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1993 GCSANJ Distinguished Service Award presented

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by Ed Walsh

Our 1993 Distinguished Service Award recipient is the proverbial "behind the scenes" guy. The only people who really know how much he has done for our association are the ones with the more noticeable committee chairman or Board of Director positions. Having had the opportunity to serve with this dedicated professional for the last 20 years, it gives me tremendous pleasure to be able to write about his accomplishments as a member of the GCSANJ.

Ken Kubik started in the golf business at age 13 when he caddied and worked in the clubhouse at Crestmont Country Club. He later worked on the course under the direction of superintendent, Pete Pedrazzi. Ken became Pete's assistant in 1970 and held that position until 1973 when he accepted a sales position with the Andrew Wilson Company. In 1978 he formed Grass Roots, the turfgrass supply company he owns and operates today.

Ken's service to our association started back in 1976 when he served as advertising manager for our newsletter. He held that position until 1979. In 1980, during a long lunch, he, along with Dennis De Sanctis and yours truly, started "The Greenerside". Ken served as co-editor, head of mailing, ad manager and ghost writer with his infamous column, "Willet Wilt". During his five-plus-year involvement, the publication was recognized as the "Best in Its Category" by the GCSAA each year.

It was also during this time that Ken assisted on the Met. Area Team Championship and GCSANJ Invitational committees. Ken is also a past member of the New Jersey Turfgrass Association Board of Directors and presently serves on the Board of the Alliance for Environmental Concerns.

Ken's personal commitment to our profession was never more visible than this past year during the U.S. Open at Baltusrol when Joe Flaherty found himself in a bind. Joe needed

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Kenneth Kubik (left) of Grass Roots Turf Products receiving the 1993 GCSANJ Distinguished Service Award from Martin Mantell at the 3rd Annual Presidents Ball held this past November.

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Seeing beyond the job

by Ilona Gray

The founders of the United States were average people of their day, but held an exceptional vision for a future nation.

They did not define themselves by what they did for a living. Most, like George Washington, earned their living as farmers.

Thomas Jefferson was also a farmer,

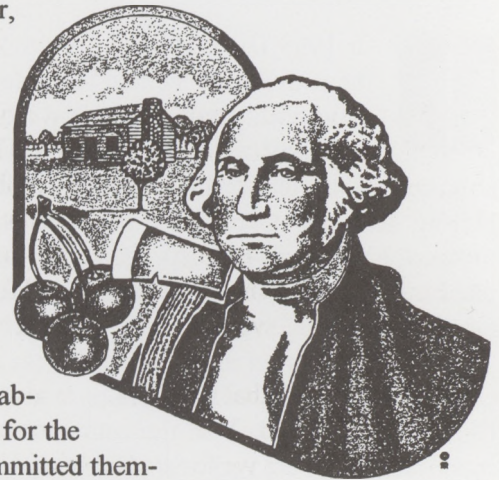
but his best efforts were made as a statesman, as an educator and as an architect. Benjamin Franklin was a publisher and a newspaper editor, but no one would attempt to define him as just a publisher. His image is on the \$100 bill because of his achievements in helping to build America, not for his "Poor Richard's Almanac".

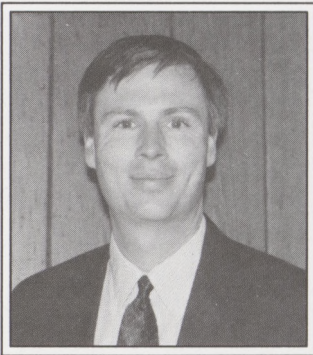
The founders accomplished a great thing by establishing a government of the people, for the people and by the people. They committed themselves to this task and worked as a team. They argued. They struggled with each other, but they recognized that every one of them had to succeed together or that they would surely fail separately.

Golf course superintendents have the same attributes as the founders of our country. By and large they are people who work the land for their living. And, by and large, they are people who think well beyond that horizon when defining who they are and what they stand for.

When a fellow superintendent died suddenly at a young age and left a family without the resources to continue, golf course superintendents came together and with a great spirit of cooperation raised over \$50,000 for that family. In Project FAITH a raffle program awarding rounds of golf has raised money and hope for seriously ill children. These are not isolated acts. GCSANJ members have a long history of seeing the bigger picture. The same talents that can view a golf course in a creative fashion, organize teams of workers to keep it in top condition and maintain it during critical and peak use, can be applied to other challenges in life.

These great acts were created and implemented by average men and women who possess an exceptional vision. From this you can see clearly just how this country was founded and know from a personal experience what our founding fathers must have been like: Close to nature, concerned with the welfare of their fellow man, and with a vision of a better future for all.





Becoming part of a team

by *Chris Carson*
President, GCSANJ

■ thank the membership for the opportunity to serve as president for a second term.

I, and all the officers and Board, take this chance to recommit to our goal of serving the membership to the best of our abilities.

There are three basic concepts that I try to get my son's and daughter's soccer teams to understand. The first is to LOOK UP, or don't concentrate so hard on dribbling that you don't know where your teammates or opponents are on the field. The second is to BE IN POSITION, to be ready to receive a pass or defend an area. The last is to PASS THE BALL . . . utilizing teammates to achieve a goal is easier, and more satisfying, than a solo effort.

It seems to me that these concepts also apply to what we as superintendents do. We often concentrate so much on our problem areas that we forget to LOOK UP to see other areas that need attention: our families, communication with members, labor relations, planning.

Especially in the off season, it is appropriate to ask if we are IN POSITION . . . have we planned and budgeted thoroughly, taken advantage of our educational opportunities, become a part of the support network inherent in GCSANJ? Are we prepared to act when stresses set in?

Finally, do we PASS THE BALL? . . . When our turf is under stress, we are too—and there are people and groups to help. Fellow superintendents will *always* lend a hand; GCSANJ, USGA, and our friends at Cook College and other universities are ready to assist, and our club memberships are prepared to assist with understanding—if they are kept informed. Our staffs will help share the load if we give them as much responsibility as they can handle . . . and appropriate praise when they perform well.

Your Board also works hard to follow these concepts. We are LOOKING UP to see how we can better serve membership needs and desires via improved or new services. We are IN POSITION to properly serve the membership with excellent

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Calendar

- Jan. 31-Feb. 7 • 65th International Golf Course Conference and Show, Dallas Convention Center, Dallas, Texas. Contact: GCSAA, (913) 841-2240.
- Feb. 9-10 • Garden State Landscape and Nursery Conference + Trade Show, Garden State Exhibit Center, Somerset, New Jersey. Contact: NJNLA, (609) 291-7070.
- Feb. 16 • Turfgrass Stress Management, GCSAA Regional Seminar, (913) 832-4444 ext. 226 for registration information.
- Feb. 16-17 • NY State Turfgrass Association Turf and Grounds Expo II, Suffern, New York. Contact: (800) 873-TURF.
- Feb. 23 • NJ Landscape 94, Meadowlands Convention Center. Sponsored by B.C.L.C.A. Contact: (201) 664-6310.
- Feb. 25-March 6 • NJ Flower and Garden Show, Garden State Exhibit Center, Somerset, New Jersey. Contact: Todd Jameson, (908) 919-7660.
- March 8 • USGA Regional Seminar, Tarrytown Marriott, Westchester, New York. Contact: James Farrell, (401) 295-5430 or Dave Oatis, (908) 234-2300.
- March 10 • USGA Regional Seminar, DuPont C.C., Wilmington, Delaware. Contact: James Farrell, (401) 295-5430 or Dave Oatis, (908) 234-2300.
- March 17 • USGA Regional Seminar, Desmond Hotel, Albany, New York. Contact: James Farrell, (401) 295-5430 or Dave Oatis, (908) 234-2300.

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management from AAMC, a positive budget and equity position, and hard working and motivated Board and committee members. We PASS THE BALL by asking for and getting outstanding support from the entire membership in our various services and initiatives. With that in mind, your Board wants to know how we can serve you better. Please, contact me or any Board member with your thoughts or concerns. Become a part of the team . . . you will be helping your fellow members, and you will be helping yourself.

At this time, I take time to thank Dave Mayer for his service to the membership during his tenure on the Board. Dave is managing two golf courses now, and his schedule is too busy to allow him to "re-up" for another two year term. Our loss of Dave is tempered by our gain of his newly elected replacement, Joe Kennedy.

Thanks, Dave, for all you have done, and welcome, Joe!

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a couple dozen people to hand rake bunkers from Thursday to Sunday. With all the other responsibilities that go with hosting this championship, Joe had little or no time to call and ask his peers for assistance, but he did know that if one person could help it would be Ken. And Joe was right. Within 24 hours Ken had commitments from 30 or more association members and friends (and family), and the job of hand raking bunkers during

the 1993 U.S. Open was accomplished without a hitch.

It is with this type of dedication and a genuine personal interest that Ken Kubik is the recipient of the 1993 GCSANJ Distinguished Service Award.

There is no question in my mind that our association would not be where it is today without Ken's ideas, enthusiasm and dedication. I know I am not alone when I say THANK YOU.

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GCSANJ RAISES \$20,000 FOR PROJECT FAITH

by *Diane T. Miller*

The Association sponsored two major fundraising events this Fall to benefit Project FAITH (Fitness Activities in Therapy). Project FAITH is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing physical fitness programs to children with cancer. The organization also aims to increase public awareness of the specialized needs of children with cancer.


The programs offered by Project FAITH improve a child's self image, ease the child's re-entry into age appropriate activities and community programs, build a child's self esteem, and lay the foundation for a life-long fitness plan. Project FAITH also provides educational awareness seminars.

Both events sponsored by GCSANJ raised far more than the original goal of \$5,000 and enabled us to present Linda Ludvick, director of Project FAITH, with a check for \$20,000.

At the annual Championship on October 21, the association raised approximately \$6,000 through the generous support of Deal Golf & Country Club, a longest drive contest and commercial signage.

A raffle, sponsored jointly by the GCSANJ and the Manasquan Elks Lodge #2535, raised another \$14,000. The raffle consisted of thirty-two prizes of a round of golf for four at one of the participating clubs: Paramus G&CC, Cedar Creek GC, Basking Ridge CC, Harkers Hollow GC, Jumping Brook G&CC, Deal G&CC, Valley Brook GC, Cherry Valley CC, Roxiticus CC, Essex Fells CC, Panther Valley, Tamcrest, Mt. Tabor, Rock Spring, Echo Lake, Crystal Springs, Atlantis, Atlantic City CC, Rolling Greens GC, Canoe Brook, Metedeconk, Essex County CC, Farmstead G&CC, Princeton Meadows, Peddie School GC, Somerset Hills, Alpine CC, Stone Harbor GC, Trenton CC, Little Mill CC and Montclair GC.

The drawing was held November 8, 1993, and the prizes are valid through June 1, 1994.

For more information on Project FAITH, or to make a donation, please write or call: Linda Ludvick, Director, Project FAITH Inc., P.O. Box 5725, Parsippany, NJ 07054, phone (201) 887-5430. 

A CHAMPIONSHIP PROJECT AT DEAL

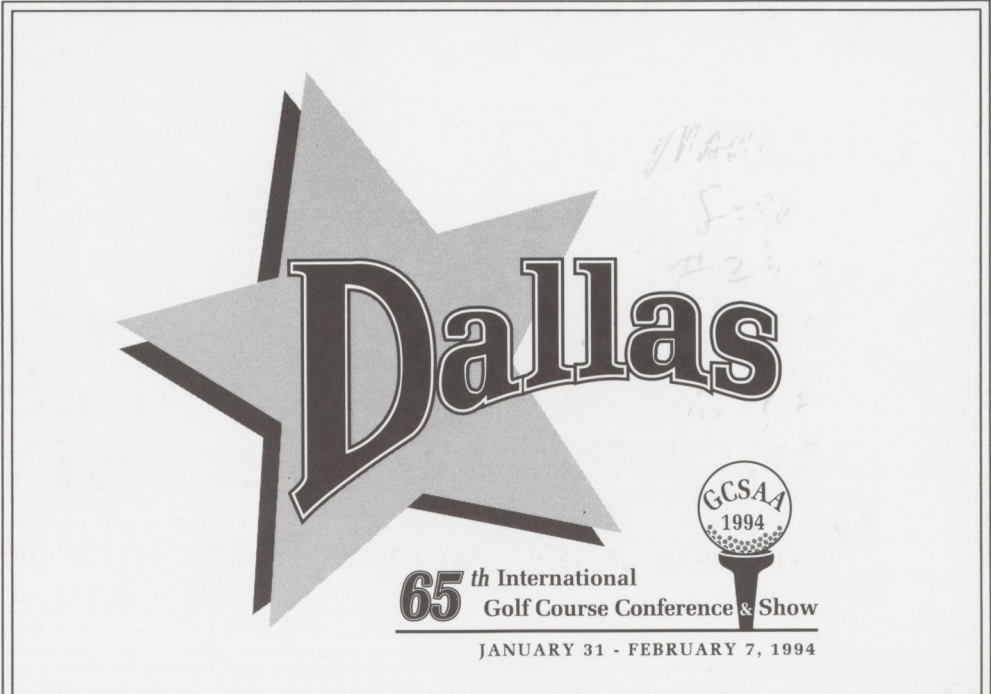
by *Shaun Barry*

Our October meeting at Deal Golf and C.C. marked the conclusion of our yearly golf schedule. Although the heavy rain almost caused us to cancel, it did clear just in time. It became the perfect way to end a great year of meetings.

We started the day with the finals for the long drive and a putting contest. **Alan Beck** showed off his talents and won both events. **Phil O'Brien** somehow defeated **Les Stout** (Les did not show) in the B Flight and **Bill Beverin** took C Flight honors—a complete sweep for District 4. **Rob Finnesey** of Tree Tech Inc. presented the winners with prizes his company donated along with a matching gift to our fund raiser—Project FAITH.

After a wonderful lunch, 114 golfers headed out to chal-

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lunge the beautiful course that **Angelo Petraglia** and his staff had in perfect condition. They were greeted by Tee and Green signs (created and donated by **Dispro**) and flags that **Ken Kubik** got Standard Golf to donate.

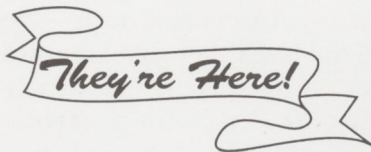
Perhaps it was the knowledge that this combination of our Championship and fund raiser was something special which caused some great golf. Angelo led all superintendents with a superb 71. This allowed him to retain the Sherwood Moore Cup. **Tom Grimac** played well and had a 78, while **Harry Harsin** (79) and **Fran Owsik** (81) came in third and fourth.

The low round of the day came in the commercial division, where **Jeff Shockley** shot 70. Was it confidence or did he really forget the Dr. Paul Sartoretto Cup at his home? Nevertheless he won it again this year. (Note: This reporter would have won

if he could have knocked off a stroke from his score—1 stroke per hole!)

The A Flight winners were **H. Harsin** (71), **A. Petraglia** (71-0 handicap), **T. Grimac** (72) and **F. Owsik** (73). In the B Flight **Rick Broome** led the way with a 67. This score made him the winner of the Dr. Henry Indyk Cup. He was followed by **Mike Vacchiano** (72), **Matt Dobbie** (73) and **Dick LaFlamme** (74). The C Flight also had some great scores. **Pat Wall** won with a 70. Next in order were **Joel Collura** (78), **Ken Krausz** (80) and **Pat O'Neill** (82). Not to be outdone, our commercial reps also played real well (doesn't anybody work?). **Brad Simpkins** won his first ever event with a 67. He beat **J. Shockley** (69) by two shots (if I had done this my grandchildren would someday hear about this feat). **Bob Dubee** (72) and **Bob**

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Gregory (73) rounded out the winners.

The District Championship title returned to District III. On the winning team were A. Petraglia (71), H. Harsin (79), F. Owsik (81), **Kevin Giles (83)**, **Mike King (83)** and **Dave Pease (86)**. Mr. Pease and his partner, Shaun Barry, were also part of the season long 2-man team event. They played T. Grimac and **Bob Prickett** in a great finals that went to the 18th hole. Bob and Tom came away with a 1 up victory that could have gone either way. This type of match is what golf is all about.

When the skins were computed, **Bob Langlois**, **Barry Orr**, **K. Giles** and **Bill Ryan** had 1 each and **Mark Mason** and **H. Harsin** had 2 apiece. In a wonderful gesture, most of the winnings were donated to Project FAITH. At the same time **Jack Martin** gave me a \$200 check for Project FAITH. He asked me not to say anything so please don't let him know that I told you.

This article will never be able to convey the thanks that I feel to everyone involved with our dual events: Deal Golf & C.C., the wonderful **Joseph DeKovacs**, Angelo, their respective staffs, our Tee & Green sponsors, Clyde Ashton and Stan Stevenson (Double Eagle Equipment Co.) for donating all of our trophies and everyone who was a part of this day. They should be proud of a job well done. You were all wonderful.

A USGA CHALLENGE

by Shaun Barry

Preakness Hills C.C. was the second New Jersey course chosen to host a USGA event in 1993. This was the Women's Senior Amateur Championship.

To be chosen for such an event is quite an honor, but also quite a challenge. Second best is not acceptable. **John O'Keefe** and his tired but happy crew were prepared in spite of all the pressure.

The women were unanimous in their praise of the course and its exceptional condition. Many could not remember a tougher course hosting this event. None could remember playing one that was better prepared. I hope John and his staff know what a great job they did. Their efforts helped to accentuate the importance of a golf course superintendent to the game of golf. One does not exist without the other.

THE PARTY CONTINUES

by Shaun Barry

On November 6, 1993, we had another wonderful gathering of members and their spouses. **Harry and Rita Harsin** once again were pleased to welcome our group to the Barclay Hotel. It is our Annual Presidents Ball. This event is a chance to honor the leaders of our association and to have fun.



All the presidents at the Presidents Ball (L-R): Chris Carson, Sherwood Moore, Steve Finamore, Edward Walsh, "Skip" Cameron, Jack Martin and Dave Pease.

Our association has been in existence since 1926. In attendance was our 12th president, a man who has set such a good example that he has been honored by our local and national groups. If it is new to you, he has probably seen it many times. His name is **Sherwood Moore, CGCS**, and his date for this party was his lovely wife, **Marie**. They came from Brewster, Massachusetts, to be part of the festivities. They were not disappointed.

The energy level was great. The music kept going, and the dance floor was crowded. There were some moves that I haven't seen since college days. **Steve and Joanne Chirip** and **Fran Owsik** were actually teaching the Electric Slide. If only I didn't have a bad back and two left feet.

There were no speeches and only one award. A surprised **Ken Kubik** was given our Distinguished Service Award. It left him speechless (well almost). **Larry Taylor** entertained us again. He had some new victims, but only **Phil O'Brien** got in


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over his head.

Nearly the entire group was present when we ran out of evening. It was decided that instead of ending the party we would just hit the pause button and restart it next fall. Try to join us when we rock on. 




Our nationally honored 12th President, Sherwood Moore, CGCS, with his wife Marie, enjoying the festivities at the Presidents Ball.

A HOLLYWOOD TRADITION

by Shaun Barry

As far as Annual Meetings go, our 1993 meeting was boring. Boring, however, can be beautiful. Sky Bergen did his usual excellent job with the 25-year awards. Committee chairmen gave a complete outline of the year with their reports. Our Executive Board was asked to continue as Dave Pease (our electoral college?) cast one ballot for Chris Carson, Marty Mantell, Paul Powondra and Glenn Miller. All without any controversy. It seems to say that the majority of the membership feel that we are on the right track. It is that or they remember how wonderful the food and golf are at Hollywood G.C.

Out on the course everyone was a winner. The warm and sunny day lent itself to playing more than 9 holes. Some people

even got in 18. Although we finished in the dark, it was quite evident how much work Bob Tosh and Larry Cunningham have done. Our thanks go out to them for inviting us and to Hollywood for having us. 

GCSANJ'S 25-YEAR MEMBERSHIP AWARDS

Four 25-year membership awards were presented at this year's annual meeting held at the Hollywood Golf Club. Sky Bergen did the honors and provided the following background on the recipients.

Marty Futyma is the owner of Fertl-Soil Turf Supply. He started working on golf courses at the age of 15 and has been

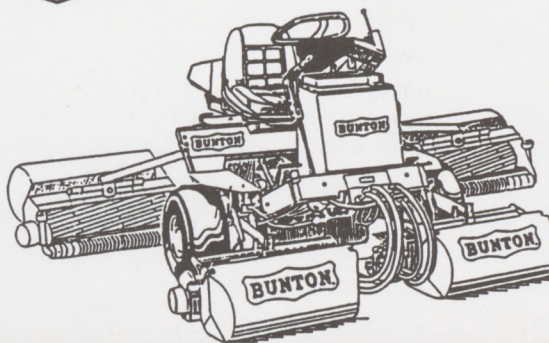
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The GCSANJ Officers and Board of Directors in attendance at the Annual Meeting at Hollywood Golf Club are (from left): Vince Bracken, Chris Carson, Shaun Barry, Pat Wall, Paul Powondra, Glenn Miller, Marty Mantell, Ron Mencl, Dennis Shea, Ken Krausz and Fran Owsik.




Martin Futyma (left) smiles as he accepts his 25-year membership award from Sky Bergen.

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an assistant superintendent and the superintendent at Packanack Lake, Glen Ridge and Preakness Hills. He joined Fertl in 1977 and bought the company in 1983.

Bob Lippman founded Westchester Turf Supply in 1977. Prior to that he was an assistant superintendent at St. Andrews and Orange County CC and a sales representative for Tuco/Upjohn and Andrew Wilson Co. Bob is a graduate of Penn State and, in addition to GCSANJ membership, is a member of the Met, Connecticut and national (GCSAA) associations.

John Montecalvo, CGCS, retired this year after a long and varied career in the golf industry. Jack has been the superintendent at the Mercer County Park courses, Pinecrest GC, Ocean Acres, Willingboro (now Rancocas), Woodcrest and, for eight years, on two Maryland courses. In 1987 he started Jersey Turf Aeration Co. Jack has served as director in both the New Jersey and Philadelphia associations.

John Strickland started selling top soil to pay his tuition at Johns Hopkins University and has, over the years, diversified to serve both athletic fields and golf courses through his Egypt Farms topdressing business. 

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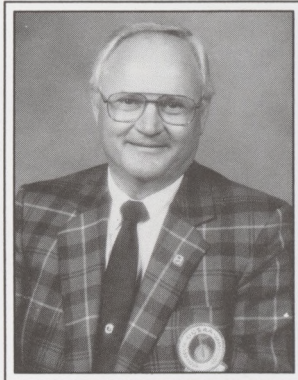
The facts by fax

The 1994 GCSAA Slate of Officers and Directors gave the facts and opinions to Jim Gilligan, GCSANJ Alternate Delegate to the convention in Dallas. The questions focused on specific goals and objectives the candidates have for GCSAA. Jim faxed these out and the facts came back by fax.



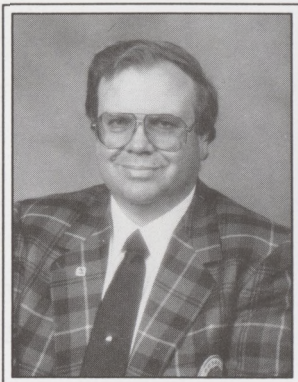
What is the one objective you have to accomplish as GCSAA President?

Joseph Baidy, CGCS, is the candidate for President of the GCSAA and hails from Acacia Country Club, Lyndhurst, Ohio. He responded to "The Greenside" question with a strong commitment for professional enhancement for golf course superintendents. "My main objective is to continue to enhance and advance the golf course superintendent profession. This objective can only be achieved through a constant review and updating of GCSAA's educational programs. Refinement within this area is essential for it impacts all other major objectives, especially public relations, government relations and membership services. Education, service, involvement, listening and responding to the concerns of the membership are essential components of a sound association. As President I will work to keep GCSAA progressing professionally, to continue to cooperate with allied associations and to promote our profession at all times."



*Joseph G. Baidy, CGCS
Candidate for 1994
President*

Gary Grigg, CGCS, of Naples National GC, Naples, Florida, and **Bruce Williams, CGCS**, of Bob O'Link GC, Highland Park, Illinois, candidates for Vice President were asked to present three objectives aimed at improving relations between Class A members and the GCSAA Officers and Board of Directors. Gary replied, "To continue the very successful delegates meeting that took place in Lawrence this year. We had 60%



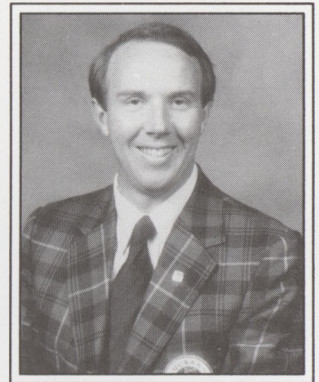
*Gary Grigg, CGCS
Candidate for 1994 Vice
President*

of the chapters represented and by all counts it was a milestone in the right direction. My goal would be nothing less than 100% representation from the chapters." His second suggestion was to add as part of an "Information Department" at headquarters, a staff coordinator focused on new chapter information. His third suggestion was a personal commitment to improve himself as a communicator.

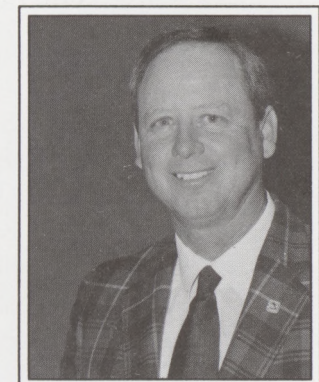
Bruce presented three suggestions in response to Jim Gilligan's question. He stated, "First, the current Board of Directors has worked hard to develop trust and mutual respect between itself and the membership. We will continue to strengthen that relationship. Secondly, in this age of technology, I am supportive of upgrading our information services to our members. This would be done through a computer network to provide GCSAA members with timely information at their fingertips in seconds." His last suggestion is, "Our new management team will be in place by January 1st. I am very optimistic about working with them. This Board of Directors will continue to take a stronger role in setting the direction for this management team."

Jim Gilligan heard from all four of the Directors candidates. He posed the following question to them: *What measures would you recommend to improve the recognition of GCSAA certified golf course superintendents?*

Paul McGinnis, CGCS, Union Hills CC, Sun City Arizona: "I would like to see a campaign to again emphasize the importance of becoming certified similar to when the program was first introduced. I remember when I was certified, and a member of the Board came to our chapter meeting and presented me with my certification plaque. This is the kind of emphasis that needs to be placed on the program.



*Bruce R. Williams, CGCS
Candidate for 1994
Vice President*



*Paul S. McGinnis, CGCS
Candidate for 1994
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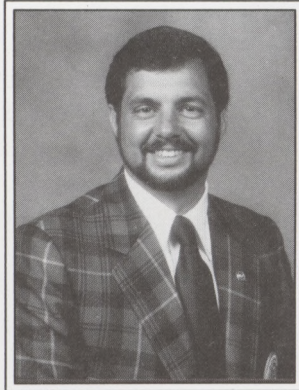
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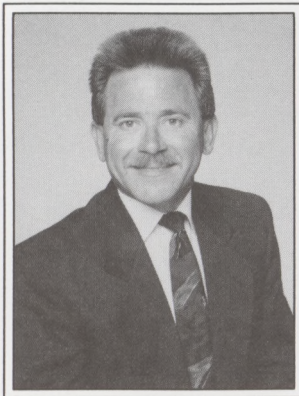
Through the magazine and promotional material, an educational campaign could be designed for the certification program. More affordable means of recertification must be advanced and put into action. This could be done with more correspondence courses and video seminars for certification points."

Charlie Passios, CGCS, Golf Course Manager, Hyannisport Club, Hyannisport, Massachusetts: "The best measures for further recognition and promotion of our entire profession is to secure long range planning that maintains strong guidelines for educational requirements. Promotion of an individual CGCS has to come from within the individual while the promotion of the concept comes from a commitment to quality driven education focused on changing times."



*Charles T. Passios, CGCS
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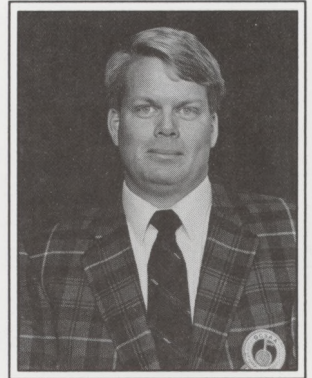
Tommy Witt, CGCS, Bent Tree Country Club, Dallas, Texas: "More superintendents are seeing the advantage of certification with enrollment in the program at an all time high. However, who outside of our profession knows what certified means and what benefits it offers to those who hire superintendents? GCSAA must follow other related associations that have developed public relations and promotional programs which allow their most talented and marketable members to set the standards for job opportunity and compensation packages. The result is that all members of the profession will reap improvement in benefits."




*Tommy D. Witt, CGCS
Candidate for 1994
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Scott Woodhead, CGCS, Valley View GC, Bgrade, Montana: "We need to educate the golfing public (owners and Board members in particular) to recognize that 'CGCS' stands for an individual who is committed to improving

oneself and staying current on management practices through continuing education. The owner should know that this is a voluntary program that requires extra effort to obtain the title. The requirements must be stringent enough that the title is recognized throughout the industry as belonging to a person who has gone the extra mile. We need to revisit the way CEUs can be obtained for recertification. I also support a higher level of CGCS so that those who are currently certified have something to continue to work towards in order to help justify the time and money, which is required to remain certified."



*R. Scott Woodhead,
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Rules of golf...



by Doug Vogel, Architect
Rules of Golf CC

PART 2

Hole #10

Q. Jim Pelrine made a statement regarding his club selection which was purposely misleading and was obviously intended to be overheard by Wayne Remo who had a similar shot. Is Jim in violation of the Rules of Golf again?

Hole #11

Q. Buddy Rizzio skulls his tee shot off a par 3 tee yet it heads directly to the pin and imbeds in the side of the hole. Part of the ball is above the lip of the hole. Score this a hole-in-one?

Hole #12

Q. A half-eaten pear lies directly in front of Marty Mantell's ball in a bunker and there is no pear tree in the vicinity of the bunker. Under the circumstances, is the pear an obstruction rather than a loose impediment, in which case, Marty can remove it without penalty?

Hole #13

Q. A pine cone falls from a tree and comes to rest behind Chris Carson's ball which is already lying in a bunker. May he remove it without penalty?

Hole #14

Q. Shaun Barry, who previously banned the use of caddies, has now allowed caddies for the Invitational. Can he restrict a player in his choice of caddie?



Hole #15

Q. May Dave Pease open the doors of Steve Finamore's maintenance barn to enable him to play a shot through the barn?

Hole #16

Q. Through the green, can Gene Tarulli remove cut grass adhering to his ball?

Hole #17

Q. Paul Powondra rotates his ball on the green to line up the trademark with the hole. He did not mark the ball but he didn't change its position either. Is there a penalty?

Hole #18

Q. Wayne Remo, after a long day of golf, came up short on his shot and said, "I should have used a 5-iron." Jim Pelrine screamed, "That's a two-stroke penalty, you violated rule 8-1." Is there any justice for Pelrine?

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Questions and comments are welcome



by Ken Krausz

In response to numerous requests from the membership, the GCSAA recently launched a column in "Newslines", the members only newsletter. The column is entitled "Member's Mailbag", and it is a forum for members to ask questions and voice comments about GCSAA programs and activities.

If you would like to submit a question or comment, send it to "Member's Mailbag" at GCSAA headquarters. They can accept letters or faxes but can not publish a question received by telephone. Names will be withheld upon request, but letters must be signed to be considered for publication.

This is something members requested, and the GCSAA responded to, so let's use it. 

Interpreting the rules of golf

by Ken Krausz
Rules Interpreter
Rules of Golf CC

I have recently become a member of the newest club in New Jersey. It was a fight to get in to the "Rules of Golf Club" as the founder, Doug Vogel, and I do not see eye to eye on the essence of the game. I feel there has to be some flexibility in the rules, and Doug says a rule is a rule.

As a condition to joining the club I was recruited to the "Rules Interpretation Committee". The committee has fine tuned some of the decisions and they follow:

Hole 1: Having played with Jim Pelrine, the committee has realized that any club Jim uses can go any distance or direction; therefore there would be no advantage to knowing his club selection. Therefore the decision stands as told last edition.

Hole 2: Dave Mayer could not be penalized because he does not have the time to get out of the "mountains" and down into the "city", so he would not be at my course, and, therefore, can not be penalized.

Hole 3: If a tree is in the bunker it is not part of the bunker, but is the tree that fell in the bunker during the last storm a loose impediment? And since it fell when no one was around, did it make any noise?

Hole 4: Before Steve removes the dead Land Crab he must notify the ASPCA, DEPE, EPA and thirteen other state and federal agencies.

Hole 5: A live snake would make me an outside agency and a dead snake will make me lose patience.

Hole 6: Shaun Barry should ban the use of caddies and all other car models.

Hole 7: A fallen tree may or may not be a loose impediment but a falling tree is a whole other story.

Hole 8: The only time I've seen Ken Kubik on a golf course he was raking loose impediments from bunkers during the opens for Ed Walsh and Joe Flaherty.

Hole 9: With Jim Pelrine's eyesight he could not see what club Jim McNally used anyway, so, therefore, a local rule would protect him.

Hole 10: Jim said, "I had a club sandwich" meaning at the halfway house, not that he used a sand wedge club—no infraction.

Hole 11: Buddy Rizzio should have sold the Hole Targets to the

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Rules of Golf...Answers



by Doug Vogel, Architect
Rules of Golf CC

Hole #10

- A. Yes, Jim was in breach of Rule 8-1 and lost the hole in match play or incurred a two-stroke penalty in stroke play. Wayne was all smiles because he muscled his 2 iron shot into the cup for eagle.

Hole #11

- A. No, the ball is not holed. The player may play the ball as it lies or lift the ball under rule 16-16, repair the damage under rule 16 1c, and place the ball on the lip of the cup with no penalty. Buddy chose to lift, then two-putted. Nice par, Buddy!

Hole #12

- A. No, a pear is a natural object. When detached from the tree it is a loose impediment. The fact that a pear is half-eaten

and there is no pear tree in the vicinity does not alter the status of the pear. Marty must blast both out together.

Hole #13

- A. No, Chris' lie was altered through natural causes. Even Chris' claim of executive privilege does not overrule the Rules of Golf.

Hole #14

- A. Yes, Shaun loves to wield his power as Tournament Committee Chairman.

Hole #15

- A. Yes, a barn is an immovable obstruction, but the doors are movable and may be opened. What type of shot got Dave into the barn anyway?

Hole #16

- A. No, anything adhering to the ball, even Gene's pipe tobacco, is not a loose impediment.

Hole #17

- A. Yes, one stroke to be exact. If Paul would have marked his ball before rotating it there would have been no penalty.

Hole #18

- A. If Remo made the statement casually there was no breach. If the statement was made to Pelrine, who had a similar shot to play from about the same position, there was a breach. Since Pelrine was in a trap and Remo on the fairway, there was no breach!

Hole #19

The term "course record" is not defined in the Rules of Golf. However, it is generally accepted that a record score should be recognized as the official "course record" only if no peeking took place when answering any of the questions. If you feel you scored well, send it in to "The Greenside" along with any comments, potshots or rebuttals you may have. Thanks for your participation.

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superintendent and then the ball could not have been embedded.

Hole 12: Marty Mantell could wait for the squirrel to come by to finish the pear as long as the squirrel comes by in five minutes.

Hole 13: Chris Carson in a bunker, I doubt it.

Hole 14: If Shaun Barry restricts my choice of a caddie, I prefer the Coupe de Ville.

Hole 15: What shot got Dave Pease into the barn? A barn burner.

Hole 16: Gene Tarulli may remove cut grass from his ball if it is the "Gene Tarulli Open" as that is a scramble format.

Hole 17: If I were Paul Powondra, government relations chairperson, I'd have legislation passed to absolve him.

Hole 18: The only justice for Jim Pelrine is that the 19th hole is getting close.

I'd like to thank Doug Vogel for all the entertaining information included in the last two issues. The next greens committee meeting at the Rules of Golf CC should be a good one as the issue of illegal pin placements is on the agenda.



Armand LeSage (right), superintendent of White Beeches G & CC, presents Paul Powondra, superintendent, Princeton Meadows CC, with the President's Gift at the Environmental Seminar and Annual Meeting of the Alliance for Environmental Concerns.

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Class of '63 celebrates 30 years



by Deena Amont

The first graduating class of the Rutgers Professional Golf Turf Management School celebrated its thirtieth class reunion on November 6 at an awards banquet on the Cook College Campus. Five members of the Class of 1963—Robert Alonzi, golf course superintendent at Winged Foot Country Club; Joe Bianco, owner of Green Thumb Services;

Robert Dickison, golf course superintendent at Upper Montclair Country Club; Marty Futyma, owner of Fertl-Soil Turf Supply Inc.; and Robert Ujobagy, golf course superintendent with the Somerset County Parks Commission—were among the over 130 graduates, teachers, golf course superintendents and other turf professionals attending. The event also honored the members of the Class of 1993 who received their Certificates of Completion.

Alonzi, the featured guest speaker,



Attending the celebration of their 30th class reunion of the Rutgers Professional Golf Turf Management School on November 6 are (from left): Bob Dickison, Joe Bianco, Bob Alonzi, Marty Futyma and Bob Ujobagy.

discussed changes in the industry during the past 30 years in his talk, "Where We Were and Where We Are Today." Alonzi credited the two-year program for helping him to achieve success in the field. "I'll never forget the program for giving me the strong foundation . . . that I needed to get to where I am today." Dickison, valedictorian of the Class of 1963, echoed Alonzi's sentiments and credited the program for the professional boost it gave his career.

The Rutgers Turfgrass Alumni Association awarded its annual Achievement Award to Bianco in recognition of his contributions to the turfgrass industry and his continuing work to integrate industry concerns with the College's educational, outreach and research programs. Bianco presented slides of the installation of demonstration turf plots and a golf green at the Cook College Turfgrass Research Farm, which he coordinated. Previous recipients of the Achievement Award include Dr. Richard Hurley, director of research at Lofts Seed Inc. (1992); Sherwood Moore, golf course superintendent (retired), Captain's Club (1991); and Dr. Ralph E. Engel, Professor Emeritus, Rutgers University (1990).

Started as a ten-week certificate program in 1946, the Winter Turfgrass Course was expanded to a two-year, twenty-week program in 1962 at the request of golf course superintendents.

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“Think of something positive?”

by John Fenwick

It just so happened that when Ilona Gray called for a contribution to “The Greenside”, I had a perfect opportunity to write something. I had taken a vacation day at to receive some furniture at home. Now, I want to talk about this furniture later, but first the question at hand. “Think of something positive,” Ilona said.

THIS YEAR? 1993?

Actually, I am glad to respond. I don't let a tough year get me down. Those of you who know me know I do not exactly sound overconfident either. I take things in stride, like my father. Growing up on a farm gave me experience in the havoc that weather can bring. I learned about planning ahead. Taking advantage of good days so the bad ones are not as damaging.

Golf is a game made for positive thinkers. We just got over Thanksgiving as I am writing this. That Sunday we had a very bad storm, 2 3/4 inches of rain at Basking Ridge, much more

all around, do you remember? It was a total washout. But we had a few golfers. “Well, it was pouring at home,” they said. “I thought maybe the golf course would get a break.” It did—no golf. That was also the weekend of the “Skins Game” on TV. Do you think Arnold Palmer is a positive thinker? He had about as much chance to win a skin as I do at our monthly meetings. But it looked like he was having a great time trying.

The golf season goes by so fast, you can't dwell on the shortcomings. You must forge ahead and think positive. I caught myself dwelling a little too long on a tough season. It affected my October vacation, and I stopped playing golf. Can you smell pythium? I can smell it before I see it sometimes. And it was something quite prevalent at the end of August. The most frustrating thing about the turf damage that I incurred in 1993 was that it occurred very late in the season. It was the last

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Government Relations Committee report

by Paul Powondra

The year 1993 was relatively quiet for the Government Relations Committee, from both a legislative and regulatory standpoint. The New Jersey State Legislature was focused on the high profile issues of crime and assault weapons, quality of education, Senatorial courtesy for judicial appointments, health issues and, most importantly, the need to get reelected.

After the Lesniak Bill, which sought to revise the Pesticide Control Act of 1971, died in early 1992, the activists turned toward the regulatory side of the state bureaucracy to try to get their agenda imposed from that direction. This is actually what we had sought when we opposed the Lesniak Bill in the first place—namely that changes could be made to the pesticide regulations without the need to involve legislation. This is because it is much easier to achieve compromise and accommodation in the regulatory arena as opposed to having to go through the difficult and expensive process of trying to get a law changed.

As reported at last year's Annual Meeting, the matter of chemical hypersensitivity and the establishment of notification registries is now on the agenda of the activists and the regulators, and the issue has now arrived in New Jersey. As

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impression for those golfers who put away the clubs in September. Another smell snapped me out of it though. We were cutting fairways in early November; that Monday it hit 80 degrees. The smell of fresh cut grass was overwhelming, just like Spring. I could feel a transformation in my mood.

I try to keep a positive frame of mind, and I am very proud of my profession. I was filling out my registration for the GCSAA Convention the other day and read through some of the 59 seminars. Superintendents have a wide range of responsibilities and golf courses a long list of expectations.

Remember the furniture I was waiting for? It's here. My wife and I have been waiting 16 weeks for this furniture; it was promised in 8-10 weeks. Do you realize how much I've accomplished in 16 weeks while this furniture company was trying to glue a little lumber together? Do you realize how much you have accomplished? We do a lot for our courses; we should project a more positive image of what we do, even the routine work. If vacations are there to replenish and invigorate you, then it was a good vacation day. I am looking forward to work tomorrow.

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GOLF COURSE ARCHITECTS

GCSAA selects new executive director and names financial officer

Steve Mona has been named Executive Director/CEO for the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA) and Julian Arredondo has been named chief financial officer by the association's Board of Directors.

Mona, of Marietta, Georgia, has been the executive director of the Georgia State Golf Association since 1983.

In announcing the GCSAA Board's selections, GCSAA President Randy Nichols, CGCS, noted that the association is at the threshold of advancing to the next level in its 67-year history, and it is vital that leadership with a clear vision be on board.

"Steve Mona's experience has given him the kind of knowledge and perspective essential in guiding GCSAA to its next level of development," Nichols said. "The fact that his background has been focused within the world of golf associations is clearly a big plus for us.

"He brings to our top executive's position an established familiarity with the game's key organizations, an outstanding

record as a leader, and the attitude of a genuine 'people person'. We look forward to having him represent GCSAA, and we anticipate continued success as we move ahead with him at the helm," Nichols said.

Arredondo was formerly vice president and CFO of Midwest Titan Construction Co. in Olathe, Kansas.

Nichols said of the Board's hiring of Arredondo, "The position of Chief Financial Officer for this association [a new executive position at GCSAA headquarters] brings with it maximum responsibility and accountability to our membership. I am confident Julian Arredondo's past success, fine reputation and deep-seated integrity all speak with consistent accuracy of what we can expect from him.

"The growth of GCSAA over the past decade has been paralleled by strong growth of revenues and our operating budget," Nichols said. "Julian comes to this position well equipped to exercise the professional oversight required to effectively manage and monitor our finances."

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New GCSAA operations officer



Joe O'Brien was named chief operations officer (COO) by the Board of Directors of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA). O'Brien formerly was the president of the American Hotel Foundation (AHF).

On the selection of O'Brien, GCSAA President Randy Nichols, CGCS, said, "Among the strengths Joe brings to GCSAA are the experience he gained with his previous employers and the many friends he has made in golf. His skills, talents, nature and background should mesh nicely with the other members of the GCSAA executive team."

O'Brien previously worked for the PGA of America from 1973 to 1990. He began as assistant director of education. Three years later, he became director of education. In 1983, O'Brien became manager of membership services. He was promoted to senior director for strategic planning in 1987.

From the PGA, O'Brien went to Marriott Golf, Bethesda, Maryland, where he served for two years as senior business developer. For the past year, he has been president of the AHF, which advances the hospitality industry by providing financial assistance for education, research and developing travel awareness.

O'Brien, 48, holds a bachelor of science degree in marketing from the University of Illinois, and a master of business administration degree from DePaul University. He and his wife, Nancy, have two children.

He will start his COO responsibilities full time in early January.

Largest-ever donation launches internship program

Students from around the United States will have an opportunity to earn while they learn, thanks to a new program created by a partnership between the O.M. Scott & Sons Co. and the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA) Scholarship & Research (S&R).

The O.M. Scotts Scholarship Program will offer students summer internships with Scotts corporate and field sales staff and on golf courses throughout the country. Students who successfully complete their internships will then be eligible for special Scotts/GCSAA collegiate scholarships. The goal of the program is to identify outstanding students from non-traditional backgrounds and give them a broad introduction to the industry.

"We're looking for ways to open doors for young people who traditionally haven't been well-represented within our industry," said Dick Stahl, general manager of Scotts Pro-Turf Division. "Scotts and GCSAA have formed a unique partnership to accomplish that goal."

To fund the program, Scotts will provide grants totaling more than \$150,000 over the next three years. The gift is the largest ever made to GCSAA S&R by a corporation. GCSAA President Randy Nichols, CGCS, called the grant "a superb investment in the future of our industry."

"Scotts has always been tremendously supportive of GCSAA and its membership. This program takes that support to new heights," said Nichols. "The company really is serious about being a leader in this industry and it's willing to back it up financially. I can't tell you how good it feels for a company such as Scotts to make a commitment like this. It's a real vote of confidence for GCSAA and its membership."

To find out more about the new O.M. Scotts Scholarship Program call GCSAA's development department at (913) 841-2240. Complete details and applications will be available in early spring.

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"The Greenside" wants to know how to get one of these cars. Our secret plan is to try this electric car out on one of New Jersey's finest golf courses. With the way some of us play, the 70 to 90 mile range should give us enough juice for a 54-hole tournament. The 75 mph could help cut playing time, though it may have some "negative impact" on the turf. This writer will call GM if a superintendent will offer his course as a test track.

Any takers?



Government Relations Committee report

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such, the DEPE established the Notification Task Force to develop the changes which might be made to the Pesticide Control Code and invited GCSANJ, New Jersey Turfgrass Association, the Alliance for Environmental Concerns, and lawn care representatives among others related to the users of pesticides, as well as the activists to participate and provide their views. Early meetings involved much philosophical posturing between industry and the activists, especially those claiming to be hypersensitive, but later meetings became quite productive and a bit more subdued. As far as golf courses and notification are concerned, we are expecting to be exempt (assuming the public hearings go well), "unless those individuals who register to receive notification reside on properties *abutting and contiguous* to the treated area, i.e. the green, tee, fairway or rough, which belong to that particular hole, or to the treated general areas, such as the clubhouse lawn, etc."

Emergency situations are allowed for, but a "good faith" effort to notify is expected by DEPE. To avoid abuse, the registrants on the notification list will be charged a fee of \$10, which is also expected to defray some of the costs of providing the list to the applicators.

The only other upcoming issue in 1994 is the review and revision of the rest of the Pesticide Control Code. Some proposed changes we have seen involve expanding the information on the signs on our starting tees, perhaps to specify the hole treated, and the proposed date of next application "*for each of the following three areas: tees & fairways, greens and roughs for each hole.*"

DEPE is also considering requiring posting of clubhouse lawns and residential properties on the golf course in a manner

similar to that required of the lawn care people—with the little removable signs.

One other matter of concern cropped up in 1993—namely the attempt by the city of Wayne to regulate the application of fertilizer containing phosphorus, in the mistaken assumption that it pollutes the ground water. Thanks to GCSANJ member John O'Keefe of Preakness Hills, the Alliance for Environmental Concerns and GCSANJ were alerted to the proposed ordinance, enabling Ilona Gray to marshal the forces of knowledgeable, credible people, including John, who were able to defeat the bill before it ever got started. Language in the ordinance would have required fertilizer to be applied by applicators duly licensed by DEPE to apply fertilizers. Of course, no such license program existed, and fertilizer remains so far unregulated.



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MECHANICS MUST KNOW TURF GAME

Mechanics who work on golf course equipment must know the turf business, according to Tim Moraghan, agronomist for championships for the USGA Green Section.

Writing in "Hole Notes", Moraghan says "not just anyone should be assigned the responsibility of repairing and adjusting a cutting unit."

Moraghan says golf course mechanics must have a well-rounded understanding of his job, including:

- an understanding of the principles of mowing and its effect on the turfgrass;
- a basic knowledge of putting green agronomics;
- a "golfer's eye" and realizing the premium placed on putting quality; and
- conscientiousness and pride in the results.

"Your mechanic must have a thorough understanding of what will occur if the greens aren't up to speed," Moraghan notes.

TRASHING THE PLANET

Editor's Note: This was the book given to the speakers at the Alliance for Environmental Concerns Seminar. This book has many admirers.

Many of our readers are skeptical when it comes to stories about how industry is destroying the environment. Some of the skepticism comes from the fact that they make their livings by caring for the earth. But they also feel a righteous indignation, because they know that the facts are being twisted or not reported.

There is, however, a book that explains exactly what is and is not happening to the environment, and it would make a great gift for special clients: "Trashing the Planet" by Dixy Lee Ray and Lan Guzzo (1990, Regnery Gateway Publishers, Washington, DC).

Ray once headed the Atomic Energy Commission, was governor of Washington, and has been associated with the U.S. Bureau of Oceans. She's also taught zoology at the University of Washington. Guzzo is a TV-radio-newspaperman and author.

"Trashing the Planet" is loaded with factual information refuting every eco-crisis you've come to love over the years:

- The greenhouse effect
- The ozone layer
- Pesticides
- Acid rain

Man's stewardship is far from perfect, as Ray admits. But

the point of much of "Trashing the Planet" is that change—and taxpayer-funded clean-up programs—must be based on fact, not assumptions, and science must be allowed to play its part in further developments and solutions.

If you've not read "Trashing the Planet", pick up a copy. The science is easy to follow, and it contains common sense we can all understand.

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EXTENSION TRAINING UPDATE

The CORE recertification training program schedule for the first half of 1994 has been published. Classes held at Rutgers Cook College, giving 6 CORE recertification credits, are available on February 11, March 11, April 11 and May 6. Course sign up is limited to 20 people. Contact (908) 932-9801 between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.

GOVERNOR FLORIO MAKES IPM EXECUTIVE ORDER

The executive order requires the DEPE to conduct a pilot program using IPM for all DEPE buildings and grounds. The DEPE is also chairing a task force of state agencies, environmental organizations and businesses that provide pest control services to evaluate IPM methods currently used by federal, state and local agencies here in New Jersey. Each state agency will furnish the DEPE with information on its present use of chemical pesticides or any IPM technique.

IPM HANDBOOK FOR TURF AND ORNAMENTALS

The "Handbook of Integrated Pest Management for Turf and Ornamentals" is available for \$95 from Lewis Publishers, 2000 Corporate Boulevard, NW, Boca Raton, Florida 33431 (800-272-7737). The book is described as an "essential reference providing complete coverage of IPM." It has more than 40 expert contributors.

NEW FUND HELPS GCSAA MEMBERS IN NEED

The GCSAA S&R foundation will offer emergency financial assistance to association members who are suffering personal losses resulting from natural disasters such as the recent Midwest floods. A seed donation from the GCSAA S&R of \$5,000 has been matched by LESCO, bringing the fund to half its \$20,000 objective.

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