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

Half the year is now gone, and it has been quite successful to date! Golf Course Conditions have been a source of trouble this year, but Superintendents who attended the meetings April, May and June at Cherry Hills Club, Oakdale Golf Club and Galt Country Club were nothing but impressed by the excellent conditions of these layouts. Congratulations to Superintendents Charlie Behm, Bob Moote and Paul Scenna for a job well done.

At this date, the 'Canadian Open' is over for another year. I have never heard so many favourable comments as were showered on Cherry Hill Club, and host Supt. Charlie Behm. Thanks again, Charlie, for keeping the flag flying.

We are all well informed now re the golf cart operations at golf clubs in this area, thanks to Jim Wyllie's article which made the headlines in "Golf Canada" and to Murray Tucker for counter comments.

We have had an enthusiastic response from Western New York Supers who will be visiting us August. Preparations for a successful day are completed, thanks to the untiring efforts of the committees involved. We owe it to these people for a big response from our end. Please plan to attend!

Wm. Hynd, President.

G A L T   G O L F   &  
C O U N T R Y   C L U B

On June 8th at Galt Golf and Country Club, a very successful meeting was held again as usual. Our host Paul Scenna was in fine form and had ordered beautiful weather for us. The golf course was in fine shape and just gorgeous for playing. Everyone enjoyed themselves both on the course and off. We were served a fine luncheon and a lovely dinner and wine included.

During the afternoon, we journeyed to the turf plots of the University of Guelph and enjoyed listening to Dr. Jack Eggens, Dr. C. Switzer, Dr. Bob Sheard, Dr. S. Fushty and Dr. Goble telling us about the work which has been carried out during the last year, on their experimental plots. We saw a tremendous difference in the turf plots this year and the people who work on them deserve a lot of credit for their efforts.

The after dinner speaker was Dr. Ormrod, and the informality of the evening lent itself to great fellowship. Dr. Ormrod was informative and very congenial in his usual manner.

The prizes for golf went to Bill Hynd for 1st low gross, Bob Hall for 2nd low gross and Hugh Kirkpatrick for 3rd low gross. Bob Heron for 1st low net, Helmut Kopp for 2nd low net and Gene Toombs for 3rd low net.

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ONTARIO GOLF ASSOCIATION

We are pleased to hear that GORDON WITTEVEEN is recovering from a ruptured appendix operation.

Dave Gourlay shoots hole in 1 at Markland Wood, par three second Hole. Dave can probably tell better than I can what happened later on in the round.

Ontario Golf Association will celebrate its 50th Anniversary in 1973.

They propose to especially honor Canadians and former Canadians, both male and female, because of their genuine and outstanding contribution to the game of Golf.

How about it, fellows??? Know any Superintendent worthy of this honor? I'm sure there are many! Any suggestions???

## OAKDALE GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB

I was not able to get the information of all thirty-eight Superintendents who attended the monthly meeting at Oakdale Golf Club.

According to this survey almost 70% of the greens came through this past winter well, even though it was a bad one.

Talking to many of the Superintendents who have lost up to 80% of the grass on tees, aprons, and fairways, most of it was Poa Annua. When the question was asked "do you maintain your aprons and tees as well as your greens?", the answer was "no", but we sure have as much traffic on tees and aprons, especially in areas to and from a green or tee. Therefore, a logical suggestion is to maintain these areas as well as your greens.

Just one example; recently, when I played at another course I noticed that the bent grass greens were in perfect condition and by their appearance they would not need irrigation for another two days but the aprons were wilting and needed water badly. Well, it shows right there that that way eventually you will grow Poa Annua on your greens, by trying to keep Poa Annua on your aprons. The solution to this would be an expensive one. Improve your condition in the ground, cut your aprons down to almost greens height and narrow them to the width of a triple tee mower, and overseed often. Your rough will eventually change to perennial blue grasses and to change the grass in your aprons will take a lot of top dressing, overseeding, thatching, aerofying, etc., as they say, high maintenance, and the best drainage.

And for God's sake cut your fairways longer, slowly but surely set them higher. The golfer will get used to it.

I have started already a program of aerofying and top dressing and higher maintenance on areas around greens, tees, and traffic areas where I found the most damage done by ice and various winter kill.

I fertilize the aprons and greens as one area, not separate, as usually that will reduce double fertilizing on the apron close to the green.

One thing I intend to do this fall, I will thin out the thick lush poa Annua strands on aprons and tees and overseed and top dress.

To me this seems to be the only answer to a big problem, do you know better? If so, let us know, we will publish it to help some one else.

Your fellow superintendent,

Helmut Kopp.

A				B				C				D			F	
Topdressing				Aerating				Fertilizing				Wintered			No of Season	
Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Aug.	Sept.	Nov.	Dec.	Well	Med.	Bad	Topdress	Aerate
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Survey taken at spring meeting at Oakdale Golf Club.

A: Section "A" shows topdressings done in the later part of the season.

B: Section "B" shows aeratings done in the later part of the season.

C: Section "C" shows the last active application of fertilizer in Aug. or Sept. and applications of dormant fertilizer in Nov. or Dec.

D: Section "D" shows in what shape the greens wintered "Well", "Medium", "Bad".

F: Section "F" shows the No. of topdressings and aerifications of the entire 1971 season.

THIS SURVEY PERTAINS TO GREENS ONLY.



GREENS CHAIRMAN/SUPERINTENDENT DAY AT BRANTFORD COUNTRY CLUB  
FRIDAY, JULY 21, 1972

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Mr. Vince Piccolo has been the Greens Superintendent with the Brantford Golf and Country Club for fifteen years, and maintains a staff of seven or eight. Under his capable supervision, the Brantford Golf and Country Club has earned the reputation of being one of the finest and most immaculate Courses in Canada.

NOTE: During the Greens Chairman/Superintendent Day, a limited number of electric carts will be available, by reservation, at the Pro Shop, in advance.

SHORT HISTORY  
OF THE  
BRANTFORD GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB LIMITED

Golf has been played in Brantford since 1873 and the history of the Brantford Golf and Country Club can date back to the first formation of a golf club in Brantford in 1879. The Brantford club is the fourth oldest in Canada, following such well known clubs as The Royal Montreal, founded in 1873, the Quebec Club, 1874 and the Toronto Club in 1876.

Great stress was placed on formality in those days. Players wore red jackets trimmed with brass buttons and membership was exclusively by ballot. If one "black ball" was given an applicant, he was denied membership. The game then was not expensive as the annual dues were only \$3.00.

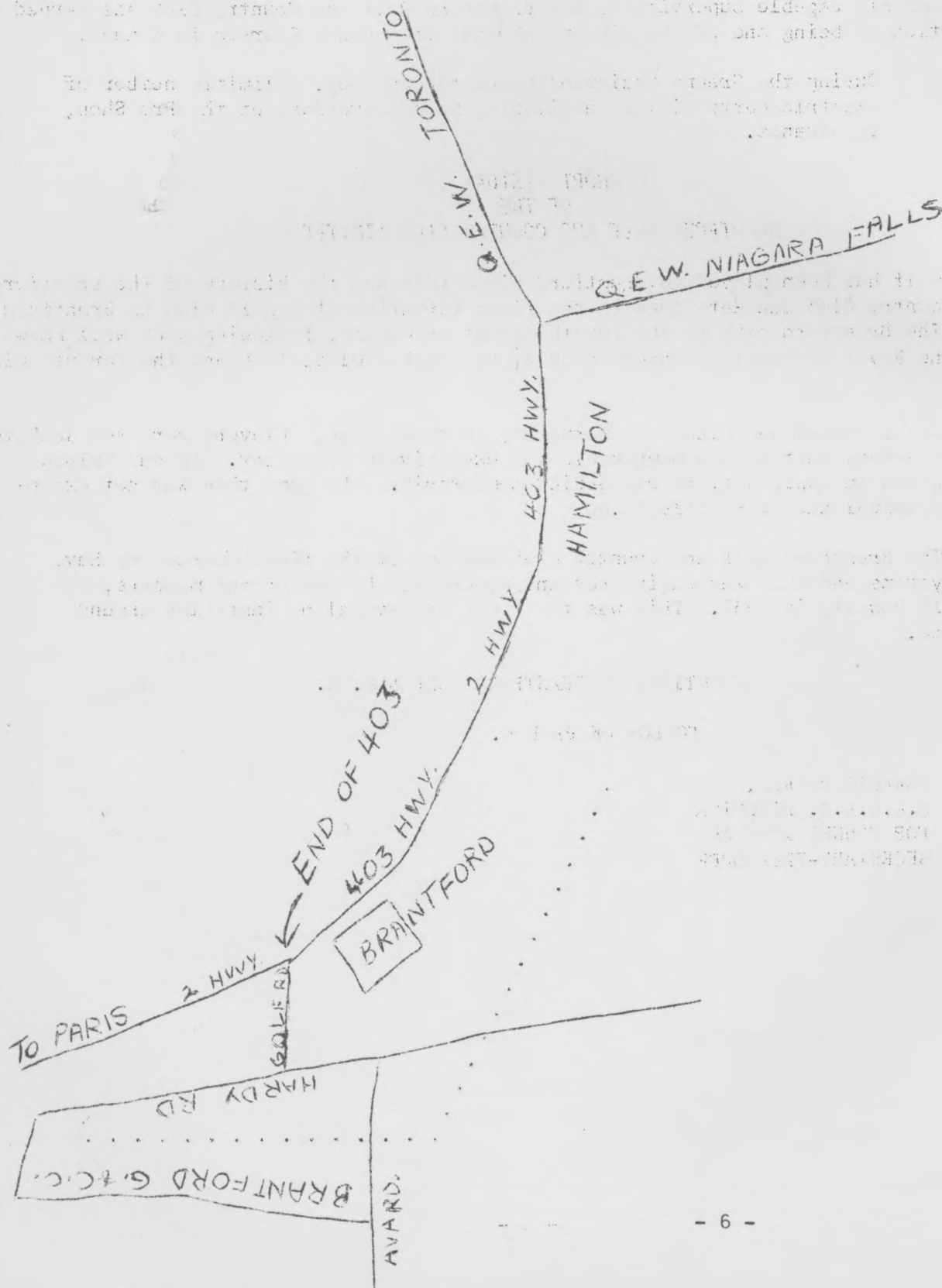
The Brantford Golf and Country Club was one of the first courses to have watering systems and this was engineered and supervised by one of our members, W. D. "Bill" Powell, in 1937. This was the first of several he installed around the province.

DIRECTIONS TO BRANTFORD GOLF & C. C.

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SPEAKER: CHARLIE BASKIN,  
G.C.S.A.A. DIRECTOR  
FOR CONNECTICUT AND  
SECRETARY-TREASURER

# Directions to Brantford G & C.C.



Raking around his shelves during an idle moment, Ross Haines came upon the following article. Perhaps some of our older members can enlighten us further at a future meeting.....

Reprinted from The Bulletin of the United States  
Golf Association Green Section, February 1931.

#### ONTARIO GREENKEEPERS' ASSOCIATION

by W. J. Sansom

In October, 1924, on the invitation of C.H.L. Knuth, then Secretary-Manager of the Weston Golf Club, a meeting of representatives of various other golf courses was held at that club, and the Ontario Greenkeepers' Association was then organized. The original membership was 11, but it has since increased to 27, all of whom belong also to the National Greenkeepers' Association of America. The officers and executive committee of our Association have remained the same since the date of organization, and are as follows: President, W. J. Sansom, Toronto Golf Club; Secretary-Treasurer, H. Hawkins, Lakeview Golf and Country Club, Executive Committee H. Lloyd, Rosedale Golf Club, A. McCullum, Scarboro Golf and Country Club, William Kirby, Lambton Golf and Country Club, C. Freeman, Toronto Hunt Club, and J. Stanfield, Mississauga Golf and Country Club. The annual meeting is held on the second Tuesday of January.

The purpose of the organization is to advance the science of greenkeeping, maintain a closer fellowship among the greenkeepers of the district, accumulate practical knowledge on the problems of greenkeeping with a view to promoting more efficient and economical maintenance of golf courses, and serve as an agency through which members may obtain employment. We hold educational meetings from time to time in which specialists from the agricultural college at Guelph assist; also regular monthly meetings during the summer on the various golf courses, at which discussions of turf problems yield very helpful results.

The different clubs are very generous in providing us with a room and luncheon at these meetings. We are often called upon for advisory service, from which the smaller clubs especially profit. We are also often asked for advice through the mail, and the inquiries are always given prompt attention. Our winter meetings are held at the Sons of England Hall, Toronto, the second Tuesday of each month. These are very helpful from an educational standpoint. A greenkeeper is invited to prepare a paper to be presented at the meeting, and this serves as a basis for discussion. We do not issue any publication of our own, but the local papers and occasionally the Canadian Golfer lend publicity to our activities. Once in two years a machinery demonstration is held, our last having been in September, 1930, at the Royal York Golf Club (presently St. George's Golf and Country Club, ed.) where everything in the way of tractors, machinery, and equipment for the upkeep of a golf course was represented. As few of our greenkeepers play golf, we have not had occasion to hold any tournaments.

Our membership is confined to greenkeepers and greenkeepers' assistants (ed. note; please note that assistants were also members) while at the same time we strive to enlist the cooperation of green committees, secretary-managers, professionals, and stewards at the various clubs in our activities, as it is quite essential that all work in close touch with one another if the best interests of the clubs are to be served. After all, we are all working towards the same ends, namely, to give the players the best course possible, the steward in the clubhouse the best service, the professional the best assistance in his shop, the secretary-manager the best help in his office, and the green committee the utmost economy possible. Our territory covers the Province of Ontario.

WE WELCOME THE FOLLOWING NEW MEMBERS.....

Hugh Kirkpatrick (A)	Lamont Anderson (B)
Stuart Mills (B)	Leslie Kelly (B)
John Hutchinson (A)	Paul Dodson (B)

OAKDALE GOLF CLUB MEETING PRIZE WINNERS

1st Gross	B. Heron
2nd "	G. Toombs
3rd "	A. Jones
1st Net	K. Nisbet
2nd "	D. Uzelac
3rd "	C. Cairncross

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