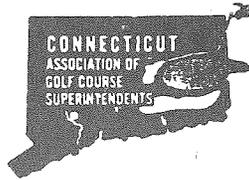


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Presidents Message

I wish to reflect a moment as President of CAGCS for the years of 1984 and 1985. It has certainly been a learning experience and one cannot appreciate the full scope of the position until he has served in that capacity. It has been my aim to keep the association moving forward and feel we have been successful.

The association has taken in many new members the past two years and I feel that a reminder is in order as to what is expected of every member at our monthly meetings. If a member and his guest play golf at our monthly meetings he must pay for the meal. It is also required that a jacket and tie be worn for dinner unless otherwise stated in the meeting notice. Also, please make every effort to fill our and return your card so the host superintendent can have an accurate head count.

It is the goal of the association to promote the golf course superintendent in a professional image. It only takes one or two unruly members to ruin a meeting and lower our association's image in a hosting club's eye. A little common sense in this area will help us all in the golfing industry.

David Stimson, CGCS

1985 Golf Results

CAGCS Championship Best 2 out of 3 rounds

Class	Low Gross	Low Net
A	David Roule (147)	Peter Pierson (136)
B	Greg Wojick (168)	Tom Fletcher (140)
C	Doug Cooper (204)	Mike Wallace (133)
Senior	Dick Cook (180)	Bill Somers (156)
Assoc.	Don Grant (145)	Brian Pope (142)



Golf at Yale (Oct. 15, 1985)

Class A

Low Gross - Peter Pierson - 71
2nd Low Gross - Les Kennedy - 75

Low Net - David Roule - 75-7-68
2nd Low Net - Don Grant - 76-5-71
3rd Low Net - Steve Roberts - 79-8-71
4th Low Net - Armand LeSage - 80-9-71
5th Low Net - Jim Stazowski - 77-6-71

Class C

Low Gross - Mike Wallace - 98
Low Net - Les Schrieber - 100-28-72
 Joe Maisano - 108-36-72
 John Wistrand - 106-32-74

Class B

Low Gross - Brian Pope - 85
Low Net -
 Lindsey Munger - 93-24-69
 Tom Fletcher - 93-24-69
 Jack Pluta - 87-15-72
 Peter Lund - 87-14-73
 Tim O'Neil - 89-15-74
 Bill Somers - 93-17-76
 Nick Anastos - 90-14-76
 Al Arison - 96-20-76



Superintendent/Assistant Championship

Low Gross	Low Net
Armand LeSage & Steve Roberts - 70	David Stimson & Cindy Johnson - 56
Les Kennedy & Wayne Urban - 72	Fred Bachand & Mike Kravontka - 60
David Stimson & Cindy Johnson - 56	Joe Maisano & Lindsey Munger - 63

CT State Golf Association Trophy - Mike Wallace - 98-36-62

CAGCS President's Trophy - Peter Pierson - 71

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The object of this association is to encourage increased knowledge of golf course management and greater professionalism through education, research, exchange of practical experience and the well being of each individual member.

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Future Happenings

- Nov. 19-20 GCSAA Regional Seminar
Providence, R.I.
- Dec. 2-5 New Jersey Expo
Atlantic City, N.J.
- Jan. 7 CAGCS Winter Seminar
Yale Inn, Meriden, CT
- Jan. 8 MGCSA Winter Seminar
Fairview Country Club

18 Holes At St. Andrews - Scotland

I recently had the pleasure of vacationing in Europe. Although the trip was designed to be a cultural enlightenment, an educational excursion, I did get the chance to play some golf. My wife and I had made an agreement; I would 'suffer' through the Louvre, Buckingham palace, the Tower of London, the Eiffel Tower and any other tourist attractions that she could come up with if we could spend some time in Scotland and visit some golf courses. She reluctantly agreed (she was hoping to get away from the golf course scene for at least two weeks out of our lives) and we were off across the Atlantic.

After a hectic four day tour of London, a very enjoyable train ride to Edinburgh and a one hour car ride (I managed to bounce off the left-hand curb about a dozen times and only had one blowout, we felt lucky to be alive) we found ourselves face to face with the Royal & Ancient Golf Club at St. Andrews, Scotland-in the pouring rain. An exhilarating thrill for any golf enthusiast! I felt like I was treading on hallowed ground-a near religious experience. Pandora's reaction; "what's the big deal - it's just another golf course. Let's get out of the rain." I felt like a kid on the night before Christmas. Where do I get some golf clubs?...I was ready for a two-under par round, ready to make history. There were only two small obstacles; the driving rain that had soaked us to the bone (normal weather for the area) and the sun that was dipping below the horizon (it was dusk). Not to be denied I walked across to the 18th green on the Old Course, ceremoniously touched it and then we were off to our B&B for some dinner, some dry clothes, a good night's rest, sweet dreams about 300 yard drives and birdie putts and back to the first tee-at St. Andrews.

I was up at the crack of dawn. It was a beautiful looking day - crisp, bright blue sky, temps in the low 50's- perfect. After a delicious English style breakfast (wheatabix, OJ, scrambled eggs, English ham and sausage, tomato, toast and tea) we walked the block or so to the golf club. As we were walking, I noticed something that I couldn't from our room, the gusty wind that made it hard to walk and talk-about 35 mph- hit 'em low.

I rented a set of clubs (six pounds 80p) and showed the starter my GCSAA card and I saw before me an empty first tee. St. Andrews - in Scotland. I had to pinch myself to make sure it wasn't a dream! Pandora thought I was nuts as she watched me warm up. She was dressed for the occasion - a turtleneck blouse, two Scottish wool sweaters, wool gloves and a parker with the hood pulled over her head that allowed only her nose and eyes to be exposed. Her assignment was to be the scorer of my famous round and to document this occasion on film. She had the camera.

Unfortunately a tournament was being played at the Old Course so I was 'forced' to tee it up on the new course (the started assured me that although it isn't as famous as the Old Course it is as difficult).

With the picture taking session over and the tee in the ground and club in hand I was ready. First swing, first shot, I screamed, oh S ! I had hit it solid and long but it was heading two fairways off to the right---until the wind got a hold of it and guided it, as if intentionally, right to the middle of the first fairway, about 235 yard out - easy. Pandora, whose vision was tunneled by her arctic outfit asked where it went. I proudly told her " right down the middle."

I picked up my clubs and strutted down the first fairway and right away noticed two things. It was wet- really wet (I later found out that Scotland had its wettest summer in over 100 years-17 inches in August, 6.5 in one day) and no golf carts-the way it should be. We arrived at the ball and I looked around for a yardage marker...none to be found. So I pulled out an eight iron and looked down at my ball...it was in a divot. There were divots everywhere, and on further inspection I saw weeds everywhere in the fairway. By Connecticut standards I would consider the fairway turf poor. I struck the eight iron and it took off like a 747 and then it hovered like a helicopter as the swirling wind grabbed it and held it for what seemed like minutes. When it finally touched down it was about 15 yards from the green. Chip and a putt, oops two putts (bumpy greens). "Five" Pandora shouted over the wind, "one over par."

Greens Slick as Glass?

LOF Puts Old Expression to the Test

Every golfer knows what it means when a green is "slicker than glass." It means trouble. But Golf Digest, with a little help from Libbey-Owens-Ford Co., tried to put some precision in the golfer's cliché by comparing glass and grass mathematically.

For its June issue, the magazine commissioned a series of tests on a variety of surfaces: marble ("faster than a marble staircase"), pavement ("like putting on concrete"), a billiard table ("smoother than a billiard table"), and a tub of molasses ("slower than molasses in January").

To get comparative speed figures for its tongue-in-cheek test, Golf Digest used a Stimpmeter--a device designed to release a rolling golf ball so that the distance it rolls indicates the "speed" of the surface. Most golf greens allow the ball to roll six to eight feet, the magazine said, but some very fast greens might register up to 14 on the Stimpmeter.

So, how fast is glass versus grass?

To find out, Golf Digest contacted LOF's corporate headquarters in Toledo, and after some consultation, the company's management decided there was no harm in the project and allowed the test to take place on a huge sheet of glass at its Rossford plant.

An LOF employee, Leonard Klaege, performed the Stimpmeter test, and the magazine recorded the result: Reading: 468.7. Summary: For this report, we rely on our correspondent, Mel Barger, who supervised the test..."The ball traveled

fast out of the Stimpmeter and did not appear to be slowing down much by the time it reached the edge of our 26 foot, 8 inch piece of glass. According to our stopwatches, the ball traveled this distance in 5.001 seconds, to you can relate that to the speed of other surfaces. We also noticed that golf balls don't roll smoothly on glass. The dimples on the balls apparently make them sort of bounce along.

The magazine concluded that molasses in January is indeed slow. The ball traveled only two inches. "What's appealing about the surface, however, is it putts so true."

The Magazine's "scientific" findings were clouded somewhat by circumstances.

The 68.5 reading for a marble staircase, for example, was expurgated keep the ball from rolling through a 300-year-old Chinese vase.

The billiard table only rated 5.9 because "the Stimpmeter scored a Titlest 3 in the corner pocket."

And the sloping of the New Jersey Turnpike could have accounted for its high

reading of 17,462. "Following in a car we observed the vall accelerate near the Newark, NJ exit on the turnpike, then roll steadily to a point opposite several Elizabeth, NJ chemical plants, where it passed through a patch of lavender mist and disintegrated."

The results of the tests, the magazine said, "suggest that the poetry of putting and the science of speedometry cannot be mixed."

Meet Your Class "C" Members

The class "C" member featured for this issue of Connecticut is Glenn Moore, owner of Glen More Landscape Service in Pound Ridge, N.Y. Glen's business offers a variety of services to golf courses, commercial facilities and private homes and estates. The services include fairway renovation, railroad tie work, irrigation installations and pesticide applications to name a few.

Glenn worked at the Woodway Country Club when he was a teenager and learned the tricks of the trade from his father, Sherwood Moore, who was the superintendent at the time. Landscape work has allowed Glenn a variety of different jobs and locations from New Haven and Fairfield county down to New Jersey and Long Island.

Glenn's free time is occupied by family fun with his two children and wife Denise. He has also rediscovered the game of golf after a fifteen year lapse and hopes to play more often.

Tracey Holliday



PPUC Update

First Annual Meeting of PPUC is Big Success

The first annual membership meeting of the Professional Pesticide Users of Connecticut, Inc. turned out to be a big success. Nearly 100 people filled the Jones auditorium in New Haven to listen to Dr. Roger Yeary (Chemlawn, Inc.), Greg Piontek (Pesticide Compliance Unit) and Mike McKee (New England Green). President of the PPUC, Richard Marcks, moderated the meeting.

Dr. Yeary's talk concentrated on pesticides in a nationwide scope, while Greg Piontek reported on statewide pesticide issues. Mike McKee gave a pitch for the PPUC which was followed by the elections for officers and directors for PPUC.

The results of the election are as follows:

President - Richard Marcks (Fairview C.C.)

Vice Pres. - Paul McDonough (Old Fox Lawn Service)

Secretary - Leslee Millar Flanagan (Millar Tree Service)

Treasurer - Joel Caplin (The Green Machine, Inc.)

Directors -

Glen Lessig (Lesco, Inc.), David Goodson (NEutilities), Mike McKee (New England Green), Frank Reynolds (Reynolds Lawn Care), Edwin Adams (Evergreen Lawns), Greg Pagano (Mobay), Greg Wojick (Sterling Farms GC), Richard Tice (T & L Lawn Service) and John Kenney (Turf Doctor).

Grass Catcher

Harvey Lenon, Golf Course Superintendent at the Wallingford Country Club in Wallingford, Connecticut, was involved in a tragic traffic accident during hurricane Gloria that which has left him in a coma. All our hopes and prayers and support go out to Harvey and his family for a speedy and complete recovery.



Congratulations to Jim and Susan Medieros on the arrival of their new baby boy. Kevin Michael Medieros was born November 15, 1985.



Congratulations to Jeffrey Crean (class B, Oak Hills Golf Club), Scott Eicher (class C, Elanco Products) and Rob Reinhold (class C, Mantek Corp.) who recently became new members of CAGCS.



A benefit dinner for the Harvey Lenon family will be held at the Wallingford Country Club on December 21, 1985. I urge everyone in CAGCS to attend this dinner if at all possible.



Make plans now to attend the CAGCS Winter Seminar which will be held at the Yale Inn in Meriden, CT on January 7, 1985. Brochures on this excellent seminar will be mailed out December 1.



Doug Morgan from Winding Brook Turf Farm has recently been elected as Secretary/Treasurer of the American Sod Producers Association.



Fred Nelson, retired from the Connecticut Cooperative Extension Service, was voted in as Honorary member of CAGCS at our November 12 annual meeting. Fred has been a devoted friend of CAGCS for many years.

New CAGCS Officers & Directors Elected

At the November 12 Annual Meeting of CAGCS the new slate of officers and directors were elected. Oaklane Country Club was host for the annual meeting with superintendent, Les Kennedy, making the arrangements at his club to host the attendees. No golf was played to the inclement weather conditions.

Your new board of directors are:

Greg Wojick: President (2-year term)
Robert Chalifour: Vice President (2-year term)
Ronald Holcomb: Secretary/Treasurer (2-year term)

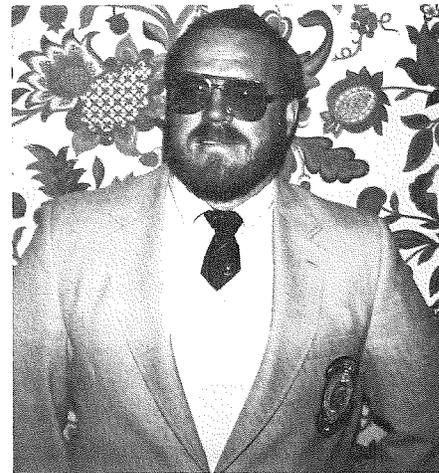
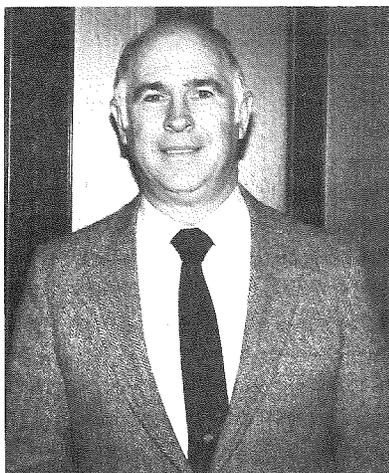
Mike Chrzanowski: Director (2-year term)
Richard Marcks: Director (2-year term)
Tom Watroba: Director (2-year term)
Steve DiVito: Director (2-year term)
Michael Wallace: Director (1-year term)
Henry Lesinski: Associate Director (2-year term)
Peter Pierson: Director (1 year left on 2-year term)
Doug Cooper: Director (1 year left on 2-year term)
David Stimson: Immediate Past President

Baskin wins coveted CAGCS award

Charlie Baskin, golf course superintendent at the Country Club of Waterbury, was honored by CAGCS as its 1985 Superintendent of the Year. Charlie was presented with the award at the CAGCS annual meeting November 12 at the Oaklane Country Club. A feature article about Charlie will appear in the next issue of Connecticut Clippings.

Cadenelli to Seek GCSAA Directorship

Steve Cadenelli, formerly golf course superintendent at the Country Club of New Canaan and presently the superintendent at the Links at Vista Center in New Jersey, will run for a director's position on the board of GCSAA at the annual GCSAA convention in San Francisco this winter. Steve, a member, past president, and long-time friend of CAGCS will be endorsed and supported by our association. \$750 was awarded to Steve to help support his campaign. Steve made a good showing running off the floor at last year's elections in Washington D.C.



Random Thoughts

After changing cups on the same greens for over 15 years, the mind starts to wander...

I HATE CHANGING CUPS!

Why is it the number of rocks encountered while changing cups is in direct proportion to how close the golfers are?

What law of nature states the number of no-shows and tardy employees is related to the importance of the tournament and the earlier tee-off time?

Why is it when you borrow or lend equipment it inevitably breaks down?

What law is it that makes the severity of machinery breakdown in direct proportion to the importance of the job and the time limit allowed?

How does the equipment and pump house know when it is a weekend?

How does disease know when it is the first day of a three day weekend?

WHY ARE THESE GREENS SO HARD?

How come there are so many ball marks on the greens when every golfer swears that he repairs his and two other ball marks?

Ever notice that it is usually the same golfer who complains about poor playing conditions that complains the course is closed due to wet conditions or renovation?

Would reverse psychology work on this same golfer, for example, a cart sign "PLEASE DRIVE CARTS THROUGH WET AREAS?"

I wonder how many golfers would hit a ball at an unaware worker, if that worker was his son or daughter?

Ever notice when mowing fairways, golfers will never hit a ball when you drive towards them, they wait until your back is turned and driving away?

Why do golfers feel the need to walk or drive in front of maintenance equipment?

THERE MUST BE AN EASIER WAY TO CHANGE CUPS!

Due to budgetary restrictions, the brakes on maintenance equipment are usually the last thing repaired, much to the surprise of the above golfer.

Why is it easier to get clubs to spend \$500 to repair an old piece of equipment, when a new one cost only \$1000? (This is hypothetical as there are no new machines for \$1000!)

We have streamlined our operation enough so that by April 1, we are only six months behind in our regular yearly maintenance!

Why is it you can search forever for something you need, and after you finally buy one, many others become available?

WHY CAN'T SOMEONE INVENT A HYDRAULIC CUP CUTTER TO FIT ON THE BACK OF A CUSHMAN?

Ever notice early in the morning while going to work, a traffic light will turn red on you for no reason will remain red until another car approaches the green light from another direction?

Ever realize the catch-22 we are in? We try to pay some of our help what they are worth so we can keep them, and as soon as we do, they realize that they aren't starving and have lives besides work, so they don't want to work overtime?

Why don't we take summer vacations? I took a week this year, and probably lost less turf than if I had been on the job. Are we irresponsible if we take time off? Should our jobs be in jeopardy if we take off time? Would members tolerate being told when they could take their vacations? This is too touchy a subject to be discussed here.

and Why is it that the practice green, which has the most holes, is usually the hardest and rockiest (is that a word?) green when changing cups?

OH MY ACHING BACK!

Why is vandalism in direct proportion to the desire of showing off a good course?

Ever notice salespeople seem to come in groups? No one for weeks, then everyone at the same time. It is almost like they have a secret meeting to decide on who they are going to see. (Please don't take offense guys.)

This is a fill in the blank. Did you ever notice a _____ is like a policeman, never around when you need one?

Why does the boss always show up when something goes wrong that you don't want him to see?

Ever notice how things come back to haunt you? I instituted the policy that each Director write an article for the Collaborator, now I'm paying for it!

THE HECK WITH IT, I'LL LET MY ASSISTANT CHANGE CUPS FROM NOW ON!

Scotland (from page 1)

The second hole, a par four 367 yarder, went nearly identical to the first.

"Another five - two over par" my scorer rubbed in. Two bogeys I thought, I better bear down a little. Well that kind of thinking has ruined many rounds of golf for me in the States, why should it be any different in Scotland. Hole three I made a nine (two lost balls in the gorse and heather) followed by a seven, then a double bogey five. All of a sudden I'm 11 over par, time to regroup.

What a time to try and hit the cover off the ball, the sixth hole was a 445 yard par four and my drive wormed its way about 35 yards off the tee (I almost did hit the cover off the ball - I didn't know I could cut a surlyn covered ball with a driver). Considering the three putt, it turned out to be a hell of a six (now I'm thirteen over par, that's supposed to be my handicap).

Depression was starting to set in after I triple bogeyed the seventh hole. On the eighth tee I saw a crew of eight workers in the middle of fairway repairing divots and after two TV perfect shots on this par five hole I asked one of the workers what club I should hit to the green. He amiably replied "135 into the wind, slap at a six iron." With a renewed sense of confidence I rifled the six dead at the pin and from where I was standing it looked to nestle about six feet from the flag. I thanked him for the advice and continued to the green where I lipped out the birdie putt and settled for a par five. PAR! I had made par at St. Andrews in Scotland and it was the number one handicap hole on the golf course! Who cares if I'm 16 over par, I had parred the number one handicap hole at St. Andrews!

Out in 52, in in 46 = 98, and you get the idea about how the rest of the round went. Who cares, I played golf at St. Andrews - in Scotland. The course really wasn't that difficult but my mind turned it into a monster. The turf was nothing to write home about but the history, the layout, the natural beauty and the atmosphere can't be described in words. It's something everyone should experience at least once. A vacation in Scotland is highly recommended by this golf course superintendent. And Pandora liked it too!

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