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NEWSLETTER

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50TH ANNIVERSARY



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

"Look Back Over The Year"

In keeping with the concept expressed in the phrase "time flies", I wonder how the past year passed so quickly. It has been quite an eventful year, both as individual Superintendents and/or as an Association.

The most unique characteristic of this year's growing season was again unusual climatological conditions. The first three months were above average in rainfall totals. In the month of June, a large portion of our membership received rain on 20 days in succession. This was contradicted by a stretch during July and August when the majority of the Province received less than one half inch of rain over a six week period. The weather is all part of the game, but an important aspect is "to manage" when the controls are somewhat out of our hands.

Other observations in 1974 were: the ever increasing costs for supplies and materials, this fact, together with labour increases will assist in keeping the future ever so challenging.

In 1974, we celebrated our 50th year as an Association, certainly there are still general problems we as a group must overcome, regarding remuneration, image, sincerity, etc., but I feel strongly that the original eleven members of the O.G.S.A., back in 1924, would be quite envious of most Supers' positions in to-days recreation conscious Society. The next 50 years can only realize tremendous financial and satisfactory improvements in the Golf Course business. Technological advancements will continue as in all other businesses. This is the time of year when new positions are opening. All members should be aware of the salaries in the area, and be sure to maintain the standards. Also, be extremely cautious of job descriptions and make sure all phases of the job responsibilities are very clear. The winter educational Seminars, Symposiums and Conferences are quickly approaching and there is always something to be gained from each and everyone, so do your best to attend these functions.

R. Heron,
President.

FIFTH ANNUAL MANAGEMENT SYMPOSIUM

DATE Thursday, January 9, 1975
LOCATION Thornhill Country Club
HOST David Gourlay
Registration 8:45 A.M. to 9:30 A.M. - Coffee & Doughnuts
COST \$15.00
DRESS Jacket and Tie

9:30 - 9:45 A.M. President Opening Remarks - Bob Heron

MORNING SESSION CHAIRMAN - Norm MacCallum, University of Guelph

TOPIC I - HOW DO I MAINTAIN MY FAIRWAYS FROM THE BEGINNING TO THE END
OF THE SEASON

9:45 - 10: A.M. David Gourlay - Thornhill Country Club
10:00 - 10:15 A.M. David Mooté Essex Golf & Country Club
10:15 - 10:30 A.M. Stuart Mills Highland Country Club, London
10:30 - 11:00 A.M. Question and Answer Period

TOPIC II - HOW DO I MAINTAIN MY GREENS AND TEES FROM THE BEGINNING TO
THE END OF THE SEASON

11:00 - 11:15 A.M. Ross Haines - Brampton Golf Club
11:15 - 11:30 A.M. James E. Allen - Erie Down Golf Club
11:30 - 11:45 A.M. Ronald Allen Donalda Club
11:45 - 12:00 A.M. Question and Answer Period
12:00 - 1:30 P.M. LUNCH

AFTERNOON SESSION CHAIRMAN - R.F. Mooté

TOPIC III - HOW DO I MAINTAIN ALL MY ROUGHS FROM THE BEGINNING TO THE
END OF THE SEASON

1:30 - 1:45 P.M. John Piccolo - St. Catharines Golf Club
1:45 - 2:00 P.M. Stephen Miller Dundas Valley Golf Club
2:00 - 2:15 P.M. Robert Hall Toronto Ladies Golf Club
2:15 - 2:45 P.M. Question and Answer Period

TOPIC IV - HOW DO I MAINTAIN ALL THE SHRUBS AND FLOWERS ON THE GROUNDS

2:45 - 3:00 P.M. Gordon Witteveen Board of Trade - Met.Tor. Country Club
3:00 - 3:15 P.M. Paul Dermott Islington Golf Club
3:15 - 3:30 P.M. Fred Charman The Toronto Golf Club
3:30 - 4:00 P.M. Question and Answer Period

TOPIC - MY INVOLVEMENT OF ASSISTING IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF GLEN ABBEY
GOLF COURSE

4:00 - 4:20 P.M. Dennis Pellrene Glen Abbey Golf Course
5:00 - 6:00 P.M. Cocktails
6:00 P.M. DINNER

AFTER-DINNER SPEAKER - Dr. Jack Eggans, University of Guelph

Symposium 1975 Committee

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COME ONE, COME ALL!

TO THE

CHRISTMAS DANCE

AT

Richmond Hill E.C.

ON

DECEMBER 14TH, 1974

\$ 15.00 per couple

7:30 - Bar opens

9:00 - Dinner

Music - Jim Duchesne, disc jockey.

You MUST make reservations with Bob Hall, call him at

889 - 8105

GUESTS WELCOME

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Norm MacDonald one of our oldest and most beloved members passed away recently. Norm was superintendent for many years at the old York Downs G.C. until they relocated and rebuilt the present course where he was until his retirement a few years ago. Norm is best remembered by myself for his story telling of the old days, which I could listen to for hours on end.

He was revered by his fellow members and will be missed greatly, witnessed by the fact that 6 of his fellow superintendents acted as his pallbearers.

Jack Harris another member of long standing will be retiring from his position as Superintendent of Hamilton Golf and Country Club as of January 31 st next year. Jack has made many friends across Canada and the United States and has been attending conferences regularly for many years. He also is a great golfer and is more often than not, on the winners list. Jack will be devoting more time to his own course which he has built during the past few years. We all wish him well!

Stu Mills of London Highlands was the successful candidate that will be following Jack Harris at Hamilton G.C. Congratulations to Stu!

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Did You Know ? ? ?

There's no fool like an old fool - - -
You just can't beat experience.

C O M I N G E V E N T S

O.G.S.A. Christmas Dance, December 14th, 1974.
Richmond Hill Golf and Country Club.

O.G.S.A. Symposium, January 9th, 1975.
Thornhill Golf and Country Club.

G.C.S.A.A. Turf Conference and Show, February 16 - 21, 1975.
The Rivergate, New Orleans.

C.G.S.A. Turf Conference and Show, March 18 - 20, 1975.
Skyline Hotel, Toronto, Ontario.

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- 2 Red Riders - 10 HP.
1 almost new, but still needs 1 part.
- 2 Irrigation pumps and motors
550 volts, centrifugal, with starting motor.
- 2 Easy - Go electric golf cars
in good condition with chargers.

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