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"Did You Know That..."

Golf courses are not required by law to provide Workmen's Compensation Insurance. Check with your employer to ensure you and your staff are covered. If you are not covered, phone the O.G.S.A. Office and let the Directors know.

On The Move

Greg Aljoe has moved from Merry Hill C.C. to Foxwood Golf Club

From The Editor

This record setting wet fall has proven to be very aggravating and testing for those of us with fall projects mired down in mud. I would suggest, however, that the trials and tribulations we are experiencing presently will be miniscule compared to the wrath directed at us next spring by golfers unprepared for the mess they may well encounter next spring.

The key word here is unprepared. If communication skills were not a priority with us in the past, we will be well advised to bone up on them pronto. Most golfers will be most understanding if they are informed that we experienced one of the – if not the – wettest falls in recorded history. I know that I am not alone in this dilemma as I am aware of thousands of yards of saturated fill and topsoil decorating many Ontario courses. Here's hoping for a dry spring.

While I've got your ear, I would like to address a most disturbing problem; that being the poor attendance at our regional nomination meetings. Region 1 members get full marks for participation, but regions 2, 3 and 4 fail miserably. The O.G.S.A. Directors found the problem most distressing and we would like some input as to how to improve the attendance at our nomination meetings. How about guest speakers, or earlier in the fall, or ??? Get involved and help us out. Phone the O.G.S.A. office and give some suggestions or contact one of your regional Directors.

Neil Acton, C.G.C.S.

Weather In Review

Average Daily Low Temperature Average Daily High Temperature Mean Temperature Normal Temperature Precipitation

Environment Canada Toronto International Airport

AUG.	SEPT.	OCT.
13.7°C	11.8°C	5.4°C
24.2°C	21.4°C	14.5°C
19°C	16.6°C	10°C
20.5°C	16.4°C	10.3°C
152mm	50mm	34mm

SPECIAL EDITORIAL

To me, the strengths of our Association lie in our members' individual knowledge and their willingness to share it. Whether you are an owner/operator working with limited funds, a superintendent at an exclusive private club, a young assistant or a veteran salesperson, you have something valuable to contribute. Our varied backgrounds have given each of us unique perspectives on our complex business.

It is my opinion, however, that one other ingredient must be nurtured to optimize the previously mentioned strengths. The majority of us would be better served by this Association if we were more willing to receive the knowledge that our fellow superintendents are willing to share. You can put yourself in a position to correct this situation by participating at our Association meetings and events.

You don't have to attend to realize important benefits that a membership in the O.G.S.A. affords. This is, however, a selfish approach and inconsistent with the objectives of our Association. To be a valuable member of the O.G.S.A., you must recognize that you owe it to yourself, and to your fellow members, to participate.

I'll be doing whatever I can to encourage your involvement during the upcoming year. Towards that end, I am soliciting any ideas that will, in your opinion, help us achieve this goal. The bottom line is, make the commitment to participate as much as possible in 1986.

Thom Charters

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir:

In 1981 the Department of Geography and the Faculty of Law of the University of Western Ontario hosted a Symposium on Public Access to Private Land in Ontario. This symposium was designed to discuss the implications of the revised Act Respecting Occupiers' Liability and the Act to Protect Against Trespass to Property. The symposium saw three keynote speakers address the Background and Rationale for the Acts, the Implications of the New Legislation for Landowners and Occupiers, and the Impact of the New Legislation on the General Public and Specific Recreation Groups. Each keynote paper was followed by responses from panelists and then questions and discussion from the floor.

The 108 page complete transcript of proceedings is now available in special bound form from this Department for the cost of \$12.00 per copy including postage and packing. To order, or for more information, please contact the Department of Geography at the address [below]. Yours sincerely,

R.W. Butler Professor and Chairman Department of Geography The University of Western Ontario Social Science Centre London, Ontario N6A 5C2

"JUST IN"

John Steel, Past President of C.G.S.A. and longtime superintendent at St. Charles G.C. in Winnipeg prior to retiring, will be a recipient of the 1985 "Distinguished Service Award." This award is presented by the G.C.S.A.A. to individuals who have contributed greatly to the game of golf. John is in such esteemed company as fellow Canadians, Keith Nisbet and Geoffry Cornish. Congratulations from the O.G.S.A., John.

CONGRATULATIONS TO...

Congratulations to Sid Witteveen on his marriage to Gina in Ottawa in late September. As of last spring, Sid has also taken on a new position as Golf Course Superintendent and Construction Supervisor of a new 18 hole golf course called Lock Marsh Golf Club in Kanata just outside of Ottawa.

Also, congratulations to Ron and Adrienne Heesen on the arrival of their baby girl on October 1. Erika weighed in at 8 lbs $5\frac{1}{2}$ oz.

SUPERINTENDENTS GATHER AT ONE OF CANADA'S FINEST

Over 50 people were present for the final meeting of the Region 1 Superintendents. You couldn't pick a finer setting than the Essex Golf Club. Designed by Donald Ross in the 1920's, its magnificent layout is still a force in today's golf courses. Every green is a sculptured work of art. The bunkering on the course is also nothing short of spectacular, and no small detail is missed by Superintendent Bill Fach. The club's commitment to excellence shows with the remodelling of fairway bunkers at #15 and the addition of the same at #1, to name just two of Superintendent Fach's numerous fall projects.

It was somewhat overcast for our golf game, but otherwise the weather couldn't have been better. The temperature was a most comfortable 18°C all day. After golf, we enjoyed a prime rib dinner in the main dining room of the club. This was followed with a speech by Al Draper on "Maintaining Exceptional Putting Green Speed." Al complained that he didn't have time to prepare, because he had a dozer caressing his river banks, which was taking up a large part of his time. Nonetheless, Al did a super job, and made the evening very worthwhile. Now if he would only share his sand greens

with everybody, we'd be alright.

Elections were also on the agenda for the evening. Draper and Fach are off the O.G.S.A. board and Ron Heesen and Rod Trainor were voted on to replace them. Trainor couldn't make the meeting as he had a budget meeting at home to attend to. We all hope Rod got at least a 40% budget increase! A special thanks should be given to Al and Bill for the super job they did these past years on the board. As for Heesen and Trainor, only time will tell if they can fill the void left by these two gentlemen.

Finally, a special thank-you to Bill Fach and all the staff at Essex for a very special day. Dave Falconbridge of Turf Care Products and Dave Park of Duke Equipment also deserve a special thanks for their participation and donation of prizes.

Oh, I almost forgot. The winner for the golf was none other than Windsor's Ray Manion, owner/operator of Silver Tee Driving Range. Manion, alias Silver Fox, struck again with a superb round of 74. He now admits to being a scratch handicapper!!!

Ron Heesen

TURFGRASS AND WEED MANAGEMENT FIELD DAY

August 19, 1985 by Tom Murphy

This late summer visit to the Research station turned out to be very interesting for the fifty plus attendees. Dr. Lee Burpee led a lively discussion using one of the storage buildings as a classroom.

He described this summer's major problem as Summer Patch disease, formerly called Ophiobulus Patch. I can't give all the details because my pen wasn't fast enough but the fungus attacks Poa roots causing the leaves to shrivel and yellow. For more information contact Dr. Burpee and watch out for high pH levels at the surface area.

On our tour of the disease research plots, Lee pointed out some very interesting results in the control of dollar spot with bi-weekly applications of liquid urea at 1/16 to ½ lb of N per 1000 sq ft and no fungicide. I am looking forward to the paper on this one.

We were introduced to the new staff addition at U. of Guelph. Chris Hall is filling the position left vacant by Dr. Clay Switzer. He has commenced testing on growth retardants and will also study weed killers. He has an impressive stand of crabgrass coming up for future tests. Welcome and



Dr. Burpee and Field Day participants

good luck to Chris.

Norm McCollum toured us through the turfgrass variety plots. He is doing evaluations of the new rye grasses available and he has interesting results at several cutting heights.

We finished the afternoon with soft drinks and conversation.

C.G.S.A. DISEASE DIAGNOSIS AND MANAGEMENT SEMINAR REPORT

by Alex La Belle

On October 16, a seminar on Turfgrass Disease Diagnosis and Management, sponsored by the C.G.S.A.'s National Seminar Program, was given at the Horseshoe Valley Resort by Dr. Lee Burpee. John Hughes, the superintendent, and club house manager Ken Robertson are to be commended for the fine arrangements made on the Association's behalf.

Just when you figure that you have everything in order someone decides to change the names of the fungi which cause some of our more perplexing difficulties. That high school Latin may pay off yet. Apparently a gathering of Turfgrass Pathologists decided, after extensive research, that there are more of these troublesome pests around than we had previously believed. In an attempt to ease identification and classification, this group of professionals tried to arrive at or maintain common names of diseases such as Dollar Spot and Brown Patch and alter the specific name of the fungi. Pink Snow Mold, for example, remains a common name but the fungus which causes the disease has been reclassified from Fusarium nivale to Microdocium nivale. Dr. Burpee gave an excellent lecture filled with other such important updatings as well as information concerning new methods available to assist in the proper diagnosis of diseases. Use of the disease triangle to attack the fungi through cultural and environmental manipulation was a large part of Lee's presentation.

This seminar was able to place a few more methods at our disposal to aid in the control of turfgrass diseases. The spontaneous, unsolicited applause at the end of the day was testament as to how well the presentation was received. Thank-you Dr. Burpee.

IRON-NITROGEN INTERACTIONS ON BENTGRASS

D.B. Davidson and R.W. Sheard Department of Land Resource Science

In 1983 R.W. Sheard initiated an experiment, the purpose of which was to compare the effects of various solution applications of nitrogen materials on the quality and growth of a bentgrass turf. A conclusion of the first year's work was that urea plus FeSO₄ resulted in the best quality turf. This study is an expansion of the 1983 work.

Iron is known to have a substantial short term effect on the colour of turf but the nature of its interaction with nitrogen is largely unknown. Also there have been reports that iron chelates have a slight negative effect upon the growth of bentgrass although the work was carried out in Virginia using late fall applications. The goal of this experiment is to determine the nature of the iron:nitrogen interaction over a range of rates of the two elements

and to determine the effect iron has upon turf quality and turf growth.

Research Procedure

The research was carried out at the Cambridge Research Station on a 6 year old Penncross bentgrass turf maintained as a putting green. A rotatable second order composite design was used to study the response to turfgrass growth and turfgrass quality to varying rates of iron and nitrogen fertilizers. Eight different combinations of rates were used (Table 1) and the experiment was repeated for seven different combinations of materials (Table 2). There were 26 6m x 1m plots per experiment and the plots were completely randomized within each experiment. All materials were applied using deionized water.

Table 1. Combinations of Fertilizer Materials Used*

N-Source	Fe-Source	Application frequency
Urea	FeSO ₄	weekly
Urea (solid)	FeSO ₄ (solid)	weekly
Urea	FeSO ₄	biweekly
NH ₄ NO ₃	FeSO ₄	weekly
Urea	Fe-chelate**	weekly
Super 60	Fe-chelate	weekly
Fluf	Fe-chelate	weekly

^{*} All applied as solutions except as noted

^{**} Sequestrene 330-Fe

Table 2. I	Rates of	Fertilizer	Appli	ed
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Nitrogen Rate (kg N/100 m²/application**)		Iron Rate (g Fe/100 m²/application	
		,0	
.19		0	
.28		1.2	
.50		14	
.72		41	
.81		56	

^{*} Equals 2.5 ounces FeSO₄1000 ft²

Relative growth rate was measured four times, at the completion of each 4-week interval, from June through September. Visual estimates of quality were made on seven separate occasions, four coinciding with the dates on which relative growth rate was measured and one day prior to the next fertilizer application. The other three measures were made one day after applications of fertilizers.

Results

The results of the series of trials exhibit some common trends. The first is iron had a very small effect or no effect on the growth rate of the bentgrass. The second is iron had a significant positive impact on the quality of the turf. For example, the relative growth rate response and the quality response of the bentgrass on September 18 are shown in Figures 1 and 2. The graphs are a depiction of the significant factors from a regression analysis of a full quadratic model. The conclusion

that can be drawn is that a turf manager can set the nitrogen regime for the growth rate he desires and then use supplemental iron to improve the quality. Also of note is iron provided relatively little improvement in quality beyond 17 g/100 m²/application or 2.5 ounces of FeSO₄/1000 ft². Burning of the turf due to iron was not noted until rates in excess of 34 g Fe/100 m²/application were used.

Observations from the other experiments (data not presented) show 1) the effect of iron on quality is greater where a slow release N-source is used, 2) iron applied as a solid had a negligible effect and that Fe-chelate showed a slightly greater tendency to burn. Burning was usually associated with the soluble N-sources such as urea or NH4NO3. Data on quality measurements tended to show that if FeSO4 was the iron source the quality effect lasted in the order of one week. Therefore weekly applications would be necessary to maintain a constant turf quality throughout the summer.

TURF CARE TURF BALL '85

On Saturday, August 10, the 4th Annual Turf Care Baseball Tournament was held in Thornhill. Twenty-four teams from golf courses across Ontario competed for the 12 available tournament spots. The tournament consisted of a full day of play to decide that the Whirpool G.C. team from Niagara Falls were to win the Championship trophy and Toro jackets. Playing bridesmaids for the third consecutive season were the Westview G.C. team.

A great time was had by all as evidenced by the great number of players that brought the entire family. Hundreds of hot dogs and hamburgers supplied by Turf Care were consumed. Many thanks to the teams that participated and for those who did not win the hardware this year, the 1986 Tournament has already been scheduled. For those golf clubs wishing to participate in regular season and tournament play for 1986, please contact Jack Austin or Ron Craig at Turf Care before next spring.

Jack Austin

GBSA NEWS

by Alex La Belle

Our summer meetings concluded with a two day event co-hosted at the Brooklea Golf Club and the Midland Golf & Country Club on September 4 & 5. We were fortunate to have a turn-out of thirty people considering that many courses are aerifying at this time of year and the Fall Field Day coupled with

Duke's Lawn-o-rama offer stiff competition.

We were threatened all day at Brooklea by some ominous skies and rumblings but nothing came of it. On the other hand, at Midland the following day we received 4½ inches of rain in three hours, effectively washing out the second nine holes and a

^{**} Double rate for biweekly application.

good part of the golf course.

Mrs. Joy Freer and Mr. Bill Howard are to be complimented for their managerial skills in supplying two very good meals with limited funds.

The prize presentations make up an important part of our golf days and we are grateful to our suppliers who have always supported us. Thank-you: GORDON BANNERMAN LTD.; CIL/CHIPMAN; G.C. DUKE EQUIPMENT; NUTRITE; OM SCOTTS; O.T.E.C.; TURF CARE; & HARTWELL IRRIGATION.

Walking away with a black & white portable TV, generously donated by Mike Mayne of O.T.E.C., was Hugh Kirkpatrick for low gross guest. Bernie MacDonald captured OM Scotts' 40 oz Crown Royal as low net guest. Low gross and net superintendents were Neil Acton (CGCS) and John Hughes. Second low gross and net superintendents were Ray Richards and Alex La Belle.

Our guest speakers, both CGCS superintendents, provided us insightful after-dinner chats concerning their respective golf courses. Al Draper explained some new aerification techniques that he is applying successfully at the Greenhills Golf Club after observing the effects of the winter ravages on his greens. Bob Heron graphically displayed the consequences of a low lying golf course coupled



Whirpool G.C. Ball Team

with an unpredictable, ice-choked river. If you think the Titanic had problems, you should see the Credit River in the spring rampaging the Mississaugua Golf & Country Club. These presentations served to remind us that our number one nemesis is, and probably always will be, natural phenomena. On behalf of the GBSA, I would like to thank these fine gentlemen for the two days that they took out of their busy schedules to make our closing event complete.

ANNOUNCING

THE 1986 ONTARIO TURFGRASS SYMPOSIUM

SPONSORS: Ontario Golf Superintendents Association and Ontario Turfgrass Research Foundation

DATE: January 7 & 8, 1986

LOCATION: Peter Clark Hall, University of Guelph, Guelph, Ontario

COST: \$60.00

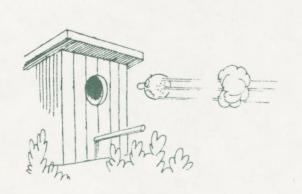
We are excited to be able to present to you this new program for 1986. The two day format will enable you to gain insight into a broader array of topics. In joining forces we are able to provide the latest information and techniques available in the turfgrass industry and make this symposium a valuable source of education for you.

REGISTRATION FEE: Your registration fee of \$60.00 includes two lunches and coffee at the breaks.

INFORMATION: For further information, contact the O.G.S.A. office or Al Draper, C.G.C.S.:

c/o Greenhills Country Club R.R. #3, Lambeth, Ontario NOL 1S0 (519) 652-3142

Tue	esday Morning	3:20 PM	"What's Bugging	Wedr	nesday Afternoon
10:00 AM 10:15 AM	Welcome by Chairman KEYNOTE ADDRESS "Motivation Through Cheers, Not Fears" Ms. Valerie Kates	3:40 PM	Turf" Dr. Mark Sears, Entomologist "Patch Diseases of Late" Dr. Joe Vargas, Turfgrass Pathologist	1:30 PM 2:00 PM	(Tentative) "Trees for the Golf Course" Dr. Roger Funk, PhD "Japanese Landscape Technique" Ms. Teri Yamada
11:15 AM 12:15 PM	"How Images Affect You and Your Job" Ms. Gale Friedlander Luncheon served		nesday Morning ENDENTS SPEAK OUT "Projects at	2:20 PM	"The Pro-Super Relationship" Mr. Ben Kern, C.P.G.A.
Tues	Sday Afternoon Perspectives From OMAF" Dr. Clayton Switzer	9:20 AM	Tyandaga" Mr. Barry Britton "Projects at Midland" Mr. Alex La Belle	2:40 PM	"The General Manager-Superin- tendent Relationship" Mr. Mike Geluch
TURFGRAS 2:00 PM	"Turfgrass Diseases and Control" Dr. Lee Burpee, Plant Pathologist	9:40 AM 10:00 AM 10:30 AM	"A Master Plan" Mr. Thom Charters Break "Hosting the U.S. Open"	3:00 PM Dear Me	a tentative program
2:20 PM	"Mowing Fairways with Greensmowers" Dr. Jack Eggens, Turf Specialist "Research Up-Date"	11:00 AM	Mr. Ted Woehrle C.G.C.S. "The R.C.G.A. and Canadian Open Mr. Don McFaul	announcing the new Ontario Turfgrass Symposium. A confirmed program and registration form will be in the mail to you very shortly. Please register early as the	
3:00 PM	Dr. Bob Sheard, Soils and Nutrition Specialist Break	11:30 AM 12:00 PM	"Preparing to be Super" Mr. Bruce Clark Lunch	space and be limite	d available seats will ed.







SYRINGING EFFECTS ON THE CANOPY TEMPERATURES OF BENTGRASS GREENS

by J.M. DiPaola, 1984 Agronomy Journal Vol. 76, Number 6, pages 951-953

Syringing of fine turf, particularly bentgrass golf greens, is practiced throughout the United States. The practical utility of syringing for canopy temperature reduction under the warm, humid conditions of the southeastern United States was examined on a Penncross creeping bentgrass green constructed to U.S. Golf Association specifications. In the absence of wilt, bentgrass canopy temperatures were not altered one hour after syringing regardless of the volume of water or timing of the syringing application. Therefore, in the absence of wilt, the routine syringing of bentgrass greens must be reevaluated given the substantial economic cost of this procedure, particularly for labor and water.

Credit: HARVESTS

C.G.S.A. PRESENTS FIRST BILINGUAL CONFERENCE

March 2-5, 1986

The exciting new Ottawa Congress Centre will be home to the 37th Annual Canadian Turfgrass Conference Canadienne du Gazon, the first national turfgrass conference to offer simultaneous translation of the main speakers' sessions.

The Canadian Golf Superintendents Association, sponsors of this major national convention, hopes to attract the many francophone superintendents who have not participated in previous years.

Keynote Speaker will be the dynamic Bobbie Gee, from California, an expert on image. A full line up of international turf experts will be on hand, including the USGA's James Snow, Dr. Martin Petrovic (Cornell), Dr. Joseph Duich (Penn State), Dr. Noel Jackson (University of Rhode Island), and Dr. Paul Rieke (Michigan State).

The exhibits are once again bigger and better, with 50 firms exhibiting in 30,000 square feet of exhibit hall. You can see tractors and trucksters, golf cars and gang mowers, pumps and playground equipment. The show opens Sunday night, March 2, and runs all day Monday and Tuesday.

Details on registration are available from the CGSA, at 698 Weston Rd., Toronto, Ont. M6N 3R3, or call (416) 767-2550.

CANADIAN GOLFING SUPERINTENDENTS TWO TIME WINNERS

The Canadian team, all members of the Canadian Golf Superintendents Association, walked off with the title once again, at the Fifth International Greenkeepers and Superintendents Tournament, played recently at the Royal & Ancient, St. Andrews, Scotland.

Thirteen national teams competed for the Ransomes Silver Salver. With 91 points, the Canadians beat out second place Scotland by two points. The tournament was scored on a three man best ball Stableford system. The American team was third.

Returning to defend their 1982 title, were Bob Heron (Mississauga Golf Club), Doug Meyer (Cedarbrook Golf Club, Montreal) and Lachlan Shaw (Calgary Golf Club). There was a challenge match for the fourth playing position, won by Kimmo Salonen (York Downs, Toronto).

A dozen Canadian superintendents were on hand at St. Andrews to cheer the team on, providing a

strong Canadian presence at this prestigious international event.



ALEX McCLUMPHA GOLF TOURNAMENT

October 7

This annual success was even more successful than it has ever been in the past. There was a record 140 participants taking advantage of nice fall weather and a truly beautiful and challenging golf course. Advanced booking for this event has become essential as some late post entries were turned away at the door.

The primary function of this day is to have fun, but it is also nice to take a walk up to the winners' table. The winner of the George Darou Trophy this year is Curly Endicott with a score of 90. Other winners were Bruce Burger, low gross with a 74 and Greg Aljoe taking the low net honors. Dave Gourley Sr., the Superintendent, was absent because he was on vacation in Scotland.



Curly Endicott accepting the George Darou Trophy from Ron Craig of Turf Care at the McClumpha Tournament.

O.G.S.A. BEST BALL

Bay of Quinte Sept. 16

Close to 30 O.G.S.A. members and guests participated at the Bay of Quinte Golf Club. Shorty Jenkins had the course in great shape. You could see the pleasant results of the extensive drainage project that Shorty had undertaken last season. The golf course was free of wet areas that have plagued most golf courses over the past wet periods. It was enjoyable to travel into that area of the province and I can appreciate the drive that these fellows have to make quite often to attend the many events that the O.G.S.A. holds in other areas of the province.

The winners were as follows:

Team Winners:	1st	Bob Cherry and Barry Endicott	63
	2nd	Whittey Jones and Bill Bowen (tie)	67
	3rd	Bob Stahan and Ken Wright (tie)	67
	4th	Bill Hynd and Hugh Kirkpatrick	68

Superintendent	Gross	Net		
	Coward	82	Carol Edwards	72
Guest	Steve Ling	92	Don Toms	72
Supplier	Bruce Calhoun	84	Ron Craig	78



Barry Endicott and Bob Cherry accepting first prize from Thom Charters at Best Ball event held at Bay of Quinty G.C.



Low Gross winner Bruce Burger accepting prize from Paul Dodson at McClumpha Tournament.

COMING EVENTS

1986 Ontario Turfgrass Symposium

co-sponsored by O.G.S.A. and O.T.R.F.

January 7 & 8, 1986 Peter Clark Hall University of Guelph

The 57th International Golf Course Conference & Show

January 27-February 4, 1986 Moscone Convention Center San Francisco, California Show Hours:

Friday, January 31 Saturday, February 1 Sunday, February 2 Monday, February 3 1 PM - 5 PM - Distributors' Day 9 AM - 5 PM - Show Opens 9 AM - 5 PM 9 AM - NOON - Show Closes



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