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CAGCS Winter Seminar—Best Yet

If **Jim Medieros** was getting paid to organize our winter seminars he would certainly be in line for a raise. Jim, along with his education committee, did one heck of a job putting together a stimulating and informative program for our January 18 winter seminar. Jim satisfied members' requests by providing speakers who gave presentations about computers, as well as flowers in the landscape, and also added other interesting speakers.

There was considerable discussion following the talk concerning growth regulators and wetting agents for the control of seed head production of poa annua. Remember that Aqua-Gro at the 16 ounce rate (not watered in) is the only wetting agent that exhibited a reduction in seed head production. Reduction of seed heads allows poa annua to use its energy reserves for the production of a deeper root system. Shallow roots have long been a problem with this "weed." Don't gamble—try a small area first!

Brian Silva and **Jeff Rivard** of the USGA presented their experienced viewpoints regarding standards for play on the golf course. Many interesting points were discussed. The "bottom line" of the presentation was that golf courses should be maintained, first and foremost, as the "playing field" for the game of golf. Most golfers equate their like or dislike of a golf course with playability first, followed by the aesthetic appearance.

Greg Piontek gave an update on pesticide compliance and, as usual, credit was given to attendees who passed the take-home exam.

Driving It Home

In a 31 company survey, Runzheimer & Co., travel cost specialists, find 16% of executives who get company cars for personal use aren't expected to reimburse their employers. That invites IRS CHARGES FOR FAILURE TO REPORT PERSONAL INCOME, Runzheimer says.

The above account is too true. Even a car or pick-up used for business, that is driven home in the evening, comes under this criterion. The charges are actually penalties for failure of the employer to include the value of this personal use on the executive employee's W-2 form.

Credit: Cactus Clippings

President's Message

Any long-standing organization can have policies and certain practices which become obsolete with time. I was fortunate to be invited to attend a meeting of several concerned Superintendents at Shorehaven C.C., on February 4th of this year. Their concern and constructive criticism were enlightening. One area which they felt needed attention was that of communication.

Communication is an art which is hard to master. As we are all aware, it can take many forms. It was pointed out that if a member is unable to make a meeting, he has very few ways to find out what transpired at that meeting. To this end, a concise summary of the highlights of our monthly meetings will appear in *Connecticut Clippings*.

The mechanism used by the C.A.G.C.S. for studying changes of a greater magnitude, and making recommendations to the board and the membership for such changes, has been the Organizational Study Committee. This committee is made up of the Vice President and fellow superintendents. It is free to study all current and past policies and recommends to the board and CAGCS members, methods to upgrade or change these policies. It is a completely independent group and, as such, has the freedom to investigate areas which the board may not have thought of in the past.

I've been on the board of directors for seven years. Things and times change. As a progressive association we must also change. The organizational study committee will be formed and in place by our March meeting in Meriden. If you have thoughts on where you feel our by-laws or policies need strengthening, please contact Peter Pierson, or myself, and let us know.

It is a fine association. Let us make it stronger, and better together.

Michael Wallace, CGCS

Deadline Dates For Connecticut Clippings

If you would like to submit an article or news tip to *Connecticut Clippings* please send it to me by the following dates:

April 13, 1983 for May-June issue

June 15, 1983 for July-August issue

August 17, 1983 for

September-October issue

October 14, 1983 for

November-December issue

Greg Wojick, Editor

Congratulations to Jim Medeiros, Mike Wallace and the education committee for organizing the seminar which drew nearly 100 people. Start thinking of what you would like to see presented at next year's winter seminar.

Greg Wojick, Editor

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Meet Your Class "C" Members

Our class "C" member for this issue of *Connecticut Clippings* is **Bob Lippman**, owner of Westchester Turf Supply, Inc. Many of you may not know Bob because his territory in Connecticut includes only the Fairfield County area. He also calls on superintendents in Westchester County and the Hudson Valley area of New York.

Bob got his interest in the golf course maintenance business while working summers at St. Andrews Golf Club in New York. After receiving his two-year accounting degree from Westchester Community College, Bob went on to Penn State where he received a degree in Turf Management.

Bob worked as Golf Course Superintendent at the Orange County Municipal Golf Course for two years before becoming a sales representative for Tuco products and then for Andrew Wilson Inc.

Bob lives in Somers, N.Y., is married, and has three children. Bob enjoys jogging and occasionally plays racketball.

Greg Wojick, Editor

Letter To The Editor

Dear Greg,

I wish to add my thoughts to the article in the last issue of *Connecticut Clippings* (Dec. 1982). The article was "The move of GCSAA headquarters."

Concerning the statement regarding an individual or group combining visits to the National headquarters of golf-oriented groups. How many of these headquarters are going to stop their operations to allow for visits from superintendents; these groups are in business, interruptions in business upsets routine operation.

I don't remember a GCSAA convention being in Florida in the past several years and on the schedule it is not listed as a future site.

Most superintendents, when "on vacation," are just that, "on vacation," and they are trying to escape from the world of golf and golf course management. Not everyone in the United States goes to Florida on vacation.

I think this article throws sand in the face of every individual employed by GCSAA headquarters. The article comments about Lawrence not having a golf-oriented staff suitable for employment. My answer to this is . . . does Far Hills, N.J. have the qualified people for the golf-oriented staff that can manage and effectively guide the United States Golf Association. This is a slap in the face to the dedicated people in Lawrence.

The last paragraph about Jim McLaughlin threatening to leave if the move is not made is in poor taste. We know Jim McLaughlin is a good man but to use this as an excuse to get to Florida is pure pressure. Sure, if I were executive director and I knew where I wanted to live, I would put demands on where the association should be heading. The GCSAA has been in business too long to be pressured into a move.

The idea of centralization is still the best idea. If the GCSAA moved its key executives to St. Louis, Kansas City, Chicago or another mid-country city and developed a communications system to their records and information department in Lawrence it might help in the problem.

Lawrence's overcrowding would be eliminated and staff reduction would occur if computers were used in the process. Computer terminals could be used in the new office system in the mid-west.

In this day of overspending and high interest rates, it is best for the GCSAA to conserve some of our members' money.

The decision to move should be thoroughly discussed and approved by members after we have seen a detailed feasibility study. I feel that this move is very expensive and should be made with the entire membership in mind, not just a few.

Sincerely yours,
Armand LeSage
Golf Course Superintendent
Race Brook Country Club

U.S. Leads World in Golf Courses, Golfers

NORTH PALM BEACH, FL—Did you realize that there are more golf courses in the United States—13,013—than in the rest of the world combined?

Did you know that there are more *golfers* in the U.S. than the rest of the world altogether?

Those are two results of a list compiled by the National Golf Foundation, which found there are an estimated 21,000 golf courses and 30 million golfers in the world.

As of Jan. 1, 1983, there were 13,013 golf courses and 17.6 million golfers in the United States. Those figures were compiled by the NGF, with the number of golfers including "casual" players who play less than 15 rounds a year.

Listed below are figures supplied to the Foundation by 14 golf associations in foreign (non-U.S.) countries, indicating the number of courses and golfers. Among the countries whose official figures have yet to be received are Germany, Spain, Mexico and those in Africa and South America. The estimated number of golf courses and golfers in the world is, therefore, conservative.

Country	Golf Courses	Golfers
1) United States	13,013	17,600,000
2) Great Britain (& N. Ireland)	2,035	1,128,469
3) Australia	1,324	350,000
4) Canada	1,140	— — —
5) Japan	1,200	10,000,000
6) Scotland	444	600,000
7) New Zealand	380	120,000
8) S. Africa	360	60,000
9) Argentina	250	— — —
10) Sweden	162	101,000
11) Korea	83	160,000
12) Italy	68	14,859
13) Netherlands	36	15,000
14) Switzerland	28	8,000
TOTAL	20,523	30,157,328

Position Referral Service

The CAGCS position referral service offers members of our association the opportunity to become immediately informed about job openings as soon as they become available to CAGCS. This service is offered at no charge to you.

If you wish to be on the position referral service list and receive job opening notices, send the following information: 1. Name, 2. Mailing address, 3. Office phone number, 4. Home phone number and 5. Date to:

Stephen G. Cadenelli
127 Country Club Rd.
New Canaan, Connecticut 06840

If you are already on the position referral list, you must notify Steve so that you will not be taken off the list.



Grass Catcher

Congratulations to **Bob Chalifour**, Golf Course Superintendent at the Shennecossett Golf Course in Groton, Connecticut, who recently became a Certified Golf Course Superintendent. Bob is now one of the 15 Connecticut superintendents who have completed the certification program through GCSAA.

It is now the policy of CAGCS to award a fifty dollar government savings bond to new born babies of members of our association. Prior to this change in policy, flowers and a card were sent to the family. The board feels that the bond is a more appropriate and useful gift.

Brian Silva has left the USGA Green Section and joined the ranks of golf course architects. Look for the new name of Cornish and Silva—Golf Course Architects.

Job Opening

Date: January 26, 1983

Title of Position:

1. Resident Manager/Caretaker
2. Part Time Office Secretary

Course Name & Description:

Four Season Community
Western Massachusetts

Responsibilities:

Overall grounds maintenance
Road maintenance
(very little turf maintenance)

Annual Base Salary: Salary plus housing

Fringe Benefits:

Negotiable & varied depending upon individual needs

Qualifications:

Mature responsible individuals willing to look after needs of this Four Season Residential Community

Send Resumes to:

Charles Baskin
22 Lee St.
Waterbury, CT 06238

Application Deadline Date: ASAP

Responsible To: Board of Directors

Congratulations to **Mike Reeb** who recently became the new Golf Course Superintendent at the Ridgewood Country Club. Mike moved to Ridgewood from the Redding Country Club. **Bill Whitley** has moved on to the Framingham Country Club in Framingham, Massachusetts.

Other clubs that have shown an interest as 1983 meeting sites include: May—Silver Springs Country Club, July—Tumblebrook Country Club, August—Tallwood Country Club, October—Pine Orchard Golf Club. The Superintendent Invitational will be held June 13 at the Hartford Golf Club. Other meeting sites and dates will be in the next issue of *Connecticut Clippings*.

At the time of this printing, **Bob Osterman**, has not officially been elected as GCSAA president. Running unopposed and barring a catastrophic occurrence, he will become president of GCSAA. Congratulations to Bob, in advance, and good luck in his new position. CAGCS is proud of his accomplishments and anticipates strong leadership and an innovative and progressive approach toward helping serve superintendents worldwide. A feature article about Bob will appear in the next issue of *Connecticut Clippings*.

Greg Wojick, Editor

Future Happenings

March 1-3, 1983

UMASS TURF CONFERENCE & SHOW

Springfield Civic Center
Springfield, MA

March 15, 1983

CAGCS MONTHLY MEETING

Jacoby's Restaurant (Luncheon meeting)
Middletown, CT

March 17, 1983

USGA REGIONAL CONFERENCE

Westchester Country Club
Rye, NY

April 12, 1983

CAGCS MONTHLY MEETING

Black Hall Club
Old Lyme, CT

Questions & Answers

Question: What does it cost to hold a CAGCS board meeting?

Answer: Each member of the board of directors is allowed \$10.00 toward the cost of his meal at each board meeting. There are ten board members and ten meetings per year. The budgeted amount for board meetings, therefore, is \$1000.00 annually. The meetings are held at the Hawthorne Inn restaurant in Berlin, CT.

If you have a question that you would like answered in *Connecticut Clippings* send it to:

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