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November 29 Sanson Day

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— Galt Country Club

December 4 Annual Meeting
— Wyldewood Golf Club

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1985 — University of Guelph

President's Message

As the season draws to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you, the membership, for your support throughout the year at meetings and also for the confidence you have shown in me as president.

The O.G.S.A. is able to provide services and meetings because of the work performed by your Board of Directors and I hope you will join with me in congratulating them on a job well done.

The secretary for the O.G.S.A., Mrs. Jackie Dermott, again this year has been invaluable to the association and has made my job easier. Thank you Jackie.

Perhaps the most important thing that I have witnessed is the relationship that develop between superintendents and the knowledge that is exchanged when we get together. After all, that is why this association was formed in 1924. To that end, regionalization has made it possible for more superintendents to get together on a regular basis throughout the province.

Again, thank you for the opportunity I had as president this year and I wish all a happy and relaxed winter.

Al Draper

WEATHER IN REVIEW



	July	August	September
Average Daily Low Temperature	14.7 °C	16 °C	9.4 °C
Average Daily High Temperature	25.7 °C	26.9 °C	19.3 °C
Mean Temperature	20.2 °C	21.5 °C	14.4 °C
Normal Temperature	20.7 °C	20.2 °C	15.5 °C
Precipitation	rain 25 mm	86 mm	87 mm

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NEW MEMBERS

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Class B

Jed Matthews — Royal Downs Golf Club
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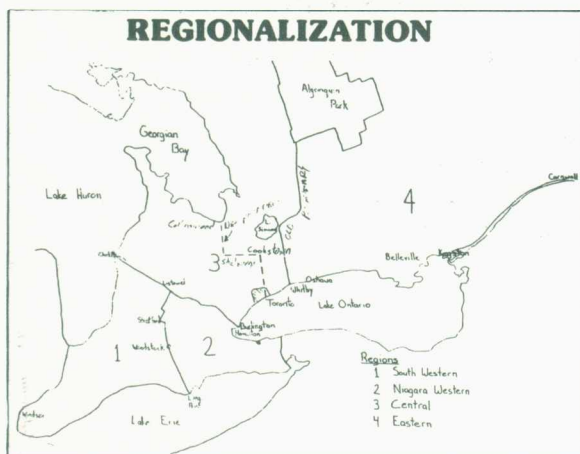
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DIRECTOR'S MEETING MISSISSAUGA COUNTRY CLUB SEPTEMBER 14th, 1984

REGIONALIZATION



NEW BUSINESS

Motion - Changing the boundary lines between Regions No. 3 and No. 4

Moved by: Thom Charters that the boundary lines between Region No. 3 and No. 4 be changed to Highway 11 (Yonge St.), north to Highway 89, west to 24, north to Collingwood from the existing Highway 12.

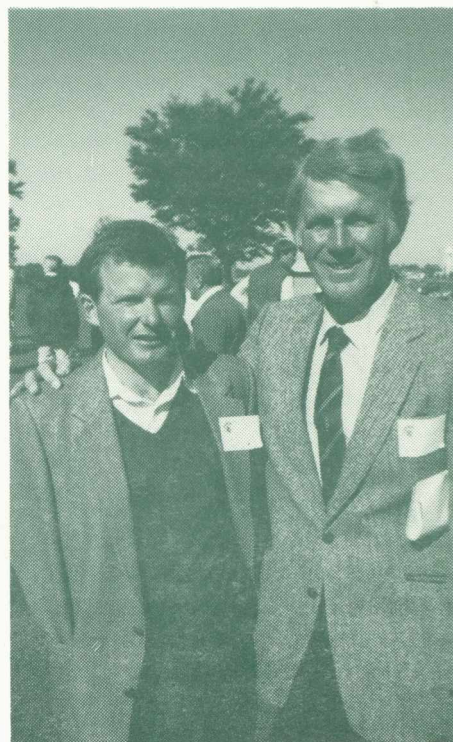
Seconded by Barry Endicott, voted and passes.

The problem with the original boundary divisions is that No. 3 has such a large population of golf courses and superintendents and Region No. 4 has not. With this re-alignment, Region No. 4 will be a stronger and more active region.

Some of you who attended the April meeting at Beachgrove may remember Mike Edgerton, a Detroit Superintendent, who was President of the Michigan and Border Cities Golf Superintendents Association. Mike impressed us with the eloquent manner in which he ran the meeting. Besides being well spoken, he was a kind person and had an excellent professional reputation.

One night, about a month after the meeting, Mike attended a ballgame at Tiger Stadium and on the way home decided to check on the water man at the golf course. While returning from the course he somehow lost control of his pick-up. It overturned and all Mike remembers is waking up in the hospital several hours later. That Mike survived is a miracle but while he was thrown from the vehicle his left arm was severed. Doctors tried to re-attach it but the graft did not take. Mike was in hospital for almost two weeks but is now back at work and in good spirits. He wishes to thank all his friends and acquaintances who sent him cards and letters of encouragement while he was learning to cope with his disability.

I met Mike for the second time this season at the Fall Field Day at Michigan State University, and I can attest to his determination to live a full life in spite of his handicap. Good luck, Mike, from all your friends in Ontario.



*Mike Edgerton with
Gordon Witteveen*

Gordon Witteveen



The Ontario Turfgrass Research Foundation Tournament August 17

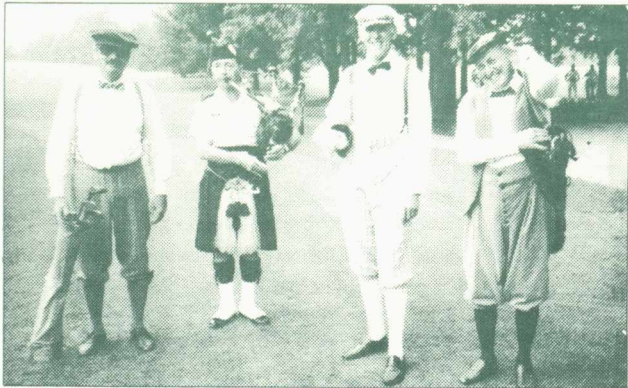
This annual tournament was another huge success this year with over \$8000 raised for turfgrass research. 100% of the \$75 entry fee goes into the turf research fund which is made possible by the generous donations of prizes, food, barbecuing facility and last but more important of all one of Canada's finest golf courses, the National. A hardy thanks should go to all involved.

THE 11th ANNUAL PRESIDENT, GREENSCHAIRMAN, SUPERINTENDENT TOURNAMENT

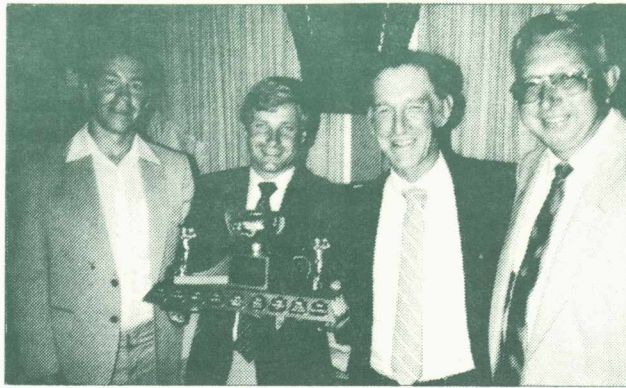
Sunningdale Country Club, Friday, August 3, 1984

Ken Nelson: Host

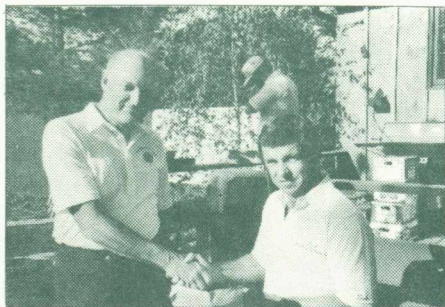
1st Team	Tillsonburg	H. Waterhouse, I Gofton, R. Thurston	109 pts.
2nd Team	Oakdale	R. Lorie, S. Gordon, P. Dermott	108 pts.
3rd Team	Sunningdale	J. Thompson, B. Winter, K. Nelson	107 pts.
4th Team	Glendale	R. Lampkin, I. Nigro, D. Chapman	106 pts.
5th Team	Islington	L. Gillespie, F. Irwin, T. Charter	104 pts.
6th Team	Bay of Quinte	S. Ling, F. Pinder, C. Jenkins	102 pts.
7th Team	Mississauga	D. Stackhouse, S. Mueller, B. Heron	101 pts.
8th Team	Peterborough	R. Moss, I. Phillips, R. Bowen	101 pts.
9th Team	Markland Wood	M. Pogson, E. Nesbit, R. Price	100 pts.
10th Team	Galt	R. Ditner, K. Banks, P. Scenna	100 pts.
11th Team	Brampton	A. Boland, E. Terry, B. McMaster	100 pts.



Bob Moote, John Arends and Whitey Jones portraying our first President, Greenchairman and Superintendent of 1924.



Al Draper presenting the trophy to the winning team of H. Waterhouse, I Gofton and Ross Thurston from Tillsonburg Golf Club at Sunningdale C.C.



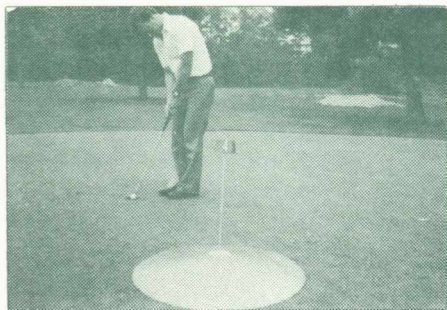
Jack Webb, President of the O.G.A. presenting Paul Dermott, President of the O.T.R.F., with a check for \$6,000.



Sheldone Leonard, Turf Care salesman, accepting low gross honors from Paul White at OTRF Tournament.



Don McConkey, Green Chairman of The Board of Trade Country Club, donating a check of \$1,650 to the OTRF (a dollar for every member).



Ray Richards playing the final hole of the putting contest. A course which he designed himself at Base Borden.



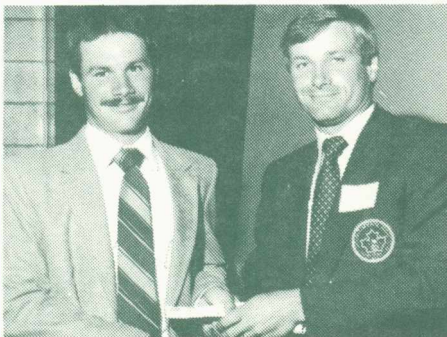
Alex LaBelle presenting a check on behalf of the GBSA to Paul Dermott, president of the Ontario Turfgrass Research Foundation.



Norm McCollum accepting a plaque from host Superintendent Ray Richards for being the guest speaker.



Local GBSA Superintendents in attendance. (Top to bottom; Left to right) Ray Richards, Base Borden, Kim Hanley, Collingwood, Ed Doda, Barrie, Ken Smith, Green Acres, Alex LaBelle, Midland and Neil Acton, Brooklea.



Al Draper, President, Ontario Golf Superintendents Association, presents scholarship to Aldo Bortolon, Niagara Falls at ODH Graduates Spring Convocation.



Joe Reed, McClumpha Golf Tournament winner accepting trophy from Ron Craig, Turf Care, at Glen Eagle Golf Club October 1, 1984.

GEORGIAN BAY GOLF SUPERINTENDENT'S ROUND-UP '84

By Neil Acton and Alex LaBelle

Royal Downs - GBSA Golf Day

The threatening skies on July 17 didn't deter from the day's events as 25 participants gathered at Royal Downs GC in Utopia (really!) for the GBSA third golf day. Our host for the day was operator/superintendent Stu Pickens. Stu had the course all spruced up and provided a fine barbequed steak dinner. As some of you may know, Royal Downs was formerly called Richbrook and was owned by the Endicotts. Both Barry Endicott and his father, Curly, are still in the golf business. Barry is at Chinguacousy (also Green is Beautiful editor) and Curly owns the Evergreen GC in Washago, just North of Orillia.

Our generous suppliers were on hand with prizes as usual. Bob Emond (Nutrite), Bruce Calhoun (Bannerman), and Len Huras (OTEC) all provided some gifts for the day.

Steve Miller, President of the CGSA, was our guest speaker and he provided an entertaining and informative talk concerning associations and professionalism. CGSA Secretary-treasurer, Barry Britton, was Steve's co-pilot for the day and his presence was appreciated by all except the pros he took money off of.

The putting contest was held under skies that we wouldn't let our crews work under. Barry Britton even mentioned that the cloud formations were capable of Tornado activity. We could make light of it at the time but in retrospect, lightning and severe weather deserved much more respect that it gets from golfers and workers alike. Just remember the next time you buy a lottery ticket, you are twice as likely to be hit by lightning as you are to win the main prize.

Midland - GBSA Golf Day

Alex LaBelle hosted our fourth event of the season at the beautiful Midland Golf Club. Alex has constructed numerous traps, tees, cart paths and walkways over the last few seasons and the course is better for it. He has done all of his own design work and has employed some unique ideas on his use of railway ties and logs. The only person who uses more ties that I know is Pete (Tie) Dye.

Approximately 28 golfers enjoyed the course prior to our dinner and speaker presentation. Paul Dermott from Oakdale was kind enough to come up for the day and address our group concerning clubhouse landscaping. We were all impressed with the extensive

landscaping Paul has done at Oakdale and more than one of us will be encouraged to do some clubhouse beautification of our own. Paul also mentioned the OTRF, its purpose and aims and asked that clubs donate to the Foundation based on the formula of 1 dollar per senior member.

Low gross honors went to Sheldon Leonard again. Sheldon has managed to be low gross in all of our events he has entered this season, beating out local pros in the process. Other salesmen present for the day included Rae Murray, Len Huras and Bob Emond. Bob Brewster, CGSA Ontario Director, came up for the day with Paul and lost a few dollars to a couple of poor GBSA superintendents. Bob was last heard leaving the course muttering something about baiting his handicap prior to venturing into our neck of the woods. In all seriousness, we all enjoy the great company of our guests.

Barrie Country Club - GBSA Golf Day

Another enjoyable day was held by all at the Georgian Bay Golf Superintendents golf days, last Tuesday, August 14. The host for our second last event was Ed Doda, Superintendent of the Barrie Club. Despite problems with his pumps during this string of hot, dry weather, Ed had the course in very good shape and the 700 tons of sand used to recondition the sand traps grabbed many a stray golfer.

Golf was followed by a scrumptuous roast beef dinner and a very informative lecture by Mr. Ted Hartwell on the intricacies of irrigation systems and the hidden gremlins to be aware of. Ted donated two very nice prizes; one for closest to the hole won by Chester Graham of Midland G. & C.C., and a prize for low net captured by Nutrite's Bob Emond. Our stalwart Bob Emond and Bruce Calhoun made the prize presentation complete with bar-b-que aprons (Nutrite) and golf balls (Bannerman). (*Thank you gentlemen!*) Unfortunately the putting contest could not take place due to failing sunlight.

Our final day will be hosted by Ray Richards at Borden's Circle Pine Golf & Curling Club. We expect a record turnout and hope to see all of our guest speakers and supporters in the supply sector for what will be a very festive occasion.

GBSA - Borden Golf Day

The 1984 GBSA Golf Days wound up for the season at Base Borden on Aug. 28. Host Superintendent, Ray Richards, had the course in fine shape for the event and the weather co-operated with a cool shower giving some relief to an otherwise close, muggy afternoon.

Almost 40 superintendents, assistants, pros, managers, directors, owners, suppliers and guests were on hand for the day. OGSA President Al Draper was kind enough to make the long trek from Lambeth. Quite a contingent of Toronto-area superintendents also made it up including Barry Endicott, Paul Dermott, Kimmo Salonen and Bob Brewster. The CGSA, represented by Bob Brewster, was kind enough to give all participants a ball on the first tee. Such suppliers as Bob Emond (Nutrite), Ron Craig (Turf Care), Len Huras (OTEC), Rae Murray (CIL), and Ted Hartwell (Hartwell Irrigation) were also present along with their donations which made up the bulk of the prize table. Bruce Calhoun (Bannerman) had given us a donation previously but was unable to make it up for the day.

Following the golf, each golfer competed in the "Putting Contest" with the prize being a T.V. donated by Mike Mayne, Len Huras and OTEC. Barry Endicott was the leader in the tent with a fine 8 but local pro/owner Rick Allen aced the last hole for a 7 to win the T.V. To fully appreciate these scores, one must realize this was quite an elaborate layout with most scores, including my own, approaching the 20's and even 30's. Ray deserves a lot of credit for the thought and imagination he employed in setting up the putting course.

Since the Borden clubhouse was being renovated, the Borden crew had made arrangements for our social hour, dinner and presentations to be held at the officers' mess. After showers at the officers' quarters and a refreshing drink in the lounge, we sat down to a great dinner.

Norm McCollum, superintendent of the Cambridge Research Station, was our guest speaker and he followed dinner with some insights on turfgrass management and research and what the future may have in store for turfgrass managers. Our guest speakers this season were all excellent and we greatly appreciate their valuable time. Over the season, we had 6 various speakers who received no compensation or even expense money. This indicates their great dedication to our profession.

Due to the co-operation of all of our host clubs, we were able to donate \$200.00 to the OTRF. Alex LaBelle, GBSA Treasurer, presented OTRF chairman, Paul Dermott, with the cheque following Norm's presentation. As mentioned previously, clubs donate their courses and provide dinners at or below cost. That's how our association made its operational funds as well as prize and presentation monies. Our generous suppliers are also a major benefactor of this successful format.

The scores were tabulated for all six golf days and the prizes were awarded as follows:

Low Team:	Base Borden GC	
	Superintendent	Ray Richards
	Manager	Jim Campagna
	Director	Max Mayling (Chairman of the board)
	Pro	Abe Buckle
Low Pro:	Brooklea GC	Russ Howard
Low Manager:	Borden GC	Jim Campagna
Low Supplier:	Nutrite	Bob Emond
Low Gross Superintendent:	Brooklea	Neil Acton
Low Net Superintendent:	Midland	Alex LaBelle
2nd Gross Superintendent:	Blue Mountain	Kim Hanley
2nd Net Superintendnet:	Borden	Ray Richards
Brooklea Golf Day:	Low Gross	Sheldon Leonard (Turf Care)
	Slightly Higher Gross:	Michael Scherloski (Brooklea)
Blue Mountain Golf Day:	LG	Jim Mallard (Borden)
	SHG	Ray Miller (Midland)
Royal Downs Golf Day:	LG	Martin Price (Blue Mountain)
	SHG	Len Huras (OTEC)
Midland Golf Day:	LG	Claude Latulippe (Borden)
	SHG	Ed Doda (Barrie)
Barrie Golf Day:	LG	Chester Graham (Midland)
	SHG	Ken Smith (Green Acres)
Borden Golf Day:	LG	Al Draper (Greenhills)
	SHG	Jack Austin (Toro Irrigation)

Following the presentations to the golfers, a special award was given to Doug Acton who was instrumental in setting this association up. He compiles all of the scores for the season and helps out with the general operations of our group. He has now taken on the title of 'Executive Director' and has offered to continue doing his job next season. Special thanks must also be given to Alex LaBelle and Ray Richards who were a tremendous help throughout the season.

THE GREEN SECTION'S STIMPMETER: Most Think Friend — Some Think Enemy

BY DONALD D. HOOS

Former Director, Western Region, USGA Green Section

To an archaeologist in the 25th century, this extruded aluminum bar, 36 inches long, with a v-shaped groove extending along its entire length, may well be a puzzle. But to us, it's a Stimpmeter! We use it to measure the speed of greens. It has a precisely milled ball-released notch 30 inches from the tapered end (the end that rests on the ground). It is simple enough. However, this simple device has been embroiled in controversy ever since it became available to golf course superintendents, in 1978. Why the controversy?

Some opponents feel too much emphasis is being placed on green speed. As an example, one can point to the greatly publicized rebuilding of greens at the Augusta National Golf Club, in Augusta, Georgia, a few years ago. The objective of the

rebuilding was to regain speed and uniformity that had diminished with the passage of time. The publicized average speed of greens at the Masters Tournament that year ranged from 11.32 feet to 11.61 feet, with an average of 11.48 feet. Fast by anyone's standards.

Prior to manufacture and release of the Stimpmeter to member clubs, it was thoroughly tested by the Green Section staff and the USGA Technical Director. Putting green speeds throughout the United States were measured under all kinds of conditions. Measurements were made at championship sites as well. From all these measurements, general ranges for putting green speed were determined and published as part of the instruction manual with each Stimpmeter.

Unfortunately, most club members never see the Stimpmeter Instruction Manual. What they know about putting green speed is what they learn during telecasts of the U.S. Open and Masters Tournament. Speeds at these events generally are in excess of 10 feet. Also not pointed out during television coverage is that the courses where these events are played have worked very carefully over a period of several years to have the golf course in the very best condition. These are courses with higher than average maintenance budgets peaking their greens at incredibly fast speeds for a one-week period.

But it should be pointed out that quality of putting greens is not measured by speed alone. Perhaps as important as speed is consistency from green to green. The Stimpmeter is a tool that can gauge consistency, just as a height of cut bar gauges mowing height. Smoothness and lack of grain are important factors in putting quality and are just as important on fast greens as on medium-fast greens. The speed at which greens are to be maintained should be a membership decision. If the membership wants fast greens, then they must be willing to provide budgetary support to reach this goal.

To achieve fast greens on a daily basis requires more maintenance. Fast greens must be mowed more frequently. They must be verticut more frequently. They must be topdressed more frequently. Fertilization must be on a light and frequent basis. Watering must be done more carefully. Lower mowing heights needed to achieve fast greens also place the turfgrass plant under more stress. A reduced rooting depth can be expected under lower mowing heights. The shorter roots require more frequent irrigation and syringing during the summer to sustain the turfgrass plant. Shorter roots also reduce the grass plant's ability to recover from insect and disease attack. An increase in insecticide and fungicide use may be needed.

To achieve putting green speeds above 8'6" generally requires mowing heights below 3/16 inch. Mowing at these low heights requires additional time by the mechanic adjusting and setting the putting green mowers. Additional grinding and backlapping of bedknives and reels will be needed. Again, pressure is placed on the maintenance budget because of these practices.

Weather conditions also influence putting green speed. Through the year as day length and temperatures change, variations in growth rate occur. If the growth rate is slow, daily mowing and other practices produce faster speeds than if the grass is growing vigorously. In areas of the country subject to high summer temperatures, growth of cool-season grasses almost ceases. Bentgrasses become partially dormant. Maintenance practices that produce fast putting green speeds can be especially dangerous under these conditions. The plant's ability to recover from stress is especially reduced; one mistake could result in turfgrass loss that could require the rest of the season to recover. It is of little value to have fast greens on July 4 if there are no greens in August.

Comparisons between putting green speeds from one club to another are inevitable. Comparing the speed between greens at neighboring clubs has been going on since golf has been played in this country, and it will continue, with or without the Stimpmeter. However, rather than compare putting green speeds, perhaps the comparison should be in dollars budgeted for putting greens, water, pesticides and labor. Perhaps a mathematician could develop a formula to compare putting green speed and budget and also add in the weather for good measure. It is the grand total of innumerable agronomic practices that equals good putting qualities. Don't be blinded by speed alone.

The Stimpmeter is a tool, plain and simple. It was invented in the 1930's by Edward S. Stimpson and refined by the USGA Green Section to give the golf course superintendent a way to measure the consistency in putting greens on his course. By using the tool on a regular basis, great inequities in putting green speeds over the course can be detected. If great disparity exists, then maintenance practices can be adjusted to even out the variations.

Many superintendents have found the Stimpmeter to be a valuable tool and have made it work for them to make their courses even better. If you are one of those who consider the Stimpmeter an enemy, I would challenge you to know your enemy. Learn about the Stimpmeter. Educate your membership about its uses and how it works. Make it a tool you can use. Al Radko, former National Director of the Green Section, has suggested the following four-step program for use of the Stimpmeter:

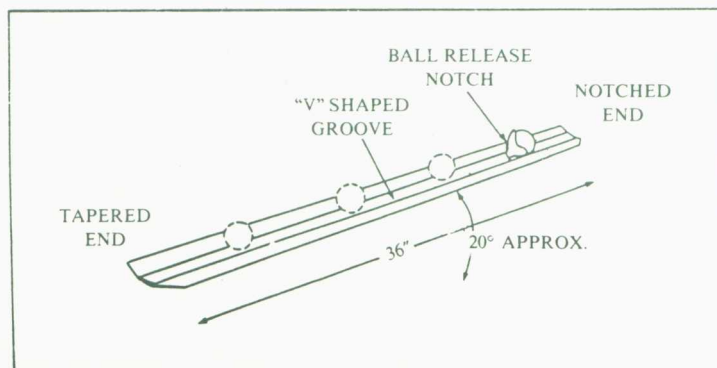


TABLE I.
Speeds for Regular Membership Play

8'6"	Fast
7'6"	Medium-Fast
6'6"	Medium
5'6"	Medium-Slow
4'6"	Slow

Speeds for Tournament Play

10'6"	Fast
9'6"	Medium-Fast
8'6"	Medium
7'6"	Medium-Slow
6'6"	Slow

Step 1:

Following the steps recommended in the Stimpmeter Instruction Booklet, measure all greens thoroughly and record the average speed of each green. By thorough measurement it is meant that all areas of each putting green be averaged and recorded to determine the overall average of every green, including the practice green. At minimum, three separate areas of each green should be tested and averaged, except where contours or slopes limit the number of measurements per green.

Step 2:

If the average speed of any green varies widely from the average speed desired, determine the cause and correct this deficiency to bring the reading up to the desired average speed. This may be done by additional mowing at first and if this does not correct the deficiency, try altering other management practices on deficient greens.

Step 3:

Once the average speed is attained and the average speeds are consistent (within plus or minus 6 inches among all greens), then it will only be necessary to test three or four greens daily to insure

that the greens remain consistent throughout. The number tested daily will depend on the number of mowers used — i.e., if three different mowers are used, then it will be necessary to test one green mowed by each, etc. If triplex mowers are used, then four greens at minimum should be tested daily (two on the front side and two on the back side).

Step 4:

Once every month, re-test all greens to determine whether the average speed continues to be uniformly consistent.

Variations in speed can do more to negate a player's skill than perhaps any other factor on the golf course. Consistency is the key word — not speed. Putting greens kept at speeds over 8'6" as a daily average will need extra labor and manpower because of additional maintenance practices required. Under extreme weather conditions, there is also much greater potential for turfgrass damage when putting green speeds are maintained above the fast range for regular membership play. As with any other tool, I would urge you to use the Stimpmeter to your professional advantage.

Credit: USGA Golf Handbook

OUR GREENS ARE PUTTING GREENS - NOT LANDING AREAS

by Neil Acton

One of my 'better members' came into my office the other day and handed me a copy of the July/August issue of the USGA Green Section Record. The first article, written by William G. Buchanan, is entitled "Why Don't The Greens Hold". If anything had ever been godsent, it had to be this article. I had just received a lecture on not watering my greens sufficiently by one of my 'better players'. You know the type. A 5 handicap who plays to a 15, fluffs the ball up at every opportunity and hits fliers to a green running 10'6". This fellow expects every green to accept his poorly hit shots as if they were hit by the likes of a Tom Watson. No matter to him problems arising from overwatering. Dam the compaction, disease and what ever else we superintendents invented to make our jobs seem complicated. Just stop his blasted Pinnacles 20' from his ball mark (preferably in front).

Well, I now have some ammunition thanks to Mr. Buchanan and the USGA, and for this, I am truly thankful. Had this article appeared in *Green is Beautiful*, the

Greenmaster or Golf Course Management, my 'better golfer' and his like would most surely dismiss it as superintendent propaganda. He will now treat the information as gospel and expound its virtues from tee to tee, as its source is not a superintendents trade magazine but the prestigious USGA. I am not above accepting charity.

The article is too lengthy to repeat in its entirety but I will directly quote the summation offered at the end of his paper.

1. Putting greens can be constructed to grow grass that is best for putting.
2. Not all putting greens are created equal; some may be firmer than others.
3. Depending on maintenance practices, some greens will putt faster than others.
4. The coefficient of restitution is a measure of how much a ball will bounce on a green, but not a good factor in determining if the green will hold.
5. Backspin on a ball will make it stop quickly, generally on the third bounce.

6. Golf balls make a difference in the amount of spin a play can impart on the ball. Two-piece balls spin slower than surlyn-covered balls.
7. Close, frequent mowings on fairways and tees will help the putting greens hold.
8. Hardness testers for greens will not solve the problem. They only give us more numbers to use (has the Stimpmeter made putts for anyone?)

In conclusion, all aspects of golf must be considered with any problem relating to the golf course. Large numbers of golfers have been raised on soft putting greens. They have not played on firm putting surfaces. Golf courses of the future will be forced into conserving water, and the game will be better for it.

Players who have not played under firm conditions are in for a treat, once they learn to allow for the roll. In golf, the player should adjust his game to course conditions. The superintendent is employed to maintain the grass so it will best suit the play of the game. It is both unfair and unreasonable for the golfer to

expect the superintendent to adjust the golf course to each individual's game. The handicap system should be used to equalize skill, and the golf course should provide the test. Richard S. Tufts, a former USGA President, said "Play the ball as it lies and play the course as you find it." We need more of this philosophy.

Golf courses hire superintendents to maintain a putting green or a

landing area. Since the Rules of Golf do not define a landing area, but they do define a putting green, my vote goes for the putting green. Therefore, when asked, "why don't the greens hold?" we might tell them they are "putting greens", not "landing areas".

I know that this is an issue that is forever being debated amongst golfers and superintendents alike. I

personally agree with the statements made in the article and I have been reasonably successful in swaying my members and guests to this way of thinking. This article has made the task somewhat easier and I suggest anyone wanting to read the entire article should contact the USGA at the following address. USGA Green Section, golf House, Far Hills, New Jersey 07931. Subscriptions are \$6/year US funds for six issues.

A TRIP TO THE BEER STORE

The following is a true story as told by Brooklea GC golf professional Russ Howard to the participants of the final golf day of the Georgian Bay Superintendents Association:

Saturday, August 25 started out as a normal Saturday at Brooklea. We had 4 tournaments booked back to back, we had reserved more gas cars than we owned and the superintendent was off for another weekend. To make matters worse, my accountant, who I try to keep very happy, was in one of these tournaments and as luck would have it, he had reserved one of the "invisible" gas cars. As he is partially disabled, I had to find him a gas car or probably find myself declaring bankruptcy at years end. Since I had no intention of taking my life in my hands and marshalling the course that day, I decided to rent out our ranger car. This particular car is ungoverned and moves out at just under the speed of sound. I figured my responsible accountant would treat this car with respect so I rented it to him. For some unknown reason, he decided to exchange this car with two unsavoury types for a more sedate Yamaha.

All seemed to be going well until I heard reports from the course that the marshall car was being flipped over with some regularity. Not having a vehicle left, I jogged out to the 12th tee, confirmed the fact that they managed to keep their beer from spilling when they flipped the car, made sure the car still ran then told them to have a good time. As I jogged away, I stopped within earshot to warn them to take it easy, then sped off with my remaining energy knowing all the while they had the fastest car man has ever seen.

I thought everything was fine until the phone rang and my brother inquired as to why our marshall car was at the Brewers Retail, where he is employed. I told him there must be some mistake but he assured me there aren't many lime green golf cars with "MARSHALL" emblazoned all over it in bright yellow letters. Not knowing what to do, I jumped in my car to try to stop these fellows before someone got hurt.

The beer store happens to be over 3 miles away with half of it being 4 lane highway. There is also 3 sets of lights to contend with along with 2 malls, various other businesses and the police station. As I approached the first set of lights, I saw my marshall car coming over the hill in the middle of the passing lane. I turned around to give chase and thought a Steve McQueen style cut-off might intimidate them. I guess Steve was a better driver than me because I lost all control and slid into the ditch as I attempted this impressive maneuver. I jumped from my car in time to receive a parting toast from one of the culprits. Good fortune did come my way momentarily as an acquaintance happened by and drove me to the course but with no sign of the marshall car.

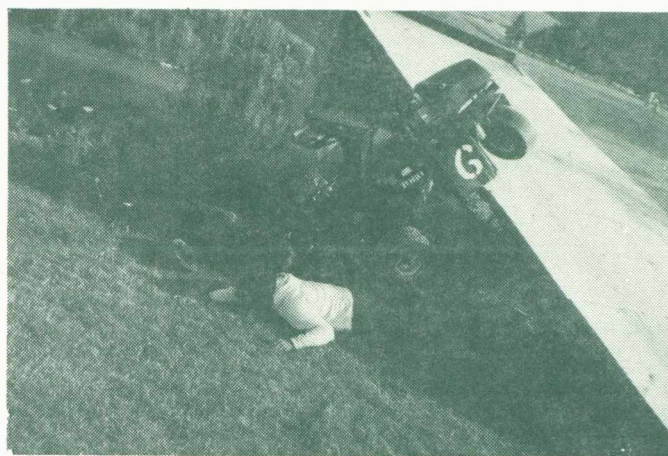
Once at the course, I realized this situation required some police attention so I phoned the OPP and asked for a hand in controlling some drinking golfers and an errant golf car. The officer said they were indeed interested as they had a report of a car being forced into a ditch by these characters (I didn't tell him it was my car in the ditch).

The police arrived, commandeered a golf car and chased the perpetrators around the course and finally cornered the car and driver minus the passenger. When questioned as to the whereabouts of his partner in crime, our inebriated criminal said he had lost him going through the cornfield (what next?). The officer then began to dress this fella down as to the stupidity and danger of the affair when our star quickly retorted how stupid and dangerous it is to put a car in the ditch trying to act like a stunt driver, all the while looking directly at me. When he finally remembered his last name (really), he was charged with liquor other than a place of residence. No other charge was laid as he wasn't caught on the highway by the police.

I do have the last laugh though as these two jerks forgot their clubs and I've been renting them out at \$3.50 a crack to this day.

FAMILIARITY BREEDS CONTEMPT

One might think that this photo was taken in early April of a rookie greens cutter left on his own for the first time after being given the proper training in greens mower operation, but it was taken in early September of an experienced machinery operator. This is a drastic reminder that as turf managers and turf equipment operators, we cannot let up at any time of the year when it comes to safety in the workplace.



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SOUTHWESTERN ONT. SUPERINTENDENTS ASSOC.

By Gord Nimmo

On July 12 the Southwestern Ontario Superintendents met at Greenwood Golf Club in Sarnia. Hosts for the day were Ted and Linda Ellis who had the course in excellent shape or at least set up to their own game as Ted and Linda walked away with the low gross prize in the male and female category. Al Draper of Greenhills was second low gross followed by Al Clements of Egremont. Low net for the day went to Kelly Barnett of Baldson Golf Club followed by Jerry Sterling of Bluewater Golf Club. After dinner Al Draper gave an informative talk on sand green construction and topdressing with sand. Much thanks has to go to owners Len and Avril Moore for the great meal.

The next meeting will be at the Highland Golf and Country Club in London where Graham Shouldice will be the host on Aug. 16. See you then.

46 Correspondence Students Graduate From Guelph

by Penny Clelland

One indication of a tighter economy was the number of correspondence students who received diplomas during Spring Convocation at the University of Guelph. In addition to their studies, most of the 46 graduates from the Ontario Diploma in Horticulture and the Ontario Diploma in Agriculture programs have full time responsibilities - jobs, families or both.

Independent Study is an Ontario Ministry of Agriculture and Food sponsored program offered through the University School of Part-time Studies and Continuing Education. Since 1960 more than 40,000 adults have studied through Independent Study; over 500 of these have earned diplomas.

With its mixture of scientific and practical information, the diploma program is unique in Canada. Adults from all backgrounds and age groups have common goals - to gain new information or enhance what they already know about the green industry or agriculture. Employers recognize the value of an ODH and ODA and often base promotion and hiring decisions upon them. A cross-section of 1984 graduates reveals an average age of 32 and residence across Canada, with one ODH from Ohio.

Congratulating the graduates at the evening banquet, Dr. Clay Switzer, Deputy Minister of Agriculture and former Dean of Ontario Agriculture College, noted the "discipline and initiative" required to be successful in independent studies. A number of awards and scholarships recognized student achievement.

Bob Cheeseman, Director of Landscape Ontario, presented Landscape Ontario awards to graduate Antonio Da Silva, Oshawa, Peter Viles, Burlington and James Roberts, Ottawa. The Ontario Golf Superintendents Association awards were presented by President Al Draper to Aldo Bortolon, Niagara Falls and Murray Bissett, Halifax Co., N.S. Daryle Wilson, Glenburnie, Ontario won the first Toronto Trust Cemeteries Scholarship, presented by General Manager, Bob Smith. Stuart Clendenning, Toronto Parks, presented the Vera Bezeready award for the woman with the highest standing in any year to Enid Grant, Toronto.

The ODH Graduates Association supports the diploma program in a number of ways. President Mike Mahaffey presented the Association award for graduates with the highest overall aver-

age to Rene Schmidt of Almonte, Ontario. Brian Sutton, former president, presented an honorary life membership to Mr. G.C. Duke, G.C. Duke Equipment Ltd., accepted by Jim Tanner, for his generous donations of scholarships since 1963. Entries in the first annual ODH Graduates Association Photography Contest were displayed. A view of Butchart Gardens in Victoria, B.C., taken by Mike Nihls, formerly with Kitchener Parks, placed first. The Association also made a cash donation to Humber Arboretum, accepted by Art Coles, Director.

Independent Study course packages now contain printed texts with support materials in the form of audio cassettes and colour slides on microfiche or filmstrips. In his address Division Chairman Ted McNinch announced an intention to add a video component to the study package. The first course to be augmented with video will be the popular Qualified Plantsman. Video tapes will be available at libraries and educational centres throughout Ontario and to individuals. Student will be able to watch the steps in growing a healthy tree, planting a garden or designing a backyard. In this way new technology will enrich the distant learners' study experience.

SUNPARLOUR BRIEFS

October 3, 1984

by Ron Heesen

Canadian goes south; Randy Hooper, long time Superintendent of Roseland Golf and Curling Club in Windsor has moved to Florida. Randy is taking over from his father as Superintendent of the CC of Coral Springs. Coral Springs is located just north of Ft. Lauderdale. We all wish Randy well in his future endeavours and hope to see him at the National Conference. Pat Hebert, Randy's Assistant at Roseland has taken over as Superintendent. We would also like to wish Pat continued success in the future.

Maple City Meeting, Chatham; On September 27th region 1 Superintendents held their last meeting of the year. The meeting was at Maple City and featured golf as well as an

equipment demonstration. The weather was slightly on the cool side, but a fine day for golf. There were many equipment exhibitors in attendance and their work was greatly appreciated in making this a fine day. A special thanks to John Picard for having this meeting. His course was in excellent shape and John was a great host.

Well, its time to review budgets, prepare the course for winter and reflect on our practices of the season past. Hopefully, along the way, we will also spend some time with our families. Its been an excellent year for growing turf in South-Western Ontario and we're all hoping the winter proves to be just as kind.

O.G.S.A. Christmas Party

Galt Country Club

Saturday December 1

Host: Paul and Dianne Scenna



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