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BEST WISHES BOB ON YOUR RETIREMENT!

After more than 40 years in the turf business Bob Chalifour retired in August.

The former longtime editor of Connecticut Clippings had spent the last 17 years as a representative for Slater Farms/Holliston Sand Co., based in Slatersville, R.I. Prior to that Chalifour was the superintendent at Shennecossett Golf Club in Groton for 29 years.

Throughout his career Chalifour, a certified golf course superintendent, was active in the Connecticut and Rhode Island golf course superintendents' associations and was elected president of both. He was also the S&R and Social & Welfare Chairman of the CAGCS and is the unofficial record holder for most board meeting attended.

Chalifour was also involved with the GCSAA, GCSANE, CRPA, NESTMA, Groton Lodge of Elks, Saranac Lake Moose Lodge, Flanders Bowling League and the SNESGA Golf League.

To the delight of the dozens who participated, Chalifour organized annual trips to the Fishers Island Club.

His career in turf began while a junior high school student in Cranston, R.I. He started a lawn care business that grew to 50 customers by the time he sold it to pay for his college education.

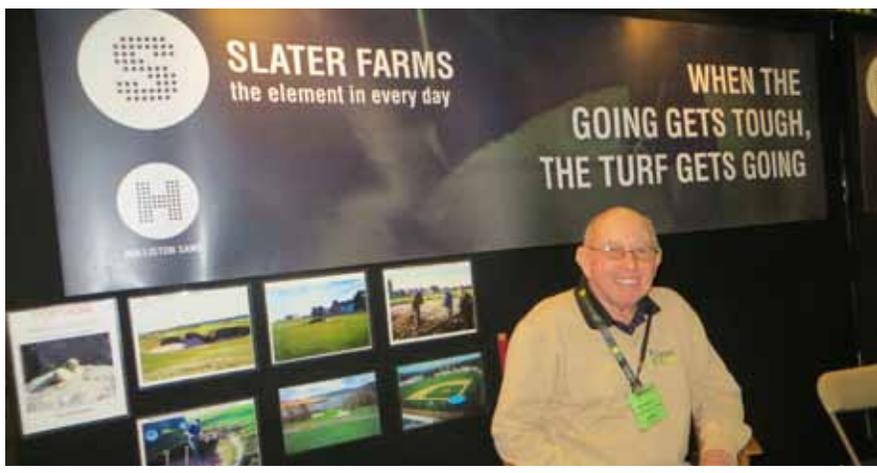
Chalifour received an associate's degree in Turf Management from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture in 1964 and a Bachelor of Science in Agronomy from the University of Rhode Island in 1967.

While attending Stockbridge, he met his future wife Pat. They have been married 51 years and have two sons, Richard and Ryan.

While in college, Chalifour's placement training was at Tam O'Shanter Country Club on Long Island. After graduation he spent two years as the East Greenwich (R.I.) Country Club superintendent before taking the Shennecossett position.

Chalifour's retirement plans include fishing, golfing, home repairs and restoring his 1960 MGA.

All your friends wish you and Pat the very best in your retirement years.



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Donald Beck

Where does the time go? It doesn't seem all that long ago that I was sitting at this same computer nervously writing my first President's Message for the CAGCS Clippings and here I am two years later writing my last. I can't say that the messages have gotten any easier to write but I can assure you that my time serving as your chapter president has been the most rewarding experience of my professional career. Looking back I have to thank Jud Smith for inviting me to become more involved with CAGCS. Without his encouragement I most likely would never have become involved with board service. In the years since I have made countless contacts and many friendships that otherwise would have never occurred. I would like to take this opportunity to encourage anyone who has ever thought about chapter leadership to reach out to myself, any

CAGCS board members, or Mary Jo Kennedy for more information on how you can become involved.

With another season soon coming to a close I would like to thank all of our host Superintendent's and their facilities for holding monthly meetings this year. **Allen Sempregon and Ellington Ridge Country Club, Jason Booth, CGCS and New Haven Country Club, Alexander Adaskaveg and Rockledge Golf Course, Matthew Gomes and Manchester Country Club, Peter Bly and Brooklawn Country Club, Jonathan Charpinsky and Golf Club Of Avon, Christopher Konow and Black Hall Club, and finally Rod Lewis and Suffield Country Club.** I would also like to thank all of our commercial members for their continued support of our association. Without their support it would be impossible for us to hold our monthly meetings as well as continue to fund university turf grass research. Please support all the commercial vendors who support us.

I wish everyone a wonderful fall season. I hope the weather cooperates so we can all finish any remaining projects and get a chance to spend some quality time with friends and family before winter sets in.

All the best,
Donnie

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MOVING FORWARD: TURFGRASS CONFERENCE & SHOW 2016

It has now been more than six months since some of us were in Providence hoping to have another successful turfgrass conference like we have become accustomed to. We all know the end of that story and how we limped home afterward. But, time moves on and as we prepare the way for our 19th consecutive conference and show we look forward to greater success. Over the past 18 years our show has generated enough funds to support nearly \$2 million in research funding here in New England helping to grow our industry, secure research & educational programs, and fulfill some of the needs of turfgrass management professionals! Our first slogan back in 1998 as we prepared for our first show was "Building Together" and the combined interest of all of New England seemed to fuel the effort at that time. In 2016, with that same excitement we announce that we are still in together and continue to move forward!

Our 2016 show dates will be February 29th -March 3rd. Yes, a leap year! As we leap past the disappointment of 2015, we would like to announce a few important marketing messages! First, to all of our 2015 exhibitors, from our Board of Directors, it has been decided to offer each exhibitor up to 50% of the value of your 2015 booth space to be used towards booth purchases for our 2016 show. This offer can be used to purchase up to 50% of each booth for 2016. The board has also agreed to discount

any expanded booth space beyond 2015 totals by 25%. This would mean if you purchased 2 booths in 2015 and wish to maintain the same amount of booth space, then the price of each booth for 2016 will be reduced by 50%. If you want to expand your booth space, as an example, from 2 to 4 booths, then you would receive two booths discounted 50% and two booths discounted 25%. We will be happy to answer any questions concerning this policy. We greatly appreciate your support of our show and the industry. Let's look forward to a great event in 2016 together!

We also extend a similar opportunity for attendees who were registered for 2015. Each 2015 registered attendee's company will receive a discount of up to 50% of any conference and show attendee registration fees that can be used towards pre-registration for 2016 not to exceed 50% of the amount paid in 2015. This will be handled by our very capable registration company when you pre-register for 2016 through the online registration process. Sorry, but this does not include seminar registration in 2015 or for 2016. We hope that you will take advantage of your discount and pre-register early for 2016!

You may be wondering how the foundation can afford to do this and not be "scalped" financially. The board had decided early on that hosting a show in January could be risky and so it decided to take out an insurance policy that would cover event cancellation due to inclement weather among other reasons. This policy was designed to cover any revenue loss caused by unforeseen reasons during the show. Though we have been in negotiations with our 2015 show insurance provider since

February, we were finally offered a settlement that would cover the discounts in full for exhibitors and attendees that we felt would be fair. The settlement would recuperate all revenue loss and 2016 discounts. This is all we were hoping for and are excited to share with everyone who tried to be with us back in January. If you have any questions, please call my office at 401-841-5490.

Another important announcement we would like to make are some schedule changes to our 4-day event. In 2016, we will no longer offer early morning seminars on the Monday of the show week. Seminars will begin at 1pm Monday afternoon and we will also offer 2 and 4-hour seminars on Tuesday Morning that will conclude at 12noon followed by the USGA Session and the trade show opening. Some have expressed that the event is too long when you come in on Sunday night and leave on Thursday. We hope by condensing the schedule a little attendees will be more likely to participate on Thursday morning. Another small change is the trade show floor will also close 1 hour earlier on Thursday morning at 12 noon. This should help exhibitors and attendees get out on the road earlier, but not reduce trade show time. To make this work, education on Thursday will begin at 8am. We will continue to tweak things as we go along to try to make the conference and show schedule more attractive for all our attendees and exhibitors. Please stay tuned for more information as we prepare our program and schedule for our 2016 show. The show goes on! And our plans, with your help, are to continue to be the best conference and show on Turf! I hope to see you in Providence.

Gary J. Sykes, Executive Director

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With GCM's July issue featuring a tremendous article regarding mentorship in golf course management; it gave me a bit of nostalgia for when I started in the industry. I have written about that mentor relationship, and asked you, the reader, to consider reaching out to your mentor to express your gratitude on occasion. There is a lot to be said for the special relationship and the GCM article stated those facts very eloquently. While superlatives to those who influence our career may be documented very well, what about the course itself? While it is hard to say that an inanimate object can really teach us anything, does it? Did that first golf course you worked at, the actual golf course, contribute to your future?

The people are often credited for making a house a home, not the structure itself. "Home is where the heart is," and all that jazz. But managing that structure can help the inhabitants create an identity, can't it? With all the hours, sweat and frustration helping to manage a golf facility for the first time, doesn't that course fall into that first "home" category as well? I took time recently to visit my mentor, and we drove

around my first home and what a great trip down memory lane.

I had the fortune of working as an assistant for six years at a 39-hole daily fee facility where change was the norm. Today, that is still the case. There are trees that are no longer there, rebuilt holes and greens, and nearly every staff member was unknown to me, but that was not at all what caught my eye. Nearly every view I had on our ride was of work I had done when I was an assistant there from 1995-2001. Small items like retaining walls and irrigation controllers that I installed are still there; it made me smile. I had argued then for large areas being mowed regularly to be naturalized, to no avail. Now those areas and additional are unmaintained. Bigger picture areas - like the five holes on my course that were rebuilt when I was there - really got my blood flowing. What is now a walk down memory lane brought back the visions of misery lane. Now I see all that went right, but memories only flooded back of what went wrong! Isn't this another highlight of what it means to be a golf course superintendent? Even 20 years later the perfectionist in us still rears its head!

I enjoy hearing about the history of GCSAA members' careers when I attend events, meetings, or conduct site visits. The

passion superintendents develop from day one of their career is usually still there and continuing to rise. I feel blessed to be able to take my own career history - my first mentor and first "home" - and tie them into a nice bow. The first golf course I worked at is also where my mentor (Andy McHugh) works. I continue to learn from McHugh and lean on him for insights and, of course, laughs. Looking at the golf course still floods me with why's and what-ifs. I don't think those will ever leave me. Maybe that is another trait of a golf course superintendent?

When is the last time you visited the first golf course you worked on, your first "home"? Did you feel differently? Let me know when we meet again!

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Help recruit new members, get rewarded
GCSAA's new Member-Get-A-Member program provides members with the opportunity to receive gift certificates for each new member that they recruit. Members will also receive one entry into the grand prize drawing for an all-expenses-paid trip to the 2016 Golf Industry Show in San Diego. Learn more about the program at www.gcsaa.org/member-get-a-member.

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You can't win if you don't apply! Take time to submit your GCSAA/Golf Digest Environmental Leaders in Golf Awards (ELGA) application before Oct. 1, 2015. Presented in partnership with Syngenta and Rain Bird, the ELGAs recognize superintendents and golf courses for their commitment to environmental stewardship. To make that application, or NOMINATE A WORTH PEER visit GCSAA.org (more info here).

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- 2nd Place Gross: Todd Olovson, Sleeping Giant CC – 74 mc
- 1st Place Net: Ward Weischet, John Deere Golf – 68 mc
- 2nd Place Net: Kevin Collins, Tradition at Wallingford CC – 68 mc

Flight B

- 1st Place Gross: Tim Nadeau, Rockledge CC – 83
- 2nd Place Gross: Tyler Kwalek Rolling Hills CC – 88
- 1st Place Net: Mike McDermott, Twin Hills CC – 73
- 2nd Place Net: Peter Gorman, Pine Orchard Yacht & CC – 79 mc

Flight C

- 1st Place Gross: Brain Pope, Turf Products Corp. – 85
- 2nd Place Gross: Ed Downing, NE Specialty Soils – 88
- 1st Place Net: Bruce Morse, Norwich GC – 70
- 2nd Place Net: Bob Chalifour, Slater Farms – 73

Skill Prizes

- Closest To Pin #8 - 7'3": Ed Downing, NE Specialty Soils
- Closest To Pin #13 - 11'7": Mike Turner, Country Club Enterprises
- Closest To Pin #16 - 15'8": John Parmelee, Indian Springs GC
- Long Drive #14: Eric DeStefano, Twin Hills CC
- Closest To Line #9: Heather Garvin, Chas. C. Hart Seed
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Applications are reviewed as they arrive, and since seating is limited earlier applications have a higher probability of acceptance. The application deadline for international

students is September 25, 2015 to allow enough time for J-1 Visa processing. For all others the deadline is October 23, 2015 (or later pending availability of seats).

For more information about Winter School and application materials, refer to:

<http://ag.umass.edu/turf/education/turf-winter-school>

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You can find more information by visiting GCSAA's

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2nd Place Gross: Steve George, Copper Hill GC/Jason Dowgiewicz, Plant Food Company 73 m/c
3rd Place Gross: John Kaminski, PENN State/Eric Destefano, Twin Hills CC 73 m/c

1st Place Net: Michael McDermott, Twin Hills CC/Walt Czapla, Manchester CC 60 m/c
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JULY 8, 2015

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Net: Todd Olovson, Sleeping Giant GC - 138
B Flight: 13-19
Gross: Rob Giampietro, Bull's Bridge GC 194
C Flight 20+
Gross: Bruce Morse, Norwich GC - 185
Net: Al Adakaveg, Rockledge GC - 145
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Gross: Mike McDermott, Twin Hills CC - 170
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1st Place Gross:
Kevin Collins, Tradition GC at Wallingford/Nick Rykoski, Guest 67
2nd Place Gross:
Eric Morrison, CGCS, Shennecossett CC/Casey Roan, Guest 68
3rd Place Gross:
Eric DeStefano Twin Hills CC/Frank McDermott, Guest 69

1st Place Net:
Justin Gabrenas, Birchwood CC/Mike Brown, Guest 56
2nd Place Net:
Michael Golden, Longshore CC/Rocco Greco, Guest 58
3rd Place Net:
Benjamin Newfang, Wethersfield CC/John Baretta, Guest 61

Closest to flagstick:
#2 - Ryan Segrue, Shorehaven CC - 5'5"
#5 - John Burke, The Hartford Club - 2'
#10 - Casey Roan - Guest - 1'1"
#15 - Mike Brown - Guest - 1'8"

Longest Drive #17 - John Carlone, Guest

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2015 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

October 8 Thursday	COUNTRY CLUB OF AVON 2 Person Best Ball Superintendent/Assistant Tournament President's Cup & McLaughlin Trophy PRESENTING PARTNER		Jonathan Charpinsky Host Superintendent
October 13 Tuesday	N.E. SUPERINTENDENT CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT The Misquamicut Club, Westerly, RI		William Morton, CGCS Host Superintendent
October 20 Tuesday	MET AREA TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT Quaker Ridge Golf Club		Thomas Ashfield Host Superintendent
October 20 Tuesday	BLACK HALL CLUB CAGCS Class C Tournament PREMIER SPONSOR		Christopher Konow Host Assistant Superintendent
November 3 Thursday	SUFFIELD COUNTRY CLUB 9-Hole Scramble ABCD, CAGCS Annual Meeting PRESENTING PARTNER		Rod Lewis Host Superintendent
December 3 Thursday	J. TIMOTHY'S TAVERNE CAGCS Christmas Party PRESENTING PARTNER		

2016 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

January 12 Tuesday	MYSTIC MARRIOTT CAGCS Winter Seminar PRESENTING PARTNER		
February 6-11	GCSAA GOLF INDUSTRY SHOW San Diego, CA		
March 1-3	NERTF CONFERENCE & SHOW RI Convention Center		
April 25 Monday	NORWICH GOLF COURSE		Bruce Morse Host Superintendent
May 23 Monday	Clinton Country Club CAGCS S & R Tournament		Michael Decker Host Superintendent
June 8 Wednesday	ORANGE HILLS COUNTRY CLUB		Jud Smith Host Superintendent
July 14 Thursday	TORRINGTON COUNTRY CLUB		Stephen Curry Host Superintendent
October 3 Monday	HOP MEADOW COUNTRY CLUB		Erik Holm, CGCS Host Superintendent
August 21	Lake Compounce CAGCS Family Day		



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