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## P R E S I D E N T ' S   M E S S A G E



### THE CERTIFIED SUPERINTENDENT

Certification of the Superintendent has arrived for those members of our Association who are also members of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America.

What does it mean to us? Do we need this here in Canada?

You may say: "If that is what they want over there -- that's fine with me! I am doing quite well the way it is now with the experience and knowledge that I have," and probably you are right!

But is it going to stay this way?

The day may come that you may want to move up to a better paying position with more responsibility, and I am sure in a few years when you look through our turf magazines and see the positions available, you will read in the ads: "CERTIFIED SUPERINTENDENT WANTED". That will be the time that your experience alone will not be enough. Today you can be a good plumber, electrician, bookkeeper or mechanic, but without a license or certification, you cannot get a top position in any of these trades. The same thing may happen in our line of work.

We have come a long way from foreman through greenskeeper to golf course superintendent, but we can't stop there! To get and stay ahead is a continuous process of upgrading ourselves and our positions and certification is just another step in that direction.

To set up a program like this is not something a Provincial organization can do. This has to be country wide set up by the Canadian Golf Superintendents Association in cooperation with the Universities. I am sure that the Board of Directors of the C.G.S.A. is well aware that something in this direction will have to be done in the future, and when they come up with a program for certification, I hope you will give it your full support.

For additional information on certification read the articles in the September issue of the Golf Superintendent and Golfdom.

John Arends,  
President,  
C. G. S. A.



## ROSS HAINES REPORTS

on meetings at York Downs Golf Club  
and Summit Golf Club.

### YORK DOWNS MEETING

This year the Executive decided to hold a mid-summer educational meeting which was held at the new York Downs Golf and Country Club at Unionville. Thunderstorms threatened the entire area that day but nary a drop falls on the course when the supers tee it up. The course was just in super shape and considering the tender age of the layout it stands as quite a compliment for Kimmo Salonen, our host superintendent for the day. The course was designed by Geoffrey Cornish and features a 27 hole layout, an ultra modern clubhouse and an extensive maintenance shop. The meeting was held during the afternoon and our guest speaker from the Ontario Water Resources Commission enlightened us about pollution and how it relates to golf courses. A lively question and answer period developed concerning the many chemicals and fertilizers we use and how they affect pollution.

Keith Nisbet gave a short report on the G.C.S.A.A. as did Jim Wyllie on the C.G.S.A.

The meeting adjourned to refreshments and our many thanks to Kimmo Salonen and our best wishes to York Downs Golf and Country Club.

### SUMMIT GOLF CLUB MEETING

The regular monthly meeting for September was held on the 20th at Summit Golf and Country Club with Bob Lamb as the host superintendent. The meeting took on a different format than most of us have been used to in that the meeting itself was held in the morning, then lunch followed by golf and dinner. It seemed to be most successful in that it gives you a few hours in the morning to either line up the work for that day or for the fellows who are a little further away to attend as it gives them some travelling time.

During the meeting John Grightmire was announced as the chairman of the nominating committee. The monthly meeting for November will be held at Uplands Golf Club and the Annual Meeting is slated for December 14th at Aurora Highlands.

A new member was posted being Dave Holmes from Derrydale Golf Club.

A lengthy discussion about the C.G.S.A.-MacKenzie Seed deal followed and it was generally agreed it would be the best thing to happen to the Turf Foundation. Jim Wyllie, the Ontario Director for the C.G.S.A. asked for full support for the deal from the O.G.S.A.

Outside a steady rain fell but it didn't dampen the spirits of 14 fellows who played the course anyway. Judging from the comments the fellows had about the course they agreed it had the best natural layout they had seen. Bob Lamb invited us back later in October for a day of golf hoping the weather would be better. A very nice lunch and dinner was provided and many thanks to Bob Lamb and Summit Golf Club.

CANADIAN GOLF SUPERINTENDENTS ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE

Chanteclere, Quebec

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After just getting back from the 6th Annual Fall Field Day and Seminar, which was for the first time a two day affair, I looked up the Green-master from October 1970 and find that the attendance 1971 was down considerably to the tune of 40%. This, despite the fact that the weather was beautiful and the quality of the speakers excellent.

Well, I don't think we can blame anybody this year about the Field Day being poorly attended except the organizers of this affair. The organizers did not realize that the large group of Superintendents and Associates who attended the 1970 Fall Field Day at Chanteclere would not return there for several simple reasons:

1. The accommodation was priced too high.
2. The banquet was held in a place too small.
3. The golf course condition in 1970, was in half as good condition as this year.
4. There was a lack of togetherness, except at the Tournament and Banquet, and Togetherness should be an important part of the affair.

Otherwise, I had a very good time down there, and played a lot of golf which I enjoy more and more. I request that this affair be held at Carling Lake next year -- it was a success there, and I would suggest that we play more golf.

Helmut Kopp.

PRO/SUPT DAY

Held Aug. 22/71 at MEADOWBROOK GOLF CLUB

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This was a successful outing for the 33 Pro/Supt. teams who took part.

Whitey Jones and Pro Bruce Butterworth from Aurora Highlands won the event.

The golf course was in excellent shape under the direction of Host Supt. Arthur Uens, and it was noted that a power rake was used in sand traps with favourable results.

# EDITORIAL



## ALL ABOUT GREENS

Bill Hynd

Everyone remarked on the fine condition of the greens at the new York Downs Golf Course at Unionville on the occasion of our O.G.S.A. meeting there Aug. 1971. This was Penncross at its best and Superintendent Kim Salonen is to be complimented. Penncross is noted as an excellent putting green grass the first 2-3 years but becomes increasingly difficult to maintain this quality as it matures.

How nice it would be to have another meeting in 3 years time at York Downs and have about the same excellent quality Penncross greens. Superintendent Kim Salonen - THE CHALLENGE IS ALL YOURS!

So many Superintendents on older golf courses live with the problems of Poa Greens and do so very successfully at that.

I had the occasion to play Aurora Highlands in Invitational Tournaments twice this year, and, as always, the greens were in excellent shape. Here we have maintenance practices which are necessarily different from the new York Downs. Sup't. Whitey Jones is doing a fine job here.

The triplex greensmowers are here to stay, but the problem of burst hydraulic hoses must be rectified, otherwise we are likely to have shattered nerves. Visited a golf course recently where the operator mowed a green completely with a burst hydraulic hose, the rear wheel pressing the spilled fluid into the turf. The following day this green had the appearance of a football field with straight, dead strips of grass. **BLAME THE OPERATOR? MAYBE!** But surely a bright coloured dye

can be added to the hydraulic fluid to assure the operator does see it spill. Better still, how much would it cost the manufacturers to install an alarm system - red light, etc., to prevent this catastrophe?

Now, closer to home, the first week in September, vandals poured a container of powdered Herbicide on No. 6 green at St. George's. This was very quickly washed out the following morning with only a slight discolouring for a few days. St. George's greens have been relatively problem free the past few years. I personally spray the greens on occasions as I did with Thisan M prior to attending the Canadian Conference in Quebec. Upon returning the following Monday, the first indication of a problem was dark green lines across several greens which looked like the impression of bicycle tires. Closer observation showed that the previous weeks fungicide application had discoloured 9 greens - Poa Annua in particular was set back. Upon checking my diary, Gramoxone was used previously in the spray tank. Through misinterpretation, this was not flushed out thoroughly, the result being that 120 gallons of water was added to the residue of Gramoxone left in the tank, amounting to no more than a few ounces of actual Gramoxone with 120 gal. water. The effect of this minimal amount of toxic chemical is astounding. Within four weeks all greens were back to normal, but this could have been a disaster.

### LESSONS TO BE LEARNED ARE:

1. Use separate spray tank for toxic chemicals
2. Flush out and clean spray tank before, as well as after use, as a precaution.
3. Boom spraying on greens results in a much more even application than hand spraying.

ANYONE ELSE HAD THE STUFFING KNOCKED OUT OF HIM LATELY?????





# HAPPENINGS

Our President, John Arends, is making a business trip to Holland November 15 - Dec. 7th. Bon Voyage, John!

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Tam O'Shanter Clubhouse was wiped out by fire October 3rd

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D. Suter, Golf Superintendent at Credit Valley Golf Club is clearing brush in the valley in preparation for a complete new 18 hole Golf Course, 13 holes will be in the valley and 5 holes on top. This will be completed in 2 years. Golf Course Architect is Robbie Robinson.

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NEW MEMBER APPLICANT: Dave Holmes,  
Derrydale Golf Club.

Anyone objecting must notify the Secretary in writing as soon as possible.

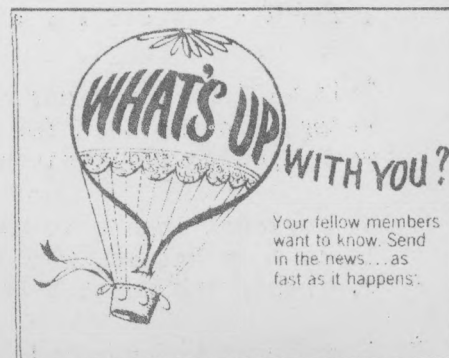
## MEMORIAL

Dr. George Smith's wife passed away suddenly on August 3, 1971. Deepest Sympathy from all of us.

## MEMORIAL

Don Coles (F. Manley & Sons) died as a result of a car accident on October 15, 1971. Don was the irrigation engineer for F. Manley, and was recognized as a key man in Golf Course irrigation systems.

He will be sadly missed by all of us.



NEXT MEETING:

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9TH, 1971

Uplands Golf Club

Host: Helmut Kopp

Program: 9 a. m. - 9:30 a. m. - Golf Tee Off

1 p. m. - Lunch

2 p. m. - Speaker from Toronto Weather Department.  
Helmut Kopp showing colour slides  
Business Meeting.

Helmut Kopp has been at Uplands Golf Club since March 1968 after previous experience as assistant at Rosedale and Northwood Golf Clubs. Helmut lives on the Golf Course property with his wife Uta and 2 boys and one girl. Winter responsibilities include ski school operation.

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14th, 1971

AURORA HIGHLANDS GOLF CLUB

HOST: A. V. JONES

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This will be the final Newsletter in 1971. The membership as a whole recognized the need for some means of communication. In a modest way we helped to fill this need through the Newsletter. It can only improve.

My personal thanks to all who participated in the Newsletter, particularly Ross Haines, who did such a fine job as Meetings Reporter and

\* J. Arends and Keith Nisbet's news and bulletins from other chapters.

\* (President's Messages)

Bill Hynd



## A TALE OF A YOUNG COUPLE

### DAISY & CHARLIE

Once upon a time, at the University, there lived a young couple named Daisy Fleabane and Creeping Charlie. They resided common law in the Horticultural Science Building where Charlie studied for his doctorate in Plant Catastrophy, and Daisy did post emergence work on Golf Superintendents.

After a long day on their Bed Straw, Daisy was confronted with the knowledge that she would not be needing her Ragweeds for the next several months. Of course she went to see her doctor, a Black Medick, who had previously treated Charly's Goutweed. "Miss Fleabane", said the doctor, "I am no Quackgrass and medical ethics prevent me from offering you a Heal-all for your condition. What concerns me most is your health. You are delicate and I am well aware that Charlie is a sexual Nutsedge. I would therefore suggest that you restrict Charlie from Plantain his Yellow Rocket in your Purslane for the duration of your pregnancy".

Well, this was a disappointment to Daisy who had always considered herself a Dandelion in the Bedstraw. In fact, in their most intimate moments Charlie had often said "Buttercup, you are tighter than a Mouses Ear". Daisy was very Blueweed about the entire situation and at first did not follow the Doctor's orders. But finally one day when Charlie was coming on strong and was just about to blow his Stonecrops she said, "Charlie, I am Sorrel all over, and sex has become like Poison Ivy to me".

Stung to the quick, Charlie Thistled. He threw his Pearlwort ring at her, a gift from Daisy, and proceeded to Speedwell to a section of the town known as the Lambsquarters. There he soon met a Pigweed, and very soon was again Plantain his Yellow Rocket. As you can imagine, once he had blown his Stonecrops he felt remorsefull and his anger began to Mallow and to complicate matters he had acquired a ferocious dose of Crabgrass. So he said, "I think I'll go back to that Fleabane broad and Tiller I love her, that should get a Rhizome out of her". And so he did and nowadays he and Daisy have a large Clone and they lived happily ever after.

Written by Ken Pray, Student in Turf Management, University of Guelph.

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- TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 1971 - Uplands Golf Club
- TUESDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1971 - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
AURORA HIGHLANDS GOLF CLUB
- THURSDAY, JANUARY 13, 1972 - SYMPOSIUM AT NORTHWOOD COUNTRY CLUB
- FEBRUARY 10 - 11, 1972 - G.C.S.A.A. GOLF TOURNAMENT  
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA
- FEBRUARY 13 - 18, 1972 - G.C.S.A.A. ANNUAL CONFERENCE  
CINCINNATI, OHIO.
- MARCH 15 - 17, 1972 - CANADIAN CONFERENCE  
SKYLINE HOTEL, TORONTO.

#### GREENS SUPERINTENDENT WANTED

Greens Superintendent required for Chinguacousy Country Club (Ontario's finest year round family club). 27 Holes. 12 Months employment. Accommodation available. Experienced preferred but would consider recent graduate from a Turf Management Course.

Forward applications with references, stating salary expected to:

Golf Director,  
Chinguacousy Country Club  
R. R. #1,  
Inglewood, Ontario.

#### WANTED: GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENT BANFF SPRINGS HOTEL COURSE

Applicants should be fully familiar with all phases of this operation. Preference will be given to a married individual in the more mature age group. Interested candidates should forward a letter of application, including resume, references and salary expected, to

V. Reichardt,  
Personnel Manager,  
Banff Springs Hotel,  
Banff, Alberta.

The grapevine indicates that there are a number of vacancies at prominent Golf Clubs around the country. At this date, the O.G.S.A. has not been advised by the clubs concerned.