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President's Message

It is hard to believe that another season is drawing to a close. A season that if anything could happen, it did! Another year of grumbling and cussing at the weather, the workers, the equipment, the members and thirty-five other things. We grumble every year, but every year we seem to survive, and by the time March comes, we are eagerly awaiting the start of a new season.

It is also hard to believe that my year as President of CAGCS is drawing to a close. A year that has been extremely gratifying to me. A year working with dedicated board members and a year of many new acquaintances both in the association and out.

The association has progressed this year. I have tried to continue the direction Bob Tosh set for the association. Our attendance at our monthly meetings has increased by approximately thirty-three percent. Adhering to a time schedule, better educational programs, more organized golf, the outstanding clubs visited and the overall attitude of being more professional has contributed to this increase.

Another area we have tried to improve on is advance planning. While many of us might not be on the board next year, we are trying to make life easier for the new members coming on the board, by planning ahead.

For example, our Golf Chairman Dick Cook is working on the Superintendent, Pro, Greens Chairman, President Tournament for next year as well as 1980. Our Education Chairman Bruce Cadenelli is looking for clubs to host our monthly meetings next year as well as speakers. All officers, directors and committee chairmen have been requested to submit budgets by November 1st, to better forecast our financial conditions. It is my feeling that if you take care of the tomorrows, the todays will take care of themselves.

If any member of CAGCS has any ideas on how to improve or add to our associa-

Nominations Announced

John Perry, CGCS, Chairman of this year's nominating committee has announced the following slate of officers to be voted on at the annual meeting:

President

Robert Osterman,
CGCS

Vice-President

Stephen Cadenelli

Secretary-Treasurer

David Stimson, CGCS

Director—2 years

Fred Bachand

Director—2 years

Ken Kelliher

Director—2 years

Bruce Cadenelli

Director—1 year

Richard Cook

Director—1 year

Michael Wallace

Director—1 year

Charles York

Director—1 year

Douglas Stachura

Golf Club of Aspetuck

Country Club of New Canaan

Tumble Brook Country Club

Wethersfield Country Club

Manchester Country Club

Oak Hills Park

Black Hall Club

Rockledge Country Club

Willimantic Country Club

Century Hills Country Club

Also serving on the nominating committee were Fred Bachand and Al Hawkins.

IMPORTANT Superintendent- Assistant Superintendent Tournament October 10

Race Brook Country Club

Jacket and tie required for dinner!

*Return all cards or Call Bruce Cadenelli by
October 5, 1978*

tion, now is the time to contact any member of the board, so we could get it into the works for next year.

One of the changes made in January was the structure of the board. Elsewhere in this newsletter is listed a slate of officers for 1979. At the present time, we have seven voting members on the board. This will increase to eleven. This slate will be voted on at our annual meeting November 9th at the Farms Country Club. Come to this meeting. Use your privileges that you have in the association and participate in this election process.

CAGCS is a great organization. Your officers, directors and committee chairmen

CAGCS Education

CAGCS has two important educational programs lined up which you'll want to mark on your calendar!

The pesticide training session will be held on Wednesday, December 6, 1978. The test will be given on Monday, December 11, 1978. This is a change from the original dates of October 24 and 26. Conflicts arose with various speakers thus the change to December. The review session will be from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on December 6th with the tests being given at 10 a.m. on December 11th.

January 16, 1979 is the date for an educational session at the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station in New Haven. The session will be from 1-4 p.m. Station personnel will be explaining research that is being done throughout the state as well as answering all questions that are on the minds of superintendents.

Bruce Cadenelli

have worked hard to make this year a success and are now looking for 1979 for an even better year.

I look forward to a smooth transition from our current board to the incoming board.

Robert Osterman, CGCS
President

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- Bob Phipps Fred Bachand
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Al Arison, *Associate Director*
Robert Tosh, *Immediate Past President*

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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THE FOLLOWING HAVE BEEN VOTED IN AS NEW MEMBERS OF OUR ASSOCIATION. CONGRATULATIONS AND WELCOME!

Kevin D'Amico
Superintendent — Class B
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Editorial

The changing of the leaves signals both the winding down of one golfing season and the birth of another. For it is at this time of year that work is done to prepare the golf course not only for the hard winter ahead but for the season to follow. It is also the time of year, for most courses and their superintendents, when budgets are being prepared for the following year. Budget time is a period that requires considerable thought not only by the superintendent but by club officials as well.

For a superintendent to prepare an effective

budget he must know the established goals of the club. It is those goals that dictate the priorities that will be established in both operating and capital budgets. Once the superintendent understands the feeling of the membership as to what their expectations are, he can then proceed to tell them what the cost will be to meet them.

Ultimately, the superintendent is responsible for the condition of the golf course. However, club officials must remember that it is they, not the superintendent, who determines where and why monies are spent.



Host Superintendent Bert Furgess (standing) and remainder of head table at recent CAGCS Meeting held at Mill River Country Club.

Grass Catcher

Be sure to note the change in dates for the Pesticide Training Sessions and corresponding test. Due to a conflict at the Extension center in Bethel the dates have been changed from late October to December 6 for the training session and December 11 for the test. Required study material includes the Core Manual and the Category 3 Book. Both items can be purchased from any Extension center for about \$6.

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Congratulations to Mike Wallace, Jeff Roule, and Peter Rappaccio on becoming members of GCSAA.

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A word or two of thanks and appreciation to Sue and Fred Bachand for the extra effort they put into the annual picnic. The day was most enjoyable for everyone who attended. Also, congratulations to Fred for doing such an excellent job in preparing Wethersfield for the Greater Hartford Open.

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Attendance at the monthly meeting continues to be excellent, always hovering around sixty. Our hosts, Tim Michaud in August and Bert Furgess in September, provided for every detail to make for most enjoyable days. Joe Maisano spoke at the August meeting telling of the work of the Cooperative Extension Service. The September session featured a discussion on sand topdressing by Charlie Baskin, of the Country Club of Waterbury and Jerry O'Donnell, the new regional manager for Scott's.

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Being that a considerable amount of interest is being shown for the GCSAA Tournament to be held at Sea Island, Ga., February 1 and 2, 1979, the membership determined that a qualifying round for all Connecticut members present would be held the day prior to the tournament at Sea Island. All those interested should contact Frank Lamphier for details.

Steve Cadenelli

Future Happenings

October 10, 1978

Monthly Meeting

Race Brook Country Club,
Orange, Connecticut

Maurice Ryan — Host Superintendent

First Annual "Superintendent-Assistant
Superintendent Tournament"

Everyone will be glad to learn that our host for the October meeting, Maury Ryan, is recuperating very well from his recent injury and operation. A long time member of CAGCS, Maury has been at Race Brook since 1956. He is credited with planting nearly every tree that is on the golf course. He obviously knows where each tree is in that he maintains a 5 handicap. A 1932 graduate of Stockbridge he worked at Salem C.C. and Merrimack C.C. before coming to Race Brook.

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November 9, 1978

Annual Meeting

The Farms Country Club,
Wallingford, Connecticut

Stan Sablak — Host Superintendent

Stan is putting the finishing touches on year number one at The Farms. Prior to his arrival in Wallingford he served for eight years as the superintendent at the Edgewood C.C. in Cromwell. Stan has been a member of CAGCS since 1973 and of GCSAA since 1968. He notes that the past year has gone along quite well and is looking forward to hosting our group.

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November 14-15, 1978

GCSAA Management II Seminar

Hyannis, Massachusetts

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November 28-December 1, 1978

New Jersey Turfgrass Expo

Cherry Hill Hyatt House,
Cherry Hill, New Jersey

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December 2, 1978

CAGCS Annual Christmas Party

Wethersfield Country Club,
Wethersfield, Connecticut

Fred Bachand — Host Superintendent

Believe it or not, it's not too early to plan for the annual Christmas Party. Once again the beautiful Wethersfield C.C. has agreed to host this fun-filled evening. Exciting door prizes, an excellent dinner, and dancing from 9-1 featuring the Paul Scalora Band.

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Turfgrass Research Project Initiated At UConn

A turfgrass research project has been initiated at the University of Connecticut, Storrs Agricultural Research Station under the direction of Bill Dest. The purpose of the research is to develop fertilizer and liming recommendations for the establishment and maintenance of turfgrasses. The first phase of the research is concerned with developing fertilizer recommendations for phosphorus and potassium for putting green turf. A field experiment is already started on the bentgrass nursery of the Shorehaven Country Club through the cooperation of Bob Phipps, Golf Course Superintendent, approved by the Shorehaven Country Club. Several greenhouse studies are started for evaluating four soil nutrient-extracting procedures to turfgrass response on the same soil type as used in the nursery.

There is presently an absence of formal studies relating turfgrass response to soil test levels of P, K, calcium and magnesium for developing fertilizer and liming recommendations. Present recommendations are extrapolated largely from calibration data obtained with forage crops with yield as the primary means of measuring growth response to soil test levels. However with turfgrasses, yield is not always the best indication of optimum growth and generally high grass yield is more often than not something to be avoided by the golf course superintendent and others responsible for

managing turfgrasses. Also lower levels of nutrients in the soil used for growing turfgrasses may be found to be sufficient than those nutrient levels needed to give acceptable yield response of forage species. Therefore, growth parameters other than yield need to be correlated with soil nutrient test levels for better interpretation of soil test results. Fertilizer recommendations not based on good calibration data can result in too much or too little fertilizer being applied. A major concern is that the right nutrient balance be achieved by correctly interpreting soil test results for recommending and applying the right amount of fertilizer.

More grass on golf greens is being cultured on sands and other coarse textured soils because these soils furnish the right kinds of physical properties. However they are inherently infertile. It is often difficult to establish turfgrasses rapidly on these soils in the early stages of development and to maintain adequate nutrient levels and balance after a good stand of grass is achieved. It is the purpose of this research to improve upon this condition.

Research of this nature takes many years to accumulate the amount of data necessary to provide reliable estimates of plant response to soil test levels and nutrient additions. Research must be conducted at different sites with the same soil types, with different soil types and with different species of grasses. The research being conducted at Shorehaven Country Club is the beginning of a larger effort to provide such data so we may refine our fertilizer recommendations for the level of growth required for turfgrasses.

William Dest

Correction

In the August issue of "Conn Clippings" two articles entitled A Green Completed and Guest Lectures Among CAGCS were submitted by Bill Dest of the University of Connecticut in appreciation for those mentioned in those articles.

Editor

December 6, 1978

Pesticide Training Session

December 11, 1978

Test date for licensing of golf club
superintendents for appropriate license

Both the training session and the testing will be held at the Fairfield County Extension Center, Route 6, Stony Hill, Bethel, Connecticut.

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February 4-9, 1979

GCSAA 50th International Turfgrass

Conference & Show

Atlanta, Georgia

Tournament Results

	September	October
Handicap 0-15		
Low Gross	P. Pierson 77	F. Lamphier 74
Low Net	R. Parsons 71	A. LeSage 80
Handicap 16-40		
Low Gross	L. DellaBianca 92	E. Johnson 87
Low Net	R. Tosh 65	R. Osterman 91-22-69
	(Winner of McLaglin Trophy)	
Seniors	Leo DellaBianca 86-12-74	D. Cook 78
Associates	R. Kennedy 86	R. Hosking 83
Kickers	73—A. Hawkins	T. Michaud
	74—T. Michaud	R. Cook
	T. Rainey	R. Sibley
	L. DellaBianca	Dave Roule 77-8-69
	P. Pierson	(Winner of Conn. State Golf Association Widdy Neal Trophy)

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