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President's Message

Philip Neaton
CAGCS President

On April 28th, Peter Pierson and I had the honor of representing CAGCS at a reception at the Shorehaven Golf Club honoring C. Robert Phipps. For those of you who do not know him, Bob is a long-time member of CAGCS who suffered a stroke that forced him into an early retirement.

Peter and I presented him with a wall clock recognizing his 24 years as the superintendent at the Shorehaven Golf Club.

It was very touching to hear from his friends and club officials as they highlighted Bob's contributions to his club and community. I was proud to represent the superintendents of this state when I saw all the support our members gave Bob through their donations and attendance at this reception.

Steady progress is being made toward regionalizing a New England Turf Conference.

This winter, there will still be at least two shows—the Providence show will be held in early December, and the Boston show will again be in January.

On May 1st, representatives from

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Why do golf courses use pesticides?

This information obtained from GCSAA's
publication *Greentips*

Pesticides help limit the damage that can be caused by insects, weeds and plant diseases. Insecticides, herbicides and fungicides are used very selectively to protect the health of turf, trees and other living things on the course. Fertilizers provide much-needed nutrition for the course's plant life.

It is very important to note that pesticides and fertilizers are not used primarily for aesthetic reasons. First and foremost, they are tools that help ensure a healthy playing surface for the game. Furthermore, they help to protect a valuable and ecologically important piece of land. Golf courses are tremendous economic assets as well as vital greenspaces for communities. They employ hundreds of thousands of people, enhance local economies through tax revenues and tourism, and provide many ecological benefits. For example, golf courses help to filter air pollutants and create fresh oxygen; they are excellent groundwater recharge sites; and most importantly, they are critical wildlife sanctuaries in urban and suburban areas.

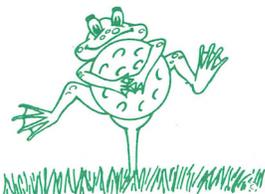
How does a superintendent decide when to apply a pesticide? Pest problems on golf courses are often relatively predictable or can be diagnosed as part of an ongoing monitoring program. Once the problem has been identified, the superintendent considers the available option.

These could include cultural practices (such as physically removing weeds, changing irrigation patterns or clearing underbrush around a problem area to allow more air movement) or the use of biological controls or chemical products. Once the problem is diagnosed and the right treatment has been selected, the superintendent waits for the ideal time to treat the problem in the most effective and environmentally sound manner available. This approach is often called "integrated pest management."

What kinds of products are used? Most people are surprised to find out that the majority of the pesticide products used by superintendents are identical or closely related to those used by homeowners.

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—Anonymous

President's Message

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Cape Cod, Connecticut, New England, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and New England Sports Turf Associations got together to begin organizing a conference to represent all of New England. Anthony Grosso and I represented Connecticut at this first meeting.

Chip Brearley (New England) and Gary Sykes (Rhode Island) were elected co-chairmen; Jim Conant (Cape Cod) was elected secretary; and Anthony Grosso (Connecticut) was elected treasurer.

Each association has agreed to share the start-up costs for this event. To date, we have committed \$500 each to cover board meetings and legal fees for incorporation. The total cost to run this show is estimated at \$20,000 which will be shared by each association involved. All monies invested in the show will be payed back from the profits from the first year.

**Congratulations
Ward H. Weischet,
CGCS**

Ward H. Weischet, superintendent at Pilbrims Harbor GC, has been designated a Certified Golf Course Superintendent (CGCS) by GCSAA. Ward has been the superintendent of the Wallingford course since 1985 and lives in Guilford.

GCSAA instituted the certification program in 1971 to recognize outstanding and progressive superintendents. More than 1,500 active GCSAA members currently hold "CGCS" status.

To become certified, a candidate must have five years' experience as a golf course superintendent, be employed in that capacity and meet specific educational requirements of college credit or continuing education units. The candidate must then pass a rigorous 6-hour examination and have an on-site inspection of his course by two certified golf course superintendents.

Out of the 130 active Class A members in our association, only 30 carry the status of "certified".

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The facts about golf course pesticides
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How do we know that these products aren't harmful to humans or wildlife? Pesticide production is one of the most highly regulated industries in the United States. Before a product is registered by the EPA, it must be rigorously tested for potential human health and environmental effects. This process can take up to ten years and involve more than 120 different tests and studies. Today, manufacturers often invest up to \$50 million in product safety and testing before a new pesticide ever comes to the market.

Are golfers at risk? No. There is no scientific evidence that golfers face any chronic health risks from the pesticides used to maintain courses. Once a liquid product is applied and the turfgrass is dry or the product has been watered in, there is very little chance of exposure to golfers or others who enter the area. It is worth noting that a small percentage of people may be allergic to a particular product, just as some people are allergic to household cleaners, soaps or perfumes. Golfers with possible chemical allergies are always encouraged to contact superintendents to find out what products might be in use.

If the products aren't dangerous, why do professional applicators wear protective gear? Applicators work directly with pesticides and are exposed much more often than golfers. Applicators are exposed to concentrated material during mixing and loading. Consider the fact that it is safe for a person to have an occasional x-ray, but the technician may actually leave the room to

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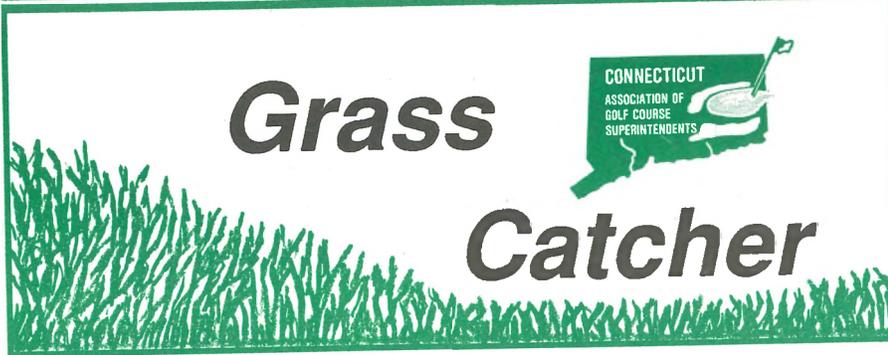
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Hole-in-One News

Matt Howland, Shawnmark Industries, hit a hole-in-one in May at the Exeter Country Club in Exeter, RI.

Matt has been golfing for seven years and this was his first hole-in-one. He performed the feat on the 195-yard 17th hole using a four iron.

Congratulations, Matt!

The 1996 Membership Directory has been sent out to all members. If you have not received yours, call the CAGCS office 203/387-0810.

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Room Block for 1997 Convention

We will again be working with GCSAA for a room block for the 1997 Conference & Show in Las Vegas. When all details have been obtained, a memo will be sent to the membership.

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Some GHIN handicap information for you all!

Current GHIN handicap card stickers will be available for you to pick up at all meetings. Due to the expense involved, they will not be mailed.

Every member should now have a GHIN card; but, in order to have a handicap, you must have posted a minimum of five scores. It is every mem-

ber's responsibility to post their own scores for rounds shot between meetings. Posting of those scores can be accomplished in two ways:

1. Post them at your own course or any course that is a member; or
2. Post them at our meetings. Score posting sheets will be available at all meetings.

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Congratulations to Greg and Pandora Wojick on the birth of their son, Christopher.

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Dear CAGCS,

Words cannot describe how thankful I am to everybody for their support and prayers throughout my recovery.

I am a very lucky man to be part of an association where you not only meet professional colleagues, but have a chance to build some great friendships.

I would like to thank all again for helping to inspire me to a strong and speedy recovery.

Have a great year, everybody!

Kevin C. Balocca

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CAGCS annual family day scheduled for August at the Madison Beach Club. Watch your mail for details!

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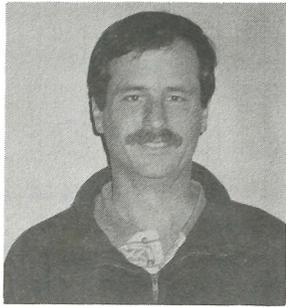
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Monthly Meeting Golf Results

The Norwich Country Club, Bruce Morse, superintendent, (pictured left) hosted our first 1996 monthly golf meeting held on April 22nd. It may be hard to remember now, but the snow was actually still falling at that time and Bruce had his hands full. While most superintendents are shy and hesitant about hosting our April meeting because of unpredictable spring conditions, Bruce is a veteran and has offered Norwich CC on more than one occasion. All went well and the participants enjoyed the two-person best ball shamble. The results of the day were:

1st Gross - Dennis Houle & Mike Dukette (68); 2nd Gross - John Gallagher & Larry Dodge (75)

1st Net - Paul Sabino & Jon Zuk (68); 2nd Net - Chuck Meyer & Matt Howland (70)

3rd Net - Rod Cooper & Don Doering (71); 4th Net - Heather & Dana Garvin (72).

The Callaway was won by Rick DiBella and Gary DePaola (70).

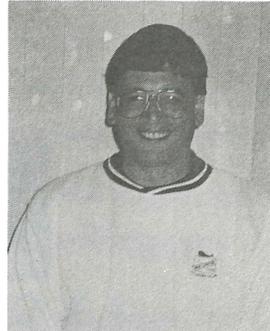
Longest Drive #4 - John Gallagher; Closest to Pin #9 - Mike Cornicelli 4'4"

Closest to Pin #15 - Dave Brownell 6' 11" Closest to line #11 - Dana Garvin 2'

Longest putts on #11 and #18 were won by Peter Pierson (28- 11") and Dave Stimson (12' 11") respectively.

On May 13th, we headed over to the New London Country Club, John Creevy, superintendent, (pictured below right). After a CAGCS business meeting, we enjoyed a presentation by Michael Wallace, CGCS, a longtime CAGCS member and presently a GCSAA director.

This meeting was the first round of the CAGCS Championship and Met Team Qualifying. First gross went to Mike Dukette, and second gross was won by Peter Pierson both shooting a 76. The net results and skill prizes were as follows:



"A" Flight

- 1st Net - Chris Anderson
- 2nd Net - Eric Morrison
- 3rd Net - Jud Smith

"B" Flight

- 1st Net - Dennis Carnot
- 2nd Net - Bruce Morse
- 3rd Net - Charlie Palmer

"C" Flight

- 1st Net - Byron Johnson
- 2nd Net - Joe Malay
- 3rd Net - Al Adaskaveg

Closest to pin #3 - Heather Garvin 17 1/2"; Closest to pin #16 - Kevin Williams 16' 5"

Longest Drive #5 - Chris Anderson; Closest to Line #2 - Joe Malay

Longest putt #7 - Bob Chalifour 20 ft.; Longest Putt #17 - Skip Deubel 16' 4".



June 18th brought us to The Farms Country Club, Paul Sabino, superintendent (pictured left). This was the 2nd round of the CAGCS Championship and the qualifying round for the New England Team Championship.

"A" Flight

- Low Gross Fran Graziano (74)
- 1st Net Jim Staszowski (70)
- 2nd Net John Labrie (71)
- 3rd Net Tim O'Neill (71)

"B" Flight

- Eric Johnson (83)
- Bill Blount (69)
- Scott Ramsay (71)
- Chris Anderson (72)

"C" Flight

- Byron Johnson (94)
- Mike Wallace (63)
- Matt Howland (65)
- Carl Wallace (66)

Closest to line #17 - Anthony Grosso; Longest Drive #2 - Keith Angilly - 275 yds.

Closest to Pin #8 - John Carlone 5'; Closest to Pin #16 - Greg Stent 10' 6"

Longest Putt #9 - Brian Pope 23'; Longest Putt #18 - John Labrie 24'

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prevent repeated exposure. Pesticide label directions (which carry the weight of law) require that applicators take certain precautions based on the assumption that the same person will be repeatedly exposed to the same product over many years. These precautions may include the use of rubber gloves, goggles, respirators or protective clothing.

Some media stories suggest that pesticides are linked to cancer. What are the facts? Most of the product testing required by EPA focuses on this question. Before a product is registered, tests are done (usually on laboratory rats) using exposure rates that are considerably higher than any exposure a golfer could ever receive. Although a recent study commissioned by GCSAA to examine cause of death among its members found some higher rates of certain cancers, researchers said no cause-and-effect relationship could be established from the data. They also said lifestyle choices (smoking, dieting, stress, etc.) were the most significant factor in the results.

Do properly applied chemicals pose a threat to groundwater, lakes or streams? No. Studies consistently show that a well-managed golf course can actually improve water quality on and around the facility. Research also shows that when pesticides and fertilizers are used properly, they do not tend to seep into groundwater or run off in surface water. Modern products and practices allow superintendents to manage turfgrass so efficiently that there is little chance of harm to our precious water resources.

What kinds of training and education do superintendents and golf course applicators have? Golfers are often surprised to find that most superintendents have college degrees in agronomy, horticulture or a related field. Because it's important to keep up-to-date with new information and technologies, the majority also attend continuing education programs offered by universities and associations like GCSAA.

Superintendents are widely considered to be among the best-educated and most judicious users of pesticide products. The vast majority of superintendents are using integrated pest management practices to ensure that both the turf and the environment stay healthy. Applicators are also trained and licensed by the state. In some states, pesticide applications can only be made after a written recommendation is made by a licensed pest control applicator. A recent study indicated that nearly 100 percent of GCSAA-member courses had at least one licensed applicator on staff (despite the fact that it isn't necessarily required in some states.) This confirms a high degree of compliance and concern about safe and proper usage of chemical tools.

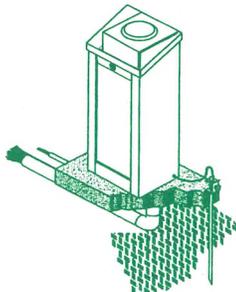


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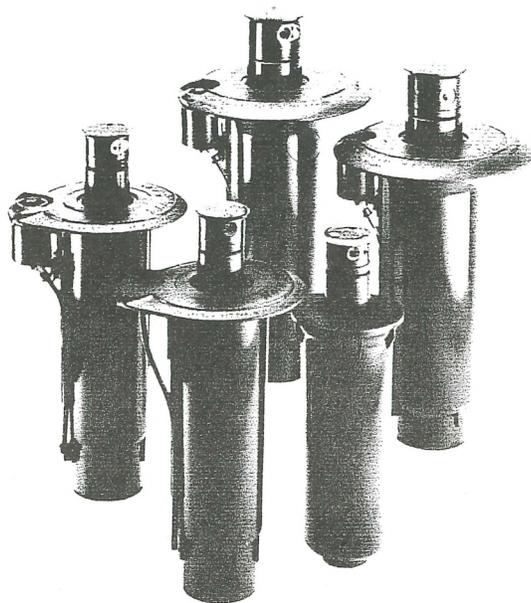
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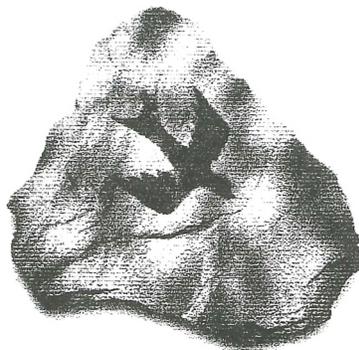
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