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THOMAS SCHULTZ "HONORED" AT 1978 LPGA GOLF CLASSIC



Thomas Schultz, Superintendent, Forsgate Country Club, holding plaque presented to him by GCSANJ Vice President Bob Dickison

A gallery of 9,000 was there to applaud Superintendent Thomas Schultz as he was presented with a plaque by GCSANJ Vice President Bob Dickison. The inscription appearing on Tom's plaque attests to a job "well done" as he prepared for... and presented his course for the 1978 LPGA Classic. Serving as host Superintendent for New Jersey's most charitable sporting event, Tom and his fine staff afforded the touring lady pro's a golf course that was a picture

of perfection during their five day stay at Forsgate Country Club; the golf course being in superb playing condition.

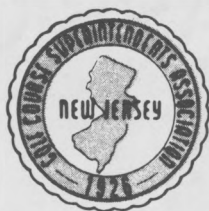
In addition to the fine job done by Tom and his staff, 56 GCSANJ Superintendents volunteered their time and services as working aids to the LPGA Transportation Committee throughout the tournament week. Every District in the Association was represented, at one time or another,

during the course of the tournament.

Our efforts have been successful in getting recognition for the Golf Course Superintendent which is all-too-often forgotten at golf tournaments. Once again, through the courtesy of the LPGA, the 14th hole at Forsgate was dedicated to the Golf Course Superintendents Association of New Jersey. An attractive sign to this effect was posted adjacent to the 14th tee.

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MEMORIES OF THE WINTER OF '78

The 1978 winter season will be long remembered by golf course superintendents for more than the many hours devoted to snow removal. Memories of the past winter will serve as a grim reminder that turfgrasses are subject to the vagaries of nature in the winter as well as during the difficult summer season. If you developed a lowly feeling that "ole man winter" selected your course as the recipient of its Damaging Award, you may be consoled by the fact that you did not stand alone. Very few, if any, golf courses in New Jersey escaped without some sort of winter damage. If the turf on your course emerged from the winter unscarred, consider yourself as one of the fortunate group. Even so, sufficient tree damage and self-pruning of dead branches was experienced to remind you that it was a winter to remember. Complicating the problem further, the warm temperatures of spring were long in arriving. The recovery of the turf and/or germination of repair seedings were very slow. As a result, the damaging effects became more deeply ingrained with the daily reminder from the golfers.

The extent of the damage was not fully realized until the turfgrasses began their slow awakening from winter dormancy. Although all turfgrass species seemed to be victims, it was *Poa annua* once again which exhibited its sensitivity to unfavorable weather conditions. The turf damage noted could be classified into two major groups — snow mold and ice.

Regarding snow mold, a certain degree of complacency has developed toward it as one of our major turfgrass diseases. A number of consecutive winters have been experienced in which snow mold has been of little concern. Consequently, there has been a relaxation on the preventative application of fungicide for snow mold. The snow mold — scarred greens, approaches, tees, and some fairway areas serve as a reminder that snow mold is a serious turf disease.

And, it would be well to remember and regard it as such when the '78 season begins to give way to the entrance of the '79 winter season. The damaging effect of ice was attributed to the prolonged period of an ice layer. Recognizing the consequences of such conditions, many superintendents made attempts to remove the ice in many different ways short of blasting. Considering the persistent low temperatures, it was a very difficult procedure to accomplish. Under the type of conditions experienced this past winter, it would have been difficult to avoid such damage. However, when considered from the standpoint that the ice damage was primarily associated with areas of impounded water, ice removal is a therapeutic approach. The long-term approach is to correct, if possible, the basic problem — drainage. In situations of depressed greens with soils of poor physical condition and perhaps no drainage system, impounding of water and formation of ice layers in winter is a very realistic possibility. Efforts directed toward correction of the drainage problem will provide the most logical solution. Furthermore, the benefits of improved drainage will contribute to better turf and play during the growing season.

Henry W. Indyk
Extension Specialist
in Turfgrass Management

APOLOGY

In the last issue of the GCSANJ NEWSLETTER we listed the names of the CERTIFIED Superintendents who belong to the Association. In so doing, we inadvertently failed to include the name of Blue Hill Golf Club's, FRANK BEVELACQUA. Now that we have set the record straight, Frank . . . we hope you will accept our apology for the oversight. (ED)

DISTRICT 1

Director:

Edward Walsh

Ridgewood C.C.

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OPEN INVITATION: To anybody who might find himself in the Pearl River, N.Y. area . . . be sure to stop by Blue Hill Golf Club to see Frank Bevelacqua's new maintenance facility. The new building includes: a spacious equipment storage section, mechanic's work-shop, locker room, employee's lunch room and office. And that's not all. Frank's new building boasts one final touch . . . 'tis landscaped better than most club houses. Frank, we don't know how you do it, but keep up the good work! Talking about new maintenance buildings . . . Bill Muskivitch will be moving into his new building any day now. Last year, after Saddle River Golf Course had been purchased by the town of Paramus . . . Bill's entire equipment inventory was replaced with new equipment; from tractors to

screw-drivers. From a wire tape and prayer operation . . . Bill suddenly found himself living with convention display conditions. But all is not silver lined clouds, however. This year the town has reduced his work force to four men and a Summer water man. Wow! All of that new equipment . . . and nobody to operate it. Chalk up one for **progress**.

After a long and distinguished career as Golf Course Superintendent at Arcola Country Club, Bill ("Huck") Hempel is going into retirement. Bill and his lovely wife, Beulah, will leave for their native Indiana at the end of June. Bill and Beulah recently purchased a home near their respective families. Good luck and enjoy, Bill.

A note of caution to all Superintendent-at-large: Do not . . . we repeat . . . do not give Mike Leary or Bill Gaydush any more than a 12 stroke handicap if you agree to play with them. In our area they are known as the "bandits of Bergen."

CONGRATULATIONS DEPT: Bob Metzger, Supt.; Darlington Golf Course . . . from A to B membership classification. William Luthin, Asst. Supt. at Ridgewood C.C.; reclassified from D to B-1.

Bob Kapherr wears his retirement well! We saw him at the Roxiticus meeting not long ago. He looks GREAT!

The month of June will see several of our District #1 Superintendents hosting tournaments. On June 2nd., Al Foster will host the GARDEN STATE WOMEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION, Senior Championship.

On June 23rd., Wayne Remo host's the PGA (Pro-Amateur) Tournament at White Beeches C.C.

Last, but not least, Montammy Golf Club's, Mike Leary will serve as host for the PGA (Pro-President) Tournament on June 26.

Sabby DeFalco is fast joining the ranks of those Superintendents who continue to inherit additional club responsibilities; those ever growing responsibilities other than golf course assignments. Sabby assumed the responsibility of three more tennis courts this Spring. How many of you out there have assumed similar assignments over the past few years? With Tennis and Paddle Tennis enjoying such widespread popularity of late . . . I guess many of us have gone the route, also.

After 22 years at Hackensack . . . Al Foster's still building. This time he's hard at work completing a group of "new" sand traps.

DISTRICT 2

Director: John Schoellner

Essex County C.C.

Associate: Michael Hannigan
Rock Spring Club

Secretary: Greg Hutch
Turf Products Corp.

We are happy to report that our colleague, Hal Loss, has recovered from recent surgery and is back on the job at Glen Ridge. . . . Glad to have you up and back with us, Hal.

The District #2 "Duffers": Bob Dickison, Ed Nickelsen, John Schoellner and Mike Hannigan managed a round or two at Rock Spring the other day. They didn't bother to keep score. 'Said it was too early in the Season' . . .

So you think you've taken on a construction problem of late? Try this one for size. . . . Ed Nickelsen recently plowed up a four acre site at Montclair . . . regraded and seeded same. We understand that the cold Spring we experienced this year didn't exactly enhance germination at first, but Ed tells us he finally got a catch and everything seems to be going good for him at this time . . . boy, Ed . . . you decide to do something . . . you don't believe in playing small, do you?

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Congratulations Dept.: Jeff Drake (Trng. Asst. at Upper Montclair) is now passing out cigars. It was a boy.

Credits: Greg Hutch elected Secretary, District #2. Congratulations, Greg.

"Skip" Cameron and his Staff are hard at work readying Canoe Brook for the New Jersey State Open in July.

Knowing "Skip", Canoe Brook will appear in it's best finery for the occasion. This great course always presents the pro's with a healthy challenge. . . . a challenge that is wrapped in the unique beauty that belongs only to . . . Canoe Brook. . .

The next time anyone sees Hal Loss . . . ask him about his TRAP RAKE . . . he's got quite a story to tell. . .

DISTRICT 3

Director: Les Mickens
Picatunny Golf Club

Associate: Robert Ribbans
Roxiticus C.C.

Secretary: Wes Downing
Sunset Valley Golf Club

District #3 golf courses were featured in the April 21 issue of the Morristown DAILY RECORD. The article, written by Blair Holley, was, indeed, an interesting one. Writer Holley put together, what he thought to be, the

eighteen best holes in the Morris County area. This "dream 18", selected by Holley, would offer a challenge to any golfer; playing 7,520 yards long with a par of 73.

The DOPE OPEN, one of New Jersey's most successful charity tournaments, will be held at Braidburn Country Club again this June. (June 1-4). As of this writing, Superintendent Les "Bucky" Carpenter and his three sons: Les, Scott and Steve are determined to give the participants a day to remember. You can bet . . . the golf course will play great and will look better than ever. . . . Imagine having three assistants all SONS? Wow!

We are, indeed, happy to report that Florham Park's Superintendent "Chuck" Steiger is back on his feet after having experienced illness during the late Winter months. . . . take it easy, "Chuck" . . . don't overdo. Remember we have a long Summer ahead. . .

Larry Dodge, formerly employed at Canoe Brook C.C. by "Skip" Cameron, has been retained as the Golf Course Superintendent at Madison Golf Course, Madison, N.J. Larry is a graduate of the University of Massachusetts.

The NJGCSA June meeting, to be held at Roxiticus C.C., will feature a two man best-ball tournament. Host Superintendent Bob Ribbans has assured us he will "turn on" the good weather switch . . . thus affording all Association members and their guests a great day in the "estate" country. Seriously, if you are looking for beauty . . . you just can't afford to miss this meeting. Roxiticus was constructed on the former Bliss estate . . . located in the rolling, scenic hills between Mendham and Bernardsville, N.J. . . .

Congratulations Dept: Lou Wortman, Spring Brook Country Club's venerable Superintendent has now entered his twentieth year as #1 man. Prior to becoming Superintendent in 1958, Lou was the long time assistant to William "Bill" Glancy, one of the last Pro-Superintendents. Glancy, if memory serves correct, played in the U.S. OPEN back in 1937. . . .

Nick Florio, after having spent 52 years in the employ of Somerset Hills C.C. (30 of those years as Superintendent) retired in 1975. But not for long. In the Spring of 1976, Nick was lured out of retirement by the owners of Penn Brook C.C. (Basking Ridge, N.J.) and named their Superintendent. Nick looks great . . . feels great . . . and tells us he meets the arrival of each new day with the vigor and



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enthusiasm of a "freshman" Superintendent. Nick tells us he'd sure like to have old friends stop by to see him. If you happen to be passing through the Basking Ridge area, why not stop by to see Nick . . . a living legend in our time. . .

DISTRICT "FORE"

Director: Anthony Johnson
Copper Hill Golf Club

Associate: Thomas Zimich
Newton Country Club

Secretary: Fran Berdine
O.M. Scott

District "FORE" held their June District meeting at Farmstead Golf and Country Club. Twelve members of District #4 and their five guests were privileged to hear a presentation given by Andrew Wilson's congenial, Bert Jones. As usual, Bert got home to all of us; his talk having to do with, "How Well Do You Know Your Irrigation System?" I'm sure we all learned from this rich experience as we do each time we meet for our "work-shop" sessions. Our thanks to host Byron Phoebus for the delightful meal he and his staff prepared for us.

Dave McGhee tells us that a lot of activity is "just around th' corner" at Oak Hill. Scheduled for the near future are two new fairway traps, a new entrance road to the club, and a new pond. For those of you who have never had the opportunity to see what a great job Dave McGhee has done at Oak Hill during the years he has been there . . . give yourself a treat . . . take your wife for a ride in the country . . . McGhee and Oak Hill country . . . seeing is believing!

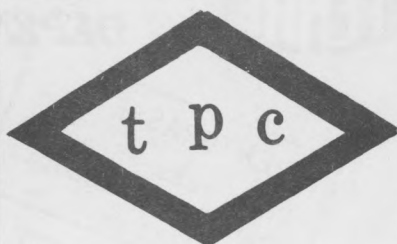
GCSAA President George Cleaver recently appointed Paul Boizelle to serve on the National Conference and Show Committee for 1978. This assignment is in addition to the other two committee's Paul is currently serving on: The Education Committee and The Organizational Study Committee. . .

Paul Schurtz continues to hit that "little ball" in the right places . . . managing a 77 at Manasquan River, site of our last state golf outing. Paul does other things equally well, also. This Spring he "cut the ribbon" for a new trap constructed late last fall on Panther Valley's Par 3, number 6 hole. Guarding the Green (to the left) . . . this well-shaped trap adds additional beauty and challenge to a superb golf hole.

Floyd Staatz, of Harker's Hollow fame, wishes to reveal a secret he has

guarded well down through the years . . . and that is . . . he knows where they serve the best PEPPER-STEAK this side of the Delaware River. How about that all you PEPPER-STEAK fans! Floyd is encouraging all true-blue PEPPER-STEAK folks to give him a call . . . he'd be delighted to escort you to his newly revealed "secret" place. For this small favor, and this small favor only . . . you pick up th' tab. Fair enough? What more could you ask. After all . . . there just aren't that many genuine PEPPER-STEAK places around these days. . .

Byron Phoebus' "new" nine looks better each day . . . the greens, fairways and tees have begun to respond. There for awhile, Byron was a mite concerned . . . with the cold Spring we were experiencing up until mid-May . . . last falls seeding effort just seemed to stand still.



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DISTRICT 5

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Secretary: Sky Bergen
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Sometime this month Superintendent Jack Martin will join the ranks of those who boast a fully automated golf course watering system. When Jack constructs . . . he goes all th' way. Even his pumps are "new"! We might add that Andrew Wilson Inc. designed the system for Jack and Shackamaxon. Enjoy, Jack.

"Mr." Ed Casey, long time Superintendent at Baltusrol Golf Club (before retiring a few short years back), appears to be wearing his retirement well. To those of us who had the opportunity to meet and talk with him at the Manasquan River meeting . . . all agree . . . he looks just GREAT! Incidentally, how many of you know that "Mr." Casey celebrated his 80th. birthday this month?

Somerset County's Bob Ujobagy reports golfing population off this Summer at all three Somerset County Courses . . . Bob attributes the lag in play to the erratic weather we have experienced since the beginning of the season . . . it's cold, wet start . . . periods of prolonged humidity . . . a wet 4th of July . . . Bob also praised his great staff . . . pointing out . . . despite the challenges of the odd weather pattern of late . . . that they are doing a SUPER job at their respective golf courses: Angelo Bernabe at Green Knoll, Bob Lowery at Spooky Brook and Jack Smalko at Warrenbrook.

GCSANJ President Joe Flaherty and his lovely wife, Agatha will add one more deduction when they file on their 1978 returns. The new deduction answers to the name of JOANNE.

Having trouble with your antique clocks? If so . . . call Bob Wiley. Since going into semi-retirement Bob has turned his long time hobby into a real going concern. Working out of his workshop (at home) Bob rebuilds and renovates clocks that predate the American Revolution . . .

Another retired Fertl-Soiler . . . George Dixon . . . is reported to be doing just great down in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. Not only does he manage to play a few rounds of golf each day . . . but has secured a part time job at Plantation Tree C.C. . . . ENJOY, George!

DISTRICT 6

Director: Charles Edgar
Greenacres C.C.

Associate: Joseph Roberts
Princeton C.C.

Secretary: John Wantz
Village of 76 C.C.

Joe Roberts was recently appointed by Mercer County to fill the vacancy left by the late Dominic Simonelli. Joe's new duties will have him overseeing Mercer County's two golf courses: Princeton C.C. and Mountain View Golf Club. Joe will also be responsible for maintaining Mercer County's other recreational areas; namely, a park, a Ski slope near Bellemead and a Skating Rink . . . Joe will be leaving Hopewell Valley in the near future to assume his new responsibilities.

Daniel McGlyn, Asst. Superintendent to Bill Gaydush at Edgewood C.C., has been named to replace Joe Roberts at Hopewell Valley.

Charley Dey is another one with his work cut out for him . . . Springdale Country Club, among other things . . . has a new Maintenance Building and a new pond in the offering; the pond to be used for irrigation purposes. When the building permits have been

obtained, Charley will be off and running. . .

The District #6 Workshop Schedule for the balance of the season is as follows:

July 11 10:00 A.M.
Village of 76 C.C.

John Wantz, Host

Sept. 12 10:00 A.M.
Greenacres C.C.

Charles Edgar, Host.

Oct. 10 10:00 A.M.
Trenton C.C.

Dennis Wagner, Host.

The District #6 Workshops will be held at the Maintenance Building of the host Superintendent. Each Superintendent will conduct his own program; highlighting his own facilities, programs that he has initiated, and problems that he might choose to discuss with his fellow Superintendents.

DISTRICT 7

Director: Harry Harsin
Belmar, N.J.

Associate: Philip Scott
Bamm Hollow C.C.

Secretary: Robert Dobbie
Navesink C.C.

Rumson Country Club's Ed Brittain



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reports heavy Winter damage to all docks in the Rumson area this year. Now this isn't good . . . especially when fishermen like Ed have no place to tie up their boat . . . Right, Ed? Speaking of the Brittain family . . . did you know that Ed's son Pete, was getting married in September? Ed tells us the knot will be tied shortly after Pete gets his Diploma from the University of Maryland. . . where he has been laboring as a Turf Major these past few years . . .

Congratulations are in order for Phil Scott. On the 15th of this month, Phil will have begun his 13th season at Bamm Hollow. Phil would also like us to know that he intends it to be his "LUCKY 13th."

Dan Nichols (District #7's latest addition) brings proven leadership abilities to our Chapter. Dan, Hollywood Country Club's new Superintendent, was instrumental in laying the groundwork for the Central New York Chapter at it's very inception. While serving as that Chapter's first President (1976-77), Dan still managed to find the time to be a "good family man" to his lovely wife, Joan, and their four children. Prior to their arrival in New Jersey, the Nichols family resided near

Baldwinsville, New York, where Dan was employed as Village Green Golf and Country Club's Superintendent. In behalf of our District and State Association as well . . . we would like to take this opportunity to welcome Dan and his fine family to "clam digger's country". Welcome aboard, Dan.

On May 14th, Brother Stork delivered a small package to the home of William and Nancy Rolland; the contents of said package, when unwrapped . . . was found to contain a lovely baby girl who answered to the name of, STACY. Needless to say, Beacon Hill Country Club's proud Superintendent lost no time in passing out the cigars . . . After all . . . when the first child is born in a family . . . that is quite an occasion . . . wouldn't you say? Congratulations to you both, Bill and Nancy!

More in the way of CONGRATULATIONS: This time for Gary Edgar, son of Old Orchard Country Club's, John Edgar. Gary, we were informed, is a brand new Rutgers graduate. Only last week, Gary received a B.A. Degree; majoring in Computer Science. No doubt Father John will miss Gary in a big way . . . as

Gary has worked for his Dad on the golf course for the past 12 years . . . And now for a Post Script to these congratulations: Gary is to be married in early October . . .

Jumping Brook's veteran Superintendent, Harry Stafford, reports he's never experienced a colder Spring than the one recently experienced. Never before (with all of his years on a golf course) has he remembered all vegetation coming along so slow . . . Speaking of Jumping Brook . . . if you are ever in the neighborhood . . . stop in to see Harry . . . stop by to marvel at the great job he and his staff have done for this fine golf course. . .

Bob (Navesink C.C.) Dobbie and his lovely wife, Jeanne, will be traveling to Pennsylvania shortly . . . to attend their son Matt's graduation. Matt, a member of the class of '78, will be graduating from Penn State with a degree in Turf Management. Shortly after having returned from Penn State, Matt will be employed by Wilpat Associates, Springfield, N.J.

Our thanks are extended to Jim McNally for having afforded us such a great day at Manasquan River . . . 94 members and their guests were regally

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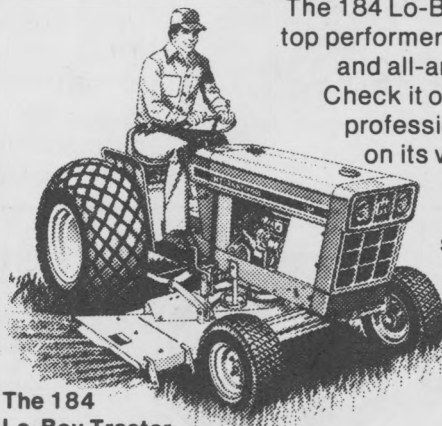
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Associate: Doug Fraser
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named General Manager at Buena Vista. We, the members of District #8, would like to take this opportunity to wish Bill the best of luck in his new venture. . . .

Warren "Chuck" Wilson, Leisure Technology Corporation's stalwart Superintendent, will be leaving us shortly for sunny California. Recently, Leisure Tech chose to move it's base of operations to the West coast where the bulk of it's current expansion program is taking place. We aren't writing "Chuck" off completely, however; because he will be flying back from time to time to oversee other company golfing operations here on the East coast. At the present time "Chuck" has for a responsibility

. . . . 14 properties . . . all of which boast one thing in common . . . you must fly in a plane to get from one to another. . . .

District #8 has received many compliments during the past few weeks regarding the state meeting w hosted at Atlantic City C.C. . . . We, in turn, have passed the compliments on to the congenial Fraser Family What made all of us feel so great about . . . was the fact that all District's were represented at the meeting. As a matter of fact, Bergen County was represented by no fewer than 7 Superintendents. Considering the distance traveled by our colleague's from the North country WOW!

WENDER, CAMERON AND SCHOELLNER TO HOST TOURNAMENTS

The pro tournaments this year will have to share top billing with the nation's premier amateur tournament, the U.S. Amateur, which will have a nine-day stand at Plainfield C.C., August 29-September 3. The New Jersey renewal will be the last conducted by the USGA entirely at match play. Next year, at Cleveland's Canterbury, on-site qualifying will reduce the field to 64 starters.

A total of 200 golfers will start at Plainfield with successive 18-hole matches through five days reducing the field to two finalist, who will play 36 holes, more or less, over a course ranked among America's best. The inimitable Chester "Red" Wender will be the U.S. Amateur's host Superintendent.

The last time the Amateur was held in New Jersey — at Ridgewood in 1974 — it was won by Jerry Pate, who went on to win the U.S. Open as a Pro.

Two of the state's major championships will be undefended. The State Open at Canoe Brook's

North course, July 12-14, will be without Mike Stubblefield. Mike has moved out of state to take a job as assistant to Stan Mosel at Connecticut's Burning Tree C.C., where Mosel recently took over as head pro.

The return of the Open to Canoe Brook recalls the last time the championship was played there in 1962. Only one golfer in the field was able to break 300 for the punishing 7,063-yard course. He is Wes Ellis, who shot 285 and won by a record 15 shots. The course, since reduced by 200 yards with three new holes, still is one of the state's demanding. Maurice "Skip" Cameron, host Superintendent, will afford participants and spectators alike . . . a beautiful, well groomed golf course.

The Women's State Amateur will be played at Essex County C.C. where John Schoellner resides as Superintendent. The tournament's five days of match play will begin on July 31 and conclude on August 4th.

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Although Atlantic City C.C. and the Fraser family were fully prepared to make this year's initial monthly meeting a complete success, mother nature failed to comply. Heavy rain, accompanied by 50 m.p.h. wind gusts, kept the number of golfers to a minimum. Only the young and restless ventured out (late in the day) on the course; and that for only a few holes. No tournament was held; therefore, our handicap systems start will be delayed until the Manasquan River meeting.

The scores earned while playing Manasquan River will be used to initiate the proposed handicap system that we intend to put into effect throughout our golfing year. Once established, this system will give everyone a chance to win . . . even "Sky" Bergen. Host Jim McNally is looking forward to a high attendance on the 18th. So why not plan to join Jim and his fellow Superintendents from District #7 for what looks to be a great day in the "clam" country?

Our first association tournament will be played this June at Roxiticus Golf Club. The tournament will be a Two-Man Best Ball event. Only one team representative must be a NJGCSA member. There will be a minimal charge to cover trophy costs. The 80% handicap system will still be in effect; with 28 strokes being the maximum allowable handicap. Any non-association member must present a verified club, USGA or MGA handicap before his entry will be accepted. This tournament affords every member a good opportunity to invite a friend or club official of his choice.

John Schoellner, Host Superintendent for the day, guaranteed this writer that Essex County will be in top shape for our championship tournament in September. John told me that the fairways would be lush, the greens fast and the rough . . . LONG.

Plans for our Annual Invitational Tournament (Oct. 19th.) are proceeding on schedule. Edgewood's General Manager, Milton Stackland Golf Pro. Mike Higuera are affording us their full cooperation.

The day will begin with an 11:30 A.M. Buffet Lunch. Golf (shot gun start) will get underway at 12:30 P.M. Beginning at 6:00 P.M. a cocktail hour, featuring and open bar and Hors d'Oeuvres will precede Dinner. After Dinner (which will begin at 7:00 P.M.) everyone can

look forward to the presentation of trophies and our guest Speaker.

In using the shot-gun tournament format the field will be restricted to a 36 team maximum. Slots will be offered on a first come . . . first serve basis. The first 36 Superintendents who submit the names of their team members (and their handicaps) plus a check for expenses . . . will be entered. We (the committee) will also keep the names of four (4) alternate teams on hand (to be decided by mailing dates.) If notice should be given by one of the entered teams that they will be unable to play, for one reason or another, the

1st alternate team will be entered in their place. The field of players will be "frozen" two weeks preceding the tournament date. Any changes within that two week period must be made by the Superintendent and verified by the Committee.

The Annual Invitational Tournament has become a great asset to our bordering Superintendents associations. Opportunities to meet with our respective chairman, pro and club officials in a relaxed atmosphere are not, as a rule, readily available. Our neighbors have utilized the opportunity well.

VOX POP



At the Massachusetts Turfgrass Conference in March, Bob Williams went over his \$200,000 plus budget with the superintendents and impressed on his audience that the majority of supers present could run his golf course just as well as he was doing, but, the key to his success was getting the members to spend the \$200,000 plus.

The message he was putting across is — don't sell yourself short. Have the courage of your convictions. There is nothing you can't do if you have the money. You must convince your members that as a well educated qualified superintendent you can solve every problem on a golf course. There isn't a weed, insect, or disease that you can't control; and, barring catastrophic flood conditions you can grow and maintain any and all grasses despite soil structures and terrains you may have inherited.

Bob's worst problem has been poor annual fairways; but he holds them with a cultural practice plus fourteen fairway sprays per season that cost him \$10,000. Whatever Bob Williams

can do, you can do. If your members can't afford a Bob-O-Link golf course budget, then they shouldn't expect a Bob-O-Link course. But you should have the Bob Williams confidence and be able to convey to your membership that you can do anything he or any other superintendent can do. I hate to see good superintendents being blamed for losing grass when they have worked without the proper tools and money. I ask you to rear up and place the blame where it squarely belongs on your membership's back.

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Hyannis, Massachusetts	November 14-15

Landscape 1 -Charles Sacamano and William Nelson

Indianapolis, Indiana	November 1-2
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DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD NOMINATIONS CONTINUE TO BE SOLICITED BY THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The GCSAA Executive Committee continues to accept nominations for the Distinguished Service Award. All nominees will be considered at the Fall Board meeting in November. Nominations must be received by the Chairman of the Public Relations and Awards Committee by September 1, 1978.

To be accepted for the Distinguished Service Award, a nominee must meet the following qualifications:

1. Must have made an outstanding contribution to the advancement of the profession of Golf Course Superintendency.
2. The outstanding contribution may be, or have been, regional in nature as long as it can be judged to have significantly advanced the profession nationally or internationally.
3. The nominee must not have been recipient of this award during the preceding ten (10) years.

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