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President's Message.....

"CHANGE OF SEASONS"

As our hardwoods turn orange, yellow and crimson, the change of season gives many of us a time to catch our breath and reflect on a season that was quite taxing. Record heat, drought, and a spring when our turf just didn't want to grow will surely be etched in our minds for years to come. Yet, with the change of season, we must start to focus on the year ahead and let the "Summer of '95" find its place in our journals.

For your Board of Directors, this is a time for re-organization and for planning our '96 programs. We hope to continue in a positive direction so our members can view our Association as an enjoyable and rewarding opportunity. Let us all make a goal to increase participation so these efforts can reach their full potential.

In closing, I would like to give special thanks to the members, and their Clubs, who hosted our monthly meetings in '95, and urge other members to host a meeting in '96 (July, and Oct. still open). I hope the "Change of Seasons" treats everyone well. I would also like to wish all members and their families a joyous Holiday Season and a productive New Year.

JEFFREY A. PETERS, CGCS

GCSAA'S TV SHOW -- "PAR FOR THE COURSE"

On January 1, 1995, the GCSAA's national cable television show, "Par for the Course", began airing on ESPN. For 26 Sundays and 7 Thursdays and Fridays in 1995, our show has been and continues to be available in more than 63 million U.S. households. As the foundation of GCSAA's new strategic public relations campaign, "Par for the Course" promotes the image and professionalism of golf course superintendents to more people than we ever have before.

Remaining 1995 schedule:

Sun., Nov. 5	7:30 a.m.
Fri., Nov. 10	2:30 p.m.
Sun., Nov. 19	7:30 a.m.
Sun., Nov. 26	7:30 a.m.
Sun., Dec. 3	7:30 a.m.
Sun., Dec. 10	7:30 a.m.
Sun., Dec. 17	7:30 a.m.

"Par for the Course" will return on ESPN in 1996 with 25 new episodes, airing Sundays at 7:30 a.m. (EST) from March 10 through August 25. Five repeat airings can be seen adjacent to weekday coverage of ESPN-televvised tournaments. In 1996 espn2 will feature bonus airings during the March/August schedule, and the new episodes will be shown in the evening at a time to be determined.

The Feature Segments will also return to ESPN televised golf tournaments. Read your *Golf Course Management*, *Newsline* and chapter publications for more details on "Par for the Course"



FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK.....

Traveling to the GCSAA Headquarters in Lawrence, Kansas, as a chapter delegate was a most enlightening experience. Before going along any further, I do want to express my thanks and appreciation to the Pocono Turfgrass Association for the opportunity. To represent the Association in what could have been the most pivotal meeting for National/Chapter relations is quite an honor. GCSAA would like all affiliated chapters to sign and abide by an updated affiliation agreement similar to the one the Association agreed to back in October 1970. The proposed changes, outlined in the last issue of Chips & Putts were discussed at length. The following list summarizes the recommended changes to the originally proposed affiliation agreement:

1. The Conference and Show privilege for executive directors should be removed from the agreement.
2. The affiliation fee of \$500 for new chapters should not be implemented until July 1, 1977.
3. Class A and B GCSAA members should make up a majority of the chapter's board and all of the chapter officers.
4. There should be a dual membership requirement in affiliated chapters and GCSAA starting July 1, 1997. Members who have joined before that date would be grandfathered into the Association.

In a nutshell, what does all this mean? It means that GCSAA is making a concerted effort to enforce the chapter affiliation agreement and to have strength in numbers. After my trip to GCSAA headquarters, I am convinced that there are no hidden agendas, it is not a ploy or a membership drive to generate revenues by GCSAA, and without question, the proposed affiliation agreement is a good thing. The PTGA can offer much more as an affiliated chapter than we can ever offer as a non-affiliated chapter.

Scott Schukraft



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

NOVEMBER 7-9 - Penn State Golf Turf Conference, Nittany Lion Inn Contact: Dr. Peter Landschoot 814-863-1017

DECEMBER 12-14 - New Jersey Turfgrass Association Expo '95, Trump Taj Mahal Hotel & Casino, Atlantic City, NJ, Contact:

JANUARY 9-11, 1996 - Eastern PA Turf Convention Center, Valley Forge, Conference & Trade Show, Contact: Michael Smith at 610-828-0253

FEBRUARY 8, 1996 - NE PA Turfgrass and Grounds Maintenance School, Mountain Laurel Resort, Contact: Andrew McNitt at 814-863-1368

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(TENTATIVE)

MARCH - Edgewood In The Pines

APRIL - The Southmoore G. C.

MAY - Pocono Farms Country Club

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And finally, a brief summary of the PTGA Survey conducted by the Association earlier this year. A special "thank you" to Board Member Jim MacLaren for compiling the results and providing us with the following information:

IMPROVEMENTS DESIRED.

Need improvements to facilities
 Shop & storage buildings
 Say NO to members more often
 Employee benefits
 Labor
 Condition of maintenance buildings
 More maintenance buildings
 Better irrigation system
 Safety standards & procedures
 Better equipment
 Construct more out buildings (Pesticide storage, Topdressing, etc.)
 Employee dependability & qualifications
 More funds for bunker maintenance
 Machinery upgrades & find better employees
 MORE equipment
 Greens reconstruction (Drainage)
 More employees, better equipment
 Tee areas & fairways
 Moving equipment & manpower
 Irrigation system

ON THE POCONO TURFGRASS ASSOCIATION

Increase membership & participation.
 Get meeting notices out earlier.
 Earlier meeting notices & lower meeting cost.
 Get more members involved.
 Organization is well run - no improvements needed.
 Elevate level of professionalism. Build an association to be proud of.
 Create more involvement.
 Joined in 1994 - glad I joined.
 Nothing - PTGA is the greatest fraternity on the face of the earth.
 Better speakers - more education.
 More professional attitude - less social atmosphere.
 Moving in the right direction.

AVERAGES FROM PTGA 1995 SURVEY

Year built	1959
Total acreage	144
Greens 18 holes	2.69
Greens 9 holes	1.48
Tees 18 holes	1.86
Tees 9 holes	1.11
Fairways 18	30.18
Fairways 9 hole	18.94
Rough 18 holes	66.39
Rough 9 holes	18.5

Fertility	
Greens	4.37#N/M
Tees	3.85#N/M
Fairways	3.10#N/M

Years as Superintendent	12.98
Years at present location	8.26

Average Salary - \$39,340.00

Vacation length - 2.5 Weeks

ELECTION RESULTS

Also from the Pocono Turfgrass Association, the following individuals were elected at our most recent monthly meeting held at Fernwood Resort:

President - *Jeff Peters*

Vice President - *Ron Garrison*

Secretary/Treasurer - *Mike Vella*

Directors - *Steve Stranzl*
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- Ormul Hardwood Bark Mulch ◊ • Rail Road Ties
- Contech Terra Bond, Evergreen & Terra Flow
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CAREER DEVELOPMENT/PLACEMENT

JOB HUNTING TIPS

* Try to avoid time gaps in your resume. They raise questions in the mind of the one reviewing them and may prevent an interview from occurring.

* When considering a new position, always ask yourself, "How will this career move prepare me for the one to follow?"

* Once you've decided to apply for a position, your primary goal should be to receive the job offer. You can always refuse to accept it, especially if you've had apprehensions along the way.

* Ask references to send letters directly to the prospective employer, rather than you forwarding them. Letters sent directly to the interviewer (from the reference) are perceived to be more honest and objective.

DEVELOPING REFERENCE RELATIONSHIPS

It's important to develop a good relationship with your references before you begin seeking a position. References can open doors as well as close them if they aren't chosen well. Potential references must know your qualifications and be willing to write and speak on your behalf. Here are a few points to remember:

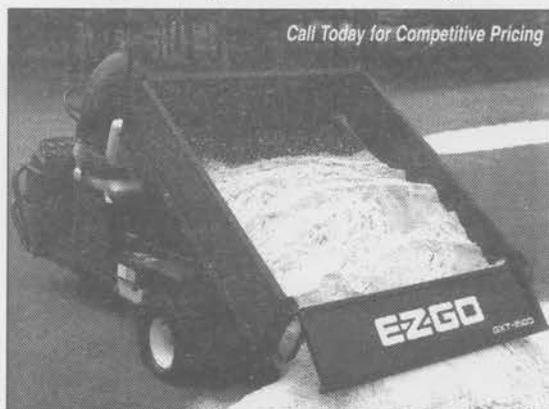
* Select references that have a good reputation and begin developing a good rapport with them.

* Keep references well informed of your achievements and qualifications.

* Ask references for their advice on how you can strengthen your career, having them point out weaknesses to correct.

* Try to obtain a balance of references that includes a cross-section of potential representatives.

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The MET Team Championship was recently conducted at Huntsville Golf Club during one of the only rainy days we have seen all season. Play was suspended after nine holes. After a very intense scoring session, the following results were reached:

1ST PLACE - METROPOLITAN GCSA

2ND PLACE - PHILADELPHIA
ASSOCIATION OF GCS

3RD PLACE - NORTHEASTERN GOLF
COURSE SUPTS. ASSOC.

The Pocono Team which was represented by Mike Tellip, Chet Zelazny, Dan Kelleher and Jim Vedansky on the Gross Side; and Jim Phillips, Kelly Kressler, Ron Garrison and Mike Vella on the Net Side, finished a most respectable fourth just a few points shy of a first place finish.

WELCOME !

We would like to welcome the following new members:

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NEW PENN STATE DEPARTMENT HEAD IN AGRONOMY

Steven Fales, Professor of Crop Management, has been named Head of the Agronomy Department at Penn State University effective July 1, 1995. Dr. Fales replaces Al Turgeon, who stepped down last August to become Director of Distance Education in the Agricultural Sciences.

Dr. Fales teaches forage crops management and principles of crop production at Penn State. In addition, Fales will continue to serve as co-director of the Center for Pasture Research and Education, which was established in 1994, as a collaborative effort with the USDA Pasture Research Laboratory.

Dr. Fales earned a B.A. in English in 1969 and an M.S. in plants and soil science in 1977 from the University of Rhode Island. After completing a Ph.D. in agronomy from Purdue University in 1980, he worked as a postdoctoral fellow at the University of Georgia from 1980-82. He then was promoted to assistant professor with a research emphasis on forage systems. In 1985, he joined Penn State as an associate professor.

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POCONO ROUNDUP

NEWS AND VIEWS FROM THE POCONO
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We wish Al Canto, who is in the hospital, a speedy recovery and quick return home.

We also wish a speedy recovery to John Patterson, who had to have his foot fused. Hope to see him at our first golf meet next year.

The Pocono Turfgrass Association is pleased to announce the acceptance of a \$500 donation from Pro-Lawn Products to our Scholarship and Research Fund. Our special thanks to Pro-Lawn and Jim MacLaren for their generosity and support.

We are happy to report that Jeff Lansdowne and Ron Garrison have each attained the status of Certified Golf Course Superintendent offered through the certification program administered by GCSAA.

Congratulations Jeff and Ron!

Congratulations to the following golf winners at our recent PTGA Meeting at Split Rock Resort:

1st Low Gross - John Farrell
2nd Low Gross - Mike Tellip
1st Low Net - John Switch
2nd Low Net - William Whitney
Closest to Pin - Rich Brandel
Longest Drive - John Farrell

Additional congratulations to the following golf winners at our last golf meeting for the 1996 season held at Fernwood Resort:

***FIRST FLIGHT WINNERS:**

68 Ted Bandru (on his own ball)
69 Hal Parr/John Switch
70 John Vojick/Gene Huelster

***SECOND FLIGHT WINNERS:**

79 Jack Bird
80 Jeff Peters/Mike Vella
80 John Bodock/Ed Schaffer

***SKAT WINNERS:**

Hole #2 - John Vojick/Gene Huelster
Hole #7 & #12- Hal Parr/John Switch
Hole #9 & #15 - Ted Bandru



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