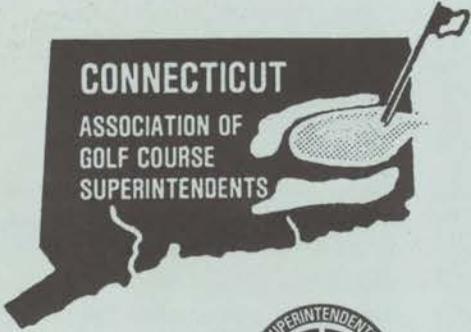


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C A G C S celebrates 70th birthday

This year — 1999 — CAGCS celebrates its 70th birthday.

With the help of articles found in 20-year old issues of the *Connecticut Clippings* by Gerry Finn, an article from the *Newsletter* of the GCSA of New England, and from Steve Cadenelli, CGCS, CAGCS President in 1980 and 1981, the following are great thoughts and excerpts to tell the story of the beginning and direction of CAGCS, as we enter the new millennium.

1929

It all started at the Wethersfield Country Club with seven charter members taking the bull by the horns and trumpeting the formation of the Connecticut Association of

Golf Course Superintendents. That historical gathering put their heads together in February of 1929.

The seven charter members included J.O. Campbell of Wethersfield, J.R. Foster of Manchester, Thornton Gris-

wold of Wampanoag, Otto Nelson of Farmington, Robert Smith of Indian Hill, Joseph Whitehead of Edgewood and George Wellin of Tumble Brook. At the first meeting, Campbell was elected association president.

Actually, the group was an offshoot of the New England Association which had taken its first steps five years before on another February evening in 1924.

1979 Connecticut is "golden"

Tumble Brook Country Club was host of the CAGCS golden anniversary gala celebration.

"It was mostly a matter of logistics," commented the 50th's party master of ceremonies, Charles Baskin. "With



Pictured (L-R) Bob Viera, George Christie, Charlie Baskin, Sr., Fran Fenn, Andy Lund, and Charlie Baskin, Jr.

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President's 1999 Annual Report

by Anthony Grosso

First, I would like to thank John Napier for running the annual meeting in my absence. 1999 was another productive year for CAGCS as we continue to grow both regionally and nationally. CAGCS continues to be in the forefront both regionally and nationally with representation on the Environmental Industry Council (E.I.C.), Tri-State Turf Research Foundation, New England Regional Turfgrass Conference and Show and the GCSAA Board of Directors. We can be very proud of our contributions to the turf industry.

As always, an organization is only as good as the members who volunteer their time to serve as officers and directors and the support staff.

Our support staff of Pauline Streeter (our executive secretary) and Mary Jo Kennedy (our administrative assistant) do an outstanding job of keeping CAGCS running smoothly. In a year of severe weather like we just had,

when we are all going all out just trying to keep our courses alive (with very little or no free time), you realize just how much work gets done in our CAGCS office. I can never thank Pauline and Mary Jo enough for all the help they have given me over the past two years. Thank you!

It's been an honor and a privilege to serve as President of CAGCS over the past two years. During those years I've been blessed with a very dedicated, hard working and professional Board of Directors who worked many hours to make our professional organization better.

Not only do I consider these individuals a credit to our profession and our association; but, more importantly, I consider them my friends.

There are not many professional organizations that have the close professional relationship that golf course superintendents form with others in our industry. I know I could call any member and ask for help or advice with a difficult situation, and I would

receive it, just as I would do if anyone asked me. This is very unique and something we can all be proud of.

At this time I would like to recognize and thank the Board of Directors for all they have done for the association and for me. Each one of the board members has done a tremendous job of helping make this a great association. I am proud to have served as President to such a great group of motivated individuals.

John Napier, Past President
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 John Motycka, Golf
 Dennis Houle, Education
 Dan Rackliffe, S & R
 Wayne Urban, Membership
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 Bob Chalifour, Newsletter Editor
 Owen Regan, Commercial Rep.

In closing, I would like to thank our membership for their support over the past two years and to encourage them to get involved in our association, either at the board level or serve on a committee level, to help keep our association moving forward.

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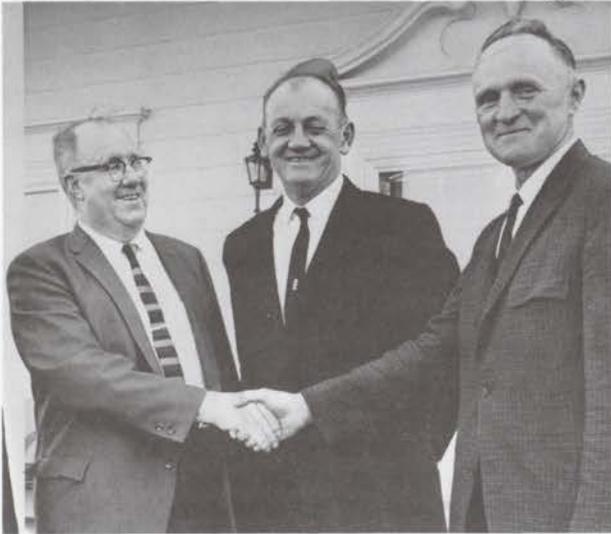
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Happy Birthday, CAGCS!

most of the New England activity centered in the Boston area, it was almost a hardship for the Connecticut boys to make the long trip. Besides, the regionalization move was on at the time."



Pictured (L-R) Charlie Travers, Bill Jazinski, and Ben Kowalski

"What this did was make the organization more compact with purposes, problems and other variables turned into local environment rather than to the general New England scene."

The CAGCS was not unlike the mother New England association in that growth was slow but steady.

Baskin, a past president of CAGCS, perhaps is the most illustrious member of the Connecticut cult in manner of earning of national recognition. He served as president of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America and has been a booster of his own organization in the ensuing years.

"We have been guided by the purpose of the group from the very beginning," Baskin noted. "They were and are the education of the membership, promotion of the profession and improvement of the golf courses in Connecticut through continuing education. "We really do emphasize the educational phase of our association goals and it's paid off."

Unlike some other regional superintendents' groups, the CAGCS is experiencing an increase in organizational participation. "We average anywhere from 60 to 80 members for each of our meetings," Baskin told. "I'd say that's an increase of 30 percent since I joined in 1963.

Being a smaller group than many of the chapters, I think we tend to be a closer group...more of a family. There really is cooperation among the members. I think I've heard of only one unethical episode involving fellow members, I'd say that proves we pull together."

Baskin also revealed a strong call to serve by the younger superintendents of the state. "Our young members appear to appreciate the advan-

tages of belonging to an association like ours more than some of the older people," Baskin disclosed. "They see the need for it and the value of it, and our average age shows such interest. Again, when I first came in, the average age was 50-55. Now, I'd say it's somewhere around 35 and maybe even below that figure."

The celebration dinner-dance was attended by more than 100 who were accorded the royal treatment which is synonymous with the Tumble Brook

management. Host superintendent Dave Stimson did an excellent job in arranging the fete and creating an informal atmosphere.

"As you can see, we have no head table," Stimson advised. "We thought it would be nice to limit the formal limelight to only a few people. What we wanted to effect was the fact that the spotlight belonged to every member, present and past, of our organization. This makes for more time for renewing old friendships and just plain fun."

Also prominent in making an enjoyable night for all were the CAGCS officers who included president Bob Osterman of Aspetuck, Steve Cadenelli of New Canaan, past president Bob Tosh of Rickrimmon, plus directors Bruce Cadenelli, Ken Kelliher, Fred Bachand, Doug Stachura, Dick Cook, Mike Wallace, Charles York and associate director Al Arison.

Among the invited guests were Dick Skogley of the University of Rhode Is-



*National Turf Conference Hospitality Room
Tony Longo, Andy Lentine, Lloyd Russell, Bob Smith, Jerry Vaness, George Moakland, Lee Kowalski, Kay Ovia*

land, Bill Dest of the University of Connecticut, Joe Troll of the University of Massachusetts and New England Golf Course Association president Dean Robertson.

Celebrating fifty years of professional development

by Steve Cadenelli, CGCS

20 years ago

I have taken the liberty of coining the above phrase for I truly believe that it best reflects the real meaning of our celebrating Fifty Years as an organization.

I realize there are those of you who are skeptics and would say that our business has not progressed as it should. You might say that much of the golfing public continues to refer to us as greenskeepers or worse yet as "what's his name down at the barn." And, in some instances you are correct.

Fortunately, these instances are few and as superintendents, both individually and through their professional associations, demonstrate their skills

in business and financial management, public speaking, turf management, and the game of golf itself, our image will improve and our profession will continue to develop.

The past fifty years have seen changes not only in our business, but in the world itself, that are nearly incomprehensible. The determination of those who led CAGCS through these times can only be termed remarkable. Imagine founding any organization in 1929.

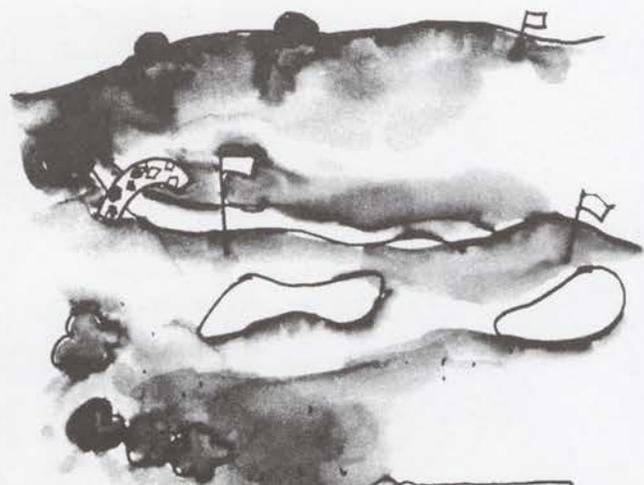
Throughout the years, the initial goal of the founders has remained intact, "to encourage increased knowledge of golf course management and greater professionalism." The chal-

lenge is ours and only through working together with this goal in mind, will our profession continue to develop and pay great dividends.

The calendar for the next couple of months is filled with association events aimed at celebrating our anniversary and promoting our profession.

Schedule as many of the events on your own calendar as possible. Invite guests, especially those within the golfing industry or club members, so that as many as possible might recognize our achievements as a profession.

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Meet Commercial Member - Carl Wallace

By Edward Goodhouse

Back in May, Bob Chalifour asked me to interview commercial members and write up biographical sketches for the newsletter. I agreed to help out.

A few days later, Carl Wallace walked into my maintenance facility on a routine business call and as it turned out I had the time to sit and talk with Carl for a few minutes.

Carl has been calling on Connecticut golf course for a long time. He is a man who knows his business well, and he has always done his utmost to help golf course people. He is always concerned, helpful, and above all friendly.

I first met Carl in 1968 when I was a college student working summers at the Torrington Country Club and he

was a sales representative for the McGovern Company.

By 1968, Carl was a veteran sales representative.

He started his career with the Hubbard Hall Chemical Company in 1962.

At Hubbard Hall he learned the fertilizer and pesticide business. During this period he attended classes at the University of Hartford. In 1964, Carl enlisted in the National Guard, and he served at Fort Jackson. In 1965, Kerr McGee bought Hubbard Hall and Carl became their sales rep for south-east Mass and Rhode Island. In 1968 Carl went to work as an equipment salesman for the McGovern Company.

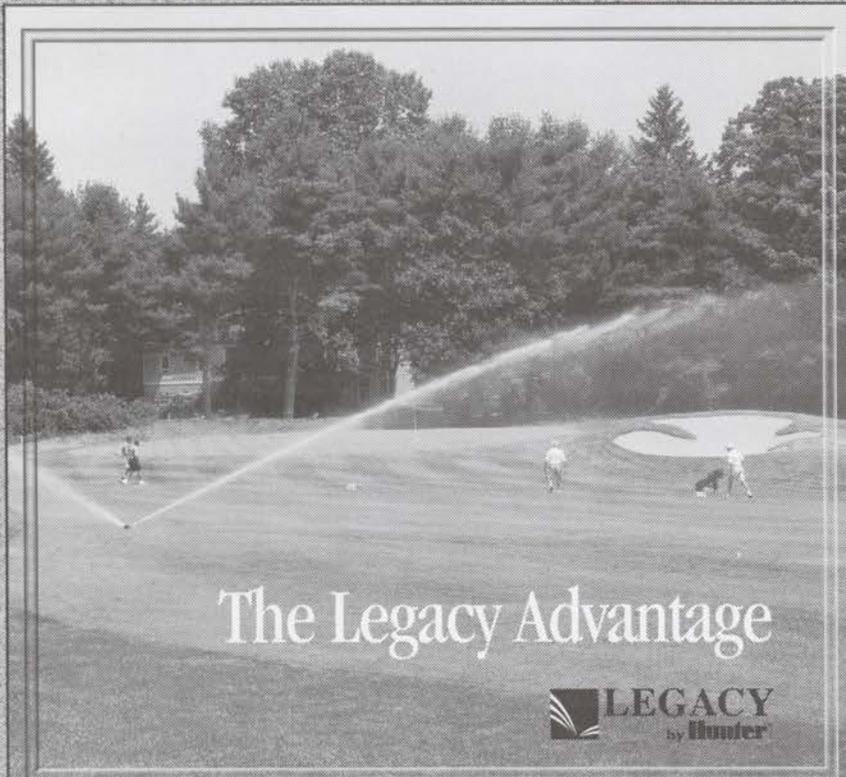
He was with McGovern until 1992 when he went to the Double Eagle

Equipment Company. In 1994 Carl took his present job as Regional Manager for the R. F. Morse Company.

On the more personal side, Carl Wallace grew up in Pawtucket, Rhode Island. His family moved to Middletown, CT, when Carl was 14 and he attended Middletown High School.

Carl and his wife, Mary Ann, now live in Rocky Hill, CT. They love to travel, play the occasional round of golf, and bowl and are particularly fond of Cape Cod.

Carl's son, Brian, is a computer programmer for the Hartford Insurance group, and his daughter, Donna, is a school teacher in Brookfield, CT.



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Annual meeting highlights

Brian Skelly

Elected CAGCS 40th President



On November 8th, the CAGCS membership elected a new slate of officers and directors at its annual meeting which was held at the Old Lyme Country Club. Brian Skelly (pictured above center) was unanimously elected to serve as president. David Alpeter, President of Old Lyme CC, welcomed our association to the club and spoke briefly supporting Brian's presidency.

Jud Smith, Orange Hills CC, (pictured above left) was voted in as Vice President and Dennis Houle, Redding CC, was voted in as Secretary. Les Kennedy, Jr., CGCS, The Blind Brook Club, (pictured above right) was re-elected to serve a second term as Treasurer. Anthony Grosso will stay on the board as immediate past president.

Elected to serve a two-year term on the board were Tim Gerzabek, Grassy Hill CC, Dan Rackliffe, CGCS, Longshore Club Park, and Wayne Urban, Farmingbury Hills CC.

Remaining on the board serving the second of a two-year term are John Motycka, Skungamaug River GC, and Peter Pierson, Pequabuck GC, pictured below right with Skip Deubel, Tuckahoe Turf Farms, Inc., who was unanimously voted commercial representative to the board by the commercial membership.

Wayne Urban, membership chairperson, awarded 10-year pins to Dave Basconi, D & S, and Kimberly Heyl, Fenwick GC; 15-year pins to John Callahan, The Cardinals, Cindy Johnson, Tumble Brook CC, Les Kennedy, Jr., CGCS, The Blind Brook Club, and Scott Ramsay, Tower Ridge CC; 20-year pin to Peter Lund, CGCS, Rhode Island CC; 25-year pins to John Ferry, Turf Products, and Michael Wallace, CGCS, Hop Meadow CC. Any CAGCS member entitled to receive a pin and unable to attend the meeting will receive their pin through the mail.

John Motycka, golf chairperson, awarded the President's Cup to Brian

Pope and the McLaughlin Trophy to Joe Stahl. John announced winners of major championships and trophies as (gross and net respectively for all flights): A Flight - Greg Moore and Ward Weischet; B Flight - Wayne Urban & Anthony Baviello; C Flight - Joe Malay and Bob Silva; Senior Flight - Peter Pierson & Mike McDermott; Commercial Flight - Mike Dukette & Shawn Donovan.

Following the meeting, we hosted our annual 9-Hole Scramble. The 1st Low Gross winners were Sean Moran, Tim Gerzabek, Roy Sibley, Joe Malay. The low net winners were Brian Pope, Mike Decker, John Motycka and Kevin Balocca.




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**Leon Kowalski,
52-year CAGCS
member, passes away**

Leon Kowalski, age 90, born in Bristol, CT, passed away on October 10, 1999 after a lengthy illness. He had been a resident of Cape Coral, FL, since 1982.

Upon his graduation from Stockbridge School, he was the superintendent at the now defunct Alpine Country Club in Fitchburg, MA. Lee then went on to serve during World War II in the first infantry division as first lieutenant. He participated in the Battle of the Bulge where he was awarded the Bronze Star and Purple Heart with oak leaf cluster as well as other citations.

After his stint in the service Lee went to Edgewood Country Club for four years. Then on to Bellevue Country Club in Syracuse, NY. In 1955, Lee began his 27 year tenure at the Country Club of Fairfield. An

avid golfer, Lee enjoyed the thrill with seven holes in one at various courses. Recently he won the club championship at the Executive Club.

Lee saw great value in becoming active within his professional organization. He was active on the Board of Directors of CAGCS and served as President in 1962. Prior to that, Lee was instrumental in organizing the New York State Turfgrass Association and served as President 1954-1955. Lee also served as President of the Club Managers' Association of Connecticut.

When asked what it is that makes a man so successful throughout the test of time, Lee would answer "common sense".

Lee will be buried at Arlington National Cemetery in Washington, DC.

Donations in the name of "Lee" may be made to Hope Hospice, 130 DelPrade Blvd., South, Cape Coral, FL 33990.

**New golf course
development**

National Fairways has received zoning approval for a golf resort to be located in North Stonington, CT near Foxwoods Casino.

Speaking of Foxes, Richard Marks, CGCS, is the new superintendent at Fox Hopyard, an 18-hole course with 53 homesites in East Haddam, CT.

Bill Sandri, owner of Crumpin-Fox Club in Bernardston, MA, and Fox Hollow Golf Course in Newport Richey, FL, has retained the Roger Rulewich Group to build the semi-private course on the 520 acre site.

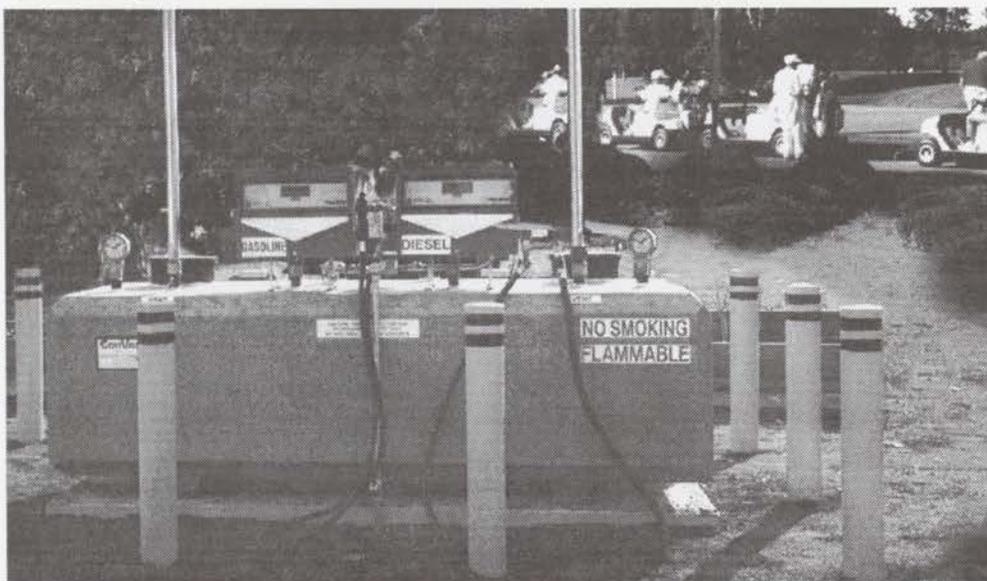
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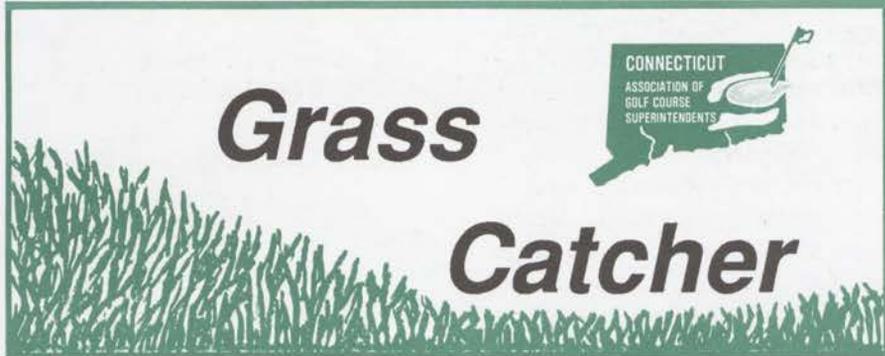
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- Pine Orchard C.C. - Branford
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- Portland Golf Course - Portland
- Quarry Ridge - Portland
- Shuttle Meadow - Kensington
- Silver Springs - Ridgefield
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— On the move —

Bob Alonzi is now at Fenway Golf Club, Scarsdale, NY, previous position Fairview Country Club, Greenwich, CT.

Tim Gerzabek is the new superintendent at Valley Country Club, West Warwick, RI. Tim formerly at Grassy Hill Country Club and recently elected to the board will be relinquishing the position.

Don Grant is presently planning a wedding to his high school sweetheart, Barbara Sweeney, and is moving to Georgia. Congratulations, Don, and good luck

Les Kennedy, Jr., CGCS is the new superintendent at The Blind Brook Club, Purchase, NY, formerly superintendent at The Country Club of Waterbury. Les plans to continue as CAGCS Treasurer.

Sean Moran formerly with Metro Milorganite is now representing Winfield Nurseries.

Congratulations

Tony Girardi, superintendent at Rockrimmon Country Club and his wife, Christine, on the birth of their son, Matthew Anthony, on September 29th.

Daniel Shay, superintendent at Agawam Municipal, was proudly married to Deborah on October 16th.

Gary Sykes, formerly at Green

Valley Country Club, Portsmouth, RI, on his appointment as the Executive Director of the New England Regional Turf Conference.

Winding Brook Turf Farm celebrating there 40th Anniversary

Get well wishes to Pat Cook, wife of Dick Cook, retired superintendent from Hunter Memorial Golf Course.

Condolences

Kathy Grosso, wife of Anthony Grosso, on the passing of her father.

Family of Leon Kowalski, past president of CAGCS in 1962 & 1963. See accompanying article on page 7.

Thank you Bob Viera for the use of your "old pictures"

The Board of Directors of CAGCS would like to wish all members and their families a happy & healthy New Year!

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Kevin DeVaux, Ass't. Supt., Stanley Golf Course



Meet Spanky, an 11-year old gooser extraordinaire and mascot of Stanley Golf Course.

Spanky is part Belgian sheepdog which is where the goose chasing ability comes from. Lord knows I haven't taught him anything.

He has been successful at eradicating geese populations at three different courses. Next to chasing the geese (as well as other indigenous wildlife) Spanky likes nothing better than to bum a ride around the

course on any available golf cart. Throughout the years, Spanky has been a devoted companion and member of the grounds crew who has never once complained about being overworked and/or underpaid.

Monthly meeting golf results

September 27, Pautipaug CC

A Flight

- 1st gross - Dan St.Laurant - 78
- 2nd gross - Walter Wozniak - 79
- 1st net - Brian Pope - 71
- 2nd net - Pete Cuppels - 74

B Flight

- 1st gross - Wayne Urban - 86
- 2nd gross - Dick Cook - 90
- 1st net - Scott Ramsay - 74
- 2nd net - Mike Decker - 75

matching cards with Paul Sabino

C Flight

- 1st gross - Robert Silva - 90
- 2nd gross - Mark Pelkey - 92
- 1st net - Mike Wallace - 69
- 2nd net - Kevin D'Amico

D Flight

- 1st gross - Bruce Morse - 96
- 2nd gross - Anthony Grosso - 100
- 1st net - Joe Stahl - 66
- 2nd net - Kevin Williams - 74

Closest to line #1, Charles Rustici
 Long Drive #18, Chris Mauro, Closest to pin #10, Bob Silva; Closest to pin #16, Kevin D'Amico, Long Putt #4, John Callahan, Long Putt #8, Rick DiBella

October 19, Oak Lane CC

Supt./Asst. Tournament

- Low gross - John Gallagher & Michael Skirkanich
- Low Net - Chris Mauro & Mark Anderson
- 2nd Net - Mark Fuller & Mark Osborn
- 3rd Net - Larry Pakkala & Joe Delauter

Individual - A Flight

- Low Gross, Sean Moran
- Low Net - Paul Graudazzo
- 2nd Net - Jud Smith

B Flight

- Low Gross - Brian Pope
- Low Net - Scott Cheverier
- 2nd Net - Matthew Howland

C Flight

- Low Gross - Bruce Morse
- Low Net - Joe Streckfus
- 2nd Net - Andrew Cummins

D Flight

- Low Gross - Joseph Rock
- Low Net - Byron Johnson
- 2nd Net - Anthony Grosso

Longest Drive #16, Mike Dukette; Closest to line #7, Brian Morse; Closest to Pin, #6, Paul Grandazzo; Closest to Pin #15, John Barbari; Longest Putt #8, Eric Destafano; Longest Putt #18, John Gallagher.

Calendar of Events

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January 17-21, 2000
 Cornell Golf Turf Short Course
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January 24-28, 2000
 Cornell Golf Turf Short Course
Management to Preserve Water Quality
 Cornell Campus, Ithaca

February 21-25, 2000
 Cornell Turfgrass Management Short Course
 Hudson Valley, Fishkill, NY

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January 18, 2000
Evaluating Your Golf Course Irrigation System
 Rockport, ME

March 6, 2000
Managing Turfgrass Root Systems
 Providence, RI

March 6, 2000
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**GCSAA announces long-term
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The GCSAA has changed their structure of the single-year business plan structured by GCSAA's staff departments to a longer-term overall association plan. The new format will help the board and the staff to focus on overall association goals and will promote greater inter-departmental team-work and efficiencies while retaining accountability for results.

The following synopsis of the overall association plan for GCSAA and GCSAA Communications, Inc. was approved at the spring board meeting in May.

**GCSAA/GCSAA
Communications, Inc.
Plan for 2005**
**I. To enable our members to
achieve career success.**

A. Increase compensation, job satisfaction, and percentage of positive employment changes, as measured from superintendents' point of view.

1. Offer members tools, information and resources to help them enhance their individual employment situations.

B. Improve employers' and influential golfers' appreciation of a member's value and the importance of job continuity, establishing the superintendent as key to the economic vitality of the golf course.

1. Develop, implement, assess, and improve a brand marketing strategy that favorably differentiates GCSAA "Class A" members from other members and non-members.

2. Increase recognition of the Certified Golf Course Superintendent as a premium brand.

3. Establish the superintendent as the facility's resident expert in the area

of health, safety, and risk management.

4. Find out specific needs of employer groups, including Green Committee chairs and management companies.

C. Improve the skills of GCSAA members and key staff, as measured by assessments based on a current and future-oriented competency profile.

1. Expand educational opportunities through controlled, planned growth of GCSAA programs designed to develop core competencies..

2. Provide an integrated, comprehensive, job-linked, learner-centered, continuing professional education curriculum for members.

3. Provide a GCSAA brand, world-renowned faculty and faculty support program.

4. Provide career path planning assistance for members.

D. Assist members and potential golf course superintendents in becoming informed consumers of educational and informational programs and products.

1. Explore and develop, if appropriate, endorsement/accreditation program for college and university programs.

2. Cultivate the leadership skills, professionalism, career expectations, and an understanding of the professional culture to future golf course superintendents.

3. Develop and promote model curricular for key golf course maintenance staff positions, including turf equipment managers, irrigation specialists, and chemical applicators.

4. Develop a comprehensive marketing campaign for education to increase participation and general member awareness.

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The new format will help the board and staff to focus on overall association goals and will promote greater interdepartmental teamwork and efficiencies while retaining accountability for results.

II. To be a powerful and influential advocate for the interest of the profession and our members.

A. Increase visibility for members, as measured by increased membership and media market share.

1. Increase membership to 30,000 members, including member representation at 80% and employer-member representation at 50% of all domestic golf facilities.

2. Initiate, support and evaluate participation in golf industry initiatives with a focus on increasing positive recognition for the golf course superintendent and their key influence on enjoyable playing conditions.

3. Establish golf course superintendent recognition/authority in the consumer market.

B. Increase visibility of the association, as measured by media market share and exposure.

1. Assume highly visible role in major golf events.

2. Conduct association award programs that attract media attention and coverage.

3. Conduct a merchandise and accessory program that widely distributes the GCSAA logo.

4. Promote the association and its members through a year-long celebration of GCSAA's 75 anniversary.

C. Influence legislation and regulations that affect golf, as measured by percentage of constructive and desirable decisions.

1. Coordinate and support effective grassroots lobbying.

2. Build and nurture relationships with green and golf industry advocates.

D. Strengthen GCSAA's environmental leadership role among golf and environmental constituents.

1. Expand the Performance Measurement Program and publicize the

findings, as appropriate.

2. Establish the golf course superintendent as the environmental leader on the golf course.

E. Establish strategic partnerships to leverage our industry and membership interests.

1. Strengthen relationships with leaders of allied associations in golf.

2. Strengthen GCSAA's research presence among industry and allied organizations.

3. Strengthen relationships with leading golf course industry manufacturers and suppliers, and increase the influence of the superintendent on industrial innovation and trends.

III. To be the recognized authority on information and issues related to golf course development, management and operations.

A. Position GCSAA as the source of golf/turf information (up to the playing of the game) valuable to the

golf industry, media, government, employers, the golfing public, etc.

1. Position the GCSAA international golf course conference and show as the full spectrum venue for the golf industry up to the playing of the game, allocating over 30,000 attendees annually by 2005.

2. Provide industry supported, comprehensive informational offerings through publications, web site content and other media, dealing with the technical/operational aspects of golf course management, and the products and services that support superintendents.

3. Provide information packs, tools and training for members to assume the position of local authority on information and issues related to golf course development, management and operations.

4. Generate practical, technical and operational research and publish findings of value to the superintendent, golf course owner and industry.

5. Monitor government initiatives

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and inform GCSAA members and allies.

6. Expand the display of materials reflecting the history of the role of superintendents in the game of golf and the history of the association.

7. Expand media relations programs that cause golf writers and broadcasters to look to GCSAA and the golf course superintendent for information on course conditions and management.

8. Market/promote/facilitate the involvement of GCSAA in the GCSAA/RISE/PLCAA Ambassadors Speakers Program.

9. Develop/implement plan to collect, maintain and market superintendent/golf course demographics and operations information for members/non-members and all golf courses for internal and external use.

B. Customize the delivery of information, where appropriate, to meet user needs in terms of content, medium, timing, etc.

1. Develop and implement an individualized target marketing program to anticipate information needs.

2. Expand the use of E* push systems to additional audiences.

3. Investigate and implement new technology and media as appropriate.

IV. To be a strategically positioned, dynamic and responsive organization.

A. Establish a greater strategic connection between GCSAA, its members, and chapters.

1. Develop a shared vision for the ideal national/chapter relationship that most effectively promotes and supports the professional superintendent now and in the future.

2. Develop effective programs and services to strengthen the ability of chapters to serve members.

3. Organize, implement and encourage various methods of inter-chapter networking.

4. Provide comprehensive association/membership information through publications and communications.

B. Effectively utilize the organization's available resources and opportunities to position the organization as a leader in service to its members, the industry, and other constituents.

1. Attract, retain, and fully utilize a professional, motivated, and service-oriented staff.

2. Increase and conserve financial resources.

3. Apply resources and technologies to maximize effectiveness and efficiency in the development and

delivery of programs, including a 90% target for day-to-day member use of the internet by 2005.

C. Solicit, utilize, and recognize member/volunteer participation in policy direction and program development.

1. Develop opportunities that encourage and develop leadership for the organization's future (e.g., new, young, and diverse people).

2. Investigate and implement opportunities to capitalize on volunteer participation.

3. Identify ways to assist volunteers in effectively managing their volunteer time commitment.

D. Provide significant, meaningful contributions to the game of golf.

1. Assume a leadership role in player development in the game of golf.

2. Develop and implement an environmental awareness and education program that reaches beyond the golf course, perhaps targeting a youth audience.

3. Develop and implement diversity programs to encourage minority participation in the game of golf and the golf course superintendent's profession.

New England Regional Championship Tournament

The New Hampshire Golf Course Superintendents Association hosted the New England Regional Championship tournament on October 12, 1999 at the Nashua Country Club. Host superintendent, Barry Robinson, provided an excellent course, playing conditions and weather.



The event was a Stableford net format, which consisted of eight teams from each of the seven associations - Cape Cod, Connecticut, Maine, New England, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, and Vermont. Our Connecticut team (pictured left) Kevin D'Amico, Eric Morrison, Joe Malay, Bruce Morse, John Callahan, Sean Moran, Brian Skelly, Matt Faherty came in fifth with a 161. Other results were:

1st - New England	168 points
2nd - Rhode Island	166 points
3rd - Cape Cod	165 points
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5th - Connecticut	161 points
6th - New Hampshire	154 points
7th - Maine	146 points

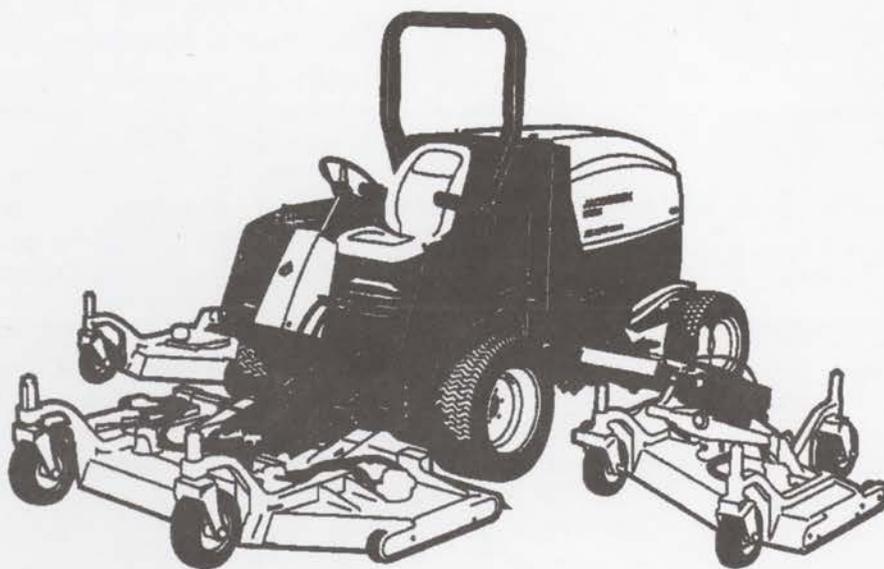
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September 24, 1999
DISEASES

New bentgrass disease confirmed

A new disease of bentgrass was documented in Connecticut on September 27, 1999. It was first described in 1998 by Dr. Peter Dernoeden in Maryland.

It appears in August and September as small tan to reddish spots (dollar spot size) that may look like ball marks. It is caused by a foliar fungus that produces numerous dark fruiting bodies (pseudothecia) in the infected leaves. The proposed name of this new fungus is *Ophiosphaerella agrostis*, named for its bentgrass host.

The Connecticut superintendent reports that it has primarily been on his practice green (Cato bentgrass) since early August, and about 40 or so spots developed. They somewhat followed mower wheel patterns. This does not seem to be an aggressive problem like gray leaf spot, but the fungus does produce a lot of spores in the fruiting bodies of the infected leaves. It would probably be prudent to mow affected areas last or wash the mower before moving to nonaffected areas. Very little is known yet about cultural practices. Dr. Dernoeden

recommends thiophanate-methyl (e.g. Cleary's 3336) + chlorothalonil (e.g. Daconil) weekly or the problem will recur.

There is no official name for this new disease yet. "Fall spot of bentgrass" has been suggested. Please submit suspicious samples to the UMass Turf Disease Diagnostic Lab, so we can get an idea of how widespread the problem is.

October 1, 1999
DISEASES

The big news was the confirmation of the NEW FALL SPOT DISEASE OF BENTGRASS described in the previous message. The continuing moist weather is favoring a variety of fungal problems in turf. In lawns, RED THREAD and RUST are commonplace. Rust takes 10-14 days to appear after infection, so it occurs mostly on turf that is growing slowly due to compaction, drought, and/or low fertility.

ANTHRACNOSE BASAL/CROWN ROT is appearing on some golf putting greens. This disease is most common where root growth is limited and in compacted and particularly wet areas. It may occur in somewhat circular patterns or just irregularly in the turf. Both poa annua and bentgrass are susceptible, but one species may be more affected than the other depending on the fungal strain present. The sticky spores are easily spread to other areas, so mow affected areas last or hose off the mower before moving to non-affected areas.

Chemical control is best with a tank mix of chlorothalonil plus a DMI fungicide. Plants with badly infected crowns may be slow to recover, if they do at all.

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and abundant moisture is also allowing the return of the infamous FUSARIUM PATCH (PINK SNOW MOLD). It can appear as greasy/reddish spots, sometimes like a hydraulic fluid leak. If the spores have been spread widely by mowing, there may be a general reddish cast to the turf. As with anthracnose, the abundant spores are easily spread around. High N fertility and high surface pH (e.g. recent liming) favor the disease along with favorable environmental conditions.

REMINDER: Please send a cup-cutter plug of fresh Fusarium patch outbreaks by express delivery to the UMass Turf Diagnostic Lab (attn. Dr. Gail Schumann, Dept. of Microbiology, Fernald Hall, UMass, Amherst, MA 01003-2420). We would like some good strong isolates for this year's snow mold fungicide trial. You will get a free diagnosis if you're not sure!

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