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President's Message

Welcome to another new year! Again let me say that I am thankful and very appreciative of the opportunity to serve CAGCS as President for a second year. I look forward to the coming year with as much enthusiasm and confidence that our association will continue to provide its members those services and opportunities which they seek.

1981 promises to be a year of shortages, most notably a shortage of water. This subject is on everyone's mind and undoubtedly will affect us all. Is the present drought a short or long term situation? Many feel that the present dry spell is but the beginning of a long term water shortage brought on by increased demands from industry, an ever enlarging population, increasingly polluted water supplies, less rainfall, and the lack of long-range planning in developing our country's water holding capabilities. Is it possible that the recent history of oil is repeating itself?

It is my opinion that those of us in golf course management should not wait until we are forced into curtailing our use of water. It is time to re-educate ourselves as to just how much water our turfgrass needs to exist and survive. Our goal should be to provide a healthy, playable turf and not a turf that looks picture perfect. The golfing public must be made aware that changes are going to happen regarding the look of golf course turf in the future.

In closing I'd like to express a very hearty thank you to Dr. Joseph Troll as the Mass. Turf Conference celebrates its Golden Anniversary. Joe has begun the spark behind this ever-improving conference for some time now and deserves the many accolades coming his way. Congratulations for a job well done!!

Steve Cadenelli, CGCS

Editor's Note

I am sure that all of you have appreciated Steve Cadenelli's effort to improve and maintain a high quality publication these past five years, not to mention the dedication of previous past editors, Bob Osterman (1972-1976) and Charlie Baskin (1968-1971), who have also helped to make "Conn. Clippings" as good, if not better, than many other association newsletters in the country.

Their records will be hard to match, but I intend to do my best to continue "Conn. Clippings'" fine tradition.

I do hope you will all bear with me, though, since I am sure my "greenness" in the journalism field will show up in print from time to time. But with a little help from Steve and from my wife, Pandora, who is, by the way, producing a newsletter of her own right now, I am certain I will soon have all the wrinkles ironed out.

Because "Conn. Clippings" is a one-man operation, I would welcome any help in the form of contributions, that is — that I could get. If you have a bit of worthy news you would like to see included in our publication, don't hesitate to submit it to me.

I'm looking forward to serving you as editor of "Conn. Clippings" and to a great 1981.

Greg Wojick

The Board of Directors
of
The Connecticut Association
of
Golf Course Superintendents
Invite Members & Guests
to a
"SPRING FLING"
Saturday, April 11, 1981
at
The Edgewood Golf Course
Cromwell, Connecticut

Gypsy Moth Update

Research at The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station in New Haven shows that the cold winter has not affected eggs of the gypsy moth.

"Although people have felt the sub-zero weather, it hasn't been cold enough to kill gypsy moth eggs in our woodlands," said John F. Anderson, chief entomologist. Anderson said that eggs collected in Hamden, Granby, Simsbury, and Salisbury have hatched in the laboratory.

Station records show that during the winter of 1942-1943, 46 of 60 egg masses collected failed to hatch. That winter, the temperature went to minus 24 in Hartford. This winter, the lowest temperature recorded in Hartford was minus 14.

"Eleven of twelve egg masses collected from Granby and Simsbury on January 8 have hatched. One egg mass has not hatched, but it was small and was heavily attacked by a parasite that kills the top layer of eggs in egg masses," Anderson said. Egg masses collected the same day from Sleeping Giant Park in Hamden also hatched. After a second cold spell in mid-January, egg masses were collected in Salisbury, one of the colder spots in Connecticut. "These, too have hatched," Anderson said.

"We have collected additional egg masses during the past three weeks that appear healthy and should also hatch," said Dr. Ronald Weseloh, who studies parasites of the gypsy moth.

The gypsy moth caused noticeable defoliation on more than 370,000 acres in Connecticut last year.

A leaflet on the gypsy moth, describing its life cycle and possible controls is available free from: Publications, The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station, P.O. Box 1106, New Haven, CT 06504.

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Winter Seminar Is Another Success

Nearly 100 persons attended the second CAGCS-sponsored seminar held January 14, 1981 at the Holiday Inn in Hartford. Those in attendance were brought up to date on a wide range of topics including potassium nutrition, the troubles of turf, landscaping the golf course, pesticide regulations, weed control and tree disease control. A hearty thanks goes out to the speakers Dr. William Dest, Carl Schwartzkoph, Ray Corbobo, Greg Piontek, Dr. Kirk Hurto and Spencer Davis for making the seminar a great success.

The Educational Committee of the CAGCS is to be congratulated for organizing such an excellent all-around program. From comments received, it is evident that the membership is in favor of making the seminar an annual event.



RAY CORBOBO — addressing attendees at the CAGCSA winter seminar.

1981 Meeting Schedule

March 17	Jacoby's Restaurant (Luncheon)
April 21	Country Club of Fairfield, Ted Maddocks - Host Supt.
May 12	Willimantic Country Club, Greg Wojick - Host Supt.
June 16	Hop Meadow Country Club, Dewey Stanhope-Host Supt.
July 14	Bel Compo Golf Club, Tim Michaud - Host Supt.
August 11	Clinton Country Club, John Halibozek - Host Supt.
September 15	Pautipaug Country Club, Fran Rogers - Host Supt.
October 13	H. Smith Richardson Golf Club, Tom Fletcher - Host Supt.
November 10	Glastonbury Hills Country Club, Roger Barrett - Host Supt. Annual Meeting.

The Following Have Been Voted In As New Members Of Our Association. Congratulations & Welcome!

John Molnar Jr. Class B
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Classifieds

For Sale: 1966 3400 Ford Tractor with
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CAGCS Veterans Receive Pins

President Steve Cadenelli awarded membership pins to the following:

10 Years	Robert Chalifour Bert Furgess John Mulhearn
15 Years	Richard Bator Paul Ladzinski John Lynch
20 Years	Edward Sanson
25 Years	Walter Lowell Michael Ovia John Perry
30 Years	John Espy

Grass Catcher

The Board of Directors has decided to give plaques to all **new** members of the CAGCS. These plaques will replace the certificates which have been given in the past. The board feels that these plaques will give the members a greater sense of professionalism and pride. They are made of a high quality mylar which can be hung on the wall as is. To defray the cost of these plaques, the initiation fee of \$10 has been raised to \$20. Any member who wants to purchase one of these plaques may do so.

Congratulations goes out to Mark and Nanette Loper, the proud parents of a baby boy. Mark works for Turf Products Corp. in South Windsor, Connecticut.

Connecticut was well represented at the 52nd GCSAA International Turfgrass Conference and Show. Among those who attended were: Fred Bachand, Roy Sibley, Jim Fabiani, John Ferry, Steve Cadenelli, Dave Stimson, Tim Michaud, Dave Roule, Stan Sablak, Jim MacDonald, Ron Holcomb, Ray Beaudry, Armand LeSage, Bob Osterman, Frank Lamphier, Bob Phipps, Dick Allen, Jim Medieros, Mark Fuller, Bob Alonzi and Dick Cook. It was nice to see so many familiar faces.

Did you know? . . . according to Jeff McKinney, a regional agronomist for Chemlawn Corp. in Columbus, Ohio, one table-spoon of kerosene added to 100 gallons of solution will effectively reduce foaming in spray tanks during agitation.

GCSAA HIGHLIGHTS

Michael R. Bavier, CGCS, superintendent of Inverness Golf Club, Palatine, IL was elected to lead GCSAA as President at the group's annual membership meeting in Anaheim, CA January 28. Elected as Vice-President was James A. Wyllie, CGCS, of the Bayview Country Club, located in Thornhill, Ontario, Canada. CAGCS's own Robert Osterman, CGCS, was appointed Secretary-Treasurer thus completing the officers of GCSAA for 1981. New Directors elected include Eugene D. Baston, CGCS of the Birmingham (AL) C.C. and Riley Lee Stottern, CGCS of the Jeremy Ranch C.C., Salt Lake City, Utah.

The 52nd version of the GCSAA sponsored International Turf-grass Conference & Show continued its several year trend of growth and improvement. The show, itself, is unsurpassed not only in overall size but in the opportunity that it presents attendees for talking directly with manufacturers of equipment and supplies. Nowhere else is this opportunity available.

Sizable contingents of Superintendents from Australia and England added to the over 8,000 individuals who attended the conference. They and their country's approach to golf course maintenance is in sharp contrast to that in the United States and offers some excellent food for thought. Truly, this yearly get-together of GCSAA is, indeed, becoming international in scope.

Steve Candelli, CGCS

The NGF: Why not Join?

The National Golf Foundation's 1981 **Golf Operations Handbook** is now available, according to NGF's Northeast Regional Director John LaPoint. The **Handbook**, first published in 1977, and revised annually, is a 460-page loose-leaf publication that is rapidly becoming known as the "bible" to those responsible for all aspects of club and golf course operations. The book contains eight major sections on golf business, the clubhouse, the golf course, golf services, personnel, promotion, research and player development. There are 35 totally new information sheets in the 1981 edition, including topics such as building golf car paths, membership bylaws, and how to be a cost-conscious golf course superintendent.

The **Golf Operations Handbook** may be purchased separately, or comes as one of the benefits of the NGF Associate Membership Program. As an NGF member, your club or course will receive the **Handbook**, a subscription to NGF's monthly publication, **The Golf Market Report**, 200 "Easy Way To Learn Golf Rules" booklets, and other informative publications totaling over \$130 in retail value, all for \$70.

Information on NGF membership can be obtained by contacting John LaPoint at NGF's Northeast Regional Office, 75 Waterville Street, North Grafton, Massachusetts 01536, (617) 839-3367.

You Know It's Going To Be A Bad Day When:

1. You wake up face down on the pavement.
2. You call Suicide Prevention and they put you on hold.
3. You see a "60 Minutes" news team waiting in your office.
4. Your birthday cake collapses from the weight of the candles.
5. Your only son tells you he wishes Anita Bryant would mind her own business.
6. You want to put on the clothes you wore home from the party and there aren't any.
7. You turn on the news and they are displaying emergency routes out of the city.
8. The woman you have been seeing on the side begins to look like your wife.
9. Your twin brother forgets your birthday.
10. Your wife wakes up feeling amorous and you have a headache.



A VIEW OF THE WESTCHESTER COUNTRY CLUB — site of the February 19 USGA Northeast Regional Meeting.

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