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Hearn Goes Coast to Coast

Later this month, Don Hearn will plunge his oar into deeper waters as candidate for director of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America.

It's a move every GCSANE member should welcome and support. After all, the 36-year-old Weston Golf Club superintendent is one of our own - and one of our best.

"I'd like to be able to say I'm going to fight for a dues decrease, get everybody a raise and put a chicken in every pot - things the electorate wants to hear," Hearn quipped. "But these are realistic times and a time for realistic thinking and judgments. I have no campaign promises, other than to direct my 100 percent effort to making the profession a better place for my peers to practice their expertise."

Obviously, Hearn is a booster when it comes to championing the cause of the golf course superintendent. He's ever mindful of the recognition-lag supers have been fighting for the last 15 years. However, he's also cognizant of the fact the profession has come a long way since the days when a superintendent was pictured as some plodder, spreading fertilizer with a hose wrapped around his neck.

"I'm happy to say that image has been filed away and forgotten," he opined. "Today, the task of conditioning a golf course is viewed as a science. The assumption that grass will grow anywhere with the help of a squirt of water and a dash of manure has been pushed back into the dark ages. The superintendent is something more than a pawn of Mother Nature. He is her partner."

Hearn is aware of the many problems and issues facing the incoming lineup of GCSAA directors. If elected, he intends to meet them head-on.

Ironically, one burning issue will be the matter of national dues. Presently, they stand at an annual rate of \$105.

"From what I understand, financial statistics dictate an increase," Don explained. "However, I'm not sure of the methods to implement one. Right now, I believe a state of the association message should clear up the reasons for a hike. If it is warranted, I would think a full membership vote be required in deciding to go ahead with it. Frankly, the amount is secondary. The philosophy behind the increase is most important."

Issues and answers.

Hearn is a stickler for the continuing education of the superintendent.

"We live in a changing world and every profession changes with it," he remarked. "I can't imagine anyone not wanting to improve his life, whether it means through self-education or along formal education lines. Therefore, I'm all for any dramatic innovation which will upgrade the national's educational program."

Don feels the same way about turf research. In fact, he's a firm believer that funding this vital endeavor should be initiated within the profession.

"I'm with the national all the way in its promotion of the theory that funding for turf research begin with direct financial support from the superintendent," he opined. "The association feels we can't expect others to contribute, if we don't contribute, ourselves. In fact, I'm very disappointed that member contributions in 1982 amounted to just \$9,000. There's definitely room for improvement there."

Although the GCSAA certification program has come under fire from members, Hearn is a firm believer that it's a worthwhile venture.

"The relatively low percentage of certified superintendents doesn't bother me one bit," he told. "As a matter of fact, if the acceptance of the program were unanimous, certification wouldn't command much impact. I like to think I'm somebody special because I am certified. But I also realize it's not an image-maker. So far, recognition of the program comes from within. Once it reaches the golfer, the club member - it will be a viable asset to the profession."

Those are just a few of Hearn's thoughts on a sampling of the incalculable issues he'll be dealing with should he win a place on the GCSAA's executive committee.

"I'm not a one-man think tank, so I look at the post of director as a collective effort by all elected to it," he concluded. "The only thing I can promise my supporters is a 100 percent dedication to the administrative goals of the association and the good of all golf course superintendents."

Such approach is typical of the man who has been instrumental in the GCSANE's on-going push for improvement and recognition. Don Hearn deserves an opportunity to display his talents at the national level.

Gerry Finn

Next Meeting

February 7, 1983

Franklin C.C. Franklin, Ma.

Host- Gary Luccini

Directors meeting 10 am

Regular meeting 11 am

Lunch

Educational Program- Buddy Young from Country Club Enterprises. The rules of golf.

Pat Vittum from the Waltham Field Station.

Insect update.

Golf Course Superintendents Association

President's Message

At this time, may I express to you, my sincere thanks for re-electing me your President for the 1983 season.

Despite the storm, I thought the turn-out for the annual meeting was excellent. Our thanks to Ian Oppenheim for providing us with an interesting and informative talk on pesticide regulations and record keeping.

Please note in this month's Newsletter that the M.G.A. Spring Conference has been scheduled for Feb. 26, the Saturday following the National Conference. I hope those of you who do not take an extended vacation down South, will plan to attend. The M.G.A. is presenting an introduction to an exciting new service, they plan to offer, known as GHIN (Golf Handicap and Information Network).

I'm certain all who attend this conference will not be disappointed.

Brian Cowan, CGCS.
President, GCSA of N. E.

Troll GCSAA Recipient

Dr. Joseph Troll of Stockbridge School of Agriculture, UMass. Amherst will receive the GCSAA Distinguished Award during the upcoming conference and show in Atlanta.

GCSANE would like to congratulate Dr. Troll and thank him for his continued dedication in the turfgrass field. He is truly, deserving of this award.



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MGA 1983 Spring Conference Program

8:30 A.M.

Registration

9:15-10:30

Pros and Cons of Outside Club Functions

Co-moderators - Dan Busa, Les Bernd - MGA Executive Committee
James St. Clair - Brae Burn Country Club
Brian Cowan - Pres. GCSA of N.E., Eastward Ho Country Club
Les Bond, President N.E.P.G.A., Wellesley Country Club
Richard Corner, CPA, Treasurer Wollaston Golf Club
Patrick Archibald - Weston Golf Club

9:15-10:30

Handicap and Course Ratings

Co-moderators - Lester Sobin, Oliver Cook - MGA Executive Committee
Frank Thomas, Technical Director-USGA
Richard Crosby, Asst. Executive Director-MGA

9:15-10:30

Quimet Fund
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10:30-10:45

Break

10:45-12:15

General Session

A. Dr. Gary Wiren, PGA
B. Frank Hannigan, USGA
C. MGA Services (Panel)
Ted Carangelo-Dick Haskell-Dick Crosby

12:15-12:45

Refreshments

1:00 P.M.

Lunch

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52nd MASSACHUSETTS
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7th INDUSTRIAL SHOW



March 1, 2, 3, 1983
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- *Department of Plant & Soil Sciences,
University of Massachusetts/Amherst
- *Massachusetts Turf & Lawn Grass Council
- *Golf Course Superintendents Association
of New England.

GENERAL INFORMATION

REGISTRATION

Lobby—Plaza Entrance
8:30 AM-4:00 PM Tuesday, March 1
8:00 AM-4:00 PM Wednesday, March 2

Registration is required for admittance to either the Educational Program or the Industrial Show. Pre-registration is \$23, registration at the door is \$25.00. Use of the attached Preregistration Form will save you both time and money.

Banquet tickets will be available at the Registration Desk only until noon on Wednesday, March 2. Banquet Preregistration with the attached form will assure you of a ticket. Banquet ticket cost-\$12.

The Exhibition Hall will be open at 9:00 AM on Tuesday, March 1 and thereafter only when the Educational Program is not in session and vice versa.

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- *Free Coffee & Donuts—Tuesday AM, March 1

PROGRAM

TUESDAY, MARCH 1

—Morning—

9:00-12:45 INDUSTRIAL SHOW OPEN.
Exhibition Hall, Snack Bar

—Afternoon—

GENERAL SESSION
Banquet Room

- Chairman: Dr. Joseph Troll
University of Massachusetts/Amherst
- 1:00 WELCOME—
Dr. John Denison, Dean-Stockbridge School-
University of Massachusetts/Amherst
 - 1:15 PLANNING FOR AN INTERVIEW HELPS
GIVE YOU THE EDGE—
Mr. Richard Bator, Supt.-Oak Hill Country
Club, Rochester, NY.
 - 1:45 JOB SEARCH CAMPAIGNING—
Mr. Dennis Collins, Owner/Manager, Manage-
ment Resume Service, Springfield, MA
 - 2:15 THE SUPERINTENDENT'S PR PROGRAM—
Mr. Cecil F. Kerr, Executive-Sales, Mallinckrodt,
Inc., St. Louis, MO
 - 3:00- 3:15 BREAK
 - 3:15 PERSONNEL MANAGEMENT ON GOLF
COURSES—
Mr. Paul Boizelle, Supt.-Onwentsia Club, Lake
Forest, IL
 - 3:45 GOLF COURSE BUDGET AND SALARIES—
Mr. Anthony B. Caranci, Jr., Supt.-Ledgemont
Country Club, Seekonk, MA.

4:30-6:30 INDUSTRIAL SHOW OPEN
Exhibition Hall

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2

GOLF COURSE SESSION
Banquet Room

—Morning—

- Chairman: Prof. John M. Zak,
University of Massachusetts/Amherst
- 9:00 COST CONSIDERATIONS AND EQUIPMENT
ACQUISITION—
Dr. James R. Watson, Vice Pres.-Toro Co.,
Minneapolis, MN
 - 9:45 SYRINGING OF BENTGRASS GOLF GREENS—
Dr. Joseph DiPaola Dept., of Crop Science,
North Carolina State University, Raleigh, NC
 - 10:30 COLORING THE COURSE—
Ms. Ann Reilly, Exec. Director-N.Y. State Turf-
grass Association, Massapequa Park, NY

11:00-2:00 INDUSTRIAL SHOW OPEN.
Exhibition Hall

—Afternoon—

- 2:00 NITROGEN LEACHING—
Mr. Charles Mancino, Dept. of Plant and Soil
Sciences, University of Massachusetts/Amherst
- 2:30 FERTILITY STRATEGIES AND STRESS
TOLERANCES—
Dr. James Beard, Dept. of Soils and Crop
Sciences, Texas A & M University, College
Station, TX
- 3:00 CONCEPT OF STADIUM GOLF—
Mr. Allan MacCurrach, Agronomist-Tour-
nament Players Club, Sawgrass, Ponte Vedra, FL
- 3:45 SHORT SEASONS AND LOW BUDGETS—
Dr. Vaughn Holyoke, Dept. of Plant and Soil
Sciences, University of Maine, Orono, ME.

4:30-6:30 INDUSTRIAL SHOW OPEN
Exhibition Hall

—Evening—

7:00 BANQUET AND WINTER SCHOOL
CEREMONY—
"Never Met a Golf Course I Didn't Like"—
Dr. Houston B. Couch, Virginia Polytechnic
Institute & State University, Blacksburg, VA

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2

ALTERNATE SESSION
College Room

—Morning—

- Chairman: Mr. Charles Mruk, Agronomist,
B.F.C. Chemicals, Inc., Providence, RI
- 9:00 PEOPLE VERSUS PLANTS—
Mr. Robert Partyka, Director of Horticulture-
ChemScape Corp., Worthington OH
 - 9:30 EASY ANSWER TO TREE PROBLEMS VIA
SYSTEMIC TREATMENTS—
Mr. Warren D. Wolfe, President-Creative Sales,
Inc., Fremont, NE
 - 10:00 HANGING BASKETS—FERTILIZER, WATER
AND SOIL—
Mr. James Crow, Ass't Director-U.S. Botanical
Gardens, Washington, DC
 - 10:30 MAINTENANCE PLANNING FOR
CEMETERIES—
Mr. Donald Ward, President/Landscape
Architect-Grener & Ward, Orchard Park, NY

11:00-2:00 INDUSTRIAL SHOW OPEN
Exhibition Hall

—Afternoon—

- 2:00 SELECTION OF TURFGRASS SPECIES AND
CULTIVARS TO MINIMIZE PROBLEMS—
Mr. Richard Hurley, Research & Agronomy,
Lofts Seed Inc., Bound Brook, NJ
- 2:45 BUILDING OF ATHLETIC FIELDS FOR THE
KANSAS CITY CHIEFS—
Mr. Chip Toma, Groundskeeper- Kansas City
Royals Baseball Club, Kansas City, MO
- 3:30 ANOTHER MAN'S TURF—
Mr. George Toma, Stadium Supt.- Kansas City
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4:30-6:30 INDUSTRIAL SHOW OPEN
Exhibition Hall

THURSDAY, MARCH 3

9:00-10:00 INDUSTRIAL SHOW OPEN
Exhibition Hall

GOLF COURSE SESSION
Banquet Room

—Morning—

- Chairman: Dr. William A. Torello,
University of Massachusetts/Amherst
- 10:00 PINE VALLEY GOLF COURSE—
Mr. E. R. Steiniger, Supt. - Pine Valley Golf
Course, Pine Valley, NJ
 - 10:30 AMOUNTS TO USE WHEN APPLYING
FUNGICIDES—
Dr. Houston B. Couch, Dept. of Plant Pathology
& Physiology, Virginia Polytechnic Institute &
State University, Blacksburg, VA
 - 11:00 NEW CULTURAL TRENDS IN GOLF COURSE
MANAGEMENT—
Dr. James Beard, Dept. of Soil & Crop Science,
Texas A & M University, College Station, TX
 - 11:30 ISSUES AND ANSWERS—
Mr. James Snow, Director-Northeast Region,
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