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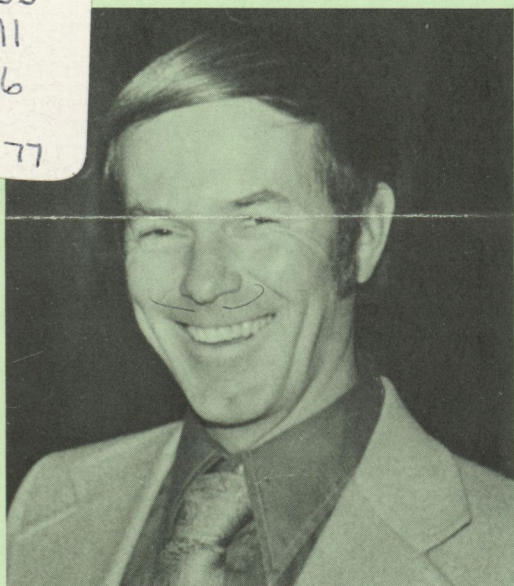


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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

A friend of mine has a saying "these little things are sent to try us" well, Mother Nature sure is "trying" golf supers this spring.

After experiencing one of the severest winters in years, many golf courses came through in poor condition, poa annua knocked out of tees, greens and fairways. Most supers facing these problems were not overly concerned because when the spring showers arrived the poa would recover. But what ever happened to April showers! So, start the irrigation systems but Old Man Winter left a reminder there too. Many systems suffered numerous breaks and hot, dry weather was upon us, and even dollar spot showing up in May. Oh, yes, mes amis "these little things are sent to try us".

In times such as these, when members comment on the "unusual" golfing conditions, I think that supers should realize that the majority of golfers do not appreciate the problems that we are confronted with. Perhaps we should find the time even at these busy times to make the golfer aware of some of our problems. I feel that if they are better informed they will be more understanding when conditions are not quite up to par. The locker room bulletin boards, club newsletter, or a greensletter from the super would be an excellent way to communicate. Think about it.

Alan Beeney
President

MEETINGS

NORTH HALTON GOLF CLUB
MARCH 29th, 1977

Host: OGSA PRESIDENT, AL BEENEY

This meeting was a success from all aspects, 65 Superintendents and Associates attended on a beautiful, warm spring day, too nice to be inside really and many of the fellows spent spare moments outside viewing the beautiful landscaping, ponds, trees and rolling hills which make up the North Halton Golf Club.

Meetings Chairman, Paul White, arranged for a "What's New" discussion with six of our valued suppliers giving a brief talk assisted by colour slides on the subject of equipment — mowing, spraying and irrigation, sand rakes, etc.

The following were represented:

F.M.C.	— Glenn Austin
Turf Care Products	— Ron Craig
Rain-Tech Irrigation Services	— Paul Dvall
Ontario Turf Equipment Co.	— Mike Mayne
Duke Lawn Equipment	— David Falconbridge
Spramotor	— Leslie Freiday

This topic was well received from the audience present and Paul White intimated that another group of suppliers would be asked to present their wares at a future meeting.

Following a light lunch 32 avid curlers competed for the coveted Ontario Superintendent's Championship, and this was a runaway victory by the superior team of Dennis Pellrene, Ron Cray, Doug Heron and J. Austin.

An excellent dinner followed to complete another fine day.

CGSA NEWS

At the recent annual Conference of the Canadian Golf Superintendents Association in Calgary, a new Board of Directors was elected to office for 1977.

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WESTERN GREENKEEPERS MEETING

DUNDAS VALLEY GOLF CLUB

APRIL 28th, 1977

Host: AL SCHANTZ

The Dundas Valley is in an ideal location in these cool, northern climes for getting off to a good start in the Spring. Sheltered from cold winds by the high escarpment on the north side the golf course is tilted to the South and bathed in the direct rays of the sun, consequently, the temperature in the valley is warmer and judging by the growth of the grass, about 2 weeks ahead of growth response in the Toronto area.

Whenever possible, approach this golf course from the North side. The route South on Highway 8 offers a magnificent view of the golf course as you drive down the escarpment. On this particular day so early in the year, the brilliant green of the grass was astounding, a legacy of a new irrigation system and the expertise of outgoing Superintendent, Steve Miller, and undoubtedly to the gratification of new Superintendent, Al Schantz.

Met Fred Grightmire upon arrival, happy to report that Fred (41 years Superintendent at Dundas Valley) looks good, as spry as ever and enjoying retirement. It is evident that the many fine trees around the course are a result of Fred's long term planting programme.

The programme for the day allowed golf in the morning, chilly to start but quite pleasant as the day progressed. Bill Glasham had the best score among Superintendents and Jim Houston, 82, was tops in the Associate group. Played with Jim, a big hitter off the tee with a 3 wood.

The meeting got underway at 2:30 conducted by President, Steve Miller and ably assisted by Secretary, Dave Jackson.

Irrigation was the uppermost thought among several Superintendents present, the problem being broken plastic risers, particularly the nipple connected to the sprinkler. Jack Austin answered questions on the pros and cons of the P.V.C. product in question.

Norm McCollum, guest speaker, starting his 9th year on Turf Research at University of Guelph, spoke lightly on the following subjects:

1. Poa — for or against.
2. Soil chemistry — don't tamper with P.H., check out with the "experts".
3. Chemicals — trade names — chemical names.
4. Fertilizers — Fall application tests promising.

Norm reports that Dr. Jack Eggers goes into hospital in 2 weeks for an ear operation — we hope to see Jack his old self in time for the June meeting at Turf Plots.

Sandwiches and tasty savouries, and good fellowship followed to complete a fine day.

Bill Hynd's prize of a trip to Aleuthera is off. Obviously, the value of this trip exceeds the \$250 limit set by the R.C.G.A.

Bob Trevis, C.G.S.A. 1st Vice-President is in touch with the Travel agent (Aladdin Travel) for a lesser prize.

8th ANNUAL TURF MANAGER'S COURSE, UNIVERSITY OF GUELPH, JANUARY 31 — FEBRUARY 25, 1977

Of the 31 students originally registered at the start of the course, 28 successfully completed it. The course is four weeks duration, 5 days per week from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. with one hour for lunch and "lousy" coffee at 10 and 3. This is a tough 4 weeks and those who pass the rigorous examination portion deserve considerable credit.

Maybe we are getting soft in our old age but we had one of the highest class averages and largest number of students above 80% in the course history. There was an exceptionally close run for 1st place as is normal each year with 1st place going to Merv Mills from City Hall in Burlington and 2nd place to Doug Meyer, Superintendent at Val des Lacs in Ste. Sophie, Quebec. Very well done. Other holders of an outstanding mark (above 80%) were

Larry Peacock, Assistant Superintendent, Parkview
Bill Hale, Superintendent, Puslinch Lake Golf Course
Henry House, Streetsville, Ontario
Howie Schnarr, Superintendent, Chelmsford Golf Course
Ivan True, Alliston, Ontario
David Wray, Tam O'Shanter Golf Club

When Dean Switzer called me to pass on his marks for the Weed Control section, he indicated his amazement at having to give Ian True 100% the 1st one in the 8 years the course has been running. Well done, Ian.

A special pat-on-the-back for those who were older and out-of school for that much longer, particularly Gib Dow from the Ironwood Golf Club and Ed Hendricks from Kitchener. They hung-in like bulldogs. J. L. Eggers Associate Professor

GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENTS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA GOLF COURSES AND THE DROUGHT

The weather is the great unknown when it comes to maintaining optimum playing conditions and beauty of golf courses. In the past two years the weather has been a Pandora's box for the nation's golf course superintendents.

In the East this winter, record accumulations of snow were blown by high winds resulting in flooding and windburn drying up of tees and greens. High humidity during December created fungus problems on the greens in the Southeast while wintry blasts and frosty grounds caused foliage damage. The Southwest was drenched, then parched, shocking the soil and flora into numbness. The West and Northwest were amid a drought that promised to dehydrate the land unless some natural forces reverse the trend.

It is water, or the lack of it, however, that may decide the future of numerous golf courses in the United States. Golf course superintendents around the country are applying many remedies to prevent the loss of their courses.

It doesn't take the actual death of the grass for a golf course to be lost. When grass is under severe stress, as it is in a drought, it can be destroyed by mere foot traffic. Therefore, courses in danger of being lost will have to be closed to play even before the grass dies from lack of water.

Huge economic losses could result from the closing of a course. In addition to lost green fees, tournament income and clubhouse revenues, the actual turfgrass is of considerable value. A golf green is commonly valued at \$1.35 a square foot. With an average of 7,500 square feet, the loss of a single putting green could be valued at \$10,000.

LES KELLY REPORTS FROM ROYAL OTTAWA GOLF CLUB

Dear Bill:

Sorry I missed you in Portland Bill. I did see a few of the other Toronto area fellows there though. It was a good convention, I managed to get my Certification while down there and my wife and I flew over to Hawaii for a few weeks holidays after it was over.

The Ottawa and area courses wintered very well this winter. There was little or no ice damage apparent as was the case last year. Most of the courses had their earliest start ever, we opened on regular greens on April 15th a good two weeks ahead of usual.

The greens and tees wintered particularly well, the best I've seen in the Ottawa region. Snow mould damage was however fairly extensive on untreated turf areas, especially Poa fairways. The fellows with Bluegrasses and Bents appear to be in excellent shape for this time of year.

April was quite warm here also but May has been unseasonably cold to date. Our Poa fairways are relatively slow to recover.

A few of the local courses had bad infestations of Hyprodes Weevil last season so we're keeping our eyes open this year.

With the last two seasons being pretty rough on the Ottawa boys we're looking forward to a good season and so far at least it looks as if we've got a good start in the right direction.

Yours Truly
Les Kelly

BOB BREWSTER WESTON GOLF CLUB REPORTS

The weatherman always plays the top role for the course superintendent. This year we were cutting grass before we had a chance to get our courses cleaned. Fortunately, with the cooler weather we have been able to catch up with this work.

Most older courses in the Toronto area have received winter damages to fairways, greens and tees in the low areas. Hopefully with a little seed, warmer weather and adequate precipitation in May we will have our courses in good playing condition.

A lot of the courses with automatic irrigation had numerous breaks due to the heavy frost depth. Apparently the nipples on the swing joints cracked below the head. A couple of breaks is a pain in the neck let alone "200".

Good luck to all in 1977 and hopefully good turf.

JOHN GRIGHTMIRE, ROSEDALE GOLF CLUB, REPORTS

Rosedale historically loses fairway turf in the spring from crown hydration when conditions prevail. This is a condition of too much moisture from melting ice and snow surrounding the crown of the plant followed by freezing and thawing. This usually occurs in the low pocketed and run-off areas.

We have had very little crown hydration damage since 1972 until this year. No visible damage was noticeable on March 11th but the low pocketed areas were filled with water, slush and ice. It killed all the Poa annua that seems to be the only thing that will survive in these low areas despite constant seeding with the Rogers seeder.

I believe no Poa annua programme should be considered unless these areas are first levelled for proper surface drainage.

We have had some damage on greens this year but a dormant seeding and top-dressing of November 20th, 1976, has germinated very early this year and has filled in very well.

BILL GLASHAM REPORTS FROM THE NIAGARA REGION

This year the Niagara Peninsula area got hit with the hardest and most severe winter in our history. Snow falls recorded here in Niagara Falls show that we had 78.6", nowhere near the 168" recorded at Buffalo International Airport. Everyone remembers the storm of '77 which hit here on January 28. I myself happened to journey up to St. Cath. to have lunch with John Piccle and it took me ten hours to go eight miles. I finally made it, minus my car which I never retrieved for five days. Believe me the stories you hear coming out of this area are true.

Reports from Whirlpool G.C., St. Catharines G.C.C., Cherry Hill Club, Port Colborne C.C., and Bridgewater C.C. (formerly Erie Downs) are all the same, the greens all wintered well except for a few little spots here and there. The fairways took the worst beating of anything. Any poa in the low depression area were wiped out. Lots of patience in waiting and some warm weather and most of these spots will all come back.

Compared to reports I hear coming out of Toronto, we should consider ourselves fortunate down here in the banana belt.

Bill Robertson, superintendent at the Port Colborne Country Club has hired Gerald Cosgrove as his assistant, Gerald is a graduate of the University of Guelph.

BILL BOWEN REPORTS

Results of the golfing at London Sunningdale on May 12th, 1977 with Ken Nelson as host. Sorry more members didn't show but a good day was enjoyed by all with a total of twenty four playing golf.

Greens Superintendent:

Low gross — Wm. Bowen, Peterborough	76
Low net — Joe Reid, Elmira	69
2nd Low net — Ken Nelson, Sunningdale	70

Suppliers and Guests:

Low gross — Rod Hermitage, Green Cross	79
Low net — Tom Bell, Duke Lawn	68
2nd Low net — Sandy Sparkling, Turf Care	69

Thanks to Ken I certainly enjoyed the golf course. Hope to play the other 18 some time in the future.

GOLFING DATES TO REMEMBER

JULY 8th — PRESIDENT-GREENS CHAIRMAN AND SUPERINTENDENT DAY. Information should be in your hands by now. Remember first 40 entries. A great day in store for all. Host — Thom Charters.

AUGUST 8th — SUPERINTENDENT AND PROFESSIONAL. Remember see your pro and get your entry in. Looking forward to playing at York Downs. Our host on this day is Kimmo Salonen.

September meeting at Chinguacousy with Henry Guertin as our host. I thought we would have a little best ball tournament instead of the usual format. Using 3/4 of everybody's handicap and drawing partners, with a low handicap and a high handicap together. It will be easy to set up the draw the day of the meeting so mark it down on your calendar.

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FUNGICIDES FOR CONTROL OF TURFGRASS DISEASES (S.G.F. 1976)

Diseases	Fungi- cides	Schedule
1. Pink Snow Mold (Fusarium nivale)	2, 4, 6, 10	Late October to Dec., before permanent snowfall.
2. Gray Snow Mold (Typhula sp.)	3, 4, 6, 10	Late Oct. to Dec., before permanent snowfall.
3. Leaf Spots & Melting-Out (Helminthosporium spp.)	1, 4, 5, 6, 9	Mid-Apr., repeat in 2 weeks
4. Dollar Spot (Sclerotinia homeocarpa)	1, 2, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9	Early June. Early Aug., repeat in 2 weeks (4 weeks after systemic).
5. Brown Patch (Rhizoctonia solani)	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 9	During hot, humid weather, repeat in 2 to 4 weeks.
6. Fusarium Blight (Fusarium roseum)	2	Early to mid-June. Drench at 5 oz. rate, repeat in 2 weeks.
7. Pythium Blight (Pythium sp.)	3	During hot, humid weather, repeat in 2 weeks.
8. Powdery Mildew (Erysiphe graminis)	2, 9	Apply at 2 oz. rate of either, repeat in 2 weeks if disease per- sists.

FUNGICIDES

Common Name	Some Trade Names of Products*
1. anilazine — Dyrene (50 WP), Proturf fungicide III (8.7 G).	
2. benomyl** — Tersan 1991 (50 WP).	
3. chloroneb — Tersan SP (65 WP), Proturf fungicide II (6.8 G).	
4. chlorothalonil — Daconil 2787 (75 WP), also (54 L).	
5. maneb — Tersan LSR (80 WP).	
6. mercury — Calo-Clor (WP), Mersil (WP), Merfusan (P).	
7. thiophanate** — Proturf systemic (1.15 G).	
8. thiram — Tersan 75 (75 WP), Spotrete (75 WP).	
9. cycloheximide** + thiram — Actidione-thiram (WP).	
10. carbathiin** + thiram — Arrest — 75W (WP).	

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