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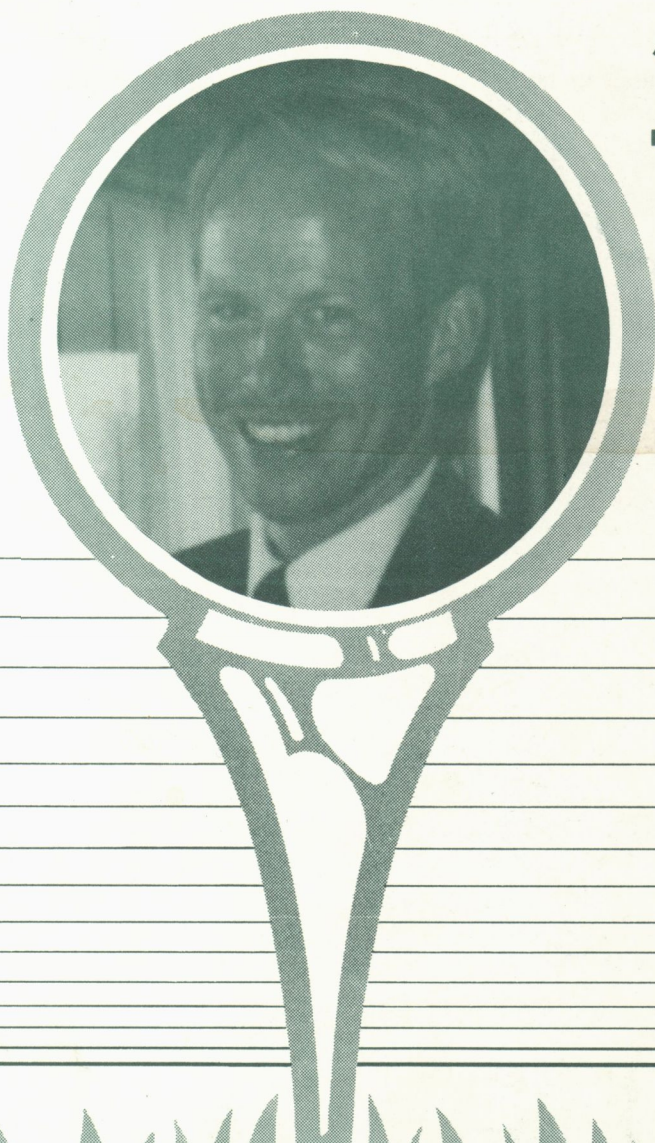
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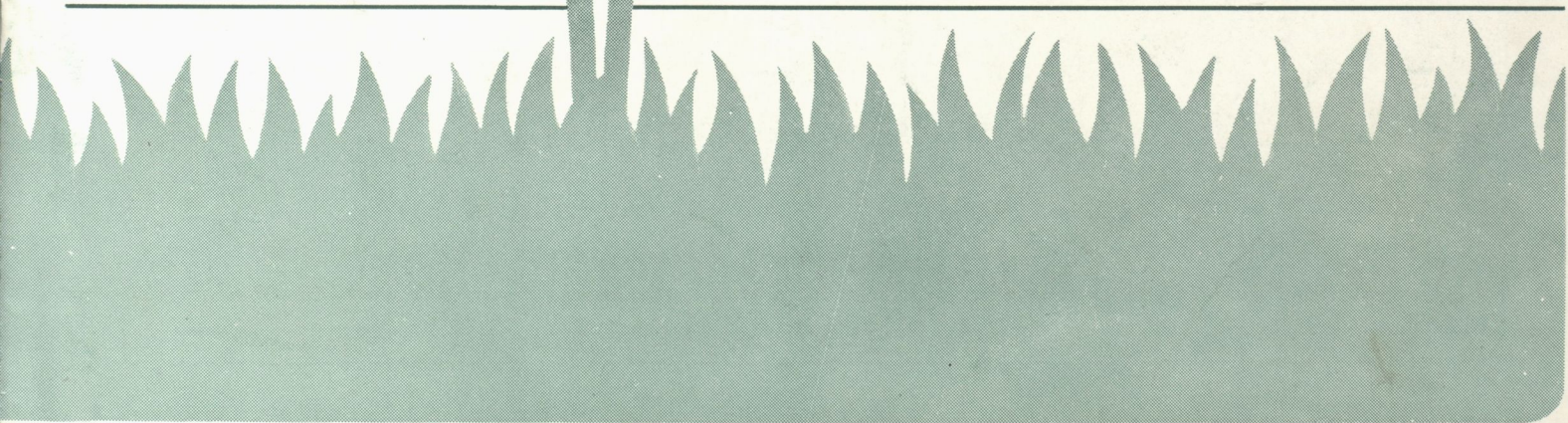
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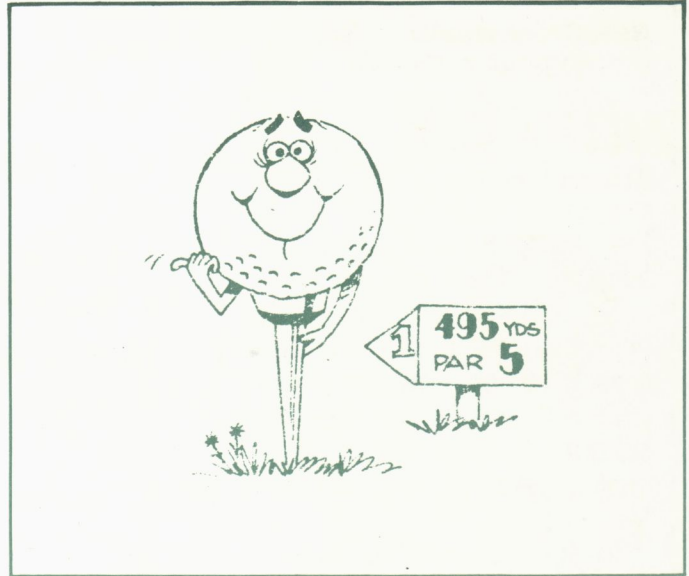
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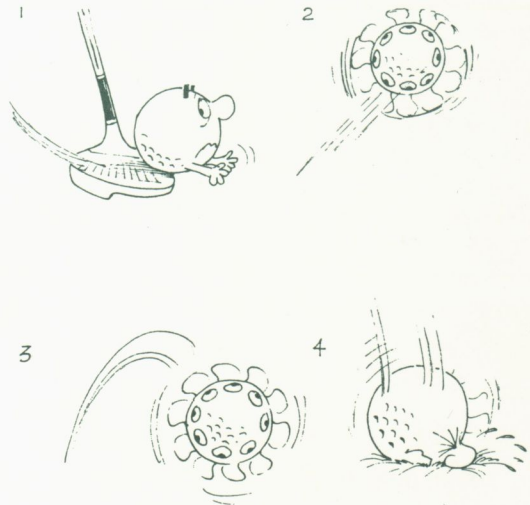
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This year's event, held again at the National Golf Club and the Board of Trade Golf Club, proved to be the most successful fundraiser to date.

Approximately \$17,000.00 was raised for turfgrass research. The suppliers and organizers deserve much credit for all of their hard work and generosity.

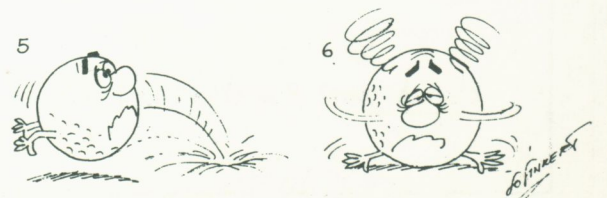
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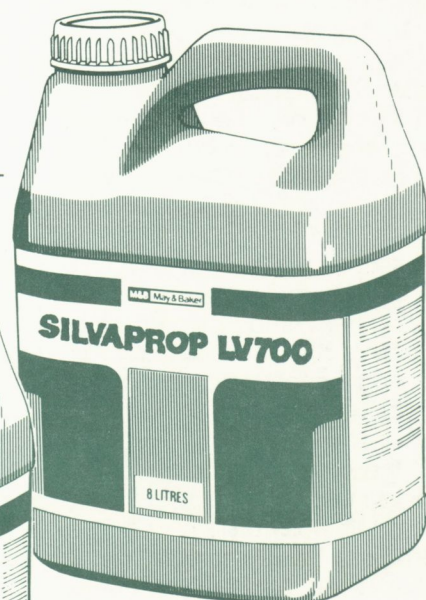
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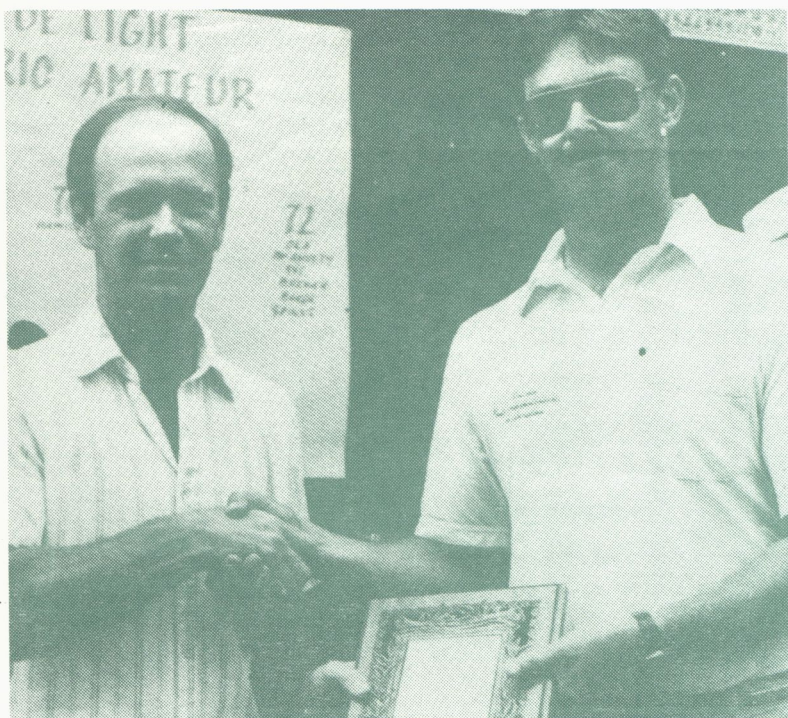
1986 Ontario Amateur Championship

by Alex Labelle

The preparations for this tournament began five years ago. The Midland Golf & Country Club used to be tree line to tree line fairway with no fairway bunkers and green-side bunkers that you could step across. In 1983 I was able to get approval for a grant from the Canadian and Ontario governments for course improvements under a job creation program entitled C.O.E.D. That year we built 2 ponds with 2 dams, 27 bunkers, 6 tees and numerous cart paths and flower beds. Over the years we build additional bunkers and tees and recontoured the fairways bringing the rough in on the sides and out in front of the tees.

When the O.G.A. representatives arrived last year to begin preparations for the tournament we were already in good shape conditioning wise. The main concern was that a golf course with such limited yardage (6075 yds., from the blues) would not offer the challenge that would suit such a capable group of golfers. It was therefore decided that the contouring would be even more demanding in the landing areas of these big hitters. Mr. Williams arrived in the spring of 1986 and we went around staking the perimeters of the fairways. We let things grow for a couple of months, checking from time to time on the progress of the endeavour and monitoring the temperament of the Midland membership. The members were a stoic bunch who felt that if the amateurs could play it; so could they.

It was felt that we still had a few weak holes. Mr. Williams questioned whether a tree spade could help the situation. He approached the O.G.A. board of directors, after consulting with me for estimates of costs, with his proposal that since the Midland members were so kind as to give up their course for one week, maybe the O.G.A. could donate \$1,200 towards a tree spade rental.



Midland Golf & Country Club Superintendent, Alex Labelle (left) was presented a plaque recognizing his efforts in preparing his course for the 1986 Ontario Amateur Championship. The award was presented by Regional Director Neil Acton C.G.C.S on behalf of the O.G.S.A.

It passed. The green committee dug in again and rapidly surveyed the proposed sites and potential trees for relocation. They sold the board of directors and the membership on the idea and in we moved twenty-two trees in ten and one half hours.

The tournament arrived still with the skepticism that our short course would be blown away by at least ten strokes under par. Nobody was taking into account the beautiful but unforgiving forest from which the golf course was carved. The trees, coupled with the four-inch rough (eight-inch amongst the newly transplanted trees) proved to be the undoing of many fine golfers. Steering the ball became an unconscious evil that crept up on many.

Once the greens were reached, the short subtle undulations caused a lot of second guessing. No green could be read from only one direction and speeds could not exceed nine feet without becoming unfair.

In the end only two players were able to keep their scores below par over four days at 278 and 279. The lowest round out of the four days was a 66. The golfers left with a new regard for the golf course and kind

words concerning the course conditioning.

The first two days the weather was perfect. The third round was delayed for two hours due to a severe thunderstorm which dumped three-quarters of an inch of rain on us in one hour. The crew went to work from green to green pushing and pumping water to reduce the delay to a minimum. Friday, we were threatened with the same conditions but the storm passed us by and gave us a final round of sunshine and warm weather.

It was pleasant to see such a fine gentleman as Stu Hamilton win an award that has eluded him for such a long time. I enjoyed working with the O.G.A. officials and in particular Mr. Skip Williams and Mr. Went Daniel. The whole group were extremely helpful and well represented by our member Mr. Doug Haig, president of the O.G.A.

The big highlight for me was the presentation of a plaque from my fellow superintendents of the O.G.S.A. by Mr. Neil Acton C.G.C.S., my very good friend. I would like to thank you all. There is no higher praise than to be complimented by your peers.

Turfgrass Research

by Nancy Pierce

Scientific research in any discipline is designed basically to solve problems facing that industry. Universities are usually at the forefront of research areas as these institutions have a fundamental responsibility to the acquisition of new knowledge.

At the University of Guelph, four local field stations are available for field research. These research stations are operated by the Ontario Agricultural College, University of Guelph, under contract with the Ontario Department of Agriculture and Food. Facilities for conducting turfgrass research are concentrated at the Cambridge Research Station, although University personnel are also carrying out research projects at various other locations across the province. There are now over 10 acres of land at the Cambridge Research Station devoted exclusively to turfgrass research. The existence of this field station and the other areas around Ontario where University of Guelph personnel are welcome to carry out turf research makes it possible for new ideas, products and practices to be tested.

Research at the University of Guelph this year is concentrating on the following:

Turfgrass Management

- perennial ryegrass and fine-leaf fescue cultivar trials
- nitrogen source evaluations on Kentucky Bluegrass
- suitability of sewage sludge as a turf fertilizer
- iron source evaluations
- triplex mowing of fairways
- turf colorants
- winter covers on creeping bentgrass
- micronutrients on sand greens
- extensive growth regulator studies

Disease Control

- dollar spot fungicide trials
- residual effect of snow mold fungicide on dollar-spot incidence the following year
- factors that may reduce fungicide requirements

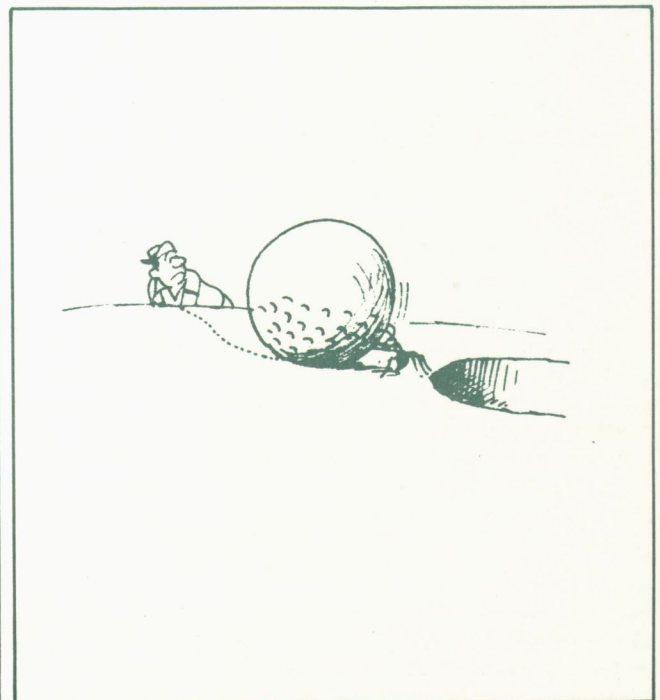
Weed Control

- crabgrass control using pre- and postemergence herbicides
- herbicide phytotoxicity on Kentucky Bluegrass

As the turfgrass industry continues to grow, so must the scope and depth of turfgrass research if we are to meet the needs of the industry. On September 10, 1986, you are invited to attend what is hoped to be the largest turfgrass research field day yet at the Cambridge Research Station to see the various research plots. In addition, Dr. Clay Switzer and University president Burf Mathews will be in attendance to discuss new initiatives which will further strengthen turfgrass research, teaching and extension at Guelph.



O.G.S.A. President, Barry Endicott had the distinct pleasure of presenting Bernie MacDonald with his 25 Year Membership plaque at the G.B.S.A. Golf Day held at Brooklea G.C.



Random Thoughts That Surfaced . . .

by MBCGSA

After changing cups on the same greens for over 15 years, the mind starts to wonder . . . I HATE CHANGING CUPS!

Why is the number of rocks encountered while changing cups in direct proportion to how close the golfers are?

What law of nature states the number of no-shows and tardy employees is related to the importance of the tournament and the earlier tee-off time?

Why is it when you borrow or lend equipment it inevitably breaks down?

What law is it that makes the severity of machinery breakdown in direct proportion to the importance of the job and the time limit allowed?

How does equipment and pump house know when it is a weekend?

How does disease know when it is the first day of a three-day weekend?

WHY ARE THESE GREENS SO HARD?

How come there are so many ball markers on the greens when every golfer swears that he repairs his and two other ball marks?

Ever notice that it is usually the same golfer who complains about poor playing conditions and who complains that the course is closed due to wet conditions or renovations?

Would reverse psychology work on this same golfer, for example a cart sign "PLEASE DRIVE CARTS THROUGH WET AREAS"?

I wonder how many golfers would hit a ball at an unaware worker, if that worker was his son or daughter?

Ever notice when mowing fairways, golfers will never hit a ball when you drive towards them, they wait until your back is turned and driving away?

Why do golfers feel the need to walk or drive in front of maintenance equipment?

THERE MUST BE AN EASIER WAY TO CHANGE CUPS!

Due to budgetary restrictions, the brakes on maintenance equipment are usually the last thing repaired, much to the surprise of the above golfer.

Why is it usually easier to get clubs to spend \$500 to repair an old piece of equipment, when a new one costs only \$1000? (This is hypothetical as there are no machines for \$1000!)

Most members join a golf club for golf, otherwise they would join a social club; so why is it when money gets scarce, the golf course budget is the first to get cut?

We have streamlined our operation enough so that April 1, we are only 6 months behind our regular yearly maintenance!

Why is it you can search for something you need and after you finally buy one, many others become available?

WHY CAN'T SOMEONE INVENT A HYDRAULIC CUP CUTTER TO FIT ON THE BACK OF A CUSHMAN?

Ever notice early in the morning while going to work, a traffic light will turn red on you for no reason and will remain red until another car approaches the green light from the other direction? Ever realize the Catch-22 we are in? We try to pay some of our help what they are worth so we can help them and as soon as we do, they realize that they aren't starving and have lives besides work, so they don't want to work overtime?

Why don't we take summer vacations? I took a week this year, and probably lost less turf than if I had been on the job. Are we irresponsible if we take time off? Should our jobs be in jeopardy if we take time off? Would members tolerate being told when they could take their vacations? This is too touchy a subject to be discussed here.

The most original excuse by an employee for taking time off was used twice by the same person within a five-year period. He probably doesn't think I've caught on so I expect to hear it again soon. He needed time off because his wife was three

months pregnant and had six months to live. (Please note the woman is healthy and too old to have children.)

Why is it that the practice green, which has the most holes, is usually the hardest and rockiest (is that a word?) green when changing cups?

OH MY ACHING BACK!

Why is vandalism in direct proportion to the desire of showing off a good course?

Ever notice salespeople seem to come in groups? No one for weeks, then everyone at the same time. It is almost like they have a secret meeting to decide who they are going to see. (Please don't take offence, guys.)

This is a fill in the blank. Did you ever notice a _____ is like a policeman, never around when you need one?

Why does the boss always show up when something goes wrong that you don't want him to see?

Ever notice how things come back to haunt you? I instituted the policy that each Director write an article for the *Collaborator*, and now I'm paying for it!

THE HECK WITH IT, I'LL LET MY ASSISTANT CHANGE CUPS FROM NOW ON!

Southwestern Ontario News

by Ron Heesen

The heat of the summer has really kept this part of Ontario hopping recently. An unusually high amount of rainfall this spring and early summer has reduced irrigation demands, but this has been replaced with hot and dry weather.

Since it is very difficult to attend all the meetings through the season, I would ask that the host Superintendent of the meeting to prepare a story and send it to Green Is Beautiful. This is very important, and makes the magazine interesting for everyone in all regions.

So, remember, the day after the meeting, sit down and write up a story about your event. Let us know the turnout, the weather, the scores and anything special about the meeting.

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President, Green Chairman, Superintendent Event

Doug Suter and the Credit Valley Golf and Country Club were magnificent hosts for this outstanding day. Despite excessive rainfall for two days prior to the July 14th date, Doug and his staff had this demanding course in tip top condition. Forty-four teams from across the province were treated to fine weather, great food and an interesting address from James Snow, a USGA Agronomist.

Jim pointed out the dilemma that faces today's superintendent regarding green speed. Most interestingly, he suggested that as golfers adjust to faster greens, the more comfortable they become with them, and the less willing they are to accept anything but the fastest greens possible. A good point to consider when trying to determine the mean green speed that you intend to provide at your course for the duration of the playing season.

Among other subjects, Jim stressed the importance of turfgrass research. We all hope that the attending Presidents take his words to heart when it comes time to respond to the OTRF's fund raising requests. Do your part to see that your club participates in a tangible way.

Listed below are the top three teams based on team total stableford points:

- 1st** Markland Wood, 103 points: G. O'Heron, D. McCanse, E. Nesbitt
- 2nd** Meadowbrook, 99 points: J. Cunningham, B. Davidson, B. Watson
- 3rd** Summit, 97 points: D. Hoskins, N. Godef, G. Perkins

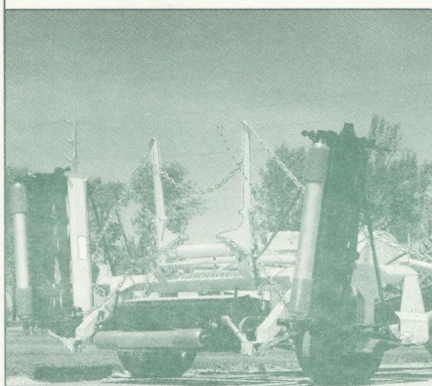


USGA Agronomist James Snow, President, Green Chairman, Superintendent Event guest speaker.

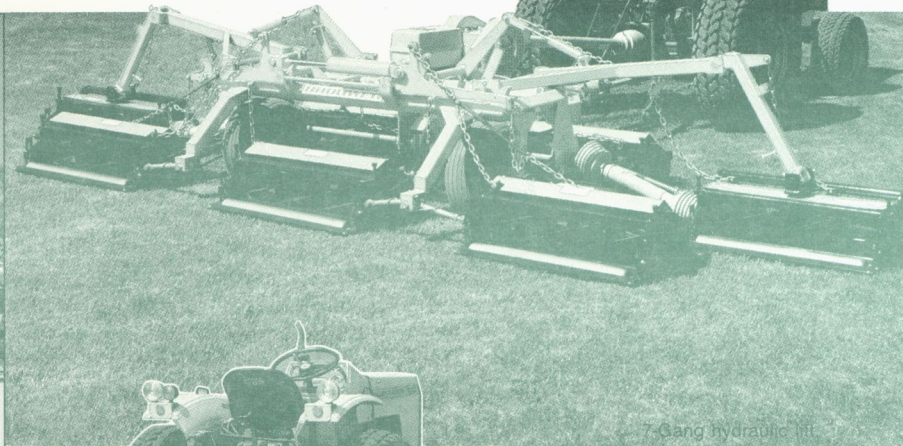


Winning Team: Markland Wood G.C. (Left to right) Sup't. Greg O'Heron, Barry Endicott, E. Nesbitt, D. McCanse.

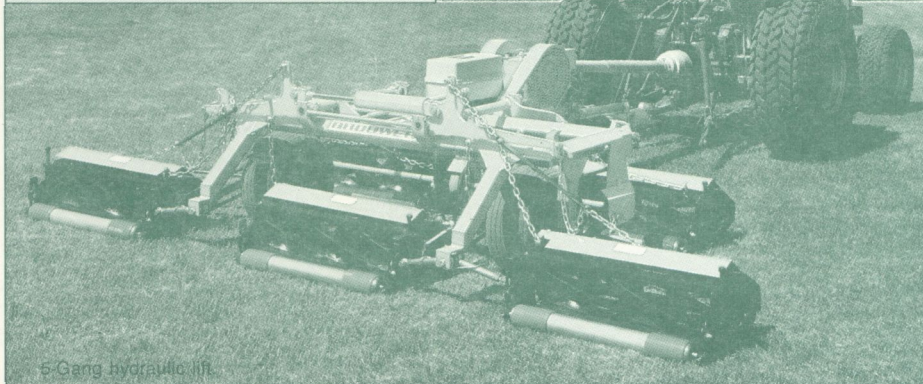
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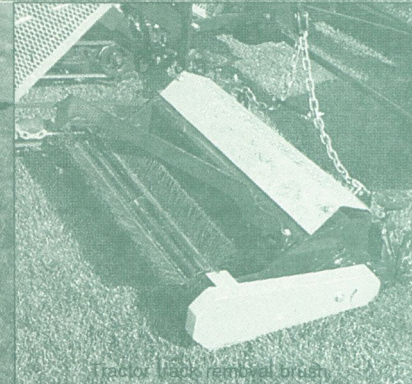
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Norm McCollum received recognition from Barry Endicott for preparing the Cambridge Research Station's Turf Plots for the day's events.



Course owner Carmen DeCorso, awarded plaque by Barry Endicott for hosting Spring Field Day.

SPRING FIELD DAY

This annual event was hosted this year by the DeCorso brothers at their beautiful Victoria Park Golf Club in Guelph. The course was in superb condition.

Carmen's staff did a remarkable job, working through heavy rain, to prepare the course for the early morning shot gun start. Even notoriously short hitters were hitting the ball out of sight. The dense fog began to dissipate after five or six holes, however, and the 90 hardy golfers continued through some shower activity.

After a healthy buffet lunch, the group moved on to

the turf plots at the Cambridge Research Station. Norm McCollum was well organized and led the interested parties through informative sessions with the various research personnel. Fortunately the weather was co-operative through this part of the day.

Angelo, Ted and Carmen had saved the trump card for last, and we all enjoyed an excellent dinner in the beautifully appointed banquet facility.

The following prize winners were acknowledged after dinner:

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Clay Switzer Trophy Winners — Region 1

Ted Ellis and Kelly Barnett — 133 combined net score

We kindly thank the suppliers who contributed and especially the DeCorsos, we hope you'll have us back sometime in the future.

Ten Years Ago Today . . .

In 1976 the Directors of the OGSA were as follows: Paul Dermott (president); Al Beeney (vice); Carl Bennett (sec.); John Hutchinson (treasurer); David Gourlay, Paul Dodson, Hugh Kirkpatrick, Whitey Jones, Stew Mills, Paul Scenna and Bob Heron (editor).

New members: Graham Shouldice, Highland G.C.; Doug Hoskins, Summit Golf Club; John Ingram, Glenview G.C.; Graydon Rogers, Westers Trent G.C.; Craig Wilton, Greenhills C.C.; Gerald Gitzel, Rain Tech Irrigation Services; David Jackson, Southbrook G.C.

Sid Witteveen has left Glen Abbey as Assistant and is joining Ken Wright at Northwood. Cam Cairncross started a new position with the Sault Ste. Marie Parks Department, Ted Charman has started at the National G.C. and Doug Hoskins has moved to Summit G.C.

The Sixth Annual Management Symposium was held at Aurora Highlands G.C. hosted by Whitey Jones and chaired by Keith Nesbit and Bill Glashan. Guest speaker was Murray Tucker, golf director from the Board of Trade.

Meetings were held at Bayview G.C., Ed Ortleib; North Halton G.C., Al Beeney; Beach Grove (via "Pelino Express"), Ed Henderson; Board of Trade, Gord Witteveen; and Maple Downs, Art Dodson.

The C.G.S.A. Conference was held in Toronto at the Inn on the Park. There was a spring dance at Islington G.C. The Galt Country hosted the Galt Field Day and the President, Green Chairman, Superintendent Tournament was at St. Georges hosted by Bill Hynd. The Pro Superintendent Tournament was held at North Halton G.C. hosted by Al Beeney and the Christmas Dance was

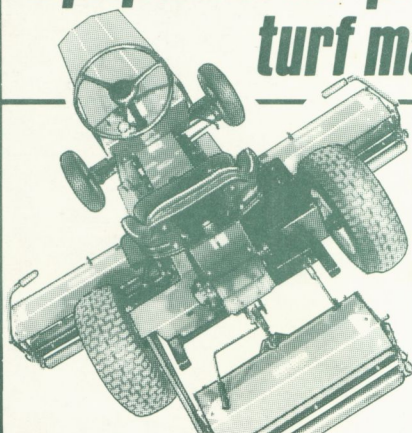
held at Markland Wood C.C. The McLumpha Memorial Tournament was held at St. Thomas G.C. The Canadian Open was held at Essex G. & C.C.

On March 26 a curling meeting was held at North Halton hosted by Al Beeney. The winning team was made up of Al Beeney, Carl Bennet, Paul White and Bill Robinson. Larry Sherk from Sheridan Nurseries gave an interesting slide presentation.

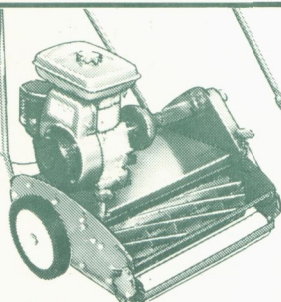
John Bennet moved from Cedar Brae Golf Club to London Hunt, and Bruce Thrasher, assistant to Paul Dodson at Mississauga moved to Cedar Brae. Ted Tom, formerly working at Islington Golf Club is now at Uplands Golf Club as Superintendent.

The brother of Blake McMaster, the father of John Bennet and Don Webb who was at the London Hunt C.C. passed away during that year.

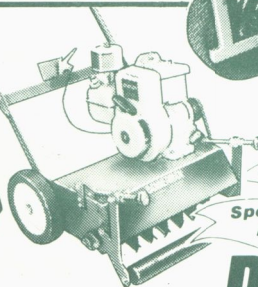
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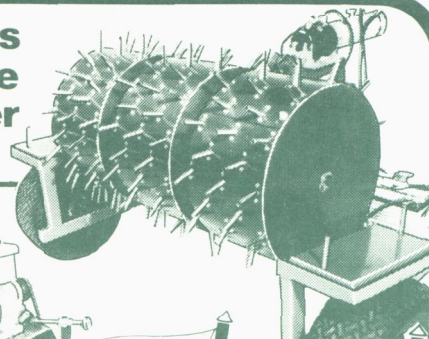


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G.B.S.A. NEWS

by Alex LaBelle

The G.B.S.A. Golf Days have been going very well. We have had good weather and excellent turn-outs of more than thirty participants per event. Our first day was held at the Brooklea Golf Course where our guest speaker, Thom Charters, opened the floor to an informal blitz of questions on any aspect of turf maintenance that the audience chose to enquire about. Thom was kept very busy with an array of excellent questions. The answers were of an equally high caliber. From Brooklea we moved to Midland one month later. Again the weather co-operated for this joint O.G.S.A./

G.B.S.A. event. Over thirty-five people provided for a great time under sunny skies. The last time we were all at this golf course we were doused with four and one half inches of rain in three hours and Al Draper was off in the trees with the woodpeckers. Not so this time. We didn't have to stand at the clubhouse window and watch my new putting green wash down the hill. Teri Yamado gave a very educational lesson on the economics of mowing our golf courses. In both cases the Clubhouse managers provided a delicious repast in enjoyable surroundings. I would like to thank our distributors for

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Our next event at the Circle Pine Golf and Curling Club has been changed from August 19 to August 26 at Base Borden.

The final day with closing ceremonies is at Horseshoe Valley Resort on September 16. Please come out. We are very informal and anxious to meet new faces.



Westmount G.C. Wins Slo-Pitch Tournament

Turf Care Slo-Pitch Tournament winners — Westmount Golf Club — are pictured above receiving trophy from Turf Care representative Jack Austin. Westmount coach, Hugh Kirkpatrick, directed his team to the trophy by defeating Donalds Golf Club in the final.

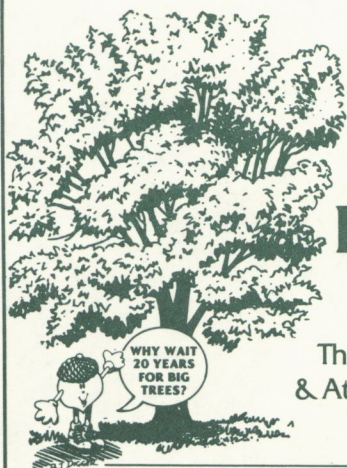
Thirty-four teams competed in this year's event, necessitating 14 hours of baseball to decide the winners.

Next year's tourney is filling up rapidly so enter your team now by contacting Jack or Ron at Turf Care.



Can You Help?

While going through the files trying to find some material suitable for publication, I came across the above picture of a past Board of Directors. I am surmising these gentlemen oversaw the OGSA operations about 16 or 17 years ago. I recognize my old mentor Bernie MacDonald. I can't make up my mind if that is really Doug Suter standing beside him. Dave Gourlay looks the same, as do Whitey Jones, Bill Hynd, John Grightmire & John Arends. We can attribute this to our lifestyle I suppose. I would like to know who the other gentlemen are and where they may be. Kindly let me know.



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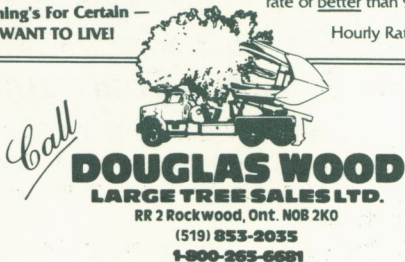
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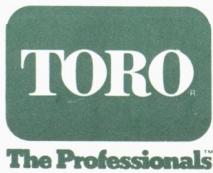


CGSA NATIONAL SEMINAR PROGRAM (Ontario Seminars)

- A. Soils & Fertilizers: The Basics
Friday, October 17
— Horseshoe Valley Resort
Instructor: Bill Kilmer
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