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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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Walking the High Wire

Thomas Watroba, President

Another season is upon us and with it brings the expectations, hope and promise of a successful year. Fortunately or unfortunately, depending upon your prospective, it also brings new names and faces to familiar places. Ah, the life of a golf course superintendent -- the profession that creates more turnovers than the Celtics ever dreamed of.

I recall listening to a well-weathered veteran superintendent who equated our profession to coaching at the professional level. Everyone loves you when you're winning; but, have a losing season, and the doubts and finger pointing start. Have two consecutive losing seasons... I needn't go any further. It's a very accurate analogy.

How secure are you in your position as a golf course superintendent? Do you have a long term contract? Do you have an adequate pension plan? How many of us could honestly say we could have consecutive seasons of unsatisfactory course conditions (regardless of the circumstances) and still feel secure in our positions? How about three seasons? Great way to make a living, isn't it? To steal a line from Mr. Jagger "We walk the high wire" with no safety net -- every season.

This so-called high wire act every season often exacts a price. Although I believe the old adage about adversity building character, excessive adversity is hazardous to your health. Who can deny that within our profession we have an alarming high incidence of stress related problems. Alcohol and drug abuse, heart attacks, divorce, chronic anxiety, depression, and burnout are all too common among us.

Obviously there are exceptions. A minority of golf superintendents through ability, dedication, hard work, and sometimes good fortune have attained renowned status in this profession. Often they can name their job and their price. These select superintendents have obtained job security. Some have acquired fame and fortune. Well, fame anyway. Others employed by towns or municipalities are afforded better than average security and excellent health and retirement benefits.

What about the rest of us? In my opinion, the vast majority of golf course superintendents do a **good job** - perhaps not great, but certainly not substandard. These hardworking men and women are educated and talented. Many are asked to produce high quality playing conditions inspite of being subjected to limited resources, overplay, whimsical leadership, bad weather and sometimes plain old bad luck. It would be easier to attempt to produce these quality playing conditions if a superintendent knows that failure to do so doesn't automatically place his job in jeopardy. A relaxed and confident superintendent secure in his position will ultimately make better decisions than one with frazzled nerves, who is constantly walking the high wire. There

are clubs that realize this and treat their superintendents accordingly. Unfortunately, there are far too many who still believe in magic!

So how can we achieve job security in this high risk profession? Perhaps we never will completely. After all -- anyone who enters this field of endeavor with blinders on is rudely awaked to the harsh reality of it. But, there are some things you can do. Participate in operations budget and benefit surveys on both the local and national level, and use the information to strengthen your own position, if necessary. If your budget, salary and benefits are well below that of a comparable club or your regional average, are your club's turf expectations likewise? Remember, when using comparisons, always compare apples to apples and use factual information.

Another method that you may find useful in establishing security is through documentation. Document as much critical information as possible. This becomes very useful when your professional opinions or recommendations are modified or overruled. Put it in writing! It's amazing how selective people's memories can become. Always protect your flanks. Documentation can also be done through photography. Many of us take photos of course projects, disease and pest damage, or mini-disasters. How many of us photograph our golf courses when they are at their finest? I'm assuming not enough.

Perhaps the key to establishing security in your position is successful communication. Failed communication is arguably the number one cause of job loss in our profession. If you have questions regarding the security of your position, communicate this concern to your employers. Stress the obvious importance of job security. Be sure to approach this subject matter in an honest, positive and non-threatening manner. At the very least, you will discover the degree of job security you already have.

I'm certain there are other means and methods to improve our job security. It's definitely food for thought. Hopefully, there will come a day in this profession when the high wire act is confined to the circus - where it belongs!

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The other most important regulation that is coming upon us is that of UST insurance. The deadline for obtaining liability insurance is October 26, 1991. The process for obtaining insurance takes 90 to 120 days. Time is needed for tank testing and processing the application. Many clubs have liability insurance, but most do not cover spills and ground water pollution from a UST. Information on where to get insurance for a UST can be done through GCSAA or your local insurance broker. Jardine Insurance Brokers of Kansas City Mo. is the administrator for the GCSAA-sponsored UST insurance program. Contact Jardine's Susan Courtney at 1-800-727-0250.

Some thoughts about insuring your UST

1. Most insurance companies may not insure a tank that is over 10 years old.
2. Existing tanks may have to meet some minimum requirements in order to be insurable, such as: tank tightness tests, leak detections and upgrading existing tank with liners or corrosion protection.

UNDERGROUND STORAGE TANKS

John F. Streeter, CGCS, Editor

Underground storage tanks have become a major priority for the EPA. After attacking service stations, large retailers, and oil companies about bringing their underground storage tanks (USTs) up to date, the EPA is now moving into our territory; that is, if you, as a golf course superintendent, have a UST on your property, there are some regulations of which you should be aware.

First of all, it is my understanding that in Connecticut any tank which is under 1,100 gallons does not have to be regulated. Therefore, if you are in this situation, you may not even have to read the rest of this. BUT ... I suggest you do your own homework so as not to have any repercussions against you or your club in the future.

One of the first regulations, that of the deadline date which has already passed, is that... "If your UST tank was installed prior to 1970, or if it has pressurized piping, you must have initiated proper leak detection methods by December 22, 1990. Leak detection methods include:

- Monthly monitoring, Tank tightness tests and
- Monthly inventory control

Leak Detection & Corrosion Protection by 1998

By 1998, present leak detection methods will be phased out. On new and existing tanks, corrosion protection and overflow prevention must be installed by 1998. Monthly monitoring methods such as, automatic tank gauging or ground water monitoring will be required. If you are upgrading existing tanks or installing new ones these are some of the things you must consider.

*Are you
in
compliance?*

Another option to consider

If you are considering replacing your UST, look into the new above ground tank systems. Some of the advantages of the above ground system compared to a UST system:

1. No liability insurance is required.
2. Above grounds are installed with a containment vault to eliminate the need for diking.

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Putting on the edge of disaster

When old Bill Fownes wanted to check the green speed at Oakmont, he would walk out to the second hole and carefully drop a ball on the back of the putting surface. If it didn't roll down the slope, off the front of the green and into the fairway, he would tell the ground crew to cut and roll the green again.

At least that is according to Oakmont lore. For most of this century, Oakmont has set the standard against which all other top clubs measure their green speeds. Now comes new evidence from architect Pete Dye that green speed in the old days may be wildly exaggerated.

Dye has had motion pictures of the 1962 U.S. Open at Oakmont studied by mathematical experts. Analyzing the time lapse of putts rolling across the greens, they have concluded that Oakmont's speeds back then were "about 8 on the Stimpmeter," what today is considered relatively slow.

If true, Dye's discovery is important because it might curb the chase for faster greens, golf's costly equivalent of the arms race. "The USGA is trying to raise \$10 million to find hardier turf," says Dye. "All they've got to raise is the mowers, 1/16th of an inch."

But golfers persist in the mistaken belief that faster is better. And just as mistakenly, club members argue that their greens were faster back in the '50s and '60s. Most agronomists agree that this is not possible, and USGA Green Section National Director Jim Snow cites four innovations that have greatly added speed in recent times:

- It's only been in the last 15 years that clubs cut greens seven days a week; they used to be cut every other day, a big change.

- Cutting greens at 3/16ths was considered very close and 1/4th of an inch was common until the 1970s; the introduction of thinner bedknives (against which the rotary blades of

mowers cut) allowed greens to be scalped below 1/8th of an inch.

- Clubs used to top-dress greens once or twice a year; now they do it lightly every three weeks.

- And until the 1970s, we didn't have verticutters and groomers, new machinery that takes the excess top growth off the leaves of grass.

But the real culprit is a yard-long metal rod known as the Stimpmeter, which was developed to quantify green speed. When it was introduced in the mid-'70s, the USGA surveyed more than 1,500 greens in 36 states and found that the average roll was 6 feet 6 inches on the Stimpmeter. "It's crept up over the years until the average is closer to 8 today, and 9 feels slow to some people," says Snow.

The result has been higher expenses for maintenance of weaker turf that's more susceptible to disease. Several years ago in the Midwest, dozens of country clubs noticed that their bent-grass greens were dying of bacteria known as C15 Decline, while the greens at neighboring daily-fee and municipal courses were unaffected. Turf-types began calling it "Rich Man's Disease," because it only hit the wealthy courses like Muirfield Village and Butler National, where the greens were cut too low.

"Trying to maintain consistently fast greens means always living on the edge of disaster," says Snow.

Some classic, old courses have now increased their speeds to the point that severely undulating greens are unputtable. Then members argue the greens have "settled" over time and now need to be rebuilt. Of course, all they need to do is play the greens at the speed they were designed for.

Now some courses are starting to post their green speeds on lockerroom bulletin boards. This only encourages idiotic competition among clubs for the fastest greens in town and leads macho golfers to demand higher num-

bers or the super's job.

Longtime turf authority Al Radko says good putting begins at 7 feet 6 inches. And for everyday play, it should not get above 9.

The PGA Tour aims to have its greens at around 10 feet, and the U.S. Open shoots for 10 to 11 1/2 feet. But those are once-a-year occasions, with the host club's maintenance program targeted for tournament week.

SPEED KILLS, we've learned. If not your superintendent, your greens.

(This article appeared in the January, 1991 issue of Golf Digest and was contributed by Pat Lucas.)



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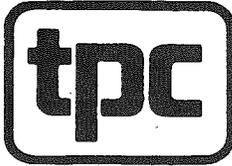
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Underground Storage Tanks

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5. The above ground system called "Convault" has been approved by the State Fire Marshal and the State DEP.
6. Above ground storage tanks are less costly to install.

If you are considering removing and/or installing a UST, I would suggest that the first place you go is to your local Town or City Fire Marshal. You will need to also contact the State DEP for specific regulations which may supersede those of your local city or town. Information concerning UST compliance regulations can be obtained from the State DEP by calling 566-5599 and request to be transferred to the office handling the UST compliance program.

Most importantly, if you are one who needs to insure your UST, it is not too late to begin the process so that you may be in compliance by the October 26, 1991 deadline.

GCSAA TO HOST U.S. OPEN RECEPTION

GCSAA members attending this year's U.S. Open are cordially invited to a GCSAA hospitality reception which will be held Friday, June 14th, from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at the Radisson Hotel South in Bloomington, Minn.

"This is an excellent opportunity for our members to visit with fellow superintendents and other industry representatives from across the country who come to the Open," said John Schilling, GCSAA executive director. We're looking forward to the same results this year." VIPs from the USGA and PGA, plus other golf and turf industry officials will also be attending the reception.

The 1991 U.S. Open will be played June 13-16 at Hazeltine National GC in Chaska, Minn., where Chris Hague, CGCS, is superintendent. Hague and his staff will be honored at the reception.

Smith reminds GCSAA members who hold gold membership cards that the USGA will provide them with complimentary daily admission to the U.S. Open. Spouses who accompany those members will receive the same admission privileges. To receive complimentary daily admission, superintendents should present their gold membership cards at the "Will Call" window each day that they wish to attend. Smith recommends that members who plan to attend the Open should call ahead to the USGA or Hazeltine to arrange for their complimentary tickets.



Water treatment plant.

Contrary to what some people think, golf courses do have positive impacts on water quality. A golf course is a living, breathing water treatment system. Simultaneously, it filters water, inhibits runoff and recharges groundwater. In fact, golf courses are increasingly used as disposal and treatment sites for unusable wastewater.

Golf courses also provide other benefits. They're a refuge for wildlife and a conservatory for exotic plants. They provide life-giving oxygen and help cool the air. Some even serve as landfill covers, helping to heal the scars left by mountains of trash.

Who's in charge of keeping these amazing ecosystems in harmony with nature? Today's golf course superintendents. They're part troubleshooter, part business manager, part scientist and all environmentalist -- dedicated to making our world a greener place.



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Grass Catcher



Local Boys Make National Press

In case you missed it, John Gallagher, superintendent at Racebrook Country Club, Orange, CT, was a featured contributor to an article which appeared in the July, 1990, issue of *Golf Digest*.

In the article entitled "Is your superintendent out to get you?", John was quoted concerning subjects of how heavy play can raise havoc with a maintenance schedule and ever growing pressures that are now being put on superintendents to provide quality conditions and sometimes just not enough time to do it.

Phil Neaton, superintendent at the Black Hall Golf Club, Old Lyme, CT, was featured in the *Aquatrol* Newsletter commenting on his success with their injecting Aqua Grow into his irrigation system.

Phil was quoted as saying "The system has helped with water savings and preventing localized dry spots."

John Streeter, superintendent at Woodbridge Country Club, Woodbridge, CT, was featured on the back cover of the February issue of *Golf Course Management*. John was featured in the ad for his success with the new strand of bentgrass from International Seeds known as Cobra.

CAGCS to Sponsor Advertisements

John Motycka, Public Relations Chairman of CAGCS, announced that we will be sponsoring eight 30-second commercials on our local NBC affiliate, Channel 30. The spot will be run once on Saturday and once on Sunday in each of the following national NBC telecasts of PGA Tournaments:

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June 22 & 23
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July 13 & 14
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September 28 & 29
Ryder Cup Matches

The beautifully presented commercial has been professionally prepared by GCSAA and delivers the message that "Gorgeous golf courses don't just happen ... Your golf course superintendent makes them that way." It ends with the message "Brought to you by The Connecticut Association of Golf Course Superintendents." So, turn on your TVs and inform your members and friends, also.

Congratulations to New Moms and Dads

Mr. and Mrs. John Gallagher, Mr. and Mrs. David Schermerhorn and Mr. and Mrs. Eric Cadenelli were blessed with new arrivals - ALL BOYS !!! CAGCS provides a Savings Bond for all newborns to CAGCS members. Congratulations ... Good luck from all!

Applications for CAGCS Scholarships Now Available

The Scholarship & Research Committee of CAGCS is pleased to announce that applications for CAGCS scholarships are available in writing from Peter Pierson, S&R Chairman. Your request for an application should be addressed to:

CAGCS S & R Committee
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Superintendents, Start Your Systems

By Peter Otte, P.I.E. Supply Co., Technical Services

Only 59 more days 'till the 4th of July!

Is your irrigation system ready to meet the challenge?

The days of the high blue skies and screaming purple grass will be here before we know it, and the time to prepare for them is now. A properly planned and well executed system start-up procedure will save you time, money, turf and hair lines.

We at P.I.E. Supply Company would like to recommend that you decide on a target date for your system to be fully operational. Do this by checking your records to see when you began irrigating in the past. Remember that you will want water for spring aerification, chemical treatments and for occasional frost removal.

Once you've picked an "F.O.D." (Fully Operational Date) begin working backwards on your calendar allotting time for each of the following steps:

STEP 1. INSPECTION

Controllers Check for:

1. 110v power at each field satellite
2. Vandal damage
3. Nesting animals
4. Frost heaves to footings (possibility of damaged wires)
5. Snowmobile damage

Allow 1-2 days for inspection, 5-7 days for replacement parts, and 2-3 days for repair.

Pumphouse Check for:

1. Required incoming power supply
2. Vandal damage
3. Ice damage in control valves and pump casings
4. Nesting animals

Allow 1 day for inspection, 5-7 days for replacement parts, and an additional 5-7 days if your local utility has to be contacted.

General Components Check for:

1. Raised heads - pull on each raised one to see if frost has broken a riser.
2. Broken valve box lids - locate them now before a pair of Foot-Joys does.
3. Damaged exposed piping - bridge and creek crossings.

Allow 2-3 days for inspection, 5-7 days for parts and 2-3 days for repairs.

You are now ready to begin step two of your F.O.D.

STEP 2. PRESSURIZE THE SYSTEM

Begin to fill your system.

The key word is S-L-O-W-L-Y. Water entering an empty system meets little resistance and can easily achieve velocities of nearly three times that of a filled system. Your carefully winterized system can be blown out of the ground in a matter of minutes! So follow these procedures:

Open drain valves and air release assemblies and fill your system with your jockey pump only. Try to maintain a fill rate of 200 gpm. An eighteen hole system holds from 250,000 to 300,000 gallons of water, so don't expect to fire up before lunch and syringe in the afternoon. Expect filling time to be between 18 and 20 hours. Keep an eye on things during the filling process and don't fill over night. Now is not the time to burn up a pump with a clogged intake line or to flood a fairway with a broken mainline. Fill your system at a rate of 10 hours one day and 10 hours the next.

Allow at least two days for filling.

After your system is filled and pressurized, keep a watchful eye on it. A short cycling or hot running pump could point to a leak. When your system has been pressurized for 2-3 days, begin driving along your mainlines. There's nothing better than a golf cart or cushman tire for finding a soft spot that could indicate a leak.

Allow 7-10 days for locating, getting parts and repairing a mainline leak.

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STEP 3. TEST THE SYSTEM

Once you are confident that pump station and mainline pipe are intact, begin running test irrigation cycles to check the remaining components of the system. Begin with your greens and check:

- Controller operation
- Valve operation
- Head rotation and water distribution
- Lateral piping integrity

Allow 7-10 days for testing, acquisition of parts and repair of remaining irrigation components.

Since you've been following along with your trusty calendar in hand, you're either totally confused or you've realized that you've picked a starting date of last Tuesday. In reality, much of the work involved can be overlapped and much of it can be handled by your staff. A reasonable starting date of one month prior to F.O.D. should put you in the ball park.

To summarize:

Step 1. - Inspect

- Controllers
- Pumphouse
- General Components

Step 2. - Pressurize System

Fill system SLOWLY
CHECK MAINLINES

STEP 3. - Test the System

- Check component operation
- Check laterals lines
- Run a test program

Now that your system F.O.D. has arrived and you're fully prepared, you can stop praying to the rain gods and start enjoying the rising sunburn index along with the rest of the world.

Who's Job Is It?

This is a story about four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody.

There was an important job to be done and Everybody was asked to do it. Everybody was sure Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it. Somebody got anygry about that, because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought Anybody could it it but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it.

It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have done.

HERMAN



"It's a par-12 till the groundskeeper gets his back pay."

Meet the Board Members

This is the second of a series of biographies about the people who serve as officers and directors of the Connecticut Superintendents' Association. We will profile three or four board members each issue until we have covered all members.

Immediate Past President Bob Chalifour

Bob Chalifour became the superintendent at Shennecossett Golf Club in Groton, CT, in 1969. Previous to this endeavor, Bob was the superintendent at the East Greenwich Golf Club in East Greenwich, RI. He earned an Associates Degree from the University of Massachusetts and went on to the University of Rhode Island where he completed a B.S. Degree in Agronomy.

Bob has been a member of CAGCS since 1970 and has served on the Board for seven years. Positions held on the Board were that of Public Relations Chairman, Vice President, President and presently Past President. Bob also had association experience in the Rhode Island Association where he served as Treasurer, Vice President, and President.

Bob feels the association should continue to provide the opportunity for members to further their knowledge by supporting education and research. Bob feels that the GCSAA Certification Program, seminars, and environmental programs need the support of local associations. He feels the association should keep our members informed on environmental issues on both state and national levels. "We also need to keep abreast of legislative proposals and the need to balance the benefits and risks involved with pesticide use." "We need to be able to accurately communicate with both golfers and the public concerning the safe use of pesticides and the role that golf plays in both the environmental and business worlds."

Social & Welfare Philip Neaton

Phil Neaton has been the golf course superintendent at the Black Hall Golf Club, in Old Lyme, CT, since 1984. Phil began his golf course maintenance career in 1975 working part-time during high school, never intending to be a golf course superintendent. After a few years in the golf course wars, Phil changed his college major to turf management.

After graduation, he went to Black Hall as the assistant. He has been a member of CAGCS for seven years, and this is his second year on the Board. He is currently serving as the Social and Welfare Chairman, and is also helping with the Membership Committee duties.

Phil has always been a strong supporter of CAGCS by way of hosting monthly meetings and helping with the summer picnics. Phil thinks the most important thing this Association does for its members is disseminate information -- whether it be new laws, job openings, or ideas to keep our present jobs interesting and secure -- this is one of our most important functions.

Phil feels that it is important for superintendents to get together and share their comradery and also to learn something new from each other.

Upcoming CAGCS Monthly Meetings

May 14, 1991
Hartford Golf Club
West Hartford, CT
Host Supt. - Herbert Watson

June 11, 1991
Black Hall Club
Old Lyme, CT
Host Supt. - Philip Neaton

See last page of this issue
for cutout of 1991 schedule.

Treasurer Scott Ramsay

Scott Ramsay presently is superintendent at Cliffside Country Club in Simsbury, CT. Scott came to Cliffside in 1990 after serving as superintendent at the Pautipaug Golf Club.

He has been a superintendent for six years and began his career with the family landscaping business.

Scott has been a member of CAGCS for six years and has served on the Board for three years as S & R Chairman, and currently is the Association's Treasurer.

Scott feels that the most important service an association can provide is the opportunity to share ideas and to strengthen our professionalism.



GCSAA ELECTS

Stephen G. Cadenelli, CGCS, President

Stephen G. Cadenelli, CGCS, the man elected to preside over one of golf's largest associations, wants the public to know that golf course superintendents are more than just the people who keep golf green.

"Professionalism through education" is just one of the areas that he intends to promote during his term as president of GCSAA. "I never want to stop learning," says the 55th president of GCSAA. "I don't believe there is a substitute for education. I truly believe there will be no way to survive and function in this world as a turfgrass manager without a broad educational background. If I am remembered for anything after my year as elective leader of GCSAA, I hope it is for promoting education as never before."

Cadenelli has directed the construction and management of the Metedeconk National Golf Club in Jackson, New Jersey, since 1985. He takes the helm of the growing international association at a time when environmental considerations are a top priority for the men and women who manage today's golf courses.

"It is essential that GCSAA help its members meet their responsibilities to the environment. We also must go on educating the public as to the benefits of golf courses and of the fact that, in the capable hands of highly educated superintendents, golf courses are a positive contributor to the environment. Again, one of the keys to our success is education of ourselves and the public."

The Massachusetts native notes that today's superintendents must be versed in legal matters, technical turfgrass science, personnel management, financial planning and equipment maintenance. "These factors have created significant opportunity for golf course superintendents, for never has the golf community recognized the need for highly educated professional turfgrass managers as it does today," he says.

William R. Roberts, CGCS, Lochmoor Club, Grosse Pointe Woods, Michigan, was elected vice president. Re-elected as a director and appointed secretary/treasurer was Randy Nichols, CGCS, Cherokee Town & Country Club, Dunwoody, Georgia.

Also re-elected as directors were Gary T. Grigg, CGCS, Shadow Glen Golf Club, Overland Park, Kansas, and Charles T. Passios, CGCS, Hyannisport Club, Massachusetts.

Bruce R. Williams, CGCS, Bob O'Link Golf Club, Highland Park, Illinois, was appointed to the board. Joseph G. Baidy, CGCS, Acacia Country Club, Lyndhurst, Ohio, and Randall P. Zidik, CGCS, Rolling Hills Country Club, McMurray, Pennsylvania, continue serving terms as directors.

GOLF COURSE CONFERENCE AND SHOW A SUCCESS

More than 16,400 members of the golf course industry attended the 1991 International Golf Course Conference and Show hosted by GCSAA at the Las Vegas Convention Center and Riviera Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada. The conference and show presented superintendents and other turfgrass professionals with the very best in continuing education opportunities and golf course management products, with a record 591 exhibitors showcasing their products and services during the three-day trade show. International attendance was strong as well, with almost 1,400 participants representing some 46 countries outside the United States.

Highlighting the conference and seminar portion of the week were 42 continuing education seminars. Nearly 2,500 GCSAA members participated in seminars and symposiums on environmental and water resource management, budgeting and financial planning, safety and risk management, golf design and more.

FORMAL DEDICATION OF NEW GCSAA HEADQUARTERS BUILDING

GCSAA will celebrate the association's 65th anniversary with the official dedication of its new headquarters building in Lawrence, Kansas, on September 6-7, 1991. All GCSAA members are invited.

The celebration kicks off with a golf event and barbecue on Friday, Sept. 6. Formal dedication ceremonies will take place Saturday, Sept. 7.

Several hundred visiting superintendents, political and industry VIPs, local Chamber of Commerce dignitaries, media and other guests are expected to attend. Orientation presentations and building tours will be part of the dedication ceremony.

Complete information on the dedication weekend and a registration form for the weekend's activities were included in the Feb./March issue of *Newsline*. The golf event field is limited and entries must be received by May 31, 1991. The other activities, such as the breakfast, barbecue or dedication ceremonies, require an RSVP by August 9, 1991.

The new headquarters building is located one mile west of GCSAA's old headquarters. The new address is 1421 Research Park Drive, Lawrence, KS, 66049-3859.

CAGCS 1991 MONTHLY MEETING SCHEDULE

April 9

New Haven Country Club
Hamden, CT
James L. MacDonald, Supt.

Blind Draw (Two-Ball, Best Ball)

July 9

Willimantic Country Club
Willimantic, CT
Steven Rackliffe, CGCS, Supt.

Alternate or Stableford

May 14

Hartford Golf Club
West Hartford, CT
Herbert Watson, Supt.

*First Round
CAGCS Championship &
Met Team Qualifying*

June 11

Black Hall Club
Old Lyme, CT
Philip Neaton, Supt.

*Second Round
CAGCS Championship &
Met Team Qualifying*

June 25

Woodbridge Country Club
Woodbridge, CT
John F. Streeter, CGCS, Supt.

Annual CAGCS Invitational

August TBA

Annual CAGCS Family Day

September 10

Yale University Country Club
New Haven, CT
Harry Meusel, Supt.

*President's Cup &
McLaughlin Trophy*

October TBA

Tallwood Country Club
Hebron, CT
Michael Ovian, Supt.

Superintendent/Assistant Tournament

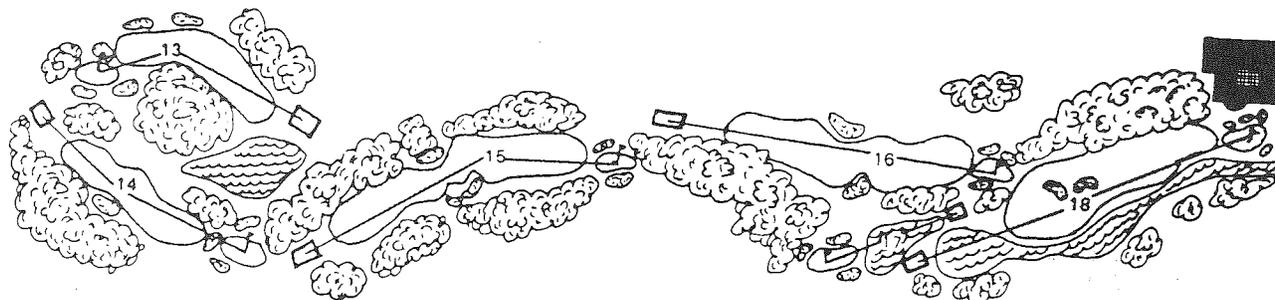
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further information regarding
CAGCS Monthly Meetings

C A G C S Policies As They Relate to Monthly Meetings

1. If you play golf, you must pay for lunch or dinner.
2. If you make a reservation and fail to attend, you will be responsible for the price of the lunch or dinner.

Your meeting notice will contain a portion to be returned with your reservation or other instructions as to how you should reply. If you have made a reservation and cannot attend, it is extremely important to contact the host superintendent to inform him. If you have not replied or contacted the host superintendent, please do not attend the meeting. An unnecessary burden is placed on the host superintendent by having inaccurate counts on golf and meals.

The Clippings



Calendar

CONNECTICUT ASSOCIATION OF GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENTS

DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	HOST
May 14	CAGCS Monthly Meeting	Hartford Golf Club Hartford, CT	Herb Watson
June 11	CAGCS Monthly Meeting	Black Hall Club Old Lyme, CT	Philip Neaton
June 25	CAGCS Annual Invitational Tournament	Woodbridge Country Club Woodbridge, CT	John F. Streeter
July 9	CAGCS Monthly Meeting	Willimantic Country Club Willimantic, CT	Steve Rackliffe
August TBA	Annual CAGCS Family Day		
Sept. 10	CAGCS Monthly Meeting	Yale University Country Club New Haven, CT	Harry Meusel
October 17	CAGCS Monthly Meeting	Tallwood Country Club Hebron, CT	Michael Ovia

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