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The Patterson Club

Golf Course Superintendent, Ray Beaudry, his crew, and the entire staff at the beautiful Patterson Club were our hosts for the 1985 CAGCS Invitational held on June 10.

Ray Beaudry has spent his entire professional career at PC, starting as the assistant and then two years later taking over as Golf Course Superintendent. Ray attended the eight week school at the Stockbridge School of Ag-

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A view of the clubhouse at the Patterson Country Club. The site of this year's CAGCS Invitational. Ray Beaudry and company had everything in perfect shape and made the day very enjoyable for everyone.

Notice! We need your help. If you would like to host a CAGCS meeting in 1986 please contact Eric Johnson or any member of his committee.

President's Message

Has the weather got you down? It seems that we have gone from winter to summer with rainfall amounts well below normal.

Some regions of the northeast are already restricting the amount of water golf courses can use. Water management will become critical in 1985.

Mark August 20 on your calendar. We'll hold a family day picnic at the Madison Country Club. There will be beach facilities, a nine-hole golf tournament and many other activities. Look for further details coming soon.

I was very pleased at the extremely fine turnout at our April meeting at the New Haven Country Club. We had 90 people for dinner, and I hope these fine attendance figures continue throughout 1985.

David Stimson, CGCS

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Sterling Farms Golf Club

The Superintendent's Tour

The June stop on our meeting tour will be at my home course; Sterling Farms Golf Course in Stamford, CT. Sterling Farms is a public golf course, owned by the City of Stamford and run by the Stamford Golf Authority. The Authority is a nine-member board appointed by the mayor's office to ensure the smooth operation of the Sterling Farms Recreational Complex.

Sterling Farms is more than just an 18-hole golf course. The complex includes six asphalt tennis courts, six paddle courts, a fine seafood restaurant, a snackbar, the golf shop, the tennis shop, a performing arts theatre, a youth center, a playground and a driving range. Sterling Farms is one of the busier golf courses in the state, receiving over 54,000 rounds of golf in 1984.

I have been the superintendent at Sterling Farms for three years. Previously, I held the position of superintendent at the Wilimantic C.C. for three years, assistant superintendent at Shennecossett G.C. in Groton, CT and I have also worked at the Balcones Country Club in Austin, TX and at the Skungamaug River Golf and Tennis Club in Coventry, CT. I attended the University of Connecticut and hold a B.S. in agronomy.

Sterling Farms was designed by Geoffrey Cornish and built in 1969.

I hope to see many of you at Sterling Farms on June 18. This will be the first time there has been a superintendent's event at Sterling Farms ever! Please let me know if you plan to attend, it will be a catered event and an accurate count is a must.

Greg Wojick, Editor

Future Happenings



June 18 CAGCS Monthly Meeting, Sterling Farms G.C.
Greg Wojick, Host Superintendent



July 9 CAGCS Monthly Meeting, Willimantic C.C.
Steve Rackliffe, Host Superintendent



This newsletter was typeset by the new CAGCS Macintosh computer! ☐☐☐



GOOSEGRASS

Historically, goosegrass (*eleusine indica*), was not as severe a problem in the northeast as it is becoming or has become at certain courses. One of the factors contributing to this problem has been the suspended usage of lead arsenate and chlordane. These insecticides which doubled as preemergence herbicides gave the user good control of both insects and annual grasses. The long residual activity and the tendency for the materials' efficacy to carry over from one season to the next contributed to the excellent results which most superintendents were able to achieve with these materials. Since their removal from the market, we have shorter periods of residual activity, more selectivity in regards to the weed species controlled, and less tolerance of the desirable turf species to the use of these chemicals. The herbicides which are most commonly used today for preemergent control of annual grasses include: benefin, bensulide, DCPA, oxidizaon, Pendimethalin, and siduron. These materials all vary in the spectrum of weeds controlled, the length of activity in the soil, the mechanisms by which they act, their efficacy in different soil types, and the turf species which are tolerant of their use. These factors have made it necessary for the superintenden to be more deliberate in selecting the herbicide he will use in a major preemergent herbicide program.

One problem that a superintendent may face when he moves to another course is that he may find the need to develop a program for goosegrass control on turf areas where the dominant turf species is *Poa annua*.

This becomes a problem because the rates of material needed to obtain control with currently available materials also presents a phytotoxicity problem. One possibility, which I feel should be addressed by the various people involved with herbicide research, is the use of combinations of materials at reduced rates and at various timed intervals in the hope that *Poa annua* will be tolerant of the chemical and that weed control can still be obtained. Hopefully, some information on this can still be obtained. Hopefully, some information on this problem can be made available to the superintendent by either the manufacturers or the universities that have worked with the various materials. This problem seems to be growing, particularly at courses which cannot afford major turf renovation to eliminate *Poa annua*, and any help in solving the goosegrass problem on these courses would be greatly appreciated by more than one superintendent.

Steve DiVito

Meet Your Class "C" Members

John Callahan works for the Tom Irwin Chemical Company and is our featured class "C" member for this issue. John has been professionally involved in the golf industry for most of his adult life. He brings a wealth of practical experience to his current career because, having been a superintendent on several courses in the northeast, he identifies with the specific needs and schedules of his clients.

John is a graduate of the Stockbridge school of Agriculture (UMASS). In 1958, John was the superintendent of the Lexington G.C. in Lexington, MA. From 1959 to 1960, he was the construction superintendent at Green Meadow G.C. in N.H. ⇒

After that, he was the superintendent of Spring Valley G.C. in Sharon, MA. Just prior to moving to Farmington, CT and starting with the Irwin company, John was involved in the construction of Fiddler's Green G.C. in Hyannis, MA.

John's interest in the golf course business seems to have rubbed off on his son, John Callahan Jr. John Jr. works for The Cardinals, which is a maintenance and golf course supply company which he started himself. John Jr. has recently joined CAGCS. We are very pleased to have these two fine men in our association.

Tracey Holliday

Tree Trivia 🌳 **Birch** -- The Indians used to make water-proof baskets from the aromatic bark of birch trees. **Hornbeam** -- The wood is so dense it will sink in water. **Tulip** -- New England Indians dug their canoes out of tulip trees which were leak-proof because the knots in the tree heal over. **Bamboo** -- Blooms all over the world at the same time. **Beech** -- The only thing that will grow in the shade of a beech tree is another beech tree..

Research Report University of Connecticut

William Dest

Progress of Work, principal accomplishments, and proposed Research

Creeping bentgrass grown on eight soils was harvested from a greenhouse experiment in 1983. Several chemical solutions (modified Morgan, Mehlich No.1, Gray P1, Olsen and water paste extract) are being used to find the extracting procedure that will give the best index of available phosphorus. Laboratory work is currently underway.

A five year study on the calibration of soil test values of phosphorus with response of creeping bentgrass for putting greens was just completed using modified Morgan, Mehlich No.1 and Bray P1 solutions for extracting available soil phosphorus. Tissue phosphorus was also determined.

Calibration of soil test values for phosphorus with response of Kentucky bluegrass is completed. The modified Morgan solution was used for extracting available phosphorus. Analysis of the data is currently underway.

Calibration of soil test values for phosphorus with response of perennial ryegrass grown at two sites was completed in 1984. The modified Morgan solution was used to extract available phosphorus. Analysis of the data is currently underway.

Calibration of soil test values for potassium with bentgrass response is continuing. The Modified Morgan is used to extract available potassium.

A greenhouse and laboratory experiment to study potassium release rates from eight soil mixtures used for putting greens

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Opportunity Knocks Twice

GCSAA Mid-Year Turfgrass
Conference & Show

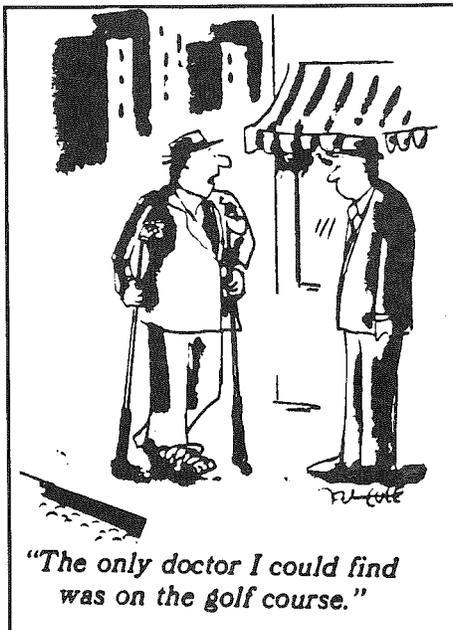
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Notice!

*(The following was copied from a sign
on an office wall)*

This Department requires no physical Fitness Program. Everyone here gets enough exercise jumping to conclusions, flying off the handle, carrying things too far, dodging responsibilities and pushing their luck.

Grass Catcher

Congratulations to Mike Reeb, CGCS, who became the new Golf Course Superintendent at the Country Club of New Canaan on June 1. Mike takes over from Steve Cadenelli who moves to New Jersey and the Links at Vista Center. (Note: Steve has indicated to me that he plans to make a run at a directorship with the GCSAA board of Directors).

Mike Reeb and I recently earned the title of certified golf course superintendent. We took a day long preparation course and our six hour exam at the GCSAA International Conference and Show in Washington D.C. Area superintendents who also successfully took the exam include: Peter Lund, CGCS, Berkshire Hills Country Club, Pat Lucas, CGCS, Innis Arden Golf Club, Scott Niven, CGCS, The Stanwich Club, Joe Alonzi, CGCS, Fenway Golf Club. Congratulations to the newly certified superintendents!

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Best wishes for a speedy recovery to three of our members who have recently taken ill: Frank Lamphier, Aspetuck Valley C.C., Gary Bryant, Longshore Club Park and John Motycka, Skungamaug River Golf and Tennis Club. Get well soon guys.

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New members to CAGCS are: Nick Anastos, Class A, Manchester Country Club, Stan Kogut, Class A, Oak Ridge Golf Course, Scott Ramsey, Class B, Pautipaug Country Club, Tracey Holliday, Class B, Sterling Farms Golf Club, Ken Modezelesy, Class B, Oak Ridge Golf Club, Joe Savino, Class B, Longshore Club Park and Mike Donahue, Class C, Lesco, Inc.

Greg Wojick, Editor

THE BARTLETT ARBORETUM

June at our monthly meeting, we will be touring the Bartlett Arboretum in Stamford, Connecticut. What is an arboretum? What is the Bartlett Arboretum? An arboretum is a garden area planted primarily to trees and shrubs - a place to find beauty, relaxation and pleasure. It is also a living, outdoor museum and a place for scientific study and experimentation. The Bartlett Arboretum satisfies all of these requirements with its acres of woodlands, rhododendron and azalea collections, dwarf conifer garden, wildflowers, and plantings of native and hybrid plants from Asia, Europe, North America.

PURPOSE

The general purpose of the Bartlett Arboretum is to further knowledge and understanding of trees and shrubs and to disseminate this information to all. At the same time the arboretum serves as a garden within which one may enjoy the peace of nature.

HISTORY

In 1913 Dr. Francis A. Bartlett, an eminent dendrologist who founded the Bartlett Tree Expert Company, acquired "30 acres more or less" of north Stamford woodland to use as an experimental and research area, as well as for his own residence. He planted on the property a large number of plant species from all over the world.

In 1965 the company moved its laboratories to North Carolina. The property, by then increased to 63 acres, was purchased by the state in November of that year under the Federal Open Spaces program. Acquisition of the property was due largely to the efforts of a group of citizens who formed the nucleus of the Bartlett Arboretum Association. The Arboretum is part of the Department of Plant Science, College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, The University of Connecticut. A Board of Overseers, composed of representatives of the University and the Bartlett Arboretum Association, is the planning and advisory group for the development of the arboretum.

DEVELOPMENT

The arboretum initially specialized in and has a substantial collection of ericaceous plants, mainly rhododendrons and azaleas. Later a dwarf conifer garden was established. Long-term planning for the arboretum calls for the enlargement of these gardens plus the planting of other ornamental trees, shrubs, and wildflowers. A federal grant, awarded by the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation in 1978 (plus matching funds raised privately), signalled the beginning of a major new development program. It has paid for the erection of a greenhouse, the construction of a maintenance building, additions and repairs to the administration and education buildings, and general improvements to other facilities. This continued growth will permit the arboretum to broaden and improve its service to the public.

Editor's Note: The Bartlett Arboretum tour will be optional for the June 18 meeting.

Dest's Research *(continued from page 4)*

The greenhouse work is continuing. The laboratory work has yet to be completed. The analysis of the data collected to date is underway.

An experiment is underway to calibrate magnesium with response of creeping bentgrass. A second experiment is concurrently being conducted to study the effect of magnesium/potassium interaction on the response of bentgrass.

A study on the influence of nitrogen and phosphorus fertilization on the botanical composition of bentgrass/annual bluegrass community is completed.

A laboratory study to compare the different extracting solutions

within the northeast for extracting soil phosphorus will be initiated in the summer 1985. Soils will be collected within the northeast region. If the procedures compare favorably, then equations can be used for converting calibration data for phosphorus developed in one state within the region to other states using a different extracting procedure.

May 2, 1985

Editor's Note: The CAGCS board of directors is considering helping to fund UCONN and Bill Dest's work on these projects. If you have any comments or thoughts regarding these projects please contact any of the CAGCS board of directors.

Patterson Club *(continued from page 1)*

riculture (UMASS). Before getting into the golf course management business, Ray worked for Knapp Bros. Tree Service.

The Patterson Club golf course layout is 37 years old and is a Trent Jones designed tract. The General Electric company initially built and owned the golf course but eventually the members purchased it from GE.

There is no question that Ray, his assistant, Robert Welsh, their crew and the entire staff at Patterson did an outstanding job for the 1985 CAGCS Invitational. Thank you Patterson and congratulations on a great day.

Greg Wojick, Editor

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