"And, speaking of next year, I could go for a winter, say, like the days we had in October. I'll even concede a few inches of snow just as long as it doesn't mean that ice comes with it.

"Getting through this summer was rough. How do I prevent a repeat? Maybe we have to go to a higher authority for the answer to that one."

Bert Frederick, Vesper Country Club: "There are no ifs, ands or buts about it. This was one of our worst years ever for growing turf and maintaining it. The last time I looked I had counted 29 days when the temperature blew past the 90s.



"You want some more numbers? Here in June and July the soil temperature never dipped below 78 degrees. And they wonder why we were putting in longer hours than usual this summer!

"I think one of the laughs of the whole golf season was the golf course superintendent having to be bothered about Stimpmeter readings. Give me a break. Here we were trying to save turf and grass and we have to worry about speeding up the greens? As I said, tell me another one.

"In the long run, it was a bad year. . . a very bad year and I feel for anyone losing his or her livelihood because of it or other outside factors.

"Truly, this should have been a give and take year for both sides of the golf maintenance coin — superintendents and management. If it weren't, the course and everyone connected with it suffered. Whoever said you have to take the bad with the good wasn't talking through his hat."

GERRY FINN

Course superintendent helpers make up 12% of Ouimet Scholar pool

Young course superintendent helpers will make up 12% of the 1994-95 Francis Ouimet Scholarship Fund's record \$400,000 scholarship pool and Edward "Chip" Brearly will continue as the GCSANE's Representative to the Ouimet Board of Directors, announced Richard Stimets, Ouimet Fund President.

"We're delighted to have so many young scholars from the course superintendent operations in this record year. We're also very pleased that Chip Brearly can continue on our board. Chip and the entire GCSANE have been very supportive and we are deeply appreciative," said Stimets.

The Ouimet Fund has awarded over \$6.8 Million in need-based college scholar-

ship assistance since 1949. Ouimet awards are for young people who give "service to golf" in Massachusetts for three or more years as workers in course superintendent operations, pro shop operations, and as caddies. The \$400,00 pool is being given to 233 students who worked at 104 courses and are attending 108 colleges and universities.

Candidates announced for first GCSAA election since adoption of new by-laws

A three-way race for secretary/treasurer marks the first election to be held under GCSAA's bylaws as amended to make that post an elected office, rather than an appointed position.

That bylaws amendment, which was enacted at the 1994 GCSAA Annual Meeting in Dallas, Texas, specified a minimum of one candidate apiece for president and vice president, a minimum of two for secretary/treasurer, and at least one more for director than the number to be elected.

The Nominating Committee met Aug. 27 at GCSAA headquarters and approved the following slate of candidates for GCSAA's 1995 election:

Officers (One to be elected to a one-year term for each office)

For President: Gary T. Grigg (CGCS), Naples National Golf Club, Naples, Fla.

For Vice President: Bruce R. Williams (CGCS), Bob O'Link Golf Club, Highland Park, Ill.

For Secretary/Treasurer: David W. Fearis (CGCS), Blue Hills Country Club, Kansas City, Mo.; Paul S. McGinnis (CGCS), Union Hills Country Club, Sun City, Ariz.; and George E. Renault III (CGCS), Burning Tree Club, Bethesda, Md.

For Director (Three to be elected for a two-year term each):

Paul A.C. Dermott (CGCS), Oakdale Golf and Country Club, Downsview, Ontario, Canada; David W. Gourlay (CGCS), Club Summerlea Inc., Dorion, Quebec, Canada; Michael Wallace (CGCS), Hop Meadow Country Club, Simsbury, Conn.; and Tommy D. Witt (CGCS), Wynstone Golf Club, North Barrington, Ill.

List of certified superintendents grows to 1400

For the first time in history, the number of currently active superintendents certified by the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America has reached 1,400 individuals. This represents approximately twenty percent of the association's class A membership.

The title, Certified Golf Course Superintendent (CGCS), recognizes outstanding and progressive superintendents. GCSAA instituted the certification program in 1971.

GCSAA President Joseph G. Baidy, CGCS, said: "This is a proud accomplishment in our history. From its inception, GCSAA has placed continuing education and the dissemination of information foremost on its list of objectives. Reaching this milestone is truly indicative of our members' commitment to advancing their profession and enriching the game of golf."

To become certified, a candidate must have five years experience as a golf course superintendent, be employed in that capacity and meet specific educational requirements of college credit or continuing education units. The candidate must then pass a rigorous six-hour examination covering knowledge of GCSAA and its certification program; the rules of golf; turfgrass management; pest management; safety and compliance; and financial and organizational management.

As part of the certification process, an on-site inspection of the candidate's course operation is conducted by two certified golf course superintendents. Certification must also be renewed every five years.

A letter of thanks received from Jack Cronin; Jimmy Fund tournament raises \$25,000

11-6-94

To GCSANE,

On October 9, 1994 a Jimmy Fund golf tournament was held at Nashawtuc Country Club, Concord, Mass. in which two groups represented the GCSANE. The money raised that day totaled approximately \$25,000. A substantial amount was donated by this organization and was greatly appreciated.

Since the time I was diagnosed and treated, awareness has been very important to me. A yearly physical exam is needed to find cancer in its early stages when it can be cured. I have been given a clean bill of health following two post treatment exams.

Thanks to all of you for your help and support.

Sincerely, Jack Cronin

GCSAA resource group convenes to discuss career & employment issues

In accordance with its strategic plan, the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA) recently convened a meeting at its headquarters to discuss ways to provide members with resources to effectively secure employment and pursue career goals.

The Career Development Resource Group met at GCSAA headquarters Oct. 7-8. The group focused on employer education, practical job-seeking skills and tools, and career guidance and counseling. The purpose of the meeting was to give input and direction to the successful establishment of GCSAA's new career development department.

In addition to chapter relations and information services, career development is one of three new areas of emphasis intro-

duced by GCSAA's strategic plan. All three areas now are represented by new departments at GCSAA headquarters.

Some of the suggestions that came from the meeting were:

- Improvements to GCSAA's Employment Referral Service. New changes in the format for the weekly job notices have already been implemented.
- Improvements to GCSAA's Employment Resources Kit.
- Improvements to GCSAA's Salary Survey.
- Changing the purpose and direction of The Leader Board, GCSAA's club and course leader-directed newsletter. The group discussed plans to shift The Leader Board from a subscription-based publication to one that would be

provided free of charge to every golf course with a GCSAA member. The publication would stress the vital importance of hiring and properly compensating a well-qualified individual for the position of superintendent.

GCSAA Director R. Scott Woodhead, CGCS, is chairman of the resource group, and GCSAA Director Tommy D. Witt, CGCS, is vice chairman.

Members of the Career Development Resource Group: Robert Baidy; Robert Farren, CGCS; John Hoofnagle, CGCS; Ken Mangum, CGCS; Walter B. Mattison, CGCS; Ted Pasko, CGCS; Charles Ravis, CGCS; Scott St. Sauver, CGCS; Sam Snyder, CGCS; and Michael Wallace, CGCS.

GCSAA Career Development Manager Kim Heck is the committee's staff contact.

GCSAA "blue-ribbon" group sets new research priorities

Attention fueled by environmental concerns has forced golf course management programs into the forefront of the media's and the public's attention. To help address those concerns, the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America continued its efforts to remain environmentally proactive by convening a blue-ribbon committee to identify research priorities and develop related programs.

The GCSAA Research Committee met at the association's headquarters in late

September. Agronomic research; the environment; health and safety; and business and operational issues were four major areas highlighted by the committee.

After identifying the priorities, the group sought to define GCSAA's role in funding and promoting research. Committee members agreed that GCSAA should support, but not duplicate, current research initiatives by allied organizations.

The committee, composed mainly of GCSAA member superintendents and tur-

grass researchers, agreed that focusing on applied agronomic research would offer GCSAA members the greatest benefit.

GCSAA Director Paul S. McGinnis, CGCS, committee chairman, said: "The committee made excellent headway in establishing an agenda that will guide us in our research efforts for many years to come."

In addition to McGinnis, the GCSAA Research Committee members include:

GCSAA Vice President Gary Grigg, CGCS, Naples National Golf Club (Grigg also serves as the vice chairman of the committee); Terry Buchen, CGCS, Double Eagle Club; Karl Danneberger, Ph.D., The Ohio State University; Milt Engelke, Ph.D., Texas A&M University; Mark E. Esoda, CGCS, Atlanta Country Club; Douglas Houseworth; Ciba Turf & Ornamental; David M. Kopec, Ph.D., University of Arizona; Thomas E. Mason, Birmingham Country Club; Robert M. Randquist, CGCS, Southern Hills Country Club; James D. Ross, Santa Teresa Golf Club; James T. Snow, United States Golf Association Green Section; Donald J. Tolson, CGCS, Fox Hollow at Lakewood; and Teri Yamada, Royal Canadian Golf Association Green Section.

GCSAA Research Manager Jeff Nus, Ph.D., is the committee's staff contact.

Read Sand & Gravel annual donations continue to support scholarship and turf research programs

Read Sand & Gravel of Rockland, Massachusetts keeps its annual donation program a tradition for 1994 by donating \$4300 each to the Rhode Island Golf Course Superintendents Association and the Golf Course Managers Association of Cape Cod for their Scholarship and Research funds, at their October meeting.

Past donations brought \$4800 in 1993 to the Golf Course Superintendents Association of New England, and \$3670 to the Ouimet Caddie Scholarship Fund in 1992.

Joe Farina, a former golf course superintendent, and Stockbridge turf management graduate, has been the golf

course/turf management specialist for Read Sand & Gravel since 1991. He helped establish the donation program for Read based on sales of materials to golf courses and driving ranges encompassing a six-state area. "We feel it's important to help support the industry that means so much to all of us," says Farina. "The golf turf business is a very unique industry where a significant amount of support, financial and otherwise, is generated from within by the many companies, associations, universities, and individuals who are involved with turf on a professional level."

The program will continue in 1995.

GCSAA recruitment efforts to target public golf

In its 1994-95 strategic plan, one of the many new objectives identified by the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA) was to formulate recruiting plans to market to non-members. The association is now moving toward that goal with a special resource group composed of GCSAA members.

According to the National Golf Foundation, most U.S. golf facilities are public access, and the vast majority of facilities in planning or construction are public-access. Historically, the largest group within GCSAA membership has consisted of private club superintendents.

Recognizing that public access golf is GCSAA's greatest potential for future membership growth GCSAA President

Joseph G. Baidy, CGCS, appointed a Public Golf Resource Group. The group met at GCSAA headquarters Oct. 9-10 to discuss opportunities and methods for recruiting public golf superintendents for GCSAA membership. The group identified the following primary strategies:

- Encourage student members to pursue a public golf career path and retain GCSAA membership.
- Improve GCSAA's member benefit package and educate golf course owners and public golf officials about GCSAA benefits.
- Utilize chapters, retired golf course superintendents and industry representatives to target public golf

operations in membership recruitment drives.

- Increase coverage of public golf issues and operations in Golf Course Management, GCSAA's monthly magazine.

The group was chaired by GCSAA Director Tommy D. Witt, CGCS. GCSAA Director R. Scott Woodhead, CGCS, was vice chairman.

Members of the Public Golf Resource Group included: GCSAA Director Dave Fearis, CGCS; John Beltz; Charles Ben- nelli; David Chavez, CGCS; Jean Esposito; Bob Graunke, CGCS; Howard Pillsbury; William Ploetz; Scott St. Sauver, CGCS; Charles Simeon; and Bob Tillema, CGCS.

DIVOT DRIFT...announcements...educational seminars...job opportunities ...tournament results...and miscellaneous items of interest to the membership.

MEMBERSHIP

Proposed for Membership: Michael Ciciotte, Assistant, Wachusett C.C.; United Horticultural Supply, Friend, Sodus, N.Y.; Glen Larabee, Affiliate, United Horticultural Supply; TurfNet Associates Inc., Friend, Skillman, N.J.; Stephen Jones, Assistant, Blue Hill C.C.

Welcome New Members: William Keefe, Regular Member, Amherst G.C., Amherst, Mass.

INFORMATION

GCSANE has recently made its inaugural donation from the newly formed Scholarship and Benevolence Fund. The donation was to Mrs. Bette Schofield in memory of her husband Tom.

Dick Duggan is still looking for a March meeting site. If you could and would host a meeting this month, contact Dick at 508-369-0879.

Its getting to be that time again folks. Don't forget to file your Pesticide Applicator renewal forms before 12-31-94 AND your DEP water withdrawals by 1-31-95.

A Thank You to David W.Fearis, CGCS, of Kansas City, Mo., a candidate for Secretary/Treasurer of GCSAA, who recently contributed to the Tom Schofield Memorial Fund. It was greatly appreciated.

GCSANE members should make sure they are registered with GCSAA under our association for the upcoming GCSAA elections. In a mixup, some of our members are on the Northeastern GCSA roster whose abbreviation is NEGCSA. A call to the national headquarters in Lawrence, Kansas at 1-800-472-7878 before December 31, 1994 will clear this up. In the future when corresponding to GCSAA, please use the correct abbreviation for the Golf Course Superintendents Association of New England: GCSANE.

Two teams our association sponsored in the Jimmy Fund Tournament at Nashawtuc C.C. on Oct. 3 did us all proud by placing in the money. The foursome with Jack Cronin and Doug Preston in it took first and Mike Hermanson and Dave Comee's group placed third. Congratulations!

MEETING NOTES

Thanks once again to Jack Hassett and the staff at Mt. Pleasant C.C. for a great job hosting the November GCSANE meeting. It was our second meeting this year at M.P.C.C. and much appreciated.

The Newsletter staff wishes you safe and happy holidays.



JOB OPPORTUNITIES

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Golf Course Mechanic, Franklin C.C. Apply to: Gary Luccini, Superintendent, Franklin C.C., 115 Forest St., Franklin, MA 02038.

Golf Course Superintendent, Nashua Country Club, Nashua N.H. Send resumes to: Paul Cronin, General Manager, Nashua Country Club, Fairway Street, Nashua, NH 03060.

TOURNEY RESULTS

4-Man Scramble
Mt. Pleasant C.C., Nov. 7, 1994

1st - 48 Net Ron Kirkman, Bob Dill, Art Silva, Dave Barber

2nd - 48 Net Alan Anderson, Steve Bridgewater, Kevin Osgood, Steve Butler

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Historic preservation resource group formed to recognize super's role in evolution of golf

The history of American golf is rich and storied, but the role of the superintendent and the evolution of course management remains the game's greatest untold tale.

In order to effectively tell that story and to preserve its own 68-year history, the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA) convened a meeting of a special Historical Preservation Resource Group. The group's mission is to identify elements of the association's and profession's history that need to be preserved and highlighted.

Each individual in the group carries with him some very special qualifications. Between them, these living legends of the industry represent nearly five centuries of GCSAA membership:

Joseph M. Duich, Ph.D. (18 years GCSAA member); Melvin B. Lucas Jr., CGCS (32 years); Palmer Maples Jr., CGCS (35 years); John Mascaro (7 years); Thomas C. Mascaro (47 years); Sherwood A. Moore, CGCS (56 years); Arthur A. Snyder, CGCS (66 years); John J. Spodnik (36 years); Eberhard Steiniger, CGCS (63 years); Charles H. Tadge, CGCS (35 years); James R. Watson, Ph.D. (36 years); and Robert M. Williams (53 years).

Williams, Moore, Spodnik, Maples, Tadge, and Lucas are all past presidents of the association. Duich (1976), Thomas Mascaro (1976), Williams (1977), Snyder

(1978), Moore (1982), Watson (1983), Steiniger (1988) and Spodnik (1994) are recipients of GCSAA's Distinguished Service Award. Moore and Watson are winners of GCSAA's Old Tom Morris Award.

Maples, Snyder, Steiniger and Watson were unable to attend the meeting.

GCSAA President Joseph G. Baidy, CGCS, a 25-year member of the association, is chairman of the Historical Preservation Resource Group.

Clay Loyd, retired GCSAA director of communications and publications, also is a member of the resource group. Loyd has been retained by GCSAA to write a book on the association's history.

On Oct. 15 the group toured the National Collegiate Association of America Visitors Center in Overland Park, Kan., to review how that organization has preserved and displayed the history of collegiate athletics.

The following day, the group met at GCSAA headquarters to continue their discussion about where and how to preserve and display GCSAA's rich history. They also started generating ideas about where to begin research and data collection.

The resource group will provide specific direction and will serve as an ongoing resource for a parallel GCSAA staff task force.

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