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## Connecticut is "Golden"

It all started at the Wethersfield Country Club with seven charter members taking the bull by the horn and trumpeting the formation of the Connecticut Association of Golf Course Superintendents.

That historical gathering put their heads together in February of 1929. And several weeks ago in a gala celebration at the Tumble Brook Country Club, CAGCS turned "golden" with the making of its 50th anniversary.

Actually, the group was an offshoot of the New England Association which had taken its first steps five years before on another February evening in 1924.

"It was mostly a matter of logistics," commented the 50th's party master of ceremonies Charles Baskin. "With most of the New England activity centered in the Boston area, it was almost a hardship for the Connecticut boys to make the long trip. Besides, the regionalization move was on at the time. What this did was to make the organization more compact with purposes, problems and other variables tuned into local environment rather than to the general New England scene."

The CAGCS was not unlike the mother New England association in that growth was slow but steady.

The seven charter members included J.O. Campbell of Wethersfield, J.R. Foster of Manchester, Thornton Griswold of Wampanoag, Otto Nelson of Farmington, Robert Smith of Indian Hill, Joseph Whitehead of Edgewood and George Wellin of Tumble Brook. At the first meeting, Campbell was elected association president.

Baskin, a past president of CAGCS, perhaps is the most illustrious member of the Connecticut cult in manner of earning national recognition. He served as president of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America and has been a booster of his own organization in the ensuing years.

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## Annual Meeting Report

The annual meeting of CAGCS was held November 8, 1979 at Rockledge Country Club in West Hartford. All officers and board members presented annual reports.

Business conducted at the meeting was as follows:

1) The membership approved the three by-law proposals offered by the Organizational Study Committee.

2) A five dollar dues increase for all dues paying members was proposed by the board and approved by the membership.

3) Election of officers:

President . . . Stephen Cadenelli, CGCS  
Vice-President . . . . . Michael Wallace  
Sect'y-Treas. . . . . David Stimson, CGCS  
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Bruce Cadenelli, Ken Kelliher  
Immediate Past

President . Robert Osterman, CGCS  
Bruce Cadenelli



## CAGCS Christmas Party

Friday, December 14, 1979  
Hawthorne Inn  
Berlin, Ct.

Hors d'oeuvres 6:30-7:30 p.m.  
Dinner 7:30-9:00 p.m.

*Dancing to the*  
Ray Jarvis Orchestra 9-1

Door Prizes, Ladies Gifts  
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*Guests Welcome*  
\$40.00 per couple

Send checks to Fred Bachand  
by December 10, 1979

## President's Message

It is with great appreciation that I write my first president's message. I am thankful to all members for their support and confidence in electing me President of CAGCS. I will strive to uphold the character of those who have served before me and will work hand in hand with the Board of Directors in leading our association into the 1980's.

I would like to express a sincere thank you to Bob Osterman who has led our group for the past two years. During this period, Bob provided guidance to members of the Board, established excellent lines of communication with all members, and represented our profession with integrity throughout the state. He has served well! I, along with all members, wish him the best of luck in his bid for a Directorship of GCSAA. He would be an asset to our national leadership.

This period in time finds us not only entering our second fifty years as an organization but finds our profession, that of managing fine golf course turf, at a crossroads of sorts. Will spiraling costs force the game of golf to become a game of the wealthy as it once was? Or will municipal operations subsidized by tax dollars, be the ones to survive? Will shortages of petroleum products, water, and other natural resources push our industry to a low priority on the list of affordable luxuries?! Worse yet, will the game of golf fall by the wayside in a complex, sophisticated, and fast paced society where four hours needed for a round of golf will be too costly! Like it or not, these will be the questions of the 80's. We, as superintendents, will play an integral part in the future of golf. It will be up to us to provide more with less, to manage with greater efficiency, to stimulate greater production from fewer employees. Indeed, the challenge is great.

I do not pretend to have the answers. My goal for the short time granted me in this office will be to help provide you with the

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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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Stephen G. Cadenelli, Editor  
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## News from GCSAA Headquarters

The big news from Lawrence is the resignation of Conrad Sheetz, Executive Director of GCSAA for the past seven years. The Executive Committee is in the midst of searching for a replacement for Mr. Sheetz. All interested candidates should contact headquarters in Lawrence, Kansas.

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Plans are nearly complete for the 1980 Conference in St. Louis. The educational portion of the program looks excellent and the show itself is always outstanding. This show offers superintendents an excellent opportunity to talk directly with the manufacturers of equipment to express your feelings about their equipment. It is an opportunity that should not be passed up.

### Connecticut (Cont'd. from page 1)

"We have been guided by the purpose of the group from the very beginning," Baskin noted. "They were and are the education of the membership, promotion of the profession and improvement of the golf courses in Connecticut through continuing education. We really do emphasize the educational phase of our association goals and it's paid off."

Unlike some other regional superintendents' groups, the CAGCS is experiencing an increase in organizational participation. "We average anywhere from 60 to 80 members for each of our meetings," Baskin told. "I'd say that's an increase of 30 percent since I joined in 1963. Being a smaller group than many of the chapters, I think we tend to be a closer group. . . more of a family. There really is cooperation among the members. I think I've heard of only one unethical episode involving fellow members. I'd say that proves we pull together."

Baskin also revealed a strong call to serve by the younger superintendents of the state. "Our young members appear to appreciate the advantages of belonging to an association like ours more than some of the older people," Baskin disclosed. "They see the need for it and the value of it. And our average age shows such interest. Again, when I first came in the average age was 50-55. Now, I'd say it's somewhere around 35 and maybe even below that figure."

The celebration dinner-dance was attended by more than 100 who were accorded the royal treatment which is synonymous with the Tumble Brook management. Host superintendent Dave Stimson did an excellent job in arranging the fete and creating an informal atmosphere.

"As you can see, we have no head table," Stimson advised. "We thought it would be nice to limit the formal limelight to only a few people. What we wanted to effect was the fact that the spotlight belonged to every member, present and past, of our organization. This makes for more time for renewing old friendships and just plain fun."

Also prominent in making an enjoyable night for all were the CAGCS officers who include president Bob Osterman of Aspetuck, Steve Cadenelli of New Canaan, past president Bob Tosh of Rickrimmon--plus directors Bruce Cadenelli, Ken Kelliher, Fred Bachand, Doug Stachura, Dick Cook, Mike Wallace, Charles York and associate director Al Arison.

Among the invited guests were Dick Skogley of the University of Rhode Island, Bill Dest of the University of Connecticut, Joe Troll of the University of Massachusetts and New England Golf Course Association president Dean Robertson.

Gerry Finn

*Credit "Newsletter" of the GCSA of New England*

### President's Message (Cont'd. from page 1)

programs and educational opportunities that will assist us in meeting the challenges of the 80's. It is my hope to attract greater membership by attracting those superintendents within the state who are not yet members. In so doing, our association would have greater strength in addressing future problems at the state level should the need arise. To succeed I need your input. Do not hesitate to call me or write with your suggestions.

Finally, on behalf of myself and the entire Board of Directors, let me wish you and yours a Very Merry Christmas and Best Wishes for a successful New Year!

Steve Cadenelli, CGCS

## New Members

The following have been voted in as new members of our association. Congratulations & Welcome!

Alexander Adaskoveg - Class A  
Superintendent  
Southington C.C.  
Southington, CT

Robert Alonzi - Class A  
Superintendent  
Fairview C.C.  
Greenwich, CT

John O'Keefe - Class B  
Assistant Superintendent  
Long Shore Club Park  
Westport, CT

## Future Happenings

Dec. 12	<b>O.M. Scott Seminar</b> Holiday Inn 50 Morgan Street Hartford, CT
Dec. 13	<b>O.M. Scott Seminar</b> Ramada Inn Route 84, Exit 35 Armonk, NY
Dec. 14	<b>CAGCS Christmas Party</b> Hawthorne Inn Berlin, CT
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Jan. 22	<b>CAGCS Turfgrass Seminar</b> Holiday Inn 50 Morgan Street Hartford, CT
Feb. 17-22	<b>GCSAA 51st International Turfgrass Conf. &amp; Show</b> Cervantes Convention & Exhibition Center St. Louis, MO
Mar. 4-6	<b>University of Massachusetts Turfgrass Conference</b> Springfield Civic Center Springfield, MA

## McLaughlin Heads List of GCSAA Conference Speakers

David T. McLaughlin, president of the Outdoor Power Equipment Institute and chairman and chief executive officer of The Toro Company, will deliver the keynote address during the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America's 51st International Turfgrass Conference and Show Feb. 17-22, 1980, in the Alphonso J. Cervantes Convention and Exhibition Center in St. Louis, Palmer Maples, CGCS, GCSAA director of education, announced.

McLaughlin, a former U.S. Air Force jet pilot and present member of the board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, has won a number of awards for his achievements as an executive. *Financial World* magazine named him the outstanding chief executive officer of 1978 in the recreation/leisure industry and he was selected by "The Gallagher Presidents' Report" as one of the top 10 "Corporate Chief Executive Achievers for 1978" in the small business (under \$1 billion in sales) category.

His speech, titled "Are We Savers or

Spenders?" will kick off four days of education sessions on topics related to the conference theme "Conservation... Our Key to the Future."

Besides McLaughlin, 65 other speakers from education, research and industry will take part in the conference educational program. Seven pre-conference seminars on landscape design, personnel management, irrigation equipment and operations, insecticides, plant nutrition, cardio-pulmonary resuscitation and photography will be offered, with preference given to superintendents who are GCSAA members.

Other educational sessions will include "Conservation of Personal Resources," a discussion of personal and family problems such as finance, stress, insurance and alcoholism; "Conservation in Key Areas," on the efficient use of water, energy and fertilizer; "Looking for the Key," which will cover root growth, herbicides, compaction, granular carriers and influences on the winter survival of bermudagrass; "Using Some Keys," a discussion of several turf-

grass diseases; "Unlocking Potential," on principles of course design and construction; "Conservation of Resources," on conservation through course design, "Important Keys to Business Management," a discussion of golf course business techniques and problems, and "Thinking Superintendents: Users of the Keys," which will include discussions on maintenance reduction, course accessories, tree transplanting, fertigation, effluent water and drip irrigation.

GCSAA's 51st International Turfgrass Conference and Show, the world's largest exposition of golf turf maintenance equipment and products, will run concurrently with the education sessions Feb. 19-21. Other conference week activities will include a program for spouses, the association's annual membership meeting, a Monday night mixer and banquet Thursday night. After the conference and show closes Friday, Feb. 22, GCSAA's postconference tour and golf tournament will leave St. Louis for Guadalajara, Mexico.

## Turf Products Moves Branch Location

South Windsor, Conn.

Turf Products Corporation, South Windsor, Conn., has moved its branch office location from East Norwalk to Bethel, Conn., as of August 1.

"The move puts us right in the middle of a very fast growing market," said Fred Zeytoonjian, Turf Products president, adding that irrigation sales had increased by 50 percent in the area last year, and turf by 35 percent.

The Bethel branch, which will be managed by Roger Morhardt, is close to Danbury, Conn., and will service Fairfield County in Connecticut and Westchester, Putnam, Dutchess and Bronx counties in New York.

The Danbury marketing area is rapidly expanding, Zeytoonjian said, because of the number of corporations moving to Connecticut from New York, and bringing their employees with them. "We want to be right in there on the ground floor," he said, adding that "there is certainly no recession here."

mercial and irrigation products and handle service and parts. Mark Loper is the irrigation manager, and parts/service manager is Bill Henckel. The 6,000 sq. ft. facility, with five people concurrently employed there, is located at Route 6 in Stoney Hill, Bethel, Conn. Ph. 203-748-4445.

## Congratulations!

A belated congratulations to Al Hawkins on his appointment as superintendent at the Timberlin Golf Club.

## Connecticut Association of Golf Course Superintendents, Inc.

### 1980 Turfgrass Seminar

Tuesday, January 22, 1980

9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.

\$8.00 per person (lunch included)

Holiday Inn of Hartford  
50 Morgan Street, Hartford, Connecticut  
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Speakers/Topics

Dr. Joseph Troll

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"Research Projects and Findings at UMass"

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## S & R Research Grants-1979

\$500.00	to the Metropolitan Golf Course Superintendents Association to aid them in their final year of <i>Hyperodes Weevil Research</i> .
\$1,000.00	to the University of Connecticut and Bill Dest for a study of <i>fertilizer recommendations for establishment and maintenance of creeping bentgrass used for putting green turf</i> .
\$600.00	to Cornell University and Dick Smiley for his study of <i>fusarium blight on bluegrasses and fungicide work on non-target organisms</i> .
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