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**ANNUAL MEETING at
BIRCHWOOD
DRAWS LARGE NUMBERS**

The Annual Meeting of The Connecticut Association of Golf Course Superintendents, was held on Nov. 8, 1988 at The Birchwood Country Club in Westport, CT. Host Ed Consalati and the Birchwood staff provided the 80-odd members in attendance with an organized and enjoyable day at this impressive 9-hole layout. Following the annual business meeting and election of officers, the chef prepared a vast array of Mexican, Italian and Seafood selections for our dining pleasure. A job well done by Ed Consalati and Staff. Maybe a return invite in the future?

Annual Meeting Highlights

Four New Directors Elected to Board

At the annual election of officers and directors, Robert Chalifour, CGCS was re-elected as President of CAGCS, with Thomas Watroba assuming the duties of the Association's Vice President. Both were elected for a one-year term. The Association also has a new Secretary with Steve Rackliffe, CGCS moving into that position from the ranks. Mike Wallace, CGCS will continue with his duties as the Associations Treasurer.

On the Directors level, Frank Lamphier, a Past President, Fred Bachand, Scott Ramsay and Peter Lewis were elected to fill the remaining vacancies.

On behalf of the membership and the board, we would like to welcome these new directors with confidence that they will lend their support and ideas to the betterment of CAGCS.

Remaining board members are Dave Stimpson, CGCS, John Streeter, CGCS, Mike Dukette and Immediate Past President Greg Wojick, CGCS.

Annual Scramble Tournament Draws 32 Players

The team of John Gallagher, Bob Szymanski, Joe Perry and Phil Neaton were the gross winners, by way of matching cards, with a two under par 34 on the fine conditioned layout of Birchwood Country Club. Hot on their heels with another dazzling 34 was the team of Peter Pierson, John Callahan, Harry Ward and John Motycka. Matching of cards had to be implemented to determine the winner. It was also reported that there were 5 other 34's followed by a 35, a 36 and one 37. In all, the 32 players that endured the cool temperatures and fine conditions had a enjoyable day.

Around the Board Table

The last meeting of the Board of Directors was held in December at Madison Country Club. President, Bob Chalifour, welcomed the new Board members in attendance, Peter Lewis, Fred Bachand, Scott Ramsay, and Frank Lamphear.

After Bob went over the committee assignments with the new Directors, it was on to old business. The first order was our progress in the Executive Director's hunt. Bob Chalifour and Tom Watroba reported that they had met with a potential candidate for our Executive Director's position. They discussed at length the services in which this particular person could lend to CAGCS. At this point, we are still in the negotiation stages, and we are also continuing to seek other candidates for this position.

Also at this meeting a Long Range Planning Committee was formed. One of the first priorities of this committee will be to develop a plan for CAGCS to accomplish such endeavors as a permanent state of residency, to re-define the duties of the Executive Director's position, to develop more direct benefits for our members, and to establish ways to accumulate funds to help support some of these long-range plans.

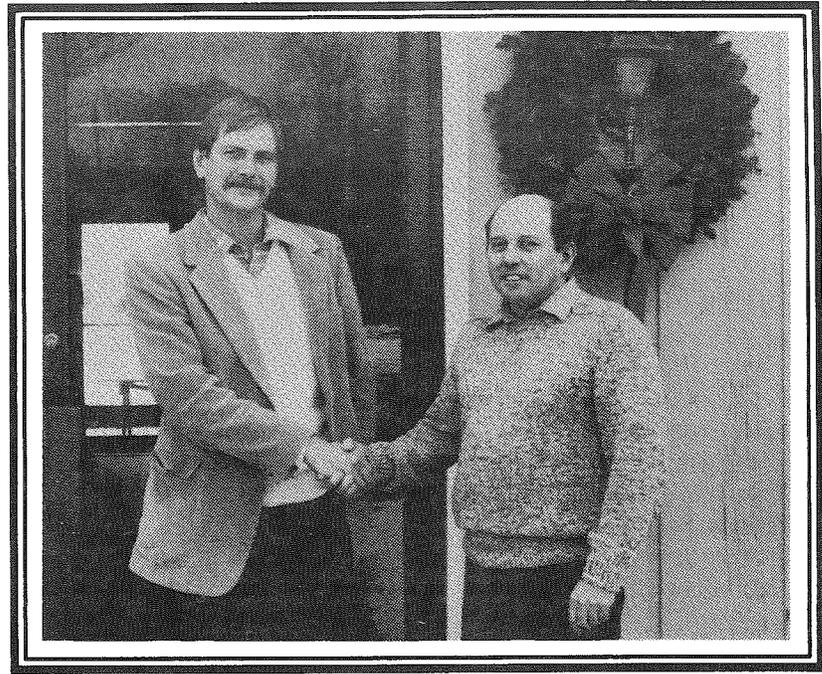
In other business, Dave Stimpson announced that the meeting schedule for 1989 is tentatively set and will be published shortly. Fred Bachand, Public Relations Chairman, announced that he would work on setting up news releases to be sent to local and statewide newspapers concerning CAGCS and its events.

CAGCS to Sponsor Hospitality Suite In Anaheim

CAGCS, in conjunction with The Met, New Jersey and Rhode Island Associations, will host a hospitality suite on Saturday, Feb. 11 and Sunday, Feb. 12, in The Anaheim Hilton Hotel. Beginning at 7:00 p.m., cocktails and hors d'oeuvres will be available free of charge - so, come up and say "hello"!

The suite will also serve as a meeting place for delegates to meet and discuss issues with Steve Cadenelli, CGCS, nominee for Vice President from New Jersey, and Michael Wallace, CGCS, from Connecticut, candidate for Director.

We will be distributing cards with hospitality suite room number on Saturday and Sunday during the equipment show, or ask at the hotel information desk.



President, Bob Chalifour, CGCS, welcomes newly elected Vice President, Tom Watroba.



1989 Board of Directors, pictured above - They are from left to right: Peter Lewis, John F. Streeter, CGCS, Greg Wojick, CGCS, Scott Ramsay, Tom Watroba, Michael Wallace, CGCS, Frank Lamphear, Bob Chalifour, CGCS, Steve Rackliffe, CGCS. Not pictured, Dave Stimpson, CGCS, Fred Bachand, and Mike Dukette.

Connecticut Honors Bob Tosh with Superintendent of the Year Award

The 1988 Superintendent of the Year Award was presented to Bob Tosh at the annual CAGCS seminar, which was held at the Holiday Inn in Plainville, CT, on January 10, 1989.

The award, whose recipient is determined by a mail-in vote from all voting members, is given annually to a CAGCS member who has shown exemplary skills in managing a golf facility, minimum of five years as a class A CAGCS member, and one who has devoted his or her time and effort to help benefit fellow Superintendents and local Associations.

Bob Tosh exemplifies the best possible image of a professional in the field of Turf Management. A gentleman from the core with an aura of self-confidence, intelligence, leadership and sincerity that gives Bob his special quality of friendship with his peers and fellow employees.

Bob received his formal education at the University of Massachusetts, Stockbridge School of Agriculture.

A Superintendent for thirty-one years, Bob joined CAGCS in 1958. His career started in 1956 when working for his father, the Superintendent of Litchfield

Country Club. He then became the Assistant Superintendent of Wallingford Country Club in 1957, moving to the head position in 1958. Bob held that position for eleven years before moving on to become the Superintendent at Rockrimmon Country Club in Stamford, CT.

Always staying abreast of the newest technology and turf research, Bob's reputation as a leader in turf management became evident by maintaining excellent playing conditions at Rockrimmon year after year. Bob's maintenance building at Rockrimmon, one of the most organized, is just another example of his qualities. Along with his devotion to the "golf course", Bob somehow found time to become a member of the Board of Directors of CAGCS for eight years. He served as Vice President 1974-1975, and he was elected President of the Association for 1976-1977.

Bob and his lovely wife, Helen, have attended most, if not all of the Association's Christmas parties, leading the way on the dance floor with their smooth and graceful style. Bob and Helen, the parents of five children who now are grown adults proud of their father, "The Superintendent of the Year". We too are proud to call you our fellow superintendent. Congratulations and our best wishes for continued success.

Bob was awarded a beautiful Captain's chair as the recipient of the award.

After serving as Superintendent of Rockrimmon for 20 years, Bob recently moved to the Manchester Country Club in Manchester, New Hampshire. We sure are pleased he didn't move too far away from Connecticut. Again, best wishes and congratulations.

SHOW & TELL



The annual GCSAA convention is the biggest show on earth for golf course management professionals.

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A Busy Year on The Environmental Front

1988 was a very active year with regard to the regulatory forces of both the state and federal government. Diazinon was prohibited from use on golf courses, while Triumph was approved for limited use. Also receiving approval for use was the herbicide Acclaim.

The state approved the use of the white amur for aquatic weed control. All those who received the fish before 1988 were required by D.E.P. to remove the carp from their ponds. The method of removal was severe, due to the fact that all fish, including desirable species were destroyed. CAGCS chose to support and comply with D.E.P. on this controversial issue.

On the legislative scene, P.P.U.C. had one of its most successful years. Unlike other years, where we have been fighting unreasonable legislative bills, this year we combined our efforts with the toughest opposition and produced the first nationally recognized bill that requires the home owner to post as well as the professional. What the bill means to the golf course superintendent:

1. Post first tee and pro shop at time of application. 1' x 1' sign reading pesticides applied today.
Leave up for 24 hours.
Contact person if any questions.
2. Notify person living within 100 yards of area being sprayed, only if their name appears on state registry. (It is up to the home owner to contact D.E.P. to be put on list.)

P.P.U.C. is now taking the offensive, instead of the defensive. In order to be successful, P.P.U.C. needs our support more than ever.

Respectively submitted
Steve Rackliffe, CGCS

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1989 MEETING SCHEDULE

March 13
Holiday Inn, Plainville, CT

April 11
Ellington Ridge Golf Club

May 16
Pautipaug Golf Club

June 6
Hop Meadow Country Club

June 19
Country Club of Farmington
(Annual Invitational Tournament)

July (TBA)

August (TBA)
Family Day Picnic
Madison Country Club

September 12
Wampanoag Country Club
(Joint Meeting with N.E. Supts.)

October 17
Blackledge Country Club

November 7
Suffield Country Club

Skogley to Receive GCSAA Distinguished Service Award

Dr. C. Richard Skogley of the University of Rhode Island has been selected to receive GCSAA's Distinguished Service Award (DSA), February 9, 1989, in Anaheim, California. The presentation will be made during the opening session of the 60th GCSAA International Golf Course Conference & Show. The DSA is given to individuals who have demonstrated dedication and outstanding service to golf course superintendents and their profession.

Dr. Skogley is an educator and turf researcher who has truly served the golf course superintendents' profession well and is most deserving of this honor. Dr. Skogley was nominated for this award by CAGCS who have had much contact with the University of Rhode Island over the years. Dr. Skogley has done extensive turf research and has to date released such grasses as Jamestown Fescue, Exeter Colonial Bent, Kingstown Velvet Bent, and his newest improved variety of bentgrass, Providence. (See article which appears on page 2.)

URI, under Dr. Skogley's direction, has had a highly touted annual field day which attracts 400 to 500 annually from the turf industry. Along with his numerous articles and technical publications and presentations at superintendent meetings, including GCSAA shows, Dr. Skogley is also an honorary member of the Rhode Island Superintendents' Association, Connecticut Association, New England Association, and the Met Association.

Hope to see all of you at the opening session, so that we may be able to show our support and offer our congratulations to Dr. Skogley.

What Are The Certification Requiements?

To apply for certification, a person must be actively employed as a golf course superintendent and have a minimum of five years experience as a superintendent. As of July, 1989, a new educational prerequisite will be added: Applicants must have completed one year of college or half of Division I of GCSAA's Continuing Education Curriculum. The application must be accompanied by a \$100 fee for members (\$265 for non-members).

Once the application has been approved at GCSAA Headquarters, the applicant will have one year to pass all six sections of the certification test and the on course attesting. Information and study material concerning the test will be made available once the application has been approved. The attesting part of the certification has do to with on course inspection of the applicant by two people from the following categories; Certified Superintendent, U.S.G.A. Agronomist, Club Official or University Professor.

Once a person has become certified, he must renew his CGCS status every five years. An application and report of CEU's earned are automatically sent to him 13 months before his renewal deadline. He then must return the application with a \$50 fee (\$130 for non-members) to GCSAA headquarters for processing. If he has completed 15 CEU's during his five years, he will be automatically be renewed as a CGCS.

The S & R Committee announces that CAGCS software, shirts and sweaters will be available for purchase at the March meeting which will be held at the Holiday Inn, Plainville, CT, on March 13, 1989.

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The Grass Catcher

Connecticut Clippings 10 years ago today

In the February, 1979 issue of *The Clippings*, John R. Hall, III Turf Extension Specialist wrote an extensive article on "Avoiding The Temptation of Sand Topdressing". The Editor noted that this particular article was a view on alternate means of topdressing other than straight sand. The cheaper cost of straight sand as compared to some commonly used topdressing materials seemed to be a major factor. Some problems noted with the continued use of sand topdressing were the susceptibility to layering along with excessive water infiltration, excessive nutrient leaching and lower microbial activity. He suggested that Superintendents develop a topdressing material that possess correct capillary and non capillary pore space, infiltration rate, moisture retention, ph and bulk density characteristics to fit your particular soil media. This can only be accomplished through laboratory tests. It was also suggested to use some of the U.S.G.A. spec commercially prepared mixes.

At the Annual Meeting it was reported that elections of officers and directors produced the following slate for 1979: President Robert Osterman, Vice Pres. Steve Cadenelli, Sec/Tres. David Stimpson, Robert Tosh Imm. Past Pres. Directors elected included Ken Kelliher, Fred Bachand, Bruce Cadenelli, Mike Wallace, Richard Cook, Charles York and Doug Stachura.

After over 25 years of service to Glastonbury Hills, Roger Barret has decided to pack in his Supers shoes. Rumor has it that Roger figures it is about time to catch up on some over due time off. I'm sure he won't stay put for long, but anyhow, we all wish you the best of luck in all of your future endeavors.

Christmas list for 1989

May all Supt. salaries rise to \$100,000 per year
Mike Wallace is elected to GCSAA Board of Directors
Do away with the term "General Manager"
Temperatures not to exceed 80° thru the summer
May it rain a few more times in '89 than in '88
Do away with ladies' day
All the bentgrass we planted last fall makes the winter
Golf goes to a 5-day week

Golf, The Year in Review

Barrett Captures CAGCS Golf Championship in '88

Roger Barrett, formerly of Glastonbury Hills Country Club was the low gross winner (0-12 handicap) in this years CAGCS golf tourney. The two rounds of the championship were played at the Manchester Country Club, Gary Bryant host, and the Wethersfield Country Club, Fred Bachand host. Roger fired rounds of 83 and 79 respectively to capture the crown.

The low net winner in the 0-12 division went to Scott Ramasy of Pautipaug. Scott fired a net 71 and 70 to secure his victory.

The following is a list of the other low gross and low net winners in their respective categories;

13 to 24 handicap

gross winner (two round total of 182)

Peter Lewis, Country Club of Farmington

net winner (two round total of 137)

David Stimpson, Tumble Brook Country Club

25 to 36 handicap

gross winner (two round total of 194)

Mike Kravontka, Wethersfield Country Club

net winner (two round total of 148)

Fred Bachand, Wethersfield Country Club

Senior Division

gross champion (two round total of 158)

Frank Lamphier, Aspetuck Valley

net winner (two round total of 164)

Paul Grover, New London Country Club

Affiliate Division

gross winner (two round total of 148)

Mike Dukette, Old Fox Chemical

net winner (two round total of 146)

Bill Somers, Somers Turf Supply

On behalf of CAGCS I would like to extend my congratulations to all winners.
Better luck to the rest of us in 1989.

Mike Chrzanowski
Golf Chairman

Research Up-Date

by C. R. Skogley

An important part of my research effort at URI through my years here has related to plant improvement or plant breeding. It is a slow, tedious and time consuming effort. Resulting from this effort we have released Exeter Colonial and Kingstown Velvet bentgrasses, Jamestown Chewings fescue and Georgetown Kentucky bluegrass. They have all been improved varieties and have contributed added quality to the array of improved grasses.

We stepped up the pace of our breeding effort at the beginning of the 1980's when we hired a technician to assist full-time on this facet of our program. Some of you may recall that I spent six weeks collecting grasses in Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and New Brunswick, Canada in 1982. I spent a six month leave in 1987 collecting from Northern Minnesota to New England.

When I search for improved grasses, I try to find old stands that have existed under minimum maintenance. I collect from dry, sunny locations. I concentrate on fine fescues and bentgrasses as these are the species most adapted to our region.

I have collected bluegrasses, ryegrasses and tall fescue but usually send these materials to other plant breeders who specialize in them. During 1987 I sent over 400 of these materials to a plant breeder in Oregon. We ended up with over 600 fine fescues and bentgrasses for our evaluation and use.

Good things are resulting from this effort. In November of this year, we officially released "Providence" creeping bentgrass. The variety is a blend or "Polycross" of five selections. The first selections included in this variety were made in 1965. You can see that this isn't a speedy program. Hopefully, some seed will be available aafter the 1988 seed harvest.

Many of you have seen plots of "Providence" on our research farm. It has been in trial since 1982. The following tables gives an indication of its performance with us and one year's data at North Carolina State University. It is included in other trials and on some golf greens throughout the country.

TABLE 1. Average Quality Scores, URI, 1983 - 1986

Variety	1983	1984	1985	1986	4-Yr. Avg.
Providence	5.9	6.8	7.4	6.7	6.7
Penncross	5.4	6.1	5.6	5.9	5.8
Prominent	4.6	5.6	4.4	5.8	5.1
Manitoba	5.7	6.8	5.4	5.5	5.8

9 = perfect quality Trial seeded in 1982

Table 2. Performance at URI and N.C. State University

Variety	Quality Rating		Dollar Spot		
	URI 1986	URI 1987	NCSU 1987	% coverage URI	10/87 No/730 cm NCSU
Providence	6.8	6.4	7.4	10	0.8
Penncross	6.0	4.9	6.9	20	5.6
Seaside	6.0	5.1	5.6	30	1.1
Emerald	6.5	5.1	6.2	15	4.6

Table 3. Ave. Number of Tillers Produced on One Inch Plugs

Variety	No. of Tillers
Providence	165
Penncross	144
Seaside	110
Emerald	143

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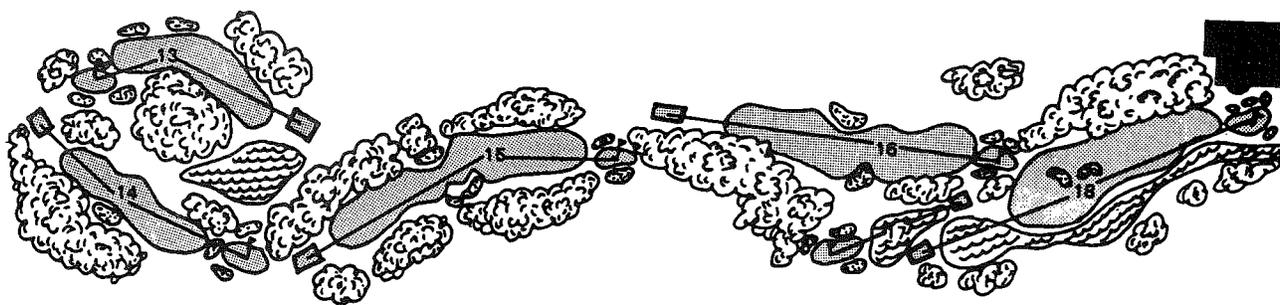
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DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	HOST
January 19 & 20	GCSAA Seminar Environmental Considerations in Golf Course Management	Albany, New York	GCSAA
February 6 & 7	GCSAA Annual Golf Championships	Palm Springs, California	GCSAA
February 6-13	International Golf Course Conference and Show	Anaheim, California	GCSAA
February 16	Connecticut Grounds Keepers Conference & Show	Hartford Civic Center Hartford, Connecticut	Connecticut Grounds Keepers
February 21 thru 23rd	Western Pennsylvania Turf Conference & Show	Pittsburg Expo Mart/Radisson Hotel, Monroeville, PA	Penn State Univ.
March 1,2 & 3	Mass Turf Conference & Show	Springfield Civic Center Springfield, MA	Mass Turf Grass Council
March 9 & 10	GCSAA Seminar Insects on Turf and Trees	New Brunswick, New Jersey	GCSAA & NJGCSA
June (TBA)	Annual CAGCS Invitational Golf Tournament	Country Club of Farmington Farmington, CT	Peter Lewis

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