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# CONNECTICUT CLIPPINGS

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## Brian Skelly reelected CAGCS President

Brian Skelly, Old Lyme CC, was reelected president of CAGCS for a second term.

Other officers reelected at the November 14th annual meeting at Highfield CC were:

Vice President - Jud Smith  
Orange Hills CC

Secretary - Dennis Houle  
Redding CC

Treasurer - Les Kennedy, Jr., CGCS  
The Blind Brook Club

Elected to serve two-year terms as directors were Kimberly Heyl,

Fenwick GC, who will serve as education chairperson, John Motycka, Skungamaug River GC, will continue his duties as golf chairperson, and Peter Pierson, Pequabuck GC, will continue as governmental relations director.

Remaining on the board to complete their terms are Chris Mauro, Highfield CC, who will continue as chairperson of the S & R Committee; Dan Rackliffe, CGCS, Longshore Club Park, will take on the new responsibilities of membership chairperson, and Wayne Urban will now chair the social and welfare committee.

Anthony Grosso will remain on the board as immediate past president.

The commercial membership unanimously agreed that Skip Deubel,

Tuckahoe Turf Farms, remain as commercial representative to the board.

After all officers and directors presented their annual reports, it was announced that there would be no dues increase for 2001.

Wayne Urban, this past year's membership chairperson, awarded lifetime membership plaques and pins to Robert A. Chalifour, CGCS, Ret., who serves as our newsletter editor, and Henry Suchinski, superintendent at Simsbury Farms Golf Course. Lifetime membership is granted to those who have been CAGCS members for 30 years.

John Mulhearn, retired from Stanley GC, and Fred Zeytoonjian, Turf Products Corp. have also earned lifetime

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*(L-R) Dennis Houle, Secretary, Brian Skelly, President; and Jud Smith, Vice President*



*Rear (L-R) Skip Deubel, Peter Pierson, Wayne Urban, Dan Rackliffe; Front (L-R) John Motycka, Kim Heyl, Chris Mauro*

## President's message

Brian Skelly, President



*Brian Skelly*  
CAGCS President

The past year has quickly passed by, and CAGCS continues to be active in regional and national affairs.

Our own Michael Wallace, CGCS, and Tim O'Neill, CGCS, are on the GCSAA board. Mike is finishing his term as secretary/treasurer and will be running for vice president. Tim is finishing his first year as a director and is seeking reelection. All CAGCS members wish them luck and our support, and I am sure they will both

succeed.

Anthony Grosso, our past president, continues to serve on the board for the New England Regional Turfgrass Conference. He also chairs the nominating committee, employment referral committee, and handled the biennial survey. Thanks to Anthony for all his help and guidance (and he thought he was done).

Peter Pierson represents us as secretary on the Tri-State Turf Research Foundation and on the Environmental Industry Council as past president.

When I came to the board in 1992, I did not realize how much work and dedication it took to enable our association to run as effectively and as efficiently as it does. This is accomplished through the efforts and professionalism of our staff, and the hard work of our members who volunteer their time and effort to serve on the Board of CAGCS.

I would like to thank our executive secretary, Pauline Streeter, and our

administrative assistant, Mary Jo Kennedy, for all their help and know how in keeping CAGCS running straight and steady.

I also would like to thank the members of our board whose hard work and foresight keeps CAGCS going forward as an association.

Jud Smith, our vice president, took over the green book and found sponsorship for the entire issue. Jud is also the liaison for the office, keeping the lines of communication between board and office open and free flowing.

Les Kennedy, Jr., CGCS, has done a great job as treasurer, working along with John Motycka and Peter Pierson to implement a new program and tracking our finances in greater detail than ever before.

Dennis Houle, our secretary, has the unenviable task of taking all words and confusion of a board meeting. Then, he puts it in order and comes out with a concise report for the minutes. Before Dennis took over his secretary's duties, he did a wonderful job with putting together our last year's winter seminar.

Dan Rackliffe, CGCS, as education chairperson, started work early and has already put together the 2001 winter seminar, and has worked in conjunction with GCSAA for our upcoming seminars scheduled for December 12 & 13.

Dan is also responsible for getting meeting sites during the golf season, so offer him some help...offer your club for a meeting...this year, next year, five years from now, whatever lead time your club requires. It does not matter, offer your club. Dan has also filled our 2001 monthly meeting

### CAGCS Board of Directors

President - Brian Skelly  
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### President's message continued

schedule with just a few loose ends to tie up.

Chris Mauro took over the Scholarship & Research committee and has done a great job. This year, S & R gave out a record number of scholarships. Chris has done an excellent job of fundraising and the S & R tournament was a great success.

Peter Pierson, besides his services I have already mentioned, keeps in contact with the CSGA and serves as our alternate voting delegate. Along with John Motycka, Peter has taken charge of our annual invitational tournament and is an invaluable source of information and advice to me.

John Motycka has served as golf chairperson almost as long as I have been on the board. This is a thankless, time-consuming job. Yet, John has

always done it cheerfully and even thought up new ways to have a tournament and make sure he gets a cold lunch.

Kim Heyl stepped up to the plate to fill in for Tim Gerzabek as social & welfare chairperson. She did an outstanding job with our annual family day (a picnic at Madison Surf Club) and has a different twist lined up for us for the Christmas party. So, mark your calendars!

Wayne Urban has kept track of our growing membership roles and is doing a super job as membership chairperson. He also will help out wherever he can.

Skip Deubel has served as our commercial representative to the board and has kept in touch with our commercial members seeking skill prizes and their sponsorships to help offset the costs of our events. His efforts and those of our commercial members are greatly

appreciated.

Robert Chalifour, CGCS, ret., has served as editor of our association newsletter, the *Connecticut Clippings*, and has done a great job with the paper. His little quizzes on history and his photos and articles have improved an already great newsletter. Bob is also another source of advice and support for me and the entire board.

Finally, I would like to thank all those who have served on various committees. Without your support and help, CAGCS could not continue to prosper. It is an honor to have served on this board and I hope to continue to serve for a while longer.

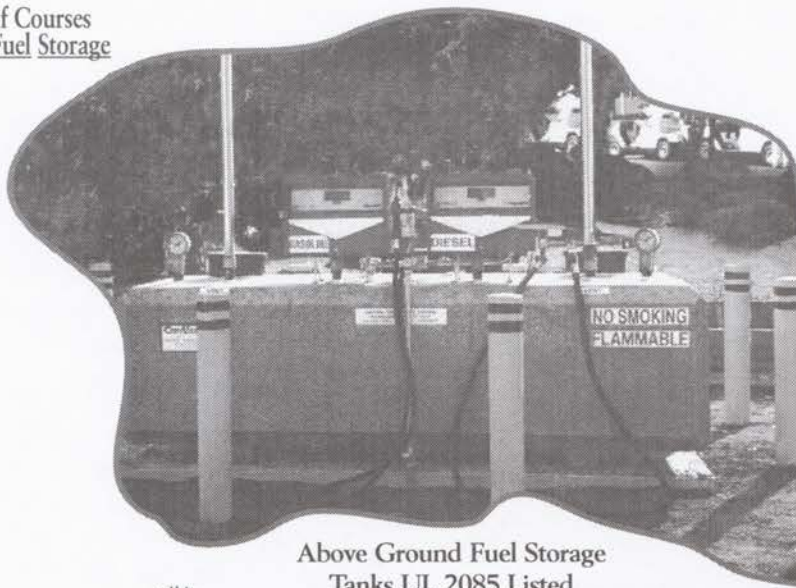
I would urge all members to consider serving on the board or on a committee, as it is a rewarding experience. So, get involved!

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Westwood Golf Course  
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## Annual meeting highlights

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membership status.

Twenty-five year pins were awarded to Michael McDermott, Twin Hills CC, and Roy Sibley, Chas. C. Hart Seed Co.



Bob Chalifour & Henry Suchinski

Twenty-year pins were awarded to Byron Johnson, Jr., Terre Co. of NJ, and Thomas Watroba, Suffield CC.

Fifteen-year pins went to Mike Dukette, LESCO, Inc., Wayne Urban, Farmingbury Hills CC, Heather Garvin, Canton Public GC, Michael Donahue, LESCO, Inc.

Ten-year pins were awarded to Michael Decker, Clinton CC, Paul Bednarczyk, Chas. C. Hart Seed Co., Joseph Stahl, III, Turf Partners, Inc.,

and Paul Sabino, The Farms CC.

Those members who are entitled to receive pins will receive theirs in the mail.

John Motycka announced the winners of this year's major championships and awarded the trophies.

The 2000 season two-man team competition fielded 23 teams, ultimately coming down to the final four teams of: Skip Deubel & Mike Sullivan, Greg Stent & Sean Moran, Phil Neaton & Al La Prise, Brian Pope & Mike Chrzanowski.

In the final match, Greg and Sean won a narrow victory over Phil and Al.

### *The CAGCS team took home the Met Area Team Championship*

Our team of Mike Chrzanowski, Sean Moran, Peter Pierson and Greg Stent (gross players); along with John Callahan, Dick Cook, Wayne Urban and John Motycka (net players) won the MET Area Team Championship Trophy event held at The CC of Fairfield on October 16th.

The team won by five strokes over teams from seven other superintendent associations in the greater NY Metropolitan area. The MET GCSA was



Mike McDermott & Roy Sibley

second, followed by the New Jersey Association.

Connecticut's team was led by the stellar play of John Callahan and Peter Pierson. John's gross 82 was tied for the 4th lowest score of the day as Pat Sisk had all 18 pins in what many described as "brutal" placements. Peter was just one stroke back with an 83. The lowest scores of the day were 77 and 79.

The Sixth Annual New England Superintendents Championship was hosted by Rhode Island at Metacomet CC.

Our team of Greg Stent, Mike Dukette, Brian Pope, Dick Cook, Joe Malay, Bob Silva, Brian Skelly and Anthony Grosso finished 4th.

Following the meeting and a great lunch, 23 golfers ventured out into the Fall rain for a 9-hole scramble tournament.

## Golf Results

### 1st Place

Phil Neaton, Dick Cook and Al La Prise

### 2nd Place

Bob Chalifour, Chris Mauro, Wayne Urban and Joe Malay

The skill prize winners were Heather Garvin for long drive, Kevin DeVaux for closest to the pin, and Joe Malay for longest putt.

## C A G C S Champions

Division	Gross	Net
A Flight (0-12)	Peter Pierson	Tom Watroba
B Flight (13-19)	Dick Cook	Mike Sullivan
C Flight (20-36)	Joe Malay	Brian Skelly
Senior (50+)	Wayne Urban	John Motycka
Commercial	Kevin Kennedy	John Callahan
Supt./Asst.	Oronoque CC Ward Weischt & Matt Quinn	Simsbury Farms GC Hank Suchinsky & Larry Gauvain

President's Cup - Peter Bacon  
McLaughlin Trophy - Brian Skelly

## Annual Scholarship & Research Tournament

— a huge success —

Chris Mauro, Chairperson

The 2000 CAGCS annual Scholarship & Research Tournament held on October 3rd at Tumble Brook Country Club was a huge success. While we are still receiving and computing the funds collected, it appears that we will net over \$11,000.

The course conditions provided by superintendent Cindy Johnson and her crew were spectacular.

Chris Mauro, this year's S & R Chairperson, thanks his committee of Heather Garvin, Mike McDermott, Mike Donahue, Mike Dukette and Dan Rackliffe for all of their hard work. Chris also credits Les Kennedy, Jr., CGCS. Without his tutoring on fund raising, it would not have been possible to reach this goal.

This is also a great time to thank our commercial membership who came to the front in a big way this year.

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Our PGA golf professionals from the following clubs also contributed to this year's success by donating merchandise and gifts for the raffle which on its own earned \$2,400.

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E. Gaynor Brennan  
Ellington Ridge  
Orange Hills CC  
Pequabuck GC  
Suffield CC  
Tallwood CC  
Top Stone  
Tumble Brook CC  
Watertown GC  
Wethersfield CC

CAGCS is proud to assist its members, members' children and employees with scholarships.

This year's Dr. C. Richard Skogley Scholarship was awarded to Michelle Lynn Gauvain who attends Dartmouth College. This award is given annually to the applicant whose achievements

show a commitment to community, career and academic objectives.

Michelle is the daughter of Larry Gauvain, assistant supt. at Simsbury GC.

Other recipients of a 2000 CAGCS Scholarship were:

Jonathan Barratt  
Paul Basconi, Jr.  
Marla Beck  
Michael Chrzanowski, Jr.  
Erica Cooper  
Emily Ferry  
Kelley Ann Fuller  
William Gresh  
Britta Johnson  
Val Loper, III  
Adam Rackliffe  
Benjamin Rackliffe  
Peter Rappoccio  
Timothy Rappoccio  
Alan Vibber  
Tim Watroba

The recipient of a CAGCS Memorial Scholarship was David Heffernan, second assistant under John F. Streeter, CGCS, at Woodbridge CC. The Memorial Scholarship is given to winter school students.

Funds from this event are also targeted towards research in developing the best turf possible for the game of golf. CAGCS is proud to support the Tri-State Turf Research Foundation, the GCSAA Foundation "Investing in the Beauty of Golf", and Dr. Gail Schumann's turf lab at the University of Massachusetts.

### Golf Results

#### Gross Winners


Ken Modzelesky, John Fleming,  
Shaun Fleming, Chris Demers - 58

Jim Staszowski, Peter Cure,  
Al Adaskaveg, Peter Bacon - 60

#### Net Winners

Tom Watroba, Mike Cerrato,  
Bud Depray, Robert Baker - 53.1

Wayne Urban, Dennis Houle,  
John Callahan, Chris Kipp - 54.9



# Grass Catcher

**Welcome new members**

Donald Beck - Class B  
*Fisher's Island Club*

Mark Chant - Class C  
*Aspetuck Valley Country Club*

William Demur - Class B  
*Grassmere Country Club*

Ryan Dexter - Class C  
*Redding Country Club*

Eric Kundahl - Class C  
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Ron Smith - Class Commercial  
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**Congratulations** to Walter Beck on his retirement from the Airways GC and to Jonathan Case, former assistant to Kevin Bengtson at Indian Hills CC on his appointment as superintendent at Airways GC.

**Condolences** to Michael Sullivan on the passing of his mother.

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**Good news!!!**

Steven Rackliffe, CGCS, superintendent at Willimantic CC, has accepted a turf teaching position at UCONN...more next issue.

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All commercial members should have received the 2001 advertising rate schedule and deadline dates for next year's *Clippings*. There has been no increase in the advertising rates.



A retirement party, hosted by the Watertown Golf Club, honoring the retirement of Bob Viera as their superintendent, was held on October 6th.

A large group of Watertown members and friends, relatives and CAGCS members attended.

Michael Wallace, CGCS, GCSAA secretary/treasurer read a proclamation from GCSAA president, Scott Woodhead. Peter Pierson read a proclamation from Connecticut Governor, John Rowland, proclaiming October 6th "Bob Viera Day".

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*The CAGCS Board of Directors would like to wish all CAGCS members a very happy holiday season and a happy and prosperous new year!*

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## Dogs of Summer

Paige is an 8-month old black Lab living and working with Bob Decker, the assistant superintendent at Pautipaug Country Club. In her brief time on the



course, she has already become popular with several members and has thoroughly inspected the six ponds on the course.

This off-season, she hopes to study under the guidance of her cousin, Kailey, a chocolate Lab at

Clinton Country Club, with the goal of learning Kailey's tricks for dealing with geese removal and hotdog acquisition.

*Reminder: Please send in your "Dog of Summer" picture or any pet you bring to the golf course with a few words.*

## Twenty years ago

So many superlatives could be used to describe the job that Fred Bachand does at Wethersfield CC that one should simply say that Fred is one of the finest golf course superintendents in the country. Year in and year out, Fred provides the touring pros with one of the best maintained layouts on the tour.

Given weather conditions prior to the 1980 GHO (several 100+ degree days plus very little rainfall) Fred's performance is just that much more impressive.

This year, Fred hosted the July meet-

ing of CAGCS just prior to the GHO and admitted to those in attendance that he found having his fellow superintendents coming for a day was more stimulating than preparing for the GHO. Certainly, the course couldn't have been in better condition.

Speaker for the evening was John LaPoint of the National Golf Foundation. John presented an overview of just what NGF sets out to accomplish and also presented a fairly optimistic view of golf for the future. No doubt, he states, there will be changes and some clubs will not survive but by and large, golf should enjoy a sound tomorrow.

## Upcoming Events

### December 12 & 13

Two one-day seminars  
"Sustainable Golf Course Landscape  
Design: Enhancing Aesthetics,  
Function & Maintenance"

~ and ~

"Integrated Environmental Mgmt"  
Hawthorne Inn  
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### January 9, 2001

CAGCS Annual Winter Seminar  
Hawthorne Inn  
Berlin, CT

### February 11 - 18

GCSAA Conference & Show  
Dallas, TX

### March 7 - 9

New England Regional  
Turfgrass Conference & Show  
Providence, RI

### March TBA

CAGCS Monthly Meeting  
Hawthorne Inn  
Berlin, CT

### April 10

CAGCS Monthly Meeting  
New Haven Country Club  
James L. MacDonald, Host Supt.

### May 8

CAGCS Monthly Meeting  
Black Hall Club  
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**Chris Mauro, Superintendent**

## CAGCS Annual Meeting Highfield Country Club Middlebury, CT

By Heather Garvin

Quassy which is at the end of the driveway. The original owners, Joseph and Elizabeth Chamberlain, had their faces carved into the rafters at either end of the front of the house.

Chris just finished his first year on the board. He's fresh off a very successful S & R Tournament which made over \$11,000. The S & R Committee awarded 17 scholarships this year and the numbers tend not to decrease, so the money will be put to good use.

Chris got into the business in a round-about way. He grew up in Madison and loved to play baseball. He played baseball at UCONN and majored in engineering. For a summer job, he worked at Madison CC because he could work and still had time to play in three different baseball leagues. He enjoyed the work and transferred to

UMASS where he received his Associates Degree in 1992. Chris did his placement at Madison and continued to work there for Mike Chrzanowski. He became Mike's assistant in 1991 and held that position until taking the job of superintendent at Highfield.

Chris began playing golf in 1993 and has caught on quickly.

Chris met his wife, Amy, at UMASS. They live in Middlefield with son, Zachary, who is almost two years old. They have two black Labs, Talon, and a puppy, Bella. When not working and his knee is in good shape, Chris enjoys golf, baseball, hiking and skiing.

Thank you, Chris, for hosting the annual meeting and congratulations on a successful year with S & R and we wish you continued success.

Highfield is a private 9-hole course (architect Al Zikus) which is situated on the edge of 690 acres it owns. The course was first 5 holes which were built in 1952 and finished in the early 60s. The club was originally an estate that members from the Waterbury CC bought to form Highfield. It has a pool, tennis courts and a beach on Lake

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## Northeast News Update and the Winner is: "There's Fungus Among Us"

By Dave Oatis, Director,  
Jim Baird and Jim Skorulski, Agronomists

It looks as though summer may have paid its final visit to the northeast early in October. A few days of warm temperatures and high humidity felt like July (of last year) in the Met area. However, the familiar cool, wet weather made a quick comeback, and snow flurries will soon be in the forecast in the northern region.

Maybe it was the warm weather that brought back memories of disease; a term that is most often attributed to that kingdom of organisms called the fungi. Weeds may be unsightly, but when we can't control them, we turn around and try to grow them as with annual bluegrass. Insects certainly can be both annoying and damaging, but what we often cannot see, cannot hurt us. Right? Not so with disease. It's out there. It's rampant. And, it's often deadly.

Given the significance of turf diseases and their control, maybe we should pay tribute to the top diseases of 2000 in the northeast. And the nominees are:

**Gray Leaf Spot** — A nominee for "Disease of the Year", but compared to previous years, outbreak was scarce throughout much of the region, and therefore unable to accept the award. If perennial ryegrass on your golf course was fortunate enough to escape disease outbreak this year don't be lulled into a false sense of security and abandon those species conversion or preventative fungicide programs.

On the bright side, gray leaf spot recently attached the perennial ryegrass collection at the Rutgers research farm in southern New Jersey, much to the delight of the turf team. The good news is that some disease resistance was found among the ryegrass selections. If disease resistant perennial ryegrass germplasm is possible, there is no doubt that Rutgers has the expertise to

develop it.

**Anthracnose** — Nominated for "Best Supporting Disease of the Year". It has been more active this year than in the last several. The moisture, combined with mower injury, is probably responsible for its resurgence, and some golf courses have had a tough time controlling it. Fortunately, the biotypes that affect annual bluegrass have been the most common by far. In the short term, it obviously is a problem, but in the long run, anthracnose usually helps increase creeping bentgrass populations.

**Summer Patch** — Did we experience a summer in 2000?

**Brown Patch** — See summer patch.

**Pythium** — A perennial nominee for "It's Time to Update the Resume Award". Thankfully, extreme warm temperatures did not accompany the recent monsoon season and high humidity for extended periods of time.

**Bentgrass Dead Spot** — Nominated for "Best New Disease and Worst Disease of New Bentgrass Turf". Chances are that you will encounter this disease on putting greens or tees less than six years old and growing on root zone media amended with high sand or inorganic materials. Fortunately, several fungicides provide effective preventative control including propiconazole (Banner Maxx), chlorothalonil (Daconil Ultrex, Zn), iprodione (Chipco GT), and Clearly 3336, just to name a few. However, once symptoms are apparent, turf recovery into the dead spots is slow as molasses.

**Dollar Spot** — A shoe-in winner for "Disease of the Year". Was it the weather? Resistant strains? Too little nitrogen? Too much dependency on

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fungicides that control just about every other disease? Probably all of the above. Dollar spot is often referred to as the most common disease of golf course turf, yet it is amazing how little we know about this fungus. Pathologists can't seem to agree on the scientific name of the causal agent nor do they completely understand its biology. USGA-funded research is ongoing at Cornell University to help answer some very important questions about this pathogen.

**Snow Mold** — Unfortunately, snow mold falls in that gray (or pink) area of arriving too late or too early for consideration as Disease of the Year. However, don't underestimate the power of these diseases to wreak havoc on your golf course. don't forget to make those timely fungicide applications before the snow flies and again when it melts.

Have a great season, and give us a call if we can be of service. Source: Northeast Region staff 610/515-1660 or 413/283-2237, doatis@usga.org, jskorulski@usga.org, jbaird@usga.org.

## — Trespassers —

### How do you deal with them?

By Bob Chalifour, CGCS, Ret.  
Clippings Editor

It happens often — children in places they should not be. Golf courses are no exception. The attractiveness of running over close cut greens and through sand bunkers, or up and down the slope of a raised tee could be exciting for a child. How the golf course management and membership deals with the situation can have far reaching affects.

This Fall, Parker Hanssen, age 67, a New London CC member for 40 years, was charged with second degree reckless endangerment and risk of injury to a child. Hanssen, driving a golf car, chased and shouted at a 3 year old until the boy's mother came to the rescue.

Hanssen said that he was trying to urge the boy off the course for the 3-year old's protection. However, his antics from a distance managed to frighten and confuse the child.

The child had wandered from his great grandparents' home adjacent to the course and was playing on a green with a rake.

The mother, Jennifer Bergeson, says what she heard from her grandparents' backyard was a child screaming and a man bellowing as if he was driving cattle. In her statement to the police, the mother said, "The man acted inappropriately. I can see if my son

were 7 or 8 years old. He would understand what the man was yelling to him. But my son is 3. He's too young to understand."

My concerns for bringing this information to you is vandalism. I strongly believe that much of the damage done to golf courses by vandals could be avoided. I am not a psychologist. However, I am a retired golf course superintendent that has dealt with trespassing children on the course.

Over the years, some of my greatest concerns were how the trespassers on the course were dealt with. In too many instances, the golfer is your worst enemy. Please note the statement, "The man acted inappropriately." Why? Because this child was on his golf course? I don't know the answer.

How do you deal with a 3 year old that has wandered onto the golf course without setting yourself up for some sort of charge by the police. Each situation is different. Tactfulness and cool heads must prevail. Golf course management should have a policy in place as to who is responsible for dealing with this type of situation.

What about the teenager that someone screams at to get his " - - - " off the course. After dark, with a few friends, the answer can be quite devastating and expensive.

How you deal with any trespasser will vary—there are no set rules. During spring break, a few students would sneak onto the golf course to play. My first reaction was they were stealing and should be hauled off by the police. However, they could also

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be your ally. I would treat them as if they had paid and let them play, remind them to let faster players through, hoping that they would respect the course.

With walk-throughs and short-cut takers, I explained that it is dangerous to be on the course and they could get hurt. Vagrants, I would call the police immediately and let them handle the situation. Adults playing and not paying are stealing and I doubt if any are ever prosecuted.

So, what happens to Parker Hanssen who was charged with a felony? A judge dismissed the case.

Editorials in "The Day" were sharply critical of Jennifer Bergeson, the wife of a New London Police officer and also the mother of the child, for not properly supervising her child. It could have been worse. He could have wandered into the middle of the street.

What have been some of your experiences with trespassers? Let us know.



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