

"Green is Beautiful"

Ontario Golf Superintendents Association

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Why do we have or belong to Associations? First, if we know what an association is and what they are for we can look objectively at ourselves. The dictionary definition of an Association is: an organization of persons having a common interest.

The objectives of our particular Association members is to produce the best conditioned golf Courses possible at the most efficient and economical cost to meet member or player satisfying standards. Through these objectives the prestige of our Association and individual members will increase accordingly.

The means by which an Association or person belonging to an Association can achieve their objectives is through the education of its members. The learning process may be either formal or informal. For example, I have heard some of the wives say at the dances; "I wish you fellows would quit talking grass." At our meetings and symposiums we have professional agronomist, horticulturalist or even our own supers presenting formal papers on some facet of the business. No matter what the occasion is that the members of our Association are assembled the train of thought and conversation gravitates to the same subject and we are bound to learn something about golf courses. Even when we play golf at a monthly meeting you should learn or see something of interest whether it be good or bad. The good innovations or tricks of the trade you can possibly put to use in your own operation to good advantage. One should even learn by the mistakes of others making sure you don't do the same thing.

If you haven't anticipated the message that I am trying to convey, it is simply this: make every attempt possible to attend the functions of your Association, you will be a better Superintendent for it meeting people that will become life long friends, having a lot of fun in the process.

Paul Dermott

NEW MEMBER POSTINGS

Gerald Gitzel — Rain Tec Irrigation Services

David Jackson — Southbrook Golf & Country Club

These prospective members as all others, become official members one month after approval from Board of DIRECTORS. If anyone has sufficient reason for their non-acceptance, a letter must be sent to our office.

NEXT MEETING

University of Guelph Turf Plots & Galt Country Club.

Date — Tuesday, June 8, 1976

Time — Golf - tee off between 8 a.m. - 9 a.m.

Lunch - 12:30 - 1:30

Visit Turf Plots — 2:00 - 4:30

Dinner — 5:30 p.m.

Cost for the day \$20/person

This has always been a very popular meeting in the past, "Pelino Scenna" always has his course in great condition, and the Turf Plots are getting better every year. So plan to attend.

Dr. Sheard from the University of Guelph will be the after dinner speaker.

COMING EVENTS

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| June 8 | Monthly Meeting, University of Guelph & Galt Country Club |
| July 16 | President, Greens Chairman, Superintendent Day, St. Georges Golf & Country Club
First 40 teams only — \$90.00/team
Breakfast 8:30 - 9:30, Dinner - cocktails - prizes |
| August 6 | Pro-Superintendent Tournament, North Halton Golf Club |
| August 21 | FUN DAY with "Our Friends", Hawthorne Valley Golf Club. Golf, dancing at night |
| August 26 | Board of Trade Golf Club, Golf and Steak Bar BQ, at the maintenance area, informal |
| September 15 | Cutten Fields Golf Club, Guelph. Visit the Entomology Department, University of Guelph |
| October 4 | McClumpha Memorial Tournament, St. Thomas Golf Club |
| October 19 | Maple Downs Golf Club. Tour of Pick Seed (tentative) |
| December 3 | Christmas Dance, Markland Wood Country Club |

NORTH HALTON, Hosts Curling Championship

On March 26, Ontario Superintendents participated in the Annual Curling Bonspiel, for the ancient R.F.M. Trophy. Although, rather small in size this trophy represents curling supremacy among the Supers. After a titanic struggle the team of Skip, Alan Beeney, Carl Bennett, Paul White and Bill Robinson proved worthy of victory and Mr. Bob Moote presented the trophy.

After the business meeting, the 40 members in attendance listened and watched an excellent slide presentation by Larry Sherk, from Sheridan Nurseries. Mr. Sherk stressed the numerous trees, shrubs and flowers that are best adaptable to golf course conditions. An extensive discussion followed. Again, thanks to Mr. Alan Beeney for providing such good "ice" for curling etc.



Members of the winning team, left to right — Carl Bennett, Paul White and Alan Beeney



Mr. Larry Sherk, Sheridan Nurseries

PUTTIN AROUND — MISCELLANY

- "OGSA Jacket" is getting closer to reality. Stay tuned for further details.
- OGSA has granted the Ohio State Turf Grass Foundation \$300.00 for a proposed detailed research program on various insects. "Dr. Niemzyk" from Ohio State University will be heading the program.
- "Jack Marks" editor of "Tee Off", Ontario's official Golf Newspaper, has inserted two articles written by local Superintendents, watch for this paper and further interesting articles.
- The O.G.S.A. official Roster is ready for press, complete with wives names, for those who returned the information forms. It should be available by June 15th.
- At a recent meeting called by the C.P.G.A. of Ontario, representatives of the Superintendents, Professionals, Ladies Golf Associations discussed matters of mutual interest. It is hoped that this beginning will lead to better understanding among the various groups. The managers association failed to send a representative.

New appointments since the last newsletter are Mr. John Bennett moving from Cedar Brae Golf Club to London Hunt Golf & Country Club, and Mr. Bruce Thrasher, formerly Assistant to Paul Dodson at Mississauga Country Club moving to Cedar Brae. Congratulations and good luck to both these fine Superintendents. Also, Mr. Ted Tom formerly at Islington Golf Club is now at Uplands Golf Club, as Superintendent.

— The O.G.A., with assistance from the O.G.S.A. granted a \$300.00 scholarship to Mr. David Moote, son of member Bob Moote for the standard he set in the Turf Managers Short Course at the University of Guelph. Due to the excellent letters, as well as good reports from Dr. Jack Eggens two other members of the class will receive special awards from the O.G.S.A.

The Canadian Golf Superintendents Association are to be congratulated, on their successful Conference, held at the Inn on the Park. Although, minor adjustments will be made in the future, all reports indicated a favourable response towards the first show, organized directly by the Association. Next year the Conference is slated for Calgary, Alberta.

— O.G.S.A. recently awarded their \$200.00 scholarship to Mr. Gordon Barstow, on his successful completion of the Ontario Diploma in Horticultural. The following is a letter received from Mr. Barstow, pertaining to this award.

Peter Jackson has informed the O.G.S.A. that all members are welcome to use their membership cards at Cedar Brae from June 7-13.

This is an opportunity to watch the world's finest woman golfers, competing here in Toronto.

Jim Wyllie and Bob Heron will be viewing from the towers provided by C.B.C.

— Hugh Kirkpatrick reports that courses in Eastern Ontario have all come through the winter in good shape. Most courses have much Helminthosporium right now, and are very wet.

Editor's Note: It has been an ideal spring for leaf spot, everywhere in the Province.

Gordon Barstow,
211 East 58th Ave.,
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March 17, 1976

Mr. Paul Dermott,
Box 131,
Islington, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Dermott:

I wish to commend your association for its very professional attitude in helping would-be superintendents get ahead. I received your check and I thank you. Your recognition is worth a great deal more to me. When I enrolled in the university program, I read about the award and decided then to make every effort to win it. It was my incentive to develop good study habits, put a lot into my studies, and get a lot more out of the courses and a scholarship as well. I am sure it will be the highlight of my resume when I apply for a superintendent's position. Again I thank you.

Yours Sincerely,
Gordon Barstow

THE SECOND BRITISH TURF SYMPOSIUM

On October 5, 1976 delegates from around the world will assemble at Walton Heath in Surrey for the Second British Turf Symposium. Problems related to the turf industry will be discussed, by renowned experts in the turf field.

In conjunction with the symposium there will be a golf tournament consisting of teams from the free world. It will be played at the Walton Heath Golf Club on October 6, 1976. The teams will consist of three players and an alternate. It will be a medal play three ball better ball with a maximum handicap of 10 per player. It will consist of two eighteen hole rounds. The alternate will replace the high scorer for the afternoon round. The team for Canada representing the Canadian Golf Superintendents Association has finally been chosen after much deliberation is as follows:

Robert T. Heron
Markland Wood Country Club
Toronto, Ontario

Sid Puddicombe
Mayfair Golf and Country Club
Edmonton, Alberta

James A. Wyllie
Lambton Golf and Country Club
Toronto, Ontario

Alternate — David Gourlay
Thornhill Golf and Country Club
Thornhill, Ontario

Many Superintendents have already booked their flights for the trip. There is no tour planned, but it is hoped that if you can make it, you will come out and cheer our team to a win. Canada finished second in the first Tournament which was held in Ipswich, England in 1974. The best available travel is Wardair charter service, they have many different flights leaving about October 1 and costing approximately \$309.00 return flight. These flights must be booked well in advance so if you plan on attending you should book as soon as possible. When we receive more information on the trip we will make it available to you.

J.A. Wyllie

NEWS — G.C.S.A.A.

We have been informed that Mr. Bill Knoop, Director of Education has recently resigned from G.C.S.A.A. Bill, who did such a fine job at our recent Canadian Superintendents Conference, has joined the teaching staff of Iowa State University. Dick Hale, editor of the Golf Superintendent magazine, has also recently resigned.

Since moving to Lawrence, Kansas, the staff turnover apparently has been quite substantial.

OBITUARY

Since our last newsletter, four very unfortunate deaths have occurred. We would like to extend our deepest sympathy to families and friends of those involved. A well known gentleman to most Superintendents in Ontario, "Dr. George Smith" of Truro, Nova Scotia died suddenly of a heart attack, while on the golf course, April 15.

The brother of Blake McMaster, and the father of John Bennett also died during the month of April.

Most recently Don Webb, who was at the London Hunt Country Club, passed away after a lengthy illness.

APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM NOW FINALIZED

At a recent meeting with Ontario's College Affairs and Manpower Training Division plans were completed for the "GREENKEEPER Apprentice Program". Applications may be submitted after June 1, 1976. Interested clubs should contact Mr. H.A. Constable, Manager Training Services, Industrial Training Branch, 10th Floor, Mowat Block, 900 Bay Street, Toronto 965-6151. Or any of the Branch Offices of the Industrial Training Branch, for a counsellor to visit them to explain the program and to complete apprenticeship applications.

The course of interest will be a "Turf Management Option" for the Horticultural Program. Steering committee members Paul Dermott and Bob Heron met with Mr. Ron Gash, Chairman, to finalize the curriculum.

The duration was set at 6000 hours, (3 periods of 2000 hours). The basic course for the current landscaper and nurseryman program would apply, special texts were listed, and every conceivable golf course operation was covered in the training program.

When registrations permit, this course will begin on a first come basis, starting in the fall of 1976. All interested persons should contact the above mentioned representatives as soon as possible.

BEACHGROVE GOLF CLUB, HOSTS APRIL MEETING

A joint meeting was held, Thursday, April 8th, at host Ed Henderson's Course. Members of the O.G.S.A. and the Michigan Border Cities Association played golf on what turned out to be terrible weather conditions. After dinner the Ontario Group returned to Toronto via the "Pelino Express". The small group in attendance enjoyed the singing on the bus, that was led by "Ron Stretton & Jim Wyllie".



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GORD FROM THE BOARD — REPORTS

Whether you consider the heading, to mean Board of Directors, or Board of Trade, Gord Witteveen sends along the following report.

Dr. Mark Sears, from the University of Guelph, Entomology Department is working on some extensive tests at the Board of Trade, in Woodbridge, Ontario. He has set up an insect trap, the insects are attracted by a black fluorescent light. When, Dr. Sears locates the type he is looking for he checks the course by removing sod plugs, looking for eggs and then determines when grubs will be a problem. Gord indicated at that time, he would notify area clubs.

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