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Awards were bountiful for local associations at Conference & Show in Orlando

Every year the GCSAA Conference & Show gets better and better—from the golf tournament to the educational opportunities and seminars to the trade show.

The GCSAA Board of Directors and staff personnel should be commended on putting together such a first rate and professional conference.

It's always great to see friends

from our association along with friends from other associations and be



able to relax and have a little fun.

Pictured here are CAGCS members enjoying the hospitality suite which we co-sponsored with our fellow

northeastern associations. Pictured in the front row (l-r) are Cindy Johnson, Sherry Pierson, Debbie & Al Adaskaveg; back row (l-r) Peter Pierson, Anthony Grosso, Dan Rackliffe, Bob Silva, Paul Sabino, Bruce Morse & Steve Rackliffe.

Awards were bountiful for our local associations with CAGCS honorary

member Dr. Noel Jackson receiving the USGA Green Section "Man of the Year" Award; CAGCS life member, Charles Baskin, CGCS, received the Scotts Tradition of Excellence Award (see related article on page 4) and our friend and very well respected superintendent from Rhode Island, Tony Caranci, receiving the GCSAA Distinguished Service Award.

Congratulations to Michael Wallace, CGCS, on his reelection for

GCSAA director. Mike was defeated for the Secretary/Treasurer position but bounced right back after being nominated from the floor and winning one

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July 26, 1999
Ellington Ridge CC

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President's message

Anthony Gross, CAGCS President

The winter of 1999 seems to be following the same pattern as 1998, with our coldest temperatures and only significant snowfalls in March, after a very mild and snow-free winter.

Visions of getting an early start to clean up and an early opening date will have to wait until another year.

The last five or six weeks have been very busy ones, starting with the GCSAA Conference & Show in Orlando.

We were back from the National just long enough to catch our breath before the New England Regional Turfgrass Conference & Show (NERTCS) opened in Providence, RI. The second annual NERTCS took up right where last

year's show left off.

Pictured here is Tony Caranci cutting the ribbon at the opening ceremony along with Gary Sykes (center)



The NERTCS has quickly become known as one of the best regional conferences in the country. This year we had over 350 booths and over 2,100 attendees, which is about a 20% increase over last year.

Putting on a show the size and quality of the NERTCS is an incredible undertaking.

I would like to thank David Rosenberg, our marketing and events show director, and his staff for doing another outstanding job with the show. I would also like to recognize the NERTCS Board of Directors for all of the time and effort required all year long in order for the show to be a success.

Finally, I would like to personally thank the companies who sponsored the NERTCS. Without their contributions, the show could not be as successful as it has been. It's nice to see these companies giving back to the turf industry.

Next year's New England Regional Turfgrass Conference & Show is scheduled for March 6-9, 2000

Pictured left is David Basconi, D & S, title sponsor of our morning refreshments. David also serves on the Newsletter Committee.

and James Conant (right) President and Secretary, respectively, of the New England Foundation.



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**August 29-30
Two-Day Workshop
Rutgers' Cook College Campus**

The purpose of this two-day workshop is to provide comprehensive information on insecticidal nematode biology and life history, appropriate choice of nematode species, factors affecting field efficacy, storage and handling, and field application methods, etc.

The workshop will include a classroom session, a hands-on laboratory session, and a field demonstration session.

Speakers for this workshop will include leading research and extension faculty from land-grant universities, USDA, and private industry.

The workshop is limited to 75 participants. Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis and is \$150 which covers lunch, dinner, and breaks during the workshop.

A block of rooms has been reserved for the nights of Aug. 28 & 29 at the University Inn and Conference Center located on the Cook College campus at the rate of \$65 per night.

For further information, please call Dr. Sridhar Polavarapu, Workshop Coordinator (609/726-1590 ext. 12) or Keith Wilson at the Continuing Professional Education, Cook College (732/932-9271 ext. 617).

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of the three open positions.

Tim O'Neill, CGCS, superintendent at the Country Club of Darien, should be proud of a well-run campaign, but lost a very close election on his first attempt to serve as a GCSAA director.

David W. Fearis, CGCS, was elected GCSAA president; selected as vice president was R. Scott Woodhead, CGCS. Tommy D. Witt, CGCS, was



chosen as secretary/treasurer.

Samuel R. Snyder VII, CGCS, was also chosen to serve another term on the board. New to the board of directors is Mark Woodward, CGCS.

Ken Mangum, CGCS, and Jon Maddern, CGCS, both have one year left on their two-year terms and will continue to serve on the board.



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**Torrington Country Club
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On behalf of myself, the Board of Directors and membership of the Torrington Country Club, and Kyle and Emilie Miasek, I thank the CAGCS Board of Directors for their donation to the Emilie Miasek Fund. I also wish to again thank the individual CAGCS members who contributed to the fund.

The response of the board and members has proven once again that our organization is made up of compassionate and generous individuals who will reach out in times of tragedy to help the people who stand behind the game of golf. I am proud to be associated with the Connecticut Association of Golf Course Superintendents.

Sincerely,
Edward M. Goodhouse,
Golf Course Superintendent
Torrington Country Club



Charles Baskin, CGCS, receives Scotts Tradition of Excellence Award

them are now recognized leaders within the profession.

He has also been a guest lecturer at turfgrass management programs and has served on the State of Connecticut Advisory Committee for Higher Education. Throughout his career, Baskin has published articles

in several trade publications and has given presentations at GCSAA conferences and PGA Business Schools. He was recognized for his contribution to the industry by his election to the Connecticut Golf Hall of Fame.

Environment issues have long been a concern of Baskin. Thirty years ago, he presented a paper at Yale University on the role of the golf course and our management practices as they related

to the environment. Since then, he has continued to write and speak on the subject both on the local and national level.

Selection for the peer-nominated Scotts Tradition of Excellence Award was based on several criteria: teaching and mentoring experience; leadership; environmental responsibility; research and innovation in cultural or management practices; and professional involvement.

The selection committee was composed of officers of the GCSAA and John Johnson, vice president of sales for The Scotts Company's Professional Business Group.

Charlie has been a member of CAGCS for 36 years, served as president in 1970 and 1971, and was the recipient of the CAGCS Superintendent of the Year Award in 1985.

Charles Baskin, CGCS (pictured above) was named recipient of the sixth annual peer-nominated Scotts Tradition of Excellence Award at the GCSAA Conference & Show.

This award recognizes outstanding achievements among golf course superintendents who are dedicated to advancing the science of course maintenance and making golf the best it can be.

From 1962 until his retirement in 1993, Baskin was the superintendent at the Country Club of Waterbury. He spent the majority of his professional career at Waterbury where he earned the reputation for having an excellently maintained golf course. Many maintenance procedures developed by Baskin were innovations that later became accepted procedures for quality maintenance within the industry.

Since his retirement, Baskin has been active as a consultant in the fields of golf course, park and recreational management. In addition, he has served in the judicial system as an expert in safety and environmental issues.

Charlie has always had a great desire to help others develop their skills and knowledge base. He served as a teacher and mentor to more than a dozen golf course superintendents and several of

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Purdue University, August 26, 1998

Putting doesn't pollute, research finds

by Steve Tally, Purdue University News Service

Some of the most common chemicals used on golf courses -- fungicides applied to golf greens -- do not pass into surface water runoff or leach into groundwater, researchers said at the 1998 American Chemical Society meeting in Boston, MA.

Ronald Turco, professor of agronomy and director of Purdue University's Environmental Sciences and Engineering Institute, says that four years of research on fungicides at Purdue have found that fungicides do not present a problem to the environment if they are applied according to the manufacturer's recommendations.

Turco says that it is the unnatural state of the grass on the putting green that creates the need for frequent fungi-

cide application. "Homeowners don't need fungicides," he says. "They're expensive, and the need is not there in taller grass. It's only when you start to cut grass to the short height that putting requires that you have to apply fungicides."

Fungicides make up less than 10% of all the pesticides used in the United States. Although they are used on many types of plants, including vegetables and fruits, they most often are used on golf courses. A 1993 study of golf courses in Iowa found that in one season, 54,000 pounds of the active ingredient of a particular fungicide were applied.

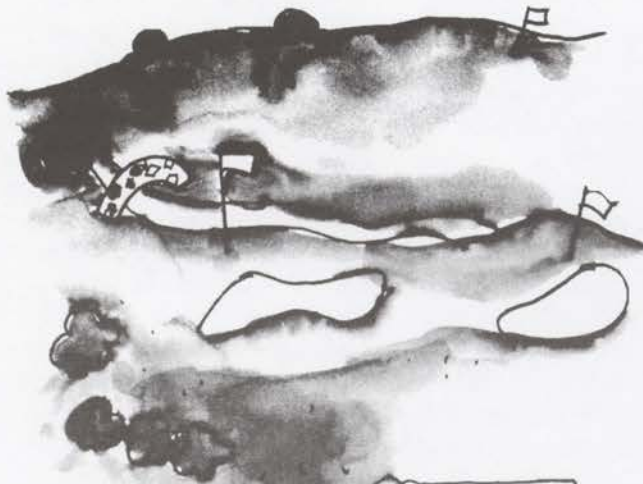
"That's what we have to do to get grass to grow at only one-eighth of an

inch in height," Turco says. "In most years fungicides are only used on greens and tee boxes. These chemicals aren't cheap. They're much more expensive than herbicides."

Such heavy use in a small area led to concerns that the fungicides might run off into surface water or seep into the ground water. Prompted by these concerns, the USGA asked Purdue researchers to study the fate of fungicides applied to turf, and funded the research.

In a series of experiments, both in the laboratory and out in the field, Turco and colleague Clark Throssell, a professor of agronomy, examined where the fungicides went before they

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Twenty Years Ago

In April, 1979, Robert Osterman, CGCS, was serving his second year as CAGCS president. At the same time, our association was celebrating its 50th anniversary. With the bringing in of our 1999 season and our 70th year of existence, it just seems an appropriate time to reflect back on our history and ideals, as they remain the same today.

Since Bob wrote this president's message, he went on to serve on the GCSAA Board of Directors and eventually serving as GCSAA president in 1983.

Membership in CAGCS now totals 320 and it is with pleasure and pride that women have joined our forces.

President's Message
by Robert Osterman, CGCS
CAGCS President 1978-1979

Not only does a new season begin for CAGCS, but also a milestone in a profession.

Fifty years ago a small group of men gathered together to form an

organization that is now known as the Connecticut Association of Golf Course Superintendents, Inc. Their goal was a simple one—that of meeting on occasion to discuss their common interests and perhaps move the profession of “greenskeeping” forward.

There were few educational institutions available to teach these men the basics of their profession. Their work was strictly on a “trial and error” basis. Their equipment left much to be desired. They worked from sunup to sundown for wages that were among the lowest of any profession.

From this handful of men, CAGCS has grown to nearly 200 members—men who have the same dedication to their profession. However, many other things have changed. There are educational institutions around the world devoted to Turf Management. Our work is no longer a “trial and error” experience. It is highly technical, and includes much more than just the growing of turf. The last few years, superintendents are being compensated for their knowledge, capabilities and

responsibilities. The wages are reflecting the recognition that those first superintendents of fifty years ago started to build on.

Today, we have what I feel is one of the best local associations going. Our growth and maturity reflects in the membership. We are getting more and more members at our monthly meetings. Our educational programs at these meetings are outstanding. Membership participation on committees is at an all time high, with more information coming out of committee than ever before.

There are several outstanding courses scheduled for our monthly meetings this year. Come and participate in golf and the meeting. If you don't play golf, come and walk around the course before the meeting and dinner. This is a special year for our association. Participate, get involved in the activities we have scheduled to celebrate this Golden Anniversary of CAGCS. The majority of us probably won't be here at the end of the next fifty years.

It is a special year for special people who do a special job. So try to make a special effort to attend the association meetings. It is only through membership participation can we continue to grow, achieve, contribute and perhaps leave a little more than we found.

I am convinced that the superintendents of Connecticut will not only meet the challenges of this coming season, but the seasons of the next fifty years as well, if not better than the last fifty.

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1999 Golf Sites & Superintendent Profiles

Tuesday, April 20	Pequabuck Golf Club	Pequabuck, CT
Tuesday, May 11	Watertown Golf Club	Watertown, CT
Tuesday, June 22	Grassy Hill Country Club	Orange, CT
July	TBA <i>Invitational</i>	
Wednesday, August 4	Tunxis Plantation Country Club	Farmington, CT
Monday, September 27	Pautipaug Country Club	Baltic, CT
Monday, October 4	Clinton Country Club <i>Scholarship & Research Tournament</i>	Clinton, CT
Tuesday, October 19	Oak Lane Country Club	Woodbridge, CT
Monday, November 8	Old Lyme Country Club <i>Annual Meeting</i>	Old Lyme, CT

Pequabuck Golf Club

Tuesday, April 20, 1999

Superintendent: Peter Pierson

Asst. Superintendent: Bob Douglas

PGA Professional: Richard Toner

Kitchen Manager: Dine Kevatkis



CAGCS begins the year with a golf meeting at Pequabuck Golf Club. The club was founded in 1902 and was a 13 green, 18 tee course. In the fifties, the course was redesigned by Geoffrey Cornish. This par 69 course is a good test of golf. The signature hole is the tenth, a long par 3 with water along both sides. Holes ten and eleven were on Bruce Berlett's "Best 18 Holes" on public courses in Connecticut.

Peter has been on a drill and fill program on the 8th green for the last three years. A new maintenance building was built in 1994. He has also set up a five- year equipment replacement program.

Peter got his start in the golf business when he was fourteen, working for Eddie Anderson at the Edgewood Golf Club. Edgewood was originally the Middletown Golf Club which had a history of financial troubles. Peter's father, Andrew, acquired the course in 1949 by paying off its debts. Andrew had a full-time rose business so his involvement at the course was limited. Peter attended Clemson University, majoring in Ornamental Horticulture. Upon graduation Peter served with the 1st Infantry, The Big Red One, in Vietnam. He then worked for his father in the rose business for eight years. In 1978, along with his brothers and mother, Peter bought out his father's interest in Edgewood Golf Club and began to work there as superintendent. Pete Dye was looking for a new venue for the GHO in 1980 and found the sandy soil drainage there advantageous for a Tournament course. The PGA Tour purchased the course shortly after and it became The Tournament Players Club at River Highlands.

Peter and his wife Sherry, a part-time secretary for their church, make their home in Cromwell. It is shared with their pet dog, Aubrey. They have two grown children, both living in North Carolina. Tad, a salesman with Mizuno, and Kimberly, the horticulturist at Meyer Park CC. Peter's hobbies include golf, yard maintenance, and learning to use the computer.

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	OUT	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	IN	TOT
Par	4	4	5	3	4	3	5	3	4	35	3	4	4	4	4	4	3	4	4	34	69
Blue 70.2/116	294	435	515	181	330	169	510	183	386	3003	198	410	407	345	425	380	164	341	342	3012	6015
White 68.7/115	286	424	470	169	322	155	465	174	371	2836	190	406	377	329	401	337	155	328	333	2856	5692
Red 70.3/118	278	413	410	159	314	132	432	165	365	2659	182	410	348	320	402	324	146	273	324	2729	5388
Hdcp	14	2	6	18	12	16	4	10	8		9	1	5	13	3	11	17	7	15		

Watertown Golf Club

Tuesday, May 11, 1999

Superintendent: Bob Viera

Asst. Superintendent: Doug Cooper

PGA Professional: Mike Carney

Manager: John Dominello



Bob is beginning his 40th year as a golf course superintendent. Like many, he began working around a golf course at age 14 when Buster Brown and a couple others revived the New Bedford Public Links in Massachusetts where Bob worked after school and on weekends. Upon high school graduation, Bob enlisted in the Army and was in the 6th Army Ordinance, a mechanical branch of the Army. Bob used these skills to help others such as Bill Dest when he needed a special mower created to cut the turf plots at UCONN. Because of his service in the Army, Bob attended UMASS on the G.I. Bill, receiving his two-year degree in 1958.

Bob's wife of 42 years, Betty, has been a part of his life at the course as well as off. Before she retired after working with Bob for 23 years, Betty mowed greens, serviced and adjusted the mowers and taught new employees to mow. When not working, Bob and Betty enjoy playing the game of golf.

Watertown Golf Club was built in 1915 as a 9-hole course. Over the years it has changed from its original 9 holes to 27 holes and now its 18-hole layout. The original architect is unknown but Geoffrey Cornish is working with the club on updates. Eight holes have been redesigned with new bunkers, mounding, and tees. A new wall surrounds the first tee. The signature hole is number 12, a par 4 which has 5 new bunkers and water running through the fairway. The course restorations are ongoing. A new maintenance facility is in the plans this year. A trip to the present maintenance facility is a walk down memory lane. Bob and crew keep a 1950 Dodge truck in working order, along with mowers and turf equipment from the past.

Bob served on the CAGCS Board for 15 years, serving as President in 1972-73. He was on the committee that started the Scholarship & Research Tournament. In 1984 Bob was the recipient of the Superintendent of the Year Award.

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	OUT	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	IN	TOT
Par	5	4	4	3	4	4	5	4	3	36	4	4	4	4	3	3	5	4	4	35	71
Blue 72.6/136	490	421	384	190	355	447	552	445	219	3502	386	414	385	418	205	162	504	355	377	3186	6689
White 70.8/132	463	418	366	164	322	406	518	390	198	3245	368	388	335	405	185	150	496	331	358	3016	6261
Red 73.1/124	448	408	290	142	302	360	402	320	154	2826	346	362	269	340	155	138	441	327	353	2731	5557
Hdcp	11	3	13	17	9	7	1	5	15		6	4	8	2	16	18	12	14	10		

Grassy Hill Country Club

Tuesday, June 22, 1999

Superintendent: Tim Gerzabek

Asst. Superintendent: Paul Landolfi

PGA Professional: Bill Mackedon

Club House Manager: Dave Quigley



The June meeting will be held at Grassy Hill CC. The course, originally called Wepawaug CC, was built in 1927 as a 9-hole course from a squash seed nursery. It increased to 13 holes and then in 1950 to 18 holes when the property across the street was purchased. The course was private until 1990 and had changed hands twice until Jan Companies bought it in 1994. Nick Janikies is the primary owner of the Company which owns Norton CC (MA) and Quidnesset CC (RI) along with numerous Burger Kings. The Clubhouse was remodeled a year ago and is busy with weddings and other functions, hosting 100 weddings last year.

The signature hole is the sixth, a long par 3 uphill to a small severely sloped green. The landing areas are relatively flat and the greens are small with subtle breaks. The total area of the greens is two acres which will make accuracy a premium.

Tim attended Ohio State University, majoring in Industrial Design. He played on the hockey team one year and coached the club team another. While in Ohio, Tim worked at Muirfield Village and the Scioto CC. Upon returning to Connecticut, Tim worked for Les Kennedy, Jr., CGCS, at Oak Lane CC and Ward Weischet, CGCS, at Pilgrim Harbour. Tim attended the 1991 UMASS Winter School. He's been the superintendent at Grassy Hill since 1993.

His wife Cheri, a travel agent, and their two daughters Olivia, 4, and Grace Lynn, 6 months, live in New Haven. Tim and Cheri enjoy Ohio State Football games, their yearly pilgrimage to Greatwoods for the Jimmy Buffet Concert along with spending time with their daughters. Tim also enjoys playing hockey and golf.

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	OUT	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	IN	TOT
Par	4	4	3	4	5	3	4	4	5	36	3	4	4	3	4	4	5	3	4	34	70
Blue ^{70.5/122}	395	429	170	314	607	153	382	374	444	3268	213	397	285	185	330	428	504	171	337	2850	6118
White ^{69.4/119}	385	410	158	301	563	145	363	360	432	3117	169	384	277	175	319	421	496	165	326	2732	5849
Red ^{71.1/118}	366	395	151	292	464	112	354	256	395	2785	148	330	265	169	306	324	407	159	316	2424	5209
Hdcp	7	1	17	15	3	9	11	5	13		12	4	16	10	14	2	8	18	6		

Tunxis Plantation Country Club

Wednesday, August 4, 1999

Superintendent: Charles Babcock

Asst. Superintendents: James Bonini, Pablo Feliciano

PGA Professional & Gen. Manager: Lou Pandolfi

Food and Beverage Manager: Megan McArdle



Charlie Babcock will be the host for our August Meeting. He has been the superintendent at Tunxis Plantation CC for 17 years and has been a part of the course growing from 27 to 45 holes.

Charlie is originally from Webster, MA and worked at Pleasant Valley CC during his senior year in high school and during breaks from Lester Junior College (now Becker Jr. Coll.). While working there, he was part of a PGA Tournament Maintenance crew. Charlie attended Stockbridge for two years graduating in 1974. His placement work was at New Canaan CC for Bob Capstick. Charlie began working at Tunxis after graduation for Charlie Miller until 1982 when he took over as superintendent.

Charlie lives in Canton with his wife, Nancy, a case Manager for Met Disability, and their two sons Thomas 17 and Stephen, 15. Charlie and Nancy are active at their church. He also enjoys golf with Stephen, home projects and the New England Patriots.

Tunxis Plantation CC is owned by the Tomasso Brothers; Paul Tomasso, President. The original 18 holes was built in 1962, designed by Al Zikoris. Nine holes were added in 1965, nine more (white course) in 1985 and the last 9 (Green Course) in 1995. We will be playing the Green Course it is a shot makers course. The White Course, 18 holes, is longer and considered a harder course. The 12th on that course is the signature hole. It's a par 4 winding along water to an elevated green with subtle slopes. The Red Course, 9 holes, is a mixture of the other two. Seventeen fountains add a nice touch to the water hazards. Charlie and crew are in the process of installing a new double row Toro irrigation system.

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	OUT	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	IN	TOT
Par	4	5	4	4	3	4	4	3	4	35	4	4	3	4	4	4	4	5	3	35	70
Blue 70/120	380	528	375	370	205	440	345	180	350	3173	365	360	194	406	385	325	424	512	210	3181	6354
White 68.1/117	363	501	354	357	188	434	333	166	335	3031	348	345	165	373	342	291	397	481	185	2927	5958
Red 71.0/115	305	464	275	242	150	379	285	140	290	2530	272	262	136	320	299	257	279	450	78	2353	4883
Hdcp	5	1	9	7	11	3	15	17	13		12	14	18	10	6	16	2	4	8		

Pautipaug Country Club

Monday September 27, 1999

Superintendent: Anthony Grosso

Asst. Superintendent: Bob Decker

PGA Professional: Mike Svab



The third time's a charm, or at least we hope so when President Anthony Grosso tries for the third time to host a monthly meeting. Pautipaug is a Geoffrey Cornish layout that was built in 1960 for just under \$100,000. Anthony describes the course as a typical Cornish layout. The par of 72 with a slope of 122 gives little indication that this 6,400 yard layout will be a challenge. There isn't a signature hole, but the 18th is one to remember. This 503 yard par 5 is slightly uphill with water on both sides of the fairway. You won't find a flat green on the course, so below the hole is recommended for a two putt.

Anthony has been the superintendent at Pautipaug for six years. He got started in the turf business during high school working at Oronoque CC for Eric Johnson. He went on to get a BS in Education from American University. Anthony spent eight years coaching college football (defensive linebackers) at Cornell, Ithaca and the Merchant Marine Academy. He returned to college for a two-year turf degree from Wisconsin and was an assistant to Monroe Miller at Black Hawk CC in Wisconsin. Anthony was assistant to Bob Osterman at the Connecticut Golf Club and Paul Sabino at The Farms upon returning to Connecticut, before taking his current position.

Anthony's family, wife Kathy, an economics professor at UCONN, and children, Matt and Mallory, live on the course. Anthony enjoys running, hunting and spending time with his family. He has served on the board of directors for six years.

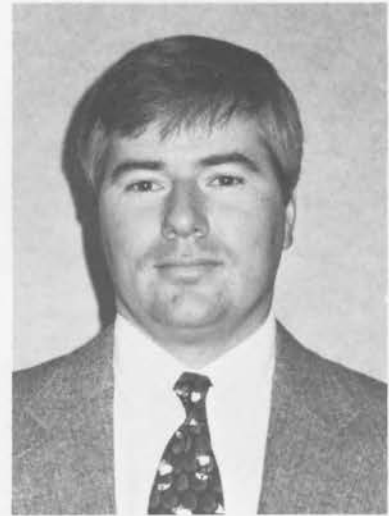
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Par	4	4	4	3	5	4	5	3	4	36	3	4	4	5	4	4	3	4	5	36	72
Blue 72.0/125	409	344	414	196	525	400	462	182	432	3364	186	413	372	495	420	356	153	398	534	3327	6691
White 70.6/122	398	332	404	185	460	380	443	169	422	3193	169	394	362	476	413	342	143	387	503	3189	6382
Red 73.9/130	381	320	392	170	421	323	319	155	409	2890	142	316	350	402	395	327	130	376	436	2874	5764
Hdcp	5	15	3	11	17	7	9	13	1		16	2	14	10	6	8	18	12	4		

Clinton Country Club

Monday, October 4, 1999

Scholarship & Research Tournament

Superintendent: Mike Decker
Asst. Superintendent: Rick Negralle
PGA Professional: Kris Smith
Restaurant Manager: Rick Trahan



The Scholarship and Research Tournament will bring us to the Clinton CC. This tree-lined par 72 layout will give all golfers a challenge. The teeing system has been revamped to speed up play, and the men will be playing the blue tees for the S & R. A few holes have been changed since we've played it last, one being the fourth hole, originally a 178 yd. par three has been lengthened to 208 yards.

The course was built in two stages beginning in 1957 when the club sold its clubhouse on the shore and bought the property where the back nine is today. Geoffrey Cornish designed the first nine holes, with the assistance of Al Zikoris. In 1965 the second nine was constructed from farmland bought from a neighbor. The back nine greens are smaller and more pitched than the front. There are many integral holes on the course which can make or break a match. A new maintenance facility is in the works along with a new driving range.

Mike, a native of Lenox, MA, received a Turf Management Degree from North Carolina State University in 1987. During summer breaks, he worked at the 18 hole course of the Cranwell Resort and Conference Center where he eventually became the assistant for two years. In 1989, he came to Clinton CC and worked as assistant to John Halibozek until 1992.

Mike lives in Durham with wife, Debbie, and son, Michael (2 1/2 yrs. old). Debbie is an executive secretary for Ernst and Young. When not working Mike enjoys golf, spending time with his family, fishing and hunting.

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	OUT	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	IN	TOT
Par	4	4	5	3	4	3	4	4	5	36	4	5	4	3	5	4	4	3	4	36	72
Blue 70.4/1	317	416	475	162	371	150	427	369	516	3203	323	459	358	164	490	342	370	155	368	3029	6232
White 68.9/130	307	406	460	162	356	140	397	353	461	3042	316	450	330	155	463	322	345	137	353	2871	5913
Red 71.5/126	297	396	411	150	344	128	359	326	451	2862	309	420	290	143	401	307	327	120	307	2624	5486
Hdcp	15	3	11	13	5	17	1	9	7		16	4	10	18	8	14	2	12	6		

Oak Lane Country Club

Tuesday, October 19, 1999

Superintendent: Larry Dodge

Asst. Superintendent: Chris Mikita

PGA Professional: George Estabrook

Manager: Alex Satmary



The October meeting of CAGCS will take place at Oak Lane CC. This is a Geoffrey Cornish design course built in 1960 on what was the Soranson Dairy Farm. There is not much water but the 83 bunkers give good reason to hit the ball accurately. The club has eight tennis courts of which two are enclosed under a bubble in the winter and two pools. The course encompasses 200 acres and begins with the signature hole, a uphill dogleg par 5. Larry has a springer spaniel, Sam, who keeps the geese off the course. There is also a large population of wild turkey and a few coyote.

Larry is originally from Hadley, Mass. His father was a Dairy Farmer and Larry always enjoyed being outside helping him. Golf came into the picture when he was 13 years old as he began caddying at Hickory Ridge CC with John Gallagher (Racebrook CC). Larry used to give John 9 shots a side...but not anymore.

Larry went to UMASS achieving his associates in 1976. He did his placement, and became assistant after graduation, at Canoebrook CC in New Jersey for Skip Cameron. His first superintendent job was at a 9-hole course in Madison, NJ. From there Larry went on to Navesink CC, an 18 hole private course, which was an LPGA Tournament Site. He found it to be an enjoyable experience. Larry then became the superintendent at Essex Falls CC for seven years before coming to Oak Lane CC. Larry is a member of the Met and New Jersey Superintendents Associations, where he served on the board.

Larry's wife, Melissa, is a school nurse. They have two boys, Christopher, 16, and Gregory, 13 years old. Larry's hobbies are fresh water fishing, playing hockey and following the N.J. Devils hockey team.

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	OUT	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	IN	TOT
Par	5	4	4	3	4	3	4	4	5	36	4	3	4	4	5	3	4	5	4	36	
Blue 72.9/125	570	400	425	140	400	195	350	355	490	3325	450	190	320	350	510	155	430	490	460	3355	6680
White 71.3/121	515	385	410	130	335	180	335	340	475	3105	440	180	310	340	505	135	400	470	445	3225	6330
Red 74.4/133	510	350	400	105	310	165	320	325	400	2885	355	170	280	310	400	125	370	435	440	2885	5770
Hdcp	1	9/7	3	17	7/9	15	11	13	5		2	10	14	16	6	18	8	12	4		

Old Lyme Country Club

Monday, November 8, 1999

Superintendent: Brian Skelly

Asst. Superintendents: Mark Muhlack, Roy Kelsey

PGA Professional: Rob Barbeau

Food Manager: Susan King



The CAGCS Annual Meeting will be held at the Old Lyme CC. Vice President, Brian Skelly, the superintendent and facility manager, will be our host. Brian has been the superintendent there for 14 years.

Brian got started in the business when he was attending Sacred Heart University. He worked at the Connecticut Golf Club, formerly known as GC of Aspetuck, for Bob Osterman one summer, resulting in Brian staying for seven years. He attended UMASS Winter School in 1975 and went to work as assistant to Paul Ladzinski, Jr. when Tashua Knolls GC opened. In 1982, Brian became the superintendent at Pequabuck GC until 1986 when he came to the Old Lyme CC.

Old Lyme CC was built in 1916. All nine holes were on the property surrounding the clubhouse in the beginning. In 1970, the land across the road was acquired, holes 4, 5, & 6 were added, and the course redesigned. There have been a few changes since we have played here last. The par 3 third hole has a new tee. The pond in front of the second tee has been enlarged, tripling the water capacity, and a fountain installed. The hollow in the 6th fairway is filled in and there are new R.R. tie cart paths. A new irrigation system for the holes across the street is planned for this fall. The second is the signature hole. It begins with a tee shot over the pond to an uphill par 4. There are many blind shots on the course, so it is a good idea to check the card before you hit and trust the yardage.

Brian and his wife of 25 years, Mary, live in Old Lyme. They have two sons; Eric is senior in college and Shawn is a sophomore in high school. Mary works for the State Education System as a Social Studies Advisor for VoTech Schools, after being a teacher for many years. They enjoy boating, fishing, and skiing. Brian has served on the CAGCS Board of Directors for 10 years and held many offices, the most difficult he stated is being Education Chairman because getting courses for meeting sites is difficult.

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	OUT	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	IN	TOT
Par	4	4	3	4	4	5	3	4	4	35	4	4	3	4	4	4	3	4	4	34	69
Blue	330	370	112	304	298	467	163	439	330	2813	334	381	117	322	325	386	179	400	375	2810	5632
White																					
Red	330	342	112	304	298	467	163	439	330	2785	325	305	101	299	222	381	156	405	270	2646	5249
Hdcp	7	1	17	13	11	5	15	3	9		10	4	18	14	12	8	16	6	2		

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Dogs of summer

Sam is pictured here with his faithful owner, Dick Cook. Dick was unusually quiet during the interview, but Sam told us about daily early morning trips to the beach, hanging out at the driving range at Cherrystones and visiting with Phil Neaton and the crew at the Black Hall Club.



Sam enjoys rides in the car with Dick and his wife, Pat; but, most of all, he enjoys his easy chair to watch TV.

It looks a little crowded when Dick wants to sit in the chair, too.

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April 20
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Pequabuck Golf Club
Peter Pierson, Superintendent

May 11
CAGCS Monthly Meeting
Watertown Golf Club
Robert Viera, Superintendent

June 22
CAGCS Monthly Meeting
Grassy Hill Country Club
Tim Gerzabek, Superintendent

Keep the enclosed insert to remind you of our meeting schedule. Meet your host superintendents and get an advance look at their golf courses to learn what is ahead of you prior to the meeting. Many thanks to Heather Garvin and Ron Holcomb for their hard work in preparing these profiles.

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"From there the plant degrades the chemicals internally," Turco says. The 10% of the fungicide that does not get absorbed by the grass leaf blade is caught up in the thatch layer, which is a narrow band of organic material on top of the soil.

"The thatch layer is a great binding agent," Turco says. "We've never seen

any of the fungicides leaching out of the thatch layer. The fungicides get hung up before they reach the soil."

It is the chemical makeup of the fungicides themselves that causes this to happen: "They are large, sticky molecules. In the laboratory, we had to take great caution not to lose them on liners and on our equipment," he says.

Besides the extremely short height of the grass on putting greens, Turco says that there are other golf course management practices that result in heavy chemical use.

"British golf courses do not use nearly the chemicals that our courses use," he says. "British golfers have a higher tolerance for less-than-perfect greens. Theirs are managed a lot less intensively than ours are, plus their

climate is not as conducive to diseases in turf."

Turco says that even the design of American golf courses can lead to increased chemical use: "A lot of golf courses have trees surrounding a green because it looks really nice. But, trees around the green causes air stagnation and allows fungi to develop."

For golf course superintendents who have to manage these unnatural strands of green carpet for demanding customers, fungicides are a great help. "They are one of the few chemicals that you can spray on turf and see a difference within a couple of days," Turco says. "On the other hand, fungi can cause a green to turn brown in eight or nine hours. They can cause great disappointment to paying golfers and, in turn, tremendous stress on a golf course superintendent.

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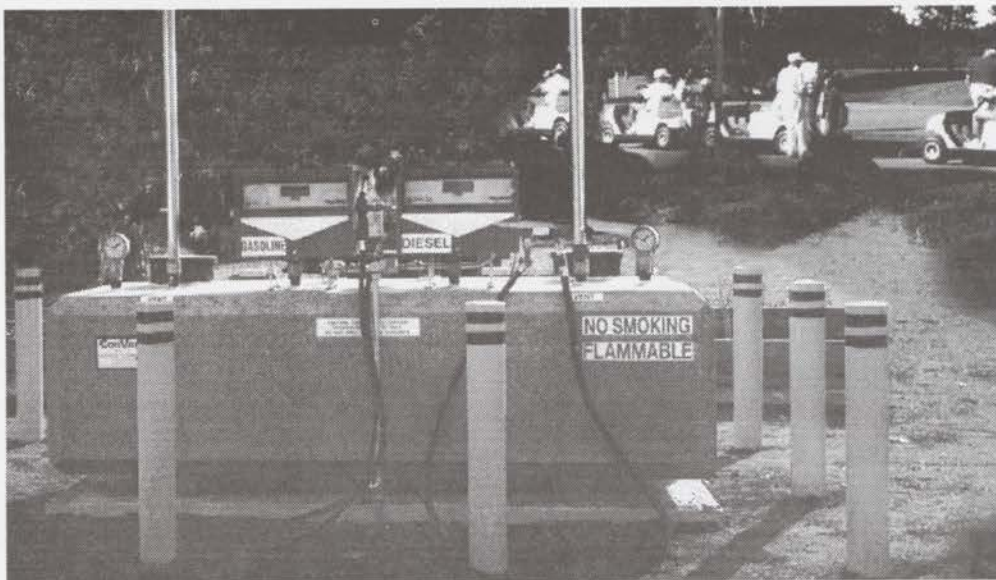
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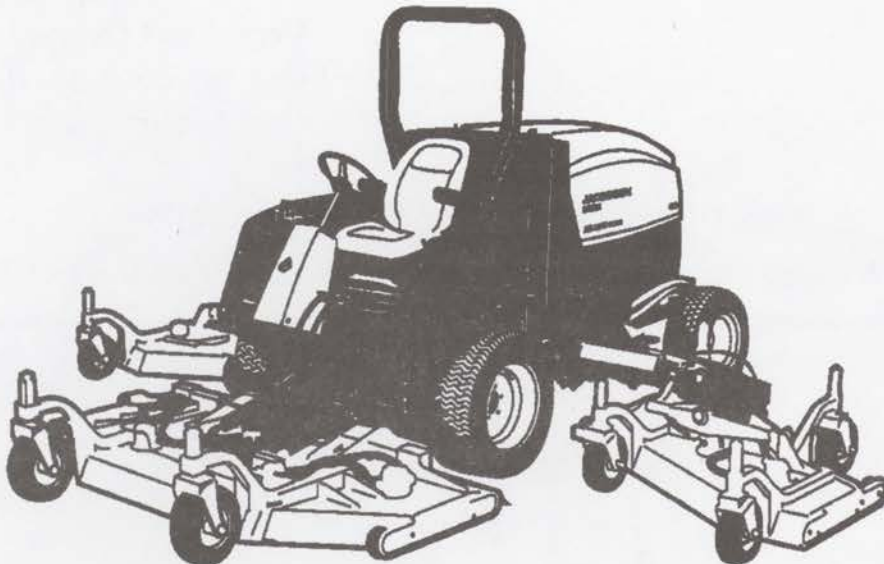
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