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### Fred Bachand Of Wethersfield CC Receives Course Superintendent's Award

Fred Bachand, superintendent of the Wethersfield Country Club since the Fall of 1969, has been named recipient of the third GCSAA-PGA TOUR Citation of Performance.

The award, which annually is presented to honor the superintendent who has made a significant contribution to his profession in association with a PGA TOUR tournament, was made jointly today by President Jim Wyllie of the Golf Course Superintendents Association and Commissioner Deane R. Beman.

Bachand received his associates degree in turf management in 1965 at the University of Massachusetts. He started in his profession at the New London Country Club, New London, CT, as part of the college program.

He came to Hartford, CT, in 1965 to work as an assistant to William Dest and was appointed superintendent in September of 1969.

A resident of Marlborough, CT, Bachand and his wife, Susan, have two children. He is a past secretary of the Connecticut Section, GCSAA.

Criteria for the Citation of Performance Award include knowledge and performance within the profession; cooperation with PGA TOUR officials in preparation for TOUR competition; and length of service.

"The PGA TOUR recognizes the importance of every superintendent, not only at PGA TOUR tournament sites, but at each course across the country," Commissioner Beman said.

### President's Message

Has the weather got you down? Have all your plans of last winter and this spring hit upon unexpected snags? If so consider getting away for a short time. Sounds like a travel agent, doesn't it.

Many of us are extremely dedicated individuals. Indeed, we strive for perfection on our courses in a world of imperfect equipment, personnel, and at times unrealistic budgets. If this wasn't enough, mother nature who is always unpredictable and in any given week can destroy months, if not years of hard work, has to be added to our burdens. Pretty gloomy if one sits and analyse it in a rational manner.

So what keeps us going? I like to feel it is the spirit and determination to continually provide a better golf course to our membership. Each year we strive for that one new program and learn, experience and regroup to face the next. Each year we see that little area of improvement and hopefully it will always be so.

*Mike Wallace, CGCS*

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"Mr. Bachand's contributions at Wethersfield Country Club in connection with the Sammy Davis Jr.-Greater Hartford Open are appreciated by all of the PGA TOUR players. The quality of his work represents a standard of excellence to which all superintendents might aspire," Beman added.

A four-man committee for the award is comprised of Clyde Mangum, Deputy Commissioner of the PGA TOUR Operations; Tournament Director Jack Tuthill; PGA TOUR Agronomist Allan MacCurrach; and GCSAA President Jim Wyllie.

*PGA TOUR News*

### Why The Difference In Color

How close is the grass observed on the golf course? If a close observation were made through out the year, there would be quite a difference in the texture and the color of the grass. If a color meter were used regularly to record the color, it would show more of a contrast than by eye observation.

It has been observed that regardless of how well and regularly the grass is watered by irrigation water from a well, there is a definite difference in color of the grass after a rain. The grass usually has a darker green color after a rain. Why should there be this difference? How many golf courses have tested their irrigation water supply? It might be said there should not be too much difference in the analyses of water. However when these analyses of water are compared there is a variance.

A study was made in 1966 and 1967 by testing the well water supplied for irrigation and samples of rain water. Starting in February 1967 with a snow sample, March rain, May thunderstorm, June, August and September regular rain, a very interesting comparison was observed in these different samples of water. All the samples were tested for dioxide, carbonates, sulphates, chlorides, fluorin, total solids, parts per million, the pH, nitrogen, phosphates and potash.

It was observed that in total solids the samples of rain water were from .118 to .115% more total solids than the water from the well used for irrigation. The snow sample testing the highest (.155% higher). Total hardness of the May thunderstorm rain sample tested .118% less than the well water. Parts per million, the thunderstorm rain also was the lowest of all samples (.157% lower). All the rain samples were lower in Parts per Million than the well water.

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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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## Grass Catcher

As newsletter editor representing CAGCS I will be travelling to GCSAA headquarters in Lawrence, Kansas to attend the first Newsletter Editor's Seminar (September 19-22). The schedule of activities will provide me opportunities to visit headquarter's office and become acquainted with the Executive Committee and Staff... learn about what is going on with GCSAA and our industry... share ideas with other chapters... relax at Headquarters with the staff in informal discussion groups and play golf in the first Newsletter Editor's Golf Tournament at the Alvarado Hills Golf Course.

GCSAA will pay for all land expenses including ground transportation, food and lodging. CAGCS will cover transportation to and from Kansas City International Airport.

I am looking forward to the trip as I am sure it will prove to be informative and enjoyable.

## Nielsen Confirms NGF Figures Concerning Golf's Growth

NORTH PALM BEACH, FL—The good news in the world of golf is that the A.C. Nielsen Company has just released figures showing that the number of golfers in America has grown by 9.2% since 1979—to 17,367,000.

Those figures confirm information released earlier by the National Golf Foundation, which showed that as of Jan. 1, 1982, there were 17,100,000 golfers in the United States—or 7.6% more golfers than in 1979.

The National Golf Foundation, which is recognized as the research center of golf, says that early indications are that golf play in the first half of 1982 will also show an increase.

### GOLFERS

YEAR	A.C. NIELSEN	NGF
1976	16,568,000	16,000,000
1979	15,897,000	15,900,000
1982	17,367,000	17,100,000

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Congratulations to Dick Parsons and Ron Holcomb! Dick won the reservation card drawing at the July Watertown meeting and Ron won the drawing at the August meeting at Highland. The drawing is certainly an attractive incentive for sending in your reservation cards to host superintendents. So remember to send in your card for all meetings and perhaps you will become the lucky winner!

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Ann Dest, wife of Dr. William Dest of the University of Connecticut, recently had a bad fall from a foot stool in her kitchen. Ann severely broke her leg and is now recovering from surgery from the accident. We all wish her a speedy recovery.

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The August 10, CAGCS monthly meeting held at the Highland Golf Club was an enormous success. Host Superintendent, Kevin D'Amico, the staff at Highland Golf Club, as well as the education committee are to be congratulated for planning a truly enjoyable day.

The golf course although short, was extremely challenging with its tight fairways, small greens and intimidating rough. Kevin had the course in immaculate shape. The weather was perfect and smiles were on the faces of all the participants throughout the day.

Greg Wojick, Editor

## Future Happenings

### September 14

CAGCS monthly Meeting  
Aspetuck Valley C.C.  
Weston, CT

Frank Lamphier, Host Superintendent  
Bob Shea, Exec. Director, Conn. PGA,  
Guest Speaker

### September 23

CAGCS Invitational Tournament  
(rescheduled from June)

Oronoque C.C.  
Stratford, CT

Eric Johnson, Host Superintendent

### September 30

Superintendent Team Championship  
Ridgewood Country Club  
Ridgewood, N.J.

Ed Walsh, Host Superintendent

### October 5

CAGCS S&R Tournament  
Edgewood G.C.  
Cromwell, CT

Peter Pierson, Host Superintendent

### October 12

CAGCS Monthly Meeting  
Brooklawn C.C.  
Fairfield, CT

Peter Bly, Host Superintendent

Mr. Dick Mather  
Country Club Cars of N.E.  
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Dear Dick,

On behalf of the Board of Directors and all the members of the Connecticut Association of Golf Course Superintendents, we gratefully acknowledge you waving the minimum charge for the golf car rentals for the Pro-Superintendent Officer Tournament which was to be held at the Hartford Golf Club on June 14, 1982.

Due to the extreme amount of rain which Conn. received during the previous week we were unable to hold the tournament. We are working on scheduling an alternate date for this year and should we need golf cars, we will surely contact you for these rentals.

Again, we thank you for your most generous gesture.

Sincerely yours,

Peter Pierson  
Golf Chairman CAGCS

(Color Difference Con't.)

The pH of all the samples was very interesting in their great variances. The well water had a pH of 6.9, practically neutral. The remainder of the rain water samples were as follows. The February snow-pH was 3.5; the June rain-4.2; likewise for the August rain; the September rain was 5.0

The nitrogen samples were also extremely interesting since all the rain samples contained more N than the well water. These test results were as follows: the well water, 8.6%; February snow, 11.2%; March rain, 9.8%; May thunderstorm, 12.8%; the June, 10.0%; the August was the same as June; the September, 9.8% nitrogen. The great difference in the percent of N found in the rain water compared to the well water irrigation supply would account for the darker green color in the grass after a rain. Especially when considerably more water is supplied at one time when it rains, thus adding more nitrogen. It was always stated a thunderstorm produces more nitrogen than a regular rain fall. Note also that the snow sample ran a close second to the thunderstorm.

The phosphate in all the samples ran a higher percent than the well water. The tests showed the following: the well water, .85% phosphate; the February snow not much higher at .98%; the March rain at 1.95% (note over twice that of the well water); the May and August rains 1.13%, the June 1.60%; and the September 1.65% phosphate (note that the June and September tests were about twice that of the well water).

All the potash samples were very uniform including the well water. The well water testing, the highest in potash with a 3.0% potash; the February snow 2.41%; the March rain, 2.4%; the May rain, 2.5%; the June and August samples-2.8%; and the September 2.4% potash. Since it is potash that gives a plant more strength and a stiff stronger stem, the fact that the well water in this case tested the highest, naturally has the advantage to the grass on a golf course. The more strength and stiffer or firmer the stem, the better the golf ball will set up, like a ball on a billiard table.

by *Harvey C. Dreibelbis*  
GCSA of New Jersey Newsletter  
Election Issue 1979

## GCSAA Highlights

GCSAA's Employment Referral Service has undergone several changes which are aimed at continuing the service in a cost efficient and effective manner. ERS has enjoyed ever increasing use by both members seeking employment and clubs seeking to fill a position. This increased usage obviously results in increased cost. Thus necessitating the requesting of a \$10 fee from members wishing to utilize the service and a charge of \$50 from clubs wishing to list their available position. It is believed these fees will allow GCSAA to continue ERS in a professional and useful fashion.

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Planning for GCSAA's 1983 Conference & Show is nearing completion with most printed material being prepared for distribution in October. Some reorganization of conference week including shifting of the Annual Meeting to Thursday afternoon has occurred. Also, concurrent sessions will be run Monday afternoon, Tuesday afternoon and, all day Wednesday. Thursday morning will see the USGA program. Additional seminars are tentively scheduled for Friday. Program areas to be addressed during the week include Golf Course Management, Golf Course Construction Ideas, Research Updates, Future of the Industry, Lawn Care, and Personal and Professional Improvement. Look forward to a busy and rewarding week in Atlanta!

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Any member who has paid his/her 1983 annual dues and has not received a membership card within three weeks should contact the Membership Department at GCSAA Headquarters to verify receipt of payment.

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*Steve Cadenelli, CGCS*

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## Golf Results

### Highland Golf Club

Class "A"	0-12 Handicap
Peter Bly (7)	69—62
Barry Petrasko (10)	73—63
Peter Pierson (4)	71—67

Class "B"	12-24
Steve Smith (23)	83—60
Bob Alonzi (20)	81—61
David Stimson (23)	86—63
Eric Johnson (19)	82—63

Class "C"	25-36
Ted Maddocks (28)	103—75
Doug Cooper (35)	118—83

### Seniors

Dick Cook (11)	71—60
Paul Grover (36)	104—68
Bill Somers (15)	85—70

The above golf results were from the Highland Golf Club where the first round of the CAGCS golf championship was played. The scheduled first round was to be played at the Watertown Golf Club in July. Due to heavy rains, however, the championship will be determined from the best two of three rounds at the August meeting (Highland), the September meeting (Aspetuck Valley) and the October meeting (Brook-Lawn).

## World's Longest Golf Hole? . . .

Two top Australian golfers, **Billy Dunk** and **Ted Ball**, will tee off next April on a one-hole golf match—the hole is 1,597,550 yards long and par has been set at 7,173. They'll start at the Ceduna Golf Club in South Australia and hope to hole out at the Kalgoorlie Golf Club's 18th green in Western Australia three or four weeks later. They'll play across Australia's harshest terrain on the Nullarbor Plain and down the Eyre Highway, always being careful not to hook into the shark-infested waters of the Great Australian Bight. The two pros will be riding special three-wheel motorcycles. Accompanying them, will be a mechanic, a doctor, an army logistics expert, Ball's wife, **Margaret**, and a Guinness Book of World Records official. The whole thing is an attempt to set a record that will go into the Guinness Book of World Records as the world's longest golf hole.

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