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Ontario Golf Superintendents Association

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MARCH 1975



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I would like to take this opportunity to express the honour I feel, being your President for the coming year. I hope I can do justice to the office and maintain the high standards of my predecessors.

During the coming year I hope the Association can be unified to become a strong, well-recognized Association within the Golf Industry in Ontario. These aims may be achieved by many means of which exposure of our Association or members is of the utmost importance. This year we hope to make "Press Releases" available to the news media and press on individual members that are hosting Federal, Provincial and various prestige golf tournaments.

Recognition will also come from well-organized functions of our Association such as the 50th Anniversary held at the Lambton Golf Club last fall or our Annual Symposium at Thornhill Golf Club this past January. The manner in which we conduct our business with allied Associations, Clubs, and other contacts, accounts, to a large degree, for the credibility of our group.

During the winter months when the demands on our time are not as great, we as individuals should be assessing our own positions. Each and everyone of us should attempt to develop our skills and knowledge to a greater degree so that we may produce better golfing facilities for our members, outlining the most economical and the most membersatisfying schedules possible.

While most of us keep abreast of the new innovations and maintenance procedures, quite often we may overlook the "Human Relations" aspect of our job. Remember, you may have the best groomed golf course in the area, but if you are not keeping your Board of Directors aware of what you are doing and why you are doing it, you are not doing justice to yourself or your club. You must be able to communicate intelligently with your Board, advising them of any member inconvenience that may occur as a result of maintenance procedures explaining the consequences, if such things are not done. We might take courses such as speech, report writing, speedwriting, office and administrative procedures, accounting, etc., which will assist us in becoming more qualified individuals. Your club officers will appreciate, respect, and are more likely to reward persons who take the initiative in selfimprovement. The types of courses I have mentioned are all necessary for what I will refer to as the "complete Superintendent".

A few of the Superintendent's responsibilities may be classified as management (eg. budgeting, record keeping, personnel recruitment and training), technical (building maintenance, equipment maintenance, carpentry, etc.), administrative (communication with your Board and directing your departmental activities to achieve club objectives), or science (the agronomic and physiological bachground to plant material), as it relates to healthy playable turf, shrubs, trees, flowers, etc., at your club.

Regardless of your title at your golf club you must be an administrator to bring together all the duties that must be performed at a golf club to make a complete program to achieve the finished product.

When we as individuals can assume the role of a "complete Superintendent" at our clubs we will be recognized and respected.

So don't sit back and hope the Association alone is going to advance your position. Become better qualified which will in turn produce a stronger more viable Association to the mutual benefit of us all.

Paul Dermott

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the Family of Mac Frost, on the recent death of their Son, Bob, in a Snowmobile accident, near their home in Agincourt.

Sample employment contracts for Golf Course Superintendents are now available. Phone Area Code (416) 233-2269,

or write: Box No. 63

Islington, Ontario M9A 4X1

The Board is again investigating a suitable association Blazer – further details may follow.

G.C.S.A.A. CONVENTION – NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

Ontario was well represented this year at the American Conference and Show, as well as the Golf Tournament, held at Pensacola, Florida. Participating in the Golf event were Dave Gourlay, Jim Wyllie, Whitey Jones, Paul Dermott, Jack Harris, Ken Wright, Steve Miller and Bob Heron. This certainly was the best turnout in recent memory.

The City of New Orleans provided excitement and good times for both couples and singles in attendance. Bourbon Street, to say the least was true to it's reputation. The Mississippi Cruise was enjoyed by most everyone attending and allowed people to see who was at the Conference in a reasonably contained area.

There was a great deal of variety in the Educational Sessions, under the general title of Preparing for Change - Together.

Special interest sessions pertaining to the General Manager concept, Landscaping, Personal Finance, People Relations, Communications, etc., provided sufficient variety for the registered members.

On behalf of our Chapter, I would like to extend our condolences to the defeated candidates, and congratulations to all the winners, especially our own representative, Gordon C. Witteveen, who was very strongly re-elected for another two year term. Gordon was second in the over all balloting by only a few votes.

Combining convention with a holiday were many of the local members, such as; the Mootes, Nisbets, Witteveens, Wrights, Millers and the Dermotts, to mention a few.

Best of luck in 1976, for another successful Show.

CORRESPONDENTS CONTRIBUTIONS ARE SHEEP THE ANSWER TO THE ENERGY CRISIS?

After reading a recent article by Dr. Fred V. Grau concerning sheep and horses, I began to think about the future.

What is going to happen if our gas is cut off, or the government starts gas rationing to the extent that we can not keep the grass cut properly? With this in mind, I got in touch with a sheep farmer in the area to find out more about these creatures.

According to the farmer, I would require a minimum of 1 wooly per 3-4 acres. I have 50 acres to cut, so I would require a flock of 13-17 sheep at a cost of \$25 each, for a total cost of \$325-\$425. I would also have to add on shepherds wages and the Department of Labour could probably tell me the minimum rate applicable.

Sheep would certainly be economical and efficient, because they could mow and fertilize at the same time, but I question their efficiency, as far as, uniformity of cut and accuracy of application of fertilizer is concerned.

Some of the first areas on the golf course, we may have to use these animals on are our deep rough areas, ditches or difficult to mow slopes. However, I understand they do a reasonable job and the turf will probably look just as good from the road.

I have been unable to find much information on such cultural practices, so if anyone has a sheperd friend or knows of a shepherd out of work, then give me a call because I may be doing experiments on height of cut, optimum woolies per acre, unformity of cut and fertilizer application accuracy. An ex-butcher and/or ex-barber would be excellent qualifications, as I intend to keep them in my freezer for the winter.

Who knows, sheep and horses may once again be the answer to fuel, as well as, the food crisis. At least, until we get through the transition period and find a replacement for the internal combustion engine. Sincerely,

John Hutchinson

April 1974

The Chairman Membership Committee

Dear Sir:

I regretfully propose Joseph Smith as a member of our Club. Joe is a rotten golfer, he cheats, swears, doesn't replace his divots, abuses caddies and has no knowledge of the etiquette of golf.

Furthermore, he is an alcoholic, he beats his wife and was seen streaking through St. James Cathedral during last Sunday's 11:00 a.m. service

If you find a seconder, I will be the most surprised person in Metro

The only reason that I am proposing him is that he owes me money.

Hoping you reject this proposal, I remain

Yours truly, Cam Cairneross

THE 1975 O.G.S.A. BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Back row, left to right — Paul Scenna, A. V. Whitey Jones, John Hutchinson, Cameron Cairncross — Treasurer,

Dave Gourlay, Helmut Kopp.

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EDITOR'S COMMENTS

After working on the first edition, the Newsletter certainly is a new challenge. I respect, very much, the efforts of all the Gentlemen who preceded me and the time they spent in preparing your Newsletter. Hopefully, the task may be divided amongst area correspondents, who will produce items from all around the Province. Any interested member can contribute to the Newsletter, either directly or by contacting the representative closest to your locality:

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PUTTIN' AROUND - - - MISCELLANY

Mr. Graham Shouldice has been promoted from Assistant to Superintendent at London Highland Golf Club.

Wilfred Wallace is the new Superintendent at Erie Downs, Fort Erie, Ontario

Doug Hoskins is the new head man at the impressive new National Golf Club, Woodbridge, Ontario.

Blake McMaster will meet his new challenge at the Brampton Golf Club.

John Stoughton at the Barrie Golf and Curling Club is hosting the Ontario Open in June, 1975.

Nick Thompson is making a comeback from retirement at the Will-O-Dell Course in Niagara Falls, Ontario.

Bill Ward, Board of Trade Assistant, was the winner of the Bursary for attendence at the University of Guelph's Turf Short Course in February. A cheque for \$300.00 is provided by the O.G.A. and awarded by the O.G.S.A.

NEW MEMBERS

Mr. Bill Glashan, Niagara Parks Golf Course Mr. Doug Brown, Erie Shores Golf Course

EDITOR'S NOTE:

Better late than never — The following article, contributed by Clayton M. Switzer, Dean of Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, Ontario. This article was received several months ago, but still is very appropriate.

ONTARIO GOLF SUPERINTENDENTS ASSOCIATION – 50 ANNIVERSARY SEPTEMBER 20, 1974

Presented by Clayton M. Switzer, Dean Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, Ontario

It is an honour to have been asked to be your speaker on the occasion of your 50th Anniversary Day. There is always a desire to reminisce a little at events such as this, and I intend to do just that, at least to some extent. In so doing, I want to consider some of the changes that have taken place over the half-century.

It is appropriate that the 50th anniversary of O.G.S.A. coincides with the Centennial of the Ontario Agricultural College. Over the years, people at O.A.C. and people in O.G.S.A. have worked closely together and I am sure this close association will continue into the future — to our mutual benefit.

An anniversary like yours is a good time to look back—also it's a good time to consider your present status—and to make plans for the future. At the Ontario Agricultural College, we've been doing this too—looking back over our 100 years of service to Ontario society. Like O.A.C., you have also supplied a service to the people of this province. Your contribution has primarily been to golfers—but not entirely, as many non-golfers have been given the opportunity to enjoy the scenic beauty of your courses.

I don't really know much about what was happening on golf courses when the O.G.S.A. was formed back in 1924.

However, it would be safe to bet that things would be rather primitive — no tractors — mostly horse or manpower to do the work — and no chemicals to help with weed control and only one or two for disease and insect control (probably lead arsenate, and bluestone would be standard) and, for sure, one could say the man in charge of the course (the greenskeeper) would have had a status somewhat similar to the status given in those days to a farm labourer.

Things have changed since 1924 — and it seems to me that the evolution of the greenskeeper of 1924 to the Golf Course Superintendent of 1974, has paralleled the evolution of farming. Changes in both professions were very slow until after the war of 1939-45. Equipment changed, the nature of the golf game changed some-what, more

technology was available — but really the people involved didn't show many changes until the early '50's. Then we began to see much more rapid changes both in farmers and in superintendents. Farmers began to evolve from being the subject of scorn in the eyes of many, to the postion they hold today — envied by a large portion of society. As you well know, it is now a status symbol to be able to say you are a farmer.

Superintendents too, begin to evolve rapidly — from the "farm labourer" image dressed in dirty overalls and rubber boots, to the "manager" image that is so apparent among golf course superintendents today. I do not mean to imply that the early superintendents were not good managers — I'm merely saying that, in the eyes of the people who saw them around the course, they did not look like managers. Neither do I want to imply that superintendents will not, get their hands dirty at times — you do — and you must because of the nature of the job — and because it is sometimes necessary to show your crew that you have the practical expertise needed to fix a piece of equipment or set a cup.

The 1974 "image" of a golf-course superintendent held by average golfers (most of whom will admit they know nothing about growing things) is of a man who possesses a great deal of expertise and who manages the course as they manage their business. You have gained their respect.

I find this recognition of superintendents most encouraging. It is only recently that you have been recognized by golfers for what you are — dedicated individuals who work long hours (and working with Mother Nature is a chancey business) to make a contribution to golf unequalled by others. Sure, you get paid for it (considerably better now than a few years ago) — and I firmly believe you are getting better pay (and will continue to get better pay) primarily because of your better "image".

How much has your Association contributed to this "image" you have now? In my opinion — a great deal. The O.G.S.A. together with the C.G.S.A. have provided a means for you to get together on a regular basis. This makes it easier for you to exchange ideas, look at each other's problems, and help each other. It may even help you to feel better because somebody else has more winter injury or more weeds than you have! Also, your associations provide a vehicle for you to have some good times with others who share your own ideas, hopes and ambitions.

As an educator, I'd have to comment on the value of the Association in setting up educational days — bringing in speakers, organizing tours — even raising funds and speaking as a group to tell researchers about your most pressing pro-

blems — and the researcher needs to have this contact because meaningful research is a two-way street. By that, I mean that in-put from the users of research is important if the "right" research is to be done. Hopefully, such research will lead to the answer of the problem, but then the results have to be made available and be put into practice or everyone's time and effort has been wasted. Thus, it is a two-way street, and there must be a close liason between user and researcher.

Let me make a few comments about the future — the future of superintendents, and the future of the O.G.S.A.

As I've said your "image" is good right now. Society is going through a strong "back to the land" period. The man who can grow things has the admiration and respect of everyone in our society today. However, we must continue to work at maintaining and further improving our relationship with the general public. Many of you are doing this in various ways. If you are not, I would offer the following suggestions:

- 1. Take every opportunity to speak to groups on your course ladies in particular. Why not have a monthly "walk" around the course to show members (and guests) some of your fine plantings and some of your problems.
- 2. Speak to the press prepare an article on your course and your work or invite a reporter or feature writer to visit your course.
- 3. Continue your education
- a) on your own reading, going to lectures
- b) visit other courses talk to other superintendents
- c) attend short courses whenever they seem appropriate
- d) enroll in continuing education courses many are offered by correspondence or in the evening at various institutions
- 4. Support your association get active, step up and be counted join in all the activities of the association.

Congratulations on your 50 years as an association and best wishes for 50 more. The O.G.S.A. can be assured of the continuing support and co-operation of the Staff at O.A.C. as you move ahead with your plans to build an even stronger and more useful Association.

CANADIAN GOLF SUPERINTENDENTS ASSOCIATION ELECTION

The nominating committee comprising of Norman McKinley, Gordon Witteveen, Thomas Johnston, John Steel, David Gourlay, chairman, and Carl Wagner has nominated the following candidates to fill the vacancies of the board of directors:

President: 1 Year term

Jim Wyllie, Lambton Golf and Country Club,

Toronto, Ontario

1st Vice-President: 1 year term

Larry Brown, Mactaguac Provincial Park Golf and C.C.

Keswick, New Brunswick

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Saskatoon, Saskatchewan

Charles Behm, Cherry Hills Club Ltd.,

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Gary Perks, Shaughnessy Golf and C.C.,

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Atlantic Prov. Director: 2 year term

Fred Currah, Riverside Golf and C.C.,

Rothesay, New Brunswick

Jack Fairhurst, Ashburn Golf Club,

Halifax, Nova Scotia

COMING EVENTS

- MARCH 18, 19, 20 R.C.G.A. Turf Conference and Show, Skyline Hotel, Toronto
- MARCH 26 Monthly Meeting, North Halton Golf Club, Georgetown. Host, Allan Beeney

- 3. FRIDAY, APRIL 4 Annual Spring Dance, Summit Golf Club, Oak Ridges. Host, Cam Cairncross
- 4. APRIL 22 Joint monthly meeting with Michigan Border Cities Superintendents Association, Essex Golf and Country Club, Windsor, Ontario Golf in the morning Meeting 5 to 6 p.m.

 Dinner 6 p.m.
- MAY 13 Monthly Meeting, Westview Golf Club, Gormley, Ontario. Host, Keith Nisbet
- JUNE 12 Monthly Meeting, at University Guelph
 Turf Plots, Hespler, Ontario
 Golf at Galt Country Club, Cambridge, Ontario.
 Host, Paul Scenna
- 7. AUGUST 19 Bus trip to Buffalo, Golf, Dinner,
 - Dance, with Western New York Superintendents
 Association
 MORE DETAILS AND DATES WILL FOLLOW
 LATER

NEXT MEETING — O.G.S.A.

 $MARCH\ 26-To\ be\ held\ at\ the\ North\ Halton\ Golf\ and$

Country Club. Host, A. Beeney

11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Curling

1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Lunch

2:00 p.m. Meeting

Guest Speaker - Mr. Douglas Kelly

Subject — New Employment Standards Act, relating to Golf Club Employees

1975 R.C.S.A. LADIES PROGRAM – CONDUCTED BY THE O.G.S.A.

TUESDAY, MARCH 18, 1975:

12:00 noon to 3:00 p.m.

Dutch treat Buffet Luncheon at the Airport Holiday Inn.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19, 1975:

- 10:00 a.m. Interior Decorating Tips by Miss Maureen Milne, of Eatons.
 - Ladies Hospitality Room, Skyline Hotel
- 12:30 p.m. Luncheon held at the Weston Golf and Country Club followed by a Fashion Show, conducted by Mrs. Marcia Hachborn, representing Fairview Mall, as Fashion Director, Spring and Summer Fashions

(Complete with professional models; some of the men may desire to attend)

THURSDAY, MARCH 20, 1975: Shopping Day



Twenty-Sixth Annual RCGA

National Turfgrass Conference and Exposition

GENERAL CHAIRMAN

R.F. "Bob" Moote, Consultant RCGA Green Section

MONDAY, MARCH 17

Early Registration - Ground Floor Foyer 3:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, MARCH 18

Registration -- RCGA, CGSA and OGSA Exhibits Open - Coffee, Courtesy of Exhibitors 8:00 a.m.

LUNCH 12 noon

Afternoon Chairman Sid Puddicombe 1:00 p.m.

Welcome by

W. Len Goldson, Chairman RCGA Sid Puddicombe, President, CGSA Paul Dermott, President, OGSA Green Section,

Keynote Speaker 1:15 p.m.

"Golf Maintenance - Past, Present and Future" - Tom Mascaro, Turfgrass Specialist, Safe-T-Lawn, 2210 N.E. 124th St., Keystone Point, Miami, Florida 33161 CGSA Annual Meeting in Theatre Two 2:00 p.m.

EVENING - Free

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19

Exhibits Open-Coffee, Courtesy of Exhibitors Registration 8:30 a.m. 8:00 a.m.

Morning Chairman

Charles J. Behm, Superintendent, Ridgeway, Ontario LOS 1NO Cherry Hill Club, R.R. #1,

Distributor Relations, Toro Manufacturing "Maintenance and Today's Economy" Corporation, 8111 Lyndale Ave. S., Dr. James R. Watson, Director of Minneapolis, Minn. 55420 9:30 a.m.

10:00 a.m. "Golf Course Beautification" Glenn B. Peister, President, McLean-Peister Ltd.,

3328 King St. E., Kitchener, Ontario

University of Guelph, Guelph, Ontario "Effect of Compacted Soils on Grass Growth" - Dr. Jack L. Eggens, Turf Specialist, Dept. of Horticulture, 10:30 a.m.

Pathology, Virginia Polytechnic Institute Dr. Houston B. Couch, Professor, Plant and State University, Blacksburg, Va. "Recent Development in Turfgrass Disease Control Techniques" 11:00 a.m.

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11:45 a.m. LUNCH

Afternoon Chairman

R.T. (Bob) Heron, Past President, OGSA, Superintendent, Markland Wood C.C., Etobicoke, Ontario

"The Thinking Superintendent" 2:00 p.m.

Nine superintendents (10 minutes each) minutes for questions (innovation ideas or techniques used by yourself or other - maximum of 10 good slides with 5 superintendents)

Jack Fairhurst, Ashburn G.C., Halifax, N.S.

Bob Wright, Beaconsfield G.C.,

Paul Dodson, Mississaugua G. & C.C., Pointe Claire, Que. Mississauga, Ont. 3

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Saskatoon, Sask.

Paul Scenna, Galt C.C., Cambridge,

Don McLeod, Osoyoas G. & C.C., Helmut Kopp, Essex G. & C.C., Windsor, Ont. 8 6

Osoyoos, B.C.

EXHIBITS CLOSE 6:00 p.m.

Reception in Crush Court, second floor 'Peter Jackson" hosting 6:30 p.m.

Dinner Dance in Ballroom B & C, second floor 7:30 p.m.

Master of Ceremonies W. Len Goldson

Guest Speaker

Graham Leggat, General Manager, O'Keefe Sports Foundation

THURSDAY, MARCH 20

Coffee being served outside Theatre Two Morning Chairman 9:15 a.m.

Larry Brown, Atlantic Provinces Director, Provincial Park G.C., Fredericton, N.B. CGSA, Superintendent at Mactaquac

"Golf Family" 10:00 a.m.

America, c/o 1231 Sanden Ferry Drive, Course Superintendents Association of Palmer Maples, Jr., President, Golf Decatur, Ga. 30033

of Milwaukee, P.O. Box 2079, Milwaukee, "New Concept for Putting Green Soils" James M. Latham, Jr., Chief Field Agronomist, Turf Service Bureau, Sewerage Commission of the City 10:30 a.m.

Alexander M. Radko, Eastern Director "Bunkers and the Golf Course" 11:00 a.m.

Wisconsin 53201

Green Section, P.O. Box 1237, Highland and National Research Director, USGA Park, N.J. 08904

LUNCH 11:30 a.m. Afternoon Chairman

James A. Wyllie, Superintendent, Lambton G. & C.C., Toronto, Ontario

1:30 -

PANEL 4:00 p.m.

"Golf Construction & Renovation on Existing Courses"

Ten minutes for each *panel member, plus questions by Jim Wyllie to panel Dealing with design, drainage, soils, construction, irrigation and turf) to promote general discussion.

- Construction - Irrigation David Gourlay Paul Dermott

- Construction - Construction Dave Moote *Bob Heron

& Drainage Robbie Robinson

Also participating in discussion: Dr. Bob Sheard

Dr. Jack Eggens Jim Latham

Dr. Jim Watson Fom Mascaro Al Radko

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Energentic, experienced Superintendent or Assistant required for recently constructed 18 hole Toronto North Area Course.

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Write giving details to:

Gormley Green Golf Course R.R. No. 1 Gormley, Ontario

Att.: Mr. G. Evans

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ADDITIONS =

Paul Scenna of the Galt Golf and Curling Club, recently prepared the ice for the British Consuls Curling Championship held at the Preston Arena, in Cambridge, Ont. All participants had favorable comments about the ice condition. Congratulations to Paul and all the staff involved.

CONFERENCE TIP

On a recent radio broadcast, a suggestion was made on how to stay awake during a talk that was interesting, but occurred the morning after the night before. The "sand man" was still around.

Concentrate on holding your feet one inch off the floor and sit up very straight in your chair.

Try it — you may not like it, but it will certainly keep you awake.

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