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CGSAA Directorship to Osterman

St. Louis was the site, the time was right, the delegates convinced. Three years of hard work, frustration, and perseverance bore their fruit... Osterman made it! Happiness abounded amongst the Connecticut group; especially for Frank Lamphier, and Bob Tosh, who had engineered the victory and, of course, with Bob O. A smile was even noted on the face of the usually stoic Charlie B. Certainly a proud moment had arrived for all superintendents in Connecticut.

Bob's election is a logical and well-deserved progression in his career. Having served for many years within the Connecticut Association, as well as serving on many GCSAA committees, Bob is well prepared to offer constructive ideas at the national level. His election provides GCSAA members in Connecticut a direct line of communication with GCSAA... an opportunity that should not be wasted. Bob's new responsibilities include chairmanship of the Editorial, Conference & Show, and Tournament committees. He will also serve as vice-chairman for the Welfare, Certification, and S & R committees. Undoubtedly, he will have the opportunity to add significant input within GCSAA.

Heading the list of new officers and other directors elected at St. Louis was the new GCSAA President, Mel Lucas, who is from the Piping Rock Club, located on Long Island. Mike Bavier, superintendent of Inverness Golf Club, Palatine, IL, is the new vice-president. James Timmerman, superintendent of Orchard Lake Country Club in Michigan is the other new director elected. Paul Boizelle, superintendent of the Fiddlers Elbow Country Club in New Jersey, was appointed to the Board to fill a vacancy created by the election of Bavier to the vice-president's position. Rounding out the Executive Committee are James Wyllie, Secretary-Treasurer; David Holler, Director; Edward Dembnicki, Director; and Charles Tadge, Immediate Past President.

GSCAA Highlights

St. Louis proved to be an ideal location for GCSAA to hold the 51st International Turfgrass Conference & Show. Over 7,000 attendees enjoyed moderate weather, informative educational sessions, and the largest display of turf equipment, materials, and golf accessories ever assembled. The willingness demonstrated by company representatives in discussing their products or pertinent problems was most noteworthy. The host association, Mississippi Valley GCSA, is to be congratulated for their efforts at assisting those in attendance. Their members went out of their way to make everyone feel comfortable.

Those attending the annual golf tournament held in Guadalajara, Mexico returned home with glowing reports of their stay there. The Mexican superintendents evidently put on some show for their northern peers. That coupled with some gorgeous weather made for a great vacation. Connecticut's Frank Lamphier came home a winner of the net division with a net 147. T.C. Hamilton, CGCS, of Dallas defeated Dan Meyers, CGCS, of Florida for the Superintendent's Championship.

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*The Board of Directors
of
Connecticut Association
of Golf Course Superintendents
Invite Members & Guests
to a
"SPRING FLING"
FRIDAY, APRIL 25, 1980
at
The Pine Valley Golf Club
Southington, Connecticut
from
7:30 PM — MIDNIGHT
Hors d'oeuvres, Buffet, Dancing
\$20 per Couple*

President's Message

April will see two programs initiated by the Board of Directors that are aimed at strengthening the association by attracting new members and by developing greater social interaction amongst our many members. These programs need your help and support if they are to succeed. Active participation by everyone will be mutually beneficial to you as an individual as well as to the association in general.

The first of these two programs is a statewide membership drive. Brochures have been mailed to as many non-member superintendents in the state that can be located. These brochures tell the story of CAGCS, its history, present programs, and include a membership application. The most important aspect of this drive will be the personal follow-up of these brochures by active CAGCS members. YOU can make the difference! Call your neighbor who you know is not a member. Offer to take him with you to the next meeting. Not only will you assist a new member and your profession, you might save on travel expenses. Don't hesitate! Make that phone call... please!

Life should not be work, work, and more work. There should be some fun too! It is in this regard that the Board's second effort is aimed. What better way to kick spring off, relax, and get to know one another better than to enjoy an evening of food, drink, and dance. It's called a "SPRING FLING." It will be Friday, April 25, 1980 at the Pine Valley Golf Club and it's inexpensive. Come and enjoy each other's company! Such an evening is a great opportunity for the many wives to meet each other. Great potential exists for not only a fun evening but for better future gatherings when everyone feels more comfortable around one another.

Thanks for your time! Looking forward to seeing as many people who can make it to Pine Valley.

Steve Cadenelli

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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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Highlights (continued from page 1)

Sectionalism of GCSAA was again a topic at the Chapter Relations Committee meeting in St. Louis. The end result, at least for the time being, was to establish a format for determining representatives to a fourteen member Advisory Board. These fourteen individuals would represent fourteen sections of the country. The entire concept remains under study within the Membership & Chapter Relations Committee.

Winners of the 1980 Newsletter Editor's Award were: Nels A. Lindgren who edits "Heart Beat," newsletter of the Heart of America CGSA; Dan Jones, editor of the South Florida newsletter "The South Florida Green;" and Don Tolson, editor of the WyMont GCSA newsletter, "Turf Talk."

Oliver Miles, CGCS, of River Forest, Ill. was the recipient of the Leo Feser Award which recognizes the most outstanding article written by a superintendent and published in "Golf Course Management." His article, "How to Get Organized; A Blueprint for Success," appeared in the July 1979 issue of GCM.

A new line of professional stationery is available from GCSAA to all members. This stationery is imprinted with the GCSAA seal, the individual member's name, address and telephone number. A package of 100 personalized sheets, 100 personalized envelopes, 25 unprinted second sheets and four note pads sells for \$23.45. Contact headquarters to order these materials.

Two new films available for crew training or member information are entitled "A Living Carpet" and "Water Movement in the Soil." Again, contact headquarters to arrange for use of these educational tools.

A Model of Dignity Dedicated to Bob Osterman

One day, as sure as the Luna,
That glares in the nightly sky;
This Man will be - "Numero Uno!"

*In St. Louis, Missouri, —
(A gleaming City with its arch of Beauty);
A Gentleman of credence and propriety, —
Refined with cool and noble dignity;
Brushed aside a few tearful years-and Zip!
Resurged, to win a crucial Directorship;
Now suddenly, it's all within his grasp,
To tread a confident path;
For one day, in his Nutmeg State,
Members will rejoice on that date;
And Bob, with soaring resolution,
Will join the elite of his profession.*

Frank Paladino

Meet Your Hosts

Host for the April meeting is Dick Cook, superintendent at the Black Hall Golf Club. Dick, a twenty-eight year member of CAGCS has been at this Trent Jones designed course since its inception. An exceptionally well-drained off golf course, it is an ideal location for an early spring meeting. Dick reports that the long awaited construction of the new clubhouse is now underway with hopes for an early fall opening. He is also pleased to report that an addition to the maintenance building is complete which doubles its size.

Over the years Dick has welcomed the members of CAGCS often. He has served on the Board of Directors and has contributed not only to the profession of the golf course superintendent but to the game of golf as well.

Make this meeting a must. You will be glad you did!

Past President Frank Lamphier will be greeting members for the May meeting at the Aspetuck Valley Country Club in Weston. Frank is still beaming after engineering the election of Bob Osterman to the GCSAA Board at the national conference in St. Louis. A real lover of the game, Frank has played golf all over the country and can be found yearly organizing the annual GCSAA Tournament. Frank promises to have the greens as slick as ever at this scenic layout for our visit in May.

Question? How does one write a few brief lines about Charlie Baskin, host of the 1980 CAGCS Invitational at the Country Club of Waterbury? Answer — one doesn't! One simply states that here is a man who is widely respected throughout the country as a leader. He is Past President of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America as well as of CAGCS. Possibly his greatest honor has been his election into the Connecticut Golf Hall of Fame, the first Golf Course Superintendent so honored.

Some interesting history exists concerning the Country Club of Waterbury. First constructed in a flood plain, the golf course was moved to its present location in 1908. Donald Ross then redesigned and rebuilt the course in 1926 & 27. Assisting in that reconstruction was a young foreman by the name of Charles Baskin, Sr. When the course opened in 1928, young Baskin moved on with Mr. Ross. However, the crash of 1929 slowed golf course construction and caused Charles Sr. to return to Waterbury, temporarily! He remained there 35 years as superintendent passing the responsibility of the golf course to his son upon his retirement.

Disposable Butane Lighters

The Georgia Highway Contractors Association, Inc. News Report relates that in the last couple of months the Union Pacific has had two fatal accidents caused by butane lighters. The accidents occurred in welding areas when an employee was welding with a butane lighter in his pocket. A spark from the welding landed on the lighter, burned through the plastic shell and ignited the fluid in an explosion. One individual had the lighter in his shirt pocket and he was killed instantly. The other had his in a pants pocket and the explosion amputated his leg and he died later.

There is the same amount of force in a butane lighter when it explodes as there is in approximately three sticks of dynamite.

Golf course mechanics and others using welding equipment should be aware of the dangers involved with having flammable and combustible materials close to welding areas. Even the most seemingly innocent objects may be dangerous!

Credit "George Turfgrass News"

Grass Catcher

Congratulations to Bill Whitley of the Ridgewood Country Club who successfully completed the requirements of the certification program of GCSAA. Slowly but surely the certification program is acquiring the acceptance of superintendents around the county. Recently, 68% of those superintendents not certified and who answered the survey question in Connecticut replied in the affirmative regarding their desire to become certified. By no means does certification guarantee success. It does, however, illustrate one's desire to further himself within his profession.

A hearty welcome to new GCSAA member Mark Fuller of the Longshore Park Club.

Bob Osterman wishes to inform everyone that the change in name of The Golf Club at Aspetuck to The Connecticut Golf Club is a change in name only. The club remains member owned with little change in its operating procedures.

Sympathies are extended to the family of William A. Jaschinsky who recently passed away. Mr. Jaschinsky was President of CAGCS during 1964 & 65. He was retired at the time of his death.

Long time CAGCS member Curt Stimson recently retired from full-time employment with the Magovern Company although he intends to stay involved to some extent during the season. He and his lovely wife, Marion, spent the majority of the winter soaking up the rays in Florida.

Best Wishes go out to good friend Charlie York who will be leaving Connecticut for Warwick C.C. in Rhode Island. Keep in touch!! . . . Peter Bly is the new superintendent at the Brooklawn C.C. in Fairfield replacing Frank Nichols who retires April 1.

Scientists Honored

Two scientists have been honored by the Board of Control of the Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station for service and research.

Dr. Gerald S. Walton of Madison and Dr. Louis A. Magnarelli of Northford, were the first recipients of Board of Control lectureships established to recognize exceptional service or research.

Dr. Walton, according to the nomination, "has provided immeasurable help to thousands of commercial growers and homeowners who have learned to trust his infailing counsel. . . He readily identifies fungal, viral, and bacterial pathogens, insect pests, weeds, and problems of plant nutrition and culture."

He has been on the Station staff since 1961, and estimates that he has answered over 90,000 inquiries in person, over the telephone, or in the mail. He helps both commercial growers and homeowners in their quest to grow healthy plants.

Dr. Magnarelli, an entomologist who joined the station staff in 1975, was

S & R Action Request

Peter Pierson, S & R committee chairman, wishes to remind all members of the articles which that committee is selling. All profits go directly to the support of programs sponsored by CAGCS and its S & R Fund.

Items offered are:

Duckster Jackets - cotton pile lining with many colors to choose from. Available in sizes small, medium, large and X-large. Price - \$16.00.

CAGCS Golf Shirts - 60% cotton/40% polyester complete with embroidered insignia. Many colors available in sizes medium, large, and X-large. Price - \$14.00.

Hats & Visers - Hot new items - so new in fact that particulars not yet available. Watch for these head warmers in the near future.

NOW is the time to approach your Green Committee regarding the holding of a Scholarship and Research tournament at your club. Remember — the golfer benefits from the results of such a tournament as much as the Golf Course Superintendent. Just ask those chairmen! You may be surprised at the response you'll get.

Future Happenings

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| April 15 | CAGCS Monthly Meeting
Black Hall Golf Club
Old Lyme, CT |
| April 25 | CAGCS "Spring Fling"
Pine Valley Golf Club
Southington, CT |
| May 20 | CAGCS Monthly Meeting
Aspetuck Valley C.C.
Weston, CT |
| June 2 | CAGCS Invitational
Country Club of Waterbury
Waterbury, CT |
| June 12-15 | U.S. Open, Baltusrol G.C.
Springfield, NJ |
| June 25 | UMASS Field Day
Turf Plots
S. Deerfield, MA |
| June 26-29 | First U.S. Senior Open
Winged Foot G.C.
Mamaroneck, NY |

nominated because he has published 29 reports on his research in technical journals, and has "eagerly sought to keep the public and scientific community abreast of his findings." He was the senior author of the first report published on Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever in Connecticut and was co-discoverer of a pathogen of dogs that is new to North America. In addition to researching ticks and their biology, Dr. Magnarelli studies the biology and feeding habits of mosquitoes and biting flies.

Credit "News of Science"

March Meeting

Just under sixty members and guests kicked off the 1980 meeting schedule by hearing an excellent presentation on the construction and management of solar greenhouses. Mark Fuller, superintendent of the Longshore Park Club in Westport, spoke of his experiences with such a project at Longshore.

Mark supervised construction of a solar greenhouse during 1979, which utilizes a passive solar heating system. In this process sunlight heats water which is stored in thirty 55 gallon drums along one wall in the greenhouse. A secondary heat source is derived from energy given off by the two foot thick stone floor. A propane heater exists to supplement heat if necessary as well as for emergency use. To date, thru the winter of 1979-80, very little fuel has been used.

Presently the Longshore staff is propagating cuttings from Rhododendrons and Azaleas. Soon annuals will be grown for use on the golf course and within the town of Westport.

For more information consult the "Solar Greenhouse Book," published by Rodale Press.

Bruce Cadenelli

1980 Meeting Schedule

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| April 15 | Black Hall G.C.
Old Lyme |
| May 20 | Aspetuck Valley C.C.
Weston |
| June 2 | Superintendent's
Invitational
C.C. of Waterbury |
| June 19 | Silver Springs C.C.
Ridgefield |
| July 7 | Wethersfield C.C.
(Supt.-Green Chairman
Tournament) |
| August 2 | CAGCS Annual Family
Picnic
Winding Trails Park,
Farmington |
| August 12 | H.B. Brownson C.C.
Shelton |
| September 9 | Shennecossett G.C.
Groton |
| October 14 | Patterson Club
Supt.-Ass't. Supt.
Tournament
Fairfield |
| November 6 | Wallingford C.C.
(Annual Meeting) |

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