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***Living on the
Golf Course***

By Charlie Cross, Superintendent
 Meadow Brook Club
 Long Island, NY

Charles Cross, a long-time friend and colleague of mine, in addition to being the Editor of the Hole Nine Yards, the official publication of the Long Island GCSA, wrote an article which appeared in their February, 1992, issue. Being a superintendent in the same situation, the article tickled me enough that I felt it was worth sharing with you.

Many golf course superintendents throughout the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic sections of the country live in homes on the golf course at which they work. These homes, owned by the club, are part of the compensation package that the golf course superintendent receives. I have been a golf course superintendent for eleven years and each one of those years has been spent living on the golf course. There are many positive aspects to living on the golf course and they far outweigh the negative aspects.

Living on the golf course provides my family with a great environment. What a tremendous 'backyard' we have. My children (Gretchen 8 1/2 years old, Brandon 3 1/2 years old) have the chance to see wildlife in scenarios that other children would never see. Baby fox coming out of their den in early evening... A mother snapping turtle laying her eggs in a sand trap... Watching hawks fly overhead and occasionally seeing a great horned owl perched in a tree... Seeing rabbits and countless varieties of birds in their natural habitat. All these experiences have helped my children gain an appreciation for nature that will be with them the rest of their lives.

Our 'backyard' is a quiet place with no noisy or obnoxious neighbors. It's a beautiful place to observe the seasons come and go. Being able to go out our back door and in no time be walking with my family on a beautiful piece of property makes me realize how lucky we are.

Living on the golf course puts me closer to my work. No commuting and no fighting traffic on a daily basis. Going back to the golf course after dinner doesn't take a long time. After dinner my kids are usually asking me at what time or how soon are we going out on the golf course? They love it. Cruising around the golf course with me is quality time we spend together. My son, Brandon, peed in the woods on the golf course for the first time last summer. Now all he wants to do is pee in the woods.

I can easily check employees who may be working late. We do a good amount of late afternoon and early evening mowing of fairways. Being close allows me to check on the mowing

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and help out if there are any small problems.

Many times I'll go home for lunch. I enjoy having lunch with my family and take advantage of it when possible.

There are some negative points to living on the golf course. When I go home at the end of the day, I'm still on the property. Not physically being away from work can grate on you at times. I've learned to block out those feelings. Many times my wife, Lynda, and I will agree it's time for a quick change of scenery. We'll grab the kids and spend some quality time together away from the golf course. It's important to get away occasionally.

I've heard some people comment that by living in a house supplied by the golf club that you're not building equity. Buy a home or apartment elsewhere. Rent it out. Make sure you are putting money away on a yearly basis for that time when you change jobs or when your children are ready for college.

Having a house that is poorly situated on club property can lead to a lack of privacy and some thoughtless golfer may hurl out a few comments about the golf course. This type of incident has happened and it emphasizes that privacy is extremely important. The membership should respect your privacy and in most cases will.

Not having neighbors for my children to play with could pose a problem. Not with us. We import friends of our children to come over and spend the day. We also export our children to their friends' houses. It works out

great.

One example of the type of fun we have living on the golf course would be the "annual Cross Family Octoberfest". We invite 25 to 30 kids and their parents for an afternoon of barbecuing, bobbing for apples, carving pumpkins, biting apples on a string and the highlight of the day the hay ride. I hook up a tractor and a trailer. The trailer is filled with straw and we drive the children and adults around the golf course. Everybody has a ball. They talk about it for weeks. It's great fun.

My family and I enjoy living on the golf course. The club I work for provides us with a beautiful home in a great surrounding. I'm fortunate to be able to work for such a fine club as the Meadow Brook Club. The club respects our privacy and is genuinely concerned about the security and happiness of me and my family. I wouldn't trade living where we are now for anything.

Editor's Comment

Since moving to Connecticut, I, too, have also been afforded housing accommodations with my past two clubs. I feel it is important not to sacrifice salary when negotiating a compensation package.

I have enjoyed the many benefits of living near the golf course, and I believe that my membership has benefited as well.

I must say "Yes, living on the golf course is a commodity that I have surprisingly enjoyed.

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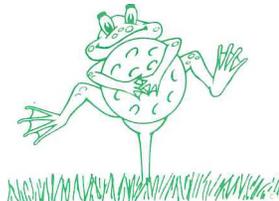
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Mike Wallace, CGCS

Members to vote on Amendments and Additions to CAGCS Bylaws

Bylaws amendments and additions have been mailed to all voting members (Class A, B, and A-Life). Please be sure to review any concerns you may have before the meeting and feel free to comment at the Annual Meeting.

FLORIDA GCSA sets up hurricane relief fund

A relief fund for South Florida-area golf course maintenance employees, whose homes were destroyed or damaged by Hurricane Andrew last week, has been established by the statewide Florida Golf Course Superintendents' Association.

The fund was started with a \$1,000 donation from Palm Beach GCSA, and offers of help have also been received from Carolinas GCSA and Georgia GCSA.

The South Florida GCSA is responsible for locating those employees hardest hit by the storm.

Checks earmarked for the relief fund may be made payable to the FGCSA and mailed to their association office at 1760 Northwest Pine Lake Drive, Stuart, FL 34994.

For further information, please contact Marie Roberts, Executive Secretary, FGCSA, (407) 692-9349.

Upcoming Events

You should have received your invitation to the Annual Scholarship & Research Tournament scheduled for October 6th at the Avon Golf Club where Jim Medeiros, CGCS, is superintendent. Our Association is fortunate to have a club such as Avon to host one of year's most important events. Jim Medeiros and Dave Stimson, S & R Chairperson, have ironed out all of the details for the day and we are looking forward to a premier event at the Avon Golf Club.

All proceeds from this tournament go to our S & R Fund. In addition to this year's tournament, we will be offering raffle prizes with all proceeds going to the Robert Johnston Memorial Fund.

We urge all participants to partake in the purchase of a \$10 raffle ticket so that our Association may help make the lives of recently deceased Bob Johnston's family a little less burdensome.

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Frank Lamphier captures CAGCS Championship

Frank Lamphier, Jr., golf course superintendent at Aspetuck Valley Country Club, stroked his way to the Association's low gross championship. Frank fired rounds of 74 and 83, respectively, at the Wallingford Country Club, site of the May meeting, and at Cliffside Country Club in June where the final round was held.

Scott Gennings and Scott Ramsay, superintendents of our host clubs, provided the members in attendance with outstanding course conditions and an enjoyable day.

In the 0 to 11 flight, Paul Jamrog, superintendent of the Orchard Club, captured the low net prize posting scores of 70/75 for a total of 145.

Mike Oviaan from Tallwood was the low gross winner in the 12 to 23 flight firing scores of 85/80 for a total of 165. The net winner in the 12 to 23 flight was Ed Lamphier firing 65/70 for a total of 135.

Scott Gennings, host of the May meeting, captured the low gross prize in the 24 to 36 handicap flight with a sizzling 95/96. In this flight we had a tie for the low net with Jon Case from Rolling Hills and Al Adaskaveg from Rockledge with a hard fought 160 net. I say these boys should "play off".

In the Senior flight, Dick Cook, Hunter Golf Course, finally won a prize as he played his way to the low gross crown firing 87/90 for a total of 177. Bob Kennedy from Chas C. Hart, captured the net prize with a 75/79, total of 154.

Last, but certainly not least, in our Affiliate Division, Jim Staszowski of Turf Products Corp., captured the low gross prize by posting an outstanding 75/75, 150, and Mike Dukette, Pro Lawn Company, captured the low net, ha...ha...ha..., with a 76/71, 147.

Congratulations to all winners!!!

Met Area Team Qualifiers

The following CAGCS members have qualified to represent our Association in the Met Area Team Championships to be held October 5th at the Country Club of Farmington. Peter Lewis, host superintendent of this event, has a first-class day arranged for all participants. I am sure Peter will have his best shoes on as his club represents our Association.

Gross Team

Mike Dukette
Jim Staszowski
Ward Weischet
Peter Pierson

Net Team

Frank Lamphier, Jr.
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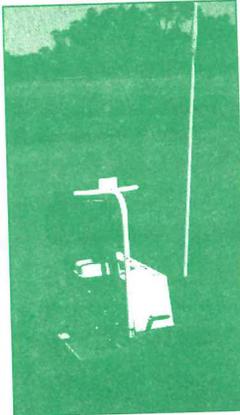
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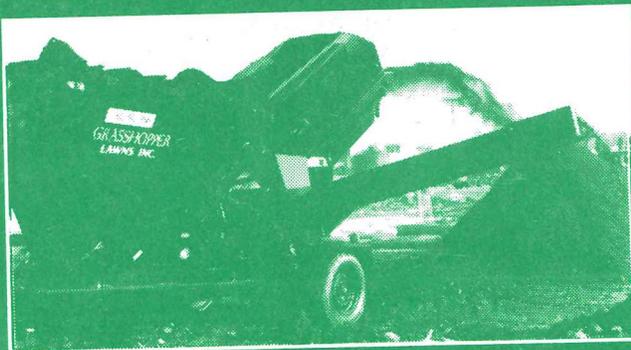


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PPUC Reports

By Peter Pierson

PPUC held a general membership meeting on July 9, 1992 to vote on two motions of the Board -- change of name and restructuring of dues. The new name of the organization is *PPUC - The Environmental Industry Council*.

With Aquifer Protection Regulations being pointed at golf courses, Mike Wallace and I are working with Don Kiley of PPUC and Peter Gillan of the newly formed Club Association to try to help get regulations approved which are based on factual data, not emotions, and which are reasonably realistic (financially).

The restructuring of dues saw the membership fee for all golf courses to be \$100. The dues will be effective with the 1992-1993 fiscal year beginning in October, 1992.



GCSAA offers technical training for your spray technician ...

GCSAA is offering a seminar to be held in various locations throughout the country concerning hands-on learning for your spray technician. Seminar participants will learn the principles of effective sprayer operations, safety procedures and gain exposure to calibration and application methods.

Registration information was sent to all GCSAA members in the August issue of *Newsline*.

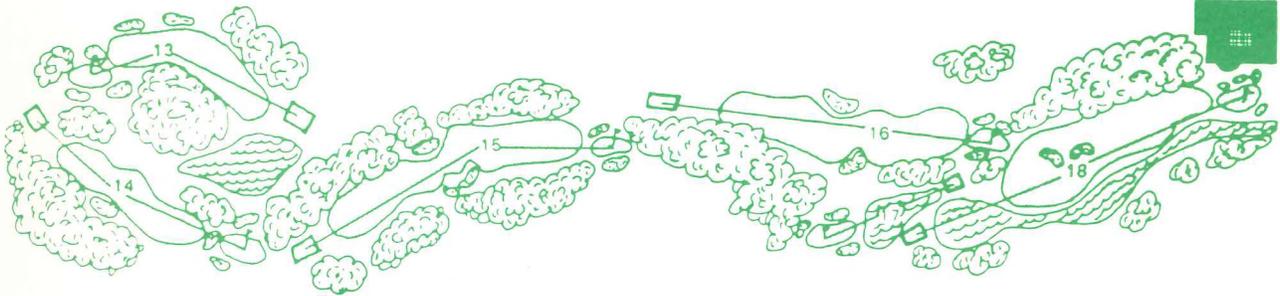
Anyone wishing to enroll a staff member should return the registration information as soon as possible or contact GCSAA, Education Department, (913) 832-4444.

Seminars in our area

October 7, 1992
Woods Hole Golf Club
Falmouth, MA

March 16, 1993
Hartford Golf Club
Hartford, CT

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Calendar

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DATE	EVENT	LOCATION	HOST
September 22	CAGCS Monthly Meeting	Greenwich Country Club Greenwich, CT	Gregory Wojick, CGCS
October 6	CAGCS Scholarship & Research Tournament	Golf Club of Avon Avon, CT	James Medeiros, CGCS
October 13 Rain Date Oct. 14	Professional Turfgrass Field Day	Westchester Country Club Rye, New York	Met GCSA
October 19	CAGCS Monthly Meeting	Country Club of Torrington Torrington, CT	Edward Goodhouse
November 10	CAGCS Annual Meeting	Rock Ridge Country Club Newtown, CT	Robert Welch
December TBA	CAGCS Christmas Party	Old Lyme Country Club	CAGCS
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