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There's an old saying that goes, "If you're not for yourself, who will be for you?". Today it may be changed to "If you don't communicate to your legislator, who will?" and "Do you want the only opinions presented to your legislator to be those of an opposing viewpoint?". Some of you may feel uncomfortable about writing to your elected officials because of a mistaken belief that it's ineffectual or because you're not sure just how the letter should be written.

Most of us recognize just how important it is to have our profession effectively represented among our elected officials. To be local and vocal means more to an elected official than the best lobbyist or public relations firm. You, the voter, and your opinion carries more weight.

Writing a letter or calling your state or federal representative should be one of the easiest things to do. All a legislator needs to know is a) the issue about which you are writing or calling, and b) your position on that issue. In its simplest form, a position can be either "for" or "against" a particular item. The strength of writing a letter is in its permanency. The strength of a phone call is in its immediacy. Most legislators maintain local offices with staff that can respond to you. They maintain a "for" and "against" file pile and keep a log of phone calls. They use this information to tell their boss which way the locals are inclined. Your opinion counts all the more because very few of us actually make legislative contact.

Here's a sample letter that gets directly to the point.

Dear Senator Smith:

I am writing to inform you that I oppose (insert the bill, proposal, or course of action you oppose here). I would very much appreciate a reply explaining your position on this important issue.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

For those of you who are very particular about your correspondence format, you may want to address the outside of the envelope to "The Honorable John D. Smith".

Most people, however, feel an urge to say more once they've taken pen in hand. A few arguments explaining your position can help your cause, if such arguments

are expressed clearly and forcibly. Below is a list of do's and don'ts which may help in your next letter or phone call.

DO

1) **Do think about what to say.** Take a few moments before writing to decide exactly what the issue is, and what point or points you want to make.

2) **Do organize your letter.** Start with a simple identification of the issue and your position on it, just as you would have for the sample letter above. For example:

I believe this measure will hurt poor and lower income people more than anyone else.

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EDITORIALS



Defending Democracy

During the hectic days before the 62nd International Golf Course Conference and Show in Las Vegas, several Golf Course Superintendents Association of New Jersey members were responding to issues raised at a January 23 Legislative hearing. We only had a few days to organize and distribute our comments on an important piece of legislation. A joint Legislative Committee hearing held by the Senate Labor, Industry and Professions and the Assembly Energy and Environment Committees reviewed a bill that would expand the scope of the New Jersey Pesticide Control Act of 1971. This bill is sponsored by Senator Raymond Lesniak and Assemblyman Robert Smith. It is a continuation of similar bills submitted by the Senator over the last four years. Written comments had been prepared by GCSANJ Legislative Chairman **Paul Powondra**. Representing their profession as individuals at the hearing in Elizabeth were **Armand LeSage** from White Beeches and **Robert Dickison** from Upper Montclair. GCSANJ was also represented through its membership in the Alliance for Environmental Concerns. This New Jersey based grass-roots association represents a majority of those individuals who apply pesticides professionally in our state. Working with the Alliance are 17 member associations including GCSANJ.

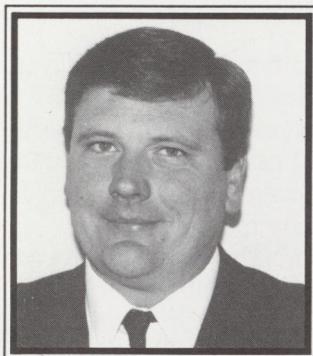
Over 30 people gave oral testimony. Most of them were individuals who believe the New Jersey Pesticide Control Act does not go far enough in its regulation of pesticides. The bill would require extensive written prenotification for pesticide application. It would also dramatically increase fees and penalties through a method of self-financing pesticide regulation in the state.

Grass-root comments are the most effective political tool in any democracy. Many GCSANJ members called or wrote the members of the Senate and Assembly committees giving their opinions on key aspects of this bill. For a democracy to exist, opinions and ideas must come from ourselves to our elected representatives. How are they to know what you are thinking if you don't call or write?

This is so important that we've reserved the cover story for this issue of "The Greenside" to demonstrate how to write an effective letter to your Legislature. This article attempts to make you more comfortable in dealing with state senators and assembly people. Our profession's credibility is enhanced everytime we effectively communicate our opinions on issues that are important to our industry and our personal livelihoods.

Democracy, to stay healthy, needs to be exercised. Every time you participate, you make it stronger. Public hearings, legislative committees, letters and testimony are calisthenics that will help keep our democracy strong.

**ILONA GRAY
EDITOR**



The Wheels of Motion

David Pease
President, GCSANJ

The "Wheels Of Motion" are not driven by phantom power. Our Association is fueled by a hierarchy of behind-the-scene activity. Activity is

organized in a systematic breakdown of committees. The power of Association activity is driven by this elaborate mechanism.

The notoriety of such committee activity has been somewhat obscured to the General Membership. The punch of this report is to enlighten the Association about the avenues and extent of committee activity.

The Executive Board meets approximately once every four weeks. Committees are chaired by Executive Board members. The committees are comprised of Board, and non-board members. The following is a breakdown of committee structure:

Newsletter: Glenn Miller Chairman, Ken Krausz, Ilona Gray

Meetings and Speakers: Dave Mayer Chairman, Shaun Barry

National Delegate: Steve Malikowski, Chairman

Field Day: John Carpinelli, Chairman

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Golf: Shaun Barry, Chairman, Bob Prickett

Education: Tom Grimac, Chairman, Larry Dodge

Organizational Study and By-Laws: Chris Carson

Finance: Marty Mantel, Chairman, Chris Carson

Scholarship and Research: Paul Powondra, Chairman

Government Relations: Paul Powondra, Chairman, Bob Dickison, and Gerald Fountain

Commercial Representatives: Steve Chirip, Chairman, S. Barry

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Merchandise: Dave Mayer, Chairman

Public Golf Superintendents: Ken Krausz, Chairman, A. Shuckers

Ethics: Steve Finamore, Chris Carson, and Paul Powondra

Ninety percent of all committee research, and work is completed prior to board approval. The depth of such

activity stems from reports produced at the monthly board meetings.

Methods for "Membership Services" is derived directly from committee activity. The importance for communication between the general membership and their committee chairman is paramount for the success in fulfilling membership needs. I encouraged you as members to take advantage this opportunity.

Surveys are helpful in serving Association concerns. Equally important is general membership communique with committee chairman.

If you, as a member, should have concerns about certain committees, or input related to such committees, please contact those representatives. Let's keep the "Wheels Of Motion" in a perpetual state.

Calendar

REGULATORY CALENDAR

New Jersey Pesticide Control
Program Certification Exam Dates

April 2 & May 7	Atlantic County Extension Office, Mays Landing
April 4 & May 2	Camden County Extension Office, Clementon
April 11 & May 9	Essex County Parks Department, Roseland
April 16 & May 14	Monmouth County Extension Office, Freehold
April 9 & May 16	Morris County Parks Commission, Freylinghuysen Arboretum, Morristown
April 19 & May 23	Ocean County Extension Office, Toms River
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"HOME IN VEGAS" REPORTER SHAUN BARRY

The GCSANJ, along with the Connecticut and Metropolitan Golf Course Superintendent Associations, sponsored a hospitality suite at our national meeting in Las Vegas. This was the third consecutive year that these associations have joined together in providing a meeting place where all were welcome. Steve Malikowski was asked by the GCSANJ Board to be the national voting delegate and our representative on the committee for this suite. I'm not sure who Steve voted for, but I do know that he did a great job in picking a room. It was located on the 29th floor of the Riviera Hotel which was the host hotel. This room came with a beautiful balcony that provided such a breathtaking view of Las Vegas that it caused the term, "I See the Light" to take on a new meaning. It also gave us one of the few places in the city from where you couldn't hear the sound of the slot machines.

Although there were many other attractions, this suite seemed to be constantly filled and our new president and his wife, Steve and Linda Cadenelli, found the time to share the camaraderie on both nights. It was something that I hope you didn't miss.

"REACH OUT AND TOUCH SOMEONE"

I have been a member of this association for many years and last year I volunteered to deliver some fruit baskets to our life members. It is a practice that has gone on for quite a few years and I thought it would be a nice idea to renew some old friendships.

For obvious reasons, I chose Leo Cleary, Paul Sartoretto and Jim O'Gibney. It had been over 20 years since I had seen Leo. He looked great and asked about all of his friends. I had forgotten what a wonderful storyteller he was. My brief visit lasted over two hours and could have

gone on for much longer. Jim O'Gibney and I have stayed in contact, but he also was very pleased to know that his peers had thought of him. The visit to Paul was uneventful because he was in California, but I can attest to the fact that he would have enjoyed the fruit because I know that I did.

These people have officially retired from our industry, but it is still in their blood. They really appreciate these yearly visits and I am sure they would love to hear from their old friends anytime of the year. So if you get a chance, give a call or make a visit and you will both be glad that you did.

"WHERE WILL WE BE?"

As we approach the end of February, our meeting schedule for 1991 is only half filled. Back in December it appeared that our tentative schedule was almost set. Then, due to some unforeseeable problems, courses had to cancel. There have been many calls to our members but it is late and most clubs have their 1991 outing dates cast in stone. We will continue to search for open dates with a strong degree of confidence because every superintendent that we have contacted has gone out of his way to help.

One of the reasons for this help is that they realize there are many ways that members of the GCSANJ contribute to their association. Providing a site for a monthly meeting may be one of the more pleasureable methods. It is also very important for the welfare of our group that there be a time and place for our members to be able to leave (?) their world for a day.

With this in mind, we will be setting up our 1992 schedule by the end of April and will establish a tentative schedule for 1993 by the end of this year. If this attempt proves successful, we will establish it as policy and all future schedules will follow this timetable. If you think you

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MEMBERSHIP AND ROSTER CHANGES

Please join "The Greenside" in congratulating and welcoming the following new members and members whose association status has changed.

Golf Course Superintendent Category A
David C. Lee Peace Pipe CC

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Doug Vogel Packanack GC

Golf Course Assistant Superintendent Category B1
Mark Griff Peace Pipe CC
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Other Interests Category D

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GCSANJ TURF SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS APPRECIATE OUR SUPPORT

As noted in the January-February issue of "The Greenside", Douglas Baier, assistant superintendent under Joel Jacquement at Oak Hill G.C., and John Gasper, who worked under Ed Walsh at Ridgewood C.C., received the GCSANJ Turf Scholarships for 1990-1991.

Both John and Douglas sent letters of thanks for being selected. They feel it an honor to be selected and look forward to meeting the membership of this association.

We again congratulate Joel at the Stockbridge School of the University of Massachusetts and John at Ohio State University.

WE NEED YOUR HELP

What is new in your life? Did you marry? Had any births in your family? We would like to spread that kind of news to the rest of the membership. The staff of "The Greenside" needs your input in this newsletter, if you have an idea for an article submit it to us.

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Maybe you won the lottery. Give us a call. We'd all like to know something like that and don't forget to give us your new address, that way we can visit you next time we are in Hawaii!!

JANUARY EDUCATION SEMINAR HELD AT RUTGERS

On Jan. 8, 1991, the GCSANJ held its winter educational seminar at Rutgers University. A total of 55 individuals, including many superintendents, attended. Certified superintendents received .5 C.E.U.s for the day's attendance.

The morning session was an interesting talk about developing and building the Cape May National Golf Club. Project Manager/Shaper Mike Gaffney made a presentation to the group on the endless laws and permits required by

law concerning the wetlands, construction permits, etc. in the initial and present stages. Superintendent Steve Malikowski followed up the actual "hands on" construction, design and planning with the Golf Course Architect. Steve was also involved in the choice of grasses, installation of the irrigation and planning of the maintenance facility.

The afternoon session focused on the construction of the new Crystal Springs Golf Club, located in Hamburg in Sussex County. Dick Grant, Construction/Project coordinator, joined by Superintendent Jeff Drake, were very informative in their presentation. Dick and Jeff had similar problems in the beginning stages obtaining permits, etc., however, not to the same extent as Mike and Steve had, especially with the wetlands. Many slides were shown on the construction process, on shaping, blasting, hauling soil and the building of Greens and Tees.

On behalf of the GCSANJ, we thank all the participants and the members for their support in attending this seminar.

**LAWRENCE DODGE
EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

BERGEN COLLECTS GCSANJ NAMES AT THE GCSAA LAS VEGAS CONVENTION

Sky Bergen of Vaughan's Seed Co. makes it his business to know who in New Jersey attended the GCSAA Convention. This year's list total is 73. To find out just how good Sky is at making this determination, we are challenging GCSANJ members to review the list and report any omissions to Ilona Gray at (201) 595-7172. Corrections will be included in the next edition of "The Greenerside." If Sky is 100% accurate, "The Greenerside" owes him one cool drink on the hottest day of the summer. Bergen's list of attendees is as follows:

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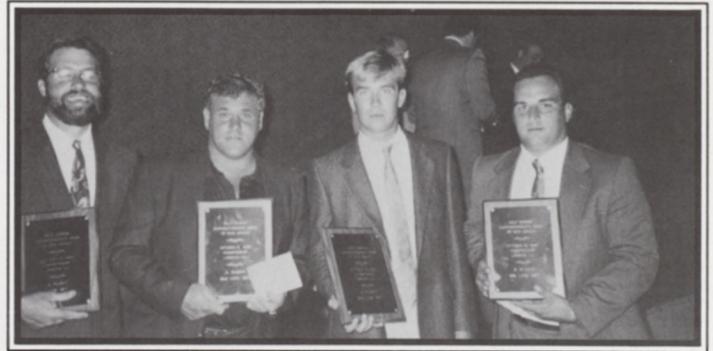
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A-Flight winners were (from left) Alan Beck, CGCS; Tom Grimac CGCS; Harry Harsin and Bob Prickett.



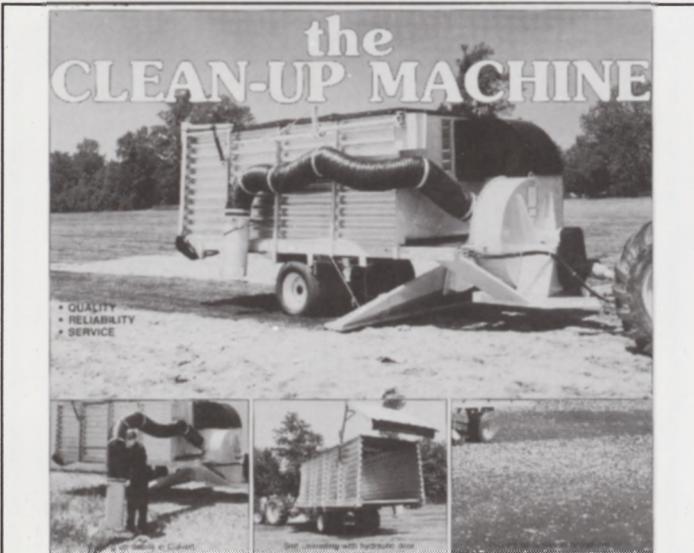
B-Flight winners were (from left) Chris Gaynor, CGCS; Dennis Krychowecky; Doug Larson and John Carpinelli.



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Or:

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If you have a second argument in support of your position, start a new paragraph. But remember, one or two strong arguments, simply stated, are all you really need.

When you have said what you have to say, close your letter simply and gracefully.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my position on this important issue. I would appreciate receiving a response from your office.

- 3) **Do get your facts straight.** If you are going to use facts or statistics to support your arguments, make sure that they are accurate.
- 4) **Do write simply and clearly.** Keep your sentences short and to the point.
- 5) **Do ask for a reply.** By asking for a reply, you ensure that your letter was received, read and noted.
- 6) **Do make your letter legible.** Send a typed

letter if you can. If you write by hand, make sure your letter is neat and easy to read.

- 7) **Do sign your letter.** Be sure to include your name, address, and telephone number. Make it easy for your legislator to respond.

DON'T

- 1) **Don't send anonymous letters.** They serve no purpose.
- 2) **Don't be abusive or threatening.** A letter that calmly sets forth your arguments will be read and considered. An offensive letter will either be ignored, or worse, create negative feelings toward your cause. Also, avoid sarcasm. Such letters will do nothing to advance your position.
- 3) **Don't put it off.** Write now, while the issue is fresh in your mind.

The Golf Course Superintendent's Association of New Jersey becomes more credible and more effective in its dealings with the Legislature and other elected officials when its individual members take the time to write or phone on issues and concerns pertinent to the profession. If you want to write or call and don't have the address, contact the GCSANJ Government Relations Chairman, Paul Powondra.

ILONA GRAY

GCSANJ NEWS

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MAY MEETING SCHEDULED

Steve Cadenelli and Metedeconk National G.C. will be our hosts for the May meeting. It will be May 21, 1991. The Field will be limited to only the first 100 members of GCSANJ that sign up.

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NEW JERSEY SUPERINTENDENTS RECEIVE GCSAA CERTIFICATION

Wayne P. Remo, superintendent of Rock Spring Club, has been designated a Certified Golf Course Superintendent by the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America. Remo has been superintendent of the West Orange, New Jersey course since 1988. He lives in Wyckoff.

Thomas E. Zurcher, superintendent of Glenwood Country Club, has also been designated a Certified Golf Course Superintendent by the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America.

Zurcher has been superintendent of the Old Bridge course since 1986 and resides in Toms River.

CHAPTER PUBLICATIONS AWARD WINNERS ANNOUNCED

Editors of seven publications produced by

GCSAA-affiliated chapters were honored at the 62nd GCSAA International Golf Course Conference and Show in Las Vegas.

The judges declared "The Greenside" first runner-up in the Best Overall — 16 pages or more category.

The winners in the annual contest were chosen from about 30 eligible entries.

Publications were evaluated for overall excellence, appropriate design, editorial judgment and content, scope and quality of writing and presentation.

Two of the contest's categories are based on average publications size: up to 16 pages and 16 pages or more on average per issue. One publication was selected in each of those categories as best overall.

In addition to the overall awards, judges selected four publications to receive awards for best flag design, best cover, best original editorial content and best format and readability. They also named a first runner-up in one category.

Winners of the 1990 awards are:

- **Best Overall** (more than 16 pages on average per issue):

"The Florida Green"

Florida GCSA

Editor: Joel D. Jackson, CGCS

- **Best Overall** (16 pages or fewer on average per issue):

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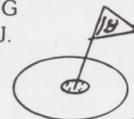
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"The Hole Nine Yards"
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Judges were Jerome M. Ducker, CGCS, Hallbrook Farms CC; Nancy Harper, owner of Harper & Associates, an advertising/communication firm; and Lois Wolfe of the National Federation of Press Women.

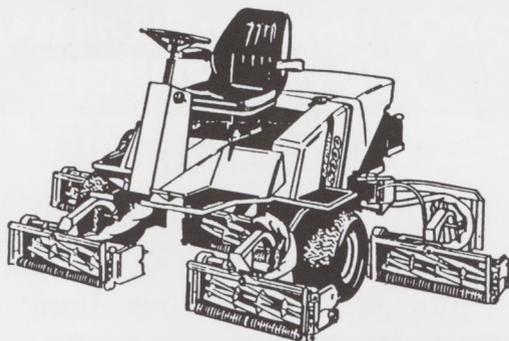
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A total of 18 GCSANJ superintendents competed in the GCSAA annual tournament held in Scottsdale, Arizona. The players worked hard at four courses set up to tournament conditions and I'm pleased to say that all of our members who competed, finished.

Some extraordinary golf ability demonstrated by our New Jersey boys is now part of GCSAA Tournament history. The most notable was **Jim McNally's** hole-in-one during the tournament at Orange Tree Golf Club. Jim's playing partners for the day described for me the shot as Jim was still in shock and speechless. "Jim had the feeling when he stepped up to the tee," they said. "It was a 151

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yard hole with a stiff breeze blowing from right to left with the pin back right. Jim knew he could not hit his normal draw under these conditions so he decided to hit a high cut with his square grooved 5 wood and a balata covered ball. With a great swing and the proper spin on the ball, the shot landed perfectly, took one hop and went in." Jim's comment, "After 16 career holes-in-one, it's still a thrill". And for all those not in attendance, Jim has offered to buy a round for everyone at the first New Jersey meeting this year. Congratulations, Jim!

Other less exciting news. The team of Grimac and Pricket took 5th place in the Best Ball part of the tournament, and myself teamed with Ted Maddocks of Connecticut tied for 7th. Ed Walsh, alias 101X, was presented with a commemorative shirt for his outstanding display of golfing prowess and will be available for pictures and autographs at our first monthly meeting.

Bob Pricket, alias the Dean, wins the 911 award this year for most time spent in the hospital. I will present the award personally as last year's recipient.

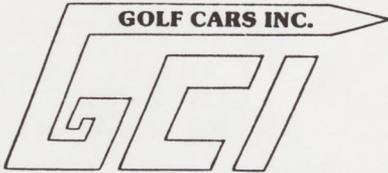
Tom Grimac receives the Ronald Reagan trophy for forgetting the phone number for 911 when the Dean needed him.

And, last but not least, Fran Owsik receives the Rooky of the Year plaque for surviving two weeks in the desert fun on a budget of \$6.38.

On a more serious note, the hospitality suite which was co-sponsored by Connecticut, New Jersey and the Metropolitan Superintendents Association was a great success again. It was nice to have a place to meet and talk with many friends that we may not have seen for a long time. A total of almost 500 visitors stopped over a two-night period. Some of the more exciting people to stop by and say hello included Sam Snead, Nancy Lopez and Ben Crenshaw. Unfortunately, they came by early and had other engagements and couldn't stay too long, so I was the only one who got to meet them.

My personal thanks to the Board of Directors of New Jersey in helping to support the suite which has

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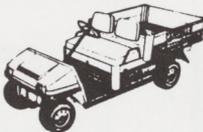


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VOTING DELEGATE REPORT

The results of the GCSAA Annual Membership Meeting held at the Riviera Hotel in Las Vegas on Feb. 12, 1991, are as follows:

The meeting was called to order by President Gerald L. Faubel, CGCS at 1 p.m.

A summary of the election is as follows:

President - Steve Cadenelli

For Vice President, voting went as follows:

William Roberts	3,521	votes	Elected
Randy Nichols	762	votes	

For Director

After losing the Vice Presidential bid, Randy Nichols was nominated for Director from the floor by Ken Mangum.

Results are as follows:

Gary Grigg	3,730	votes	Elected
Charles Passios	3,439	votes	Elected
Randy Nichols	2,781	votes	Elected
Bruce Williams	2,135	votes	Appointed
Gary Sayer	599	votes	

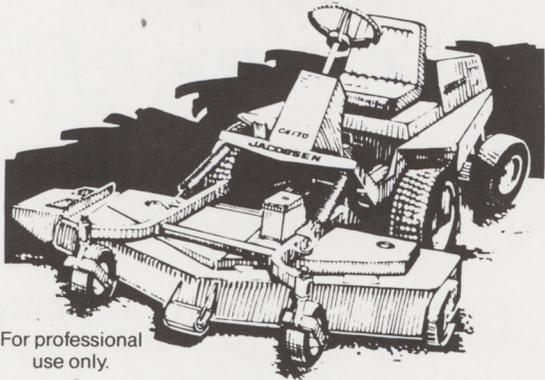
Eight regional delegates failed to check in their votes at the Voting Delegate check-in resulting in the loss of almost 500 votes. These votes were critical to the candidates and could have meant the difference between a one-year appointment and a two-year elected term.

A Bylaws change, consisting of the issue of the voting process at the annual meeting, was voted on and the results were 3,071 votes for leaving the voting process as is, 1,478 votes for revising the current voting process.

The current and standing voting procedure is for each chapter delegate to cast the total amount of votes carried by them to the annual meeting and/or casting proxy votes from individual members not voting with their association.

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The 1990 Senior Open in Review



To just say the 1990 Senior Open has been the highlight of my professional career would be vastly understating its importance to me personally. I have never enjoyed myself more nor learned more about myself than during the three years I spent preparing, producing and recovering from the Championship. Anyone who is presented with that type of opportunity should grasp it, hold onto it as long as possible and, most importantly, learn from it. Rarely will you have the potential to find out how professionally capable you are than during a Major Championship and the Senior Open has become a Major Championship.

Of course, it goes without saying that it takes a total team effort to produce the very best results. At Ridgewood, we had that and more. A General Chairman, John Fennie, who not only was an exceptional organizer, but a person who genuinely cared about the people he worked with and the club he represented. A Greens Chairman, Connie DeLoca, who was always there with moral support and a shoulder to cry on when needed. A Tournament Director, Richard Farley, who most often made the tedious jobs fun and a Championship Committee, comprised of club members, whom I now call close friends. We also had tremendous support people on the tournament staff and within our R.C.C. membership and members of local clubs who gave many, many hours of

their time to assure a successful event.

The team also included the many members of the GCSANJ who volunteered their time putting up gallery ropes and stakes just prior to the event and the 25 plus Association members and personal friends who worked side by side with my staff managing the course throughout the week of the Championship. I would be completely remiss if I didn't mention the U.S.G.A. staff and particularly Championship Agronomist, Tim Moraghan, who helped prepare us for, guided us through and recover from the event. To Tim, a simple thanks will never be enough.

Above all, the team included my staff. Living with me can sometimes be an adventure, at best, but they never complained about the long hours or any other responsibility of the task at hand. Each one gave much more than I ever had the right to expect. They were my strength during all the lows and equally shared in all the highs of success. Simply put, "to a man, they were outstanding".

I received a call from one of the local sports journalists on Monday after the Championship. He wanted to know how I felt now that the event was over and would I ever want to go through it again. My answer to the first question was "I could use a few days off". The second answer was easy: "In a New York minute".

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Just when you thought it was safe to read "The Greener side" again, I am back. Most of you probably figured it wouldn't happen. Others hoped it wouldn't. You are all wrong. You know I actually like writing this column because there are people who think I shouldn't. Resistance seems to motivate me. As a matter of fact, Ilona Gray finally got me to do this again by telling me that some readers told her they were very happy that I wasn't contributing to the publication anymore. I wonder if Ilona talked to my wife. I thought Mary was the only person who knew that that's the only way to get through to me sometimes. I usually don't react to threats and/or promises, but tell me someone doesn't like what I do when I think it's valid and it makes me want to do it even more.

You know, the way I think often makes me wonder if I wouldn't be a good case for some young physiology student. What makes me think that way is I can have a completely rational conversation with Armand LaSage, Ed Schulsinger and Mike Oleykowski at the same time and come away still functioning. Give that a little thought.

Of course I am only kidding with those remarks because I really like to write for "The Greener side." I will hope to keep it light and add that occasional bit of satire that keeps most of you thinking. I don't know any other way. I am glad to be back and hope that no one takes me too seriously. Especially not Armand, Ed and Mike.

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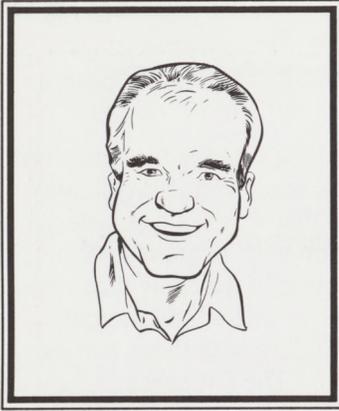
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Jim Gilligan's Column

The setting of this column is Las Vegas, Nevada, site of the 62nd International Golf Course Conference and Show. The conference combines a unique opportunity for a golf course superintendent to participate in educational seminars and

sessions, to walk the trade show floor and ingest the multitude of product offerings, and, most significantly, to meet and exchange conversation with other superintendents. It is this last point that I'm focusing on this day: my last in Las Vegas.

In forming some thoughts about the content of this column, a range of ideas surfaced, but nothing strong enough to put on paper much less to be of interest to the readers of this publication. But now in the early morning light, I see my relationship with other superintendents as being the theme of this column: these superintendents being from New Jersey. These are the people I conversed with at dinner (even had a photograph taken with one); the people I met in the educational halls; the people I clogged the trade show aisles with; and the people I socialized with, were New Jersey golf course superintendents. The encounters were stimulating, they were topical, non-threatening and pleasant. The discerning note in these thoughts, I can't find this atmosphere back home in our meetings. The bond at home seems strained. It would be good for us to establish a stronger bond at home to strengthen us as we work through the year.

These thoughts are mine. I know I'm more receptive to other people's ideas and thoughts. I'm listening better now than before; it is that beginner's mind that I'm employing now instead of the expert mind that controlled me for so long. I've renewed my lease on this profession and I don't intend to let it expire. I'm finding in my mind the teaching of the faculty and the sharing of the students.

There are no specific proposals in these thoughts to improve the GCSANJ, but there is a positive feeling in my mind about what we can accomplish together as men and women.

Some confusion did exist in my mind as I encountered friends and strangers: the question arose, "Where are you now?". My immediate response was, "I'm in Jersey"; but no, the name tag says, "New York". Then I explained the dual response of living in New Jersey and working in New York. Staten Island could be a place of isolation, but see it as a bridge for myself among the superintendents of New Jersey, Long Island and Westchester. I have the unique opportunity to know and learn from the people and it is enlightening.

The possibility of renewing a joint meeting among the three chapter associations would be a progressive idea.

Troll to receive award

Dr. Joseph Troll, a renowned educator in the turfgrass industry, has been named the recipient of the 1991 Green Section Award of the United States Golf Association.

The announcement was made by Raymond B. Anderson, chairman of the USGA Green Section Award Committee.

The award has been presented by the USGA annually since 1961 in recognition of distinguished service to golf through work with turfgrass. Troll received the award in February at the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America Conference and Show in Las Vegas.

During his tenure at the University of Massachusetts, an estimated 1,100 students graduated from the program he directed, one of the largest number of graduates by any university in this country. A large majority became golf course superintendents.

Dr. Troll also helped establish the Turf Research Center in South Deerfield, Mass., which is active in all aspects of research and testing new grass varieties.

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Fenwick really got fancy for this issue's column. He's laid out for us a Match the Answer format. So get your pencils and erasers. The correct answers appear on page 18.

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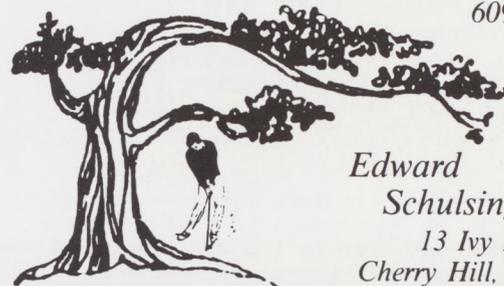
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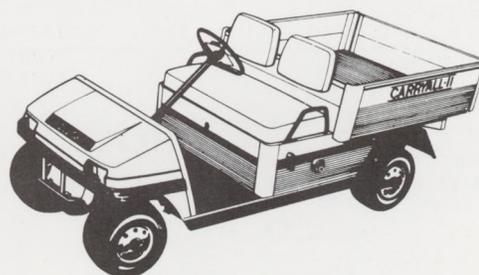
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