



THE NEWSLETTER

Golf Course Superintendents Association

OF NEW ENGLAND, INC.



—SEPTEMBER - 1985—

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GCSANE/RIGCSA Joint Meeting
Wannamoisett C.C.
Rumford, R.I.

September 10

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October 14

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The Kittansett Club
Marion, Mass.

— JOE TROLL TAKES A BREAK —

Most people call it retirement. But in Dr. Joseph Troll's case, it might not be more than a coffee break - by comparison.

When Joe started counting the years he's been on the rolls in the plant and soil sciences department at the University of Massachusetts, he found they were closing in on thirty. So, he decided to point himself in the direction of his old fishing hole,

"And some of those golf courses I'm always hearing about," he added. "I guess it's retirement. Well, officially, it is. But I have this 'thing' about the conference. So, I'm going to stick around, maybe teach one course in the fall."

Dr. Troll, of course, has been the guiding light of the Massachusetts Turf Conference. More than that, even. In fact, he has lifted it from the fringes of nationwide recognition to center stage.

"I'd like to be associated with the conference for as long as they want me" Joe told. "There's still a lot of unfinished business to do there. Besides, what better way can I keep in touch with my boys."



Dr. Joseph Troll

Dr. Troll's boys man the maintenance programs of golf courses across the country in incalculable numbers. All of them have felt the sometimes taskmaster approach of their old professor. All, too, have prospered from their rewarding and warm teacher-student relationship.

"I'm proud of my guys," Joe gushed before accepting the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America's Distinguished Service Award in 1983. "At UMass, we've been a leader in the field and they (the turf program's grads) must take the credit for it.

"Some of my students hate me while they're here (UMass), but most meet me later on and admit that all the hard work was worth it. Our program has more Class A supers on the job than any other school in the country. I just hope I've had some input in that outstanding record."

Dr. Troll, often the master of understatement when it concerns his contribution to success, certainly has triggered the outpouring of high-level golf course superintendents into the field.

"I don't know of anyone the golf course superintendent can call his real friend than Joe Troll", extolls New England Association president Donald Hearn. "When I say, friend, I mean it with a capital 'F'. When you talk about everything that's positive in our profession, Joe's name has to pop up in the conversation.

"Of course, it goes without saying that Joe has been the educational beacon in the turf field - especially where it involves the golf course superintendent. Not only has he been our teacher, he's inspired us to pursue higher levels of education. If the superintendent has made a thrust in the right direction, Joe's been behind him with a big push."

The educational fat's on the fire in the superintendent's field and most of that heat comes from Dr. Troll's kitchen.

—GCSAA News Release—

Member input is essential to the future success of any organization. Being keenly aware of this axiom, GCSAA's Executive Committee has scheduled three important committee meetings to be held at the Mid-Year Turfgrass Conference and Show in Indianapolis. And, the structure of these meetings will allow for individual member input.

Scheduled to meet are the Standards Committee, the Nominating Committee and the Certification Committee.

A 90-minute, open hearing is scheduled during each committee meeting, thus allowing individual members to speak and offer input to each.

YES, MEMBERS WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO VOICE THEIR OPINIONS ON MATTERS OF CONCERN TO THEM!!!

The central location of the Mid-Year Turfgrass Conference and Show is such that nearly 60 percent of the nation's golf courses and over 40 percent of the

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Golf Course Superintendents Association



September - Joint Meeting Month

Sponsors and administrators of the Troll-Dickinson Scholarship Fund - Awarded yearly to deserving Turf Management Students.

—LAST MEETING

**Hickory Ridge C.C., Amherst, Mass.
August 5, 1985**

Many thanks to host super Rob Ruzsala, and the staff of Hickory Ridge C.C. for a real fine day and a lot of hospitality.

Tom Bachli (Asst. Supt., Holden Hills C.C.) received his first reading for membership and Bruce Packard (Supt., Amherst G.C.) was voted into the GCSANE as a regular member - Congratulations, Bruce!; find a committee and get involved!

Our guest speaker was Greg Pagano (Mobay Chemicals) and from what I understand Dr. Joe Troll had some input into Greg's presentation on nematodes & controls.

Golf Results GCSANE Team of Two Championships

- Low Gross
J. Fitzroy, CGCS Presidents G.C.
R. Duggan, Concord C.C.
1st Low Net (55)
Jim Bean, CGCS
Mt. Pleasant G.C.
Dick Zepp, Whitensville G.C.
2nd Low Net (61)
T. Schofield, CGCS Wellesley C.C.
D. Barber CGCS, Blue Hills C.C.
3rd Low Net (62)
R. Kirkman, Needham G.C.
R. Mucciaroni, Woodland C.C.
4th Low Net
S. Chiavaroli, CGCS, Tatnuck C.C.
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September 3, 1985
Joint Meeting
GCSANE/Rhode Island GCSA
Wannamoisett C.C.
Rumford, R.I.

11:00 AM
GCSANE Directors Meeting
11:30-12:30 Lunch (Cash)
1:00 PM Tee Off
6:00 PM Meeting
7:00 Dinner & Education
(Jackets Required)
Association Members Only -
Reservations

Superintendent Profile: Neil Wendell's experience began as Assistant Superintendent at Highland G.C. in Attleboro just after graduating from U-Mass, Stockbridge. After a tenure at Alpine C.C. in Cranston, R.I. (as Superintendent) he went on to lease Locust Valley C.C. in Attleboro, Mass. Since early 1984 Neil has a very admiral job as head Golf Course Superintendent at Wannamoisett. He is a member of GCSAA, R.I. GCSA, GCSANE, and the USGA (Ass. Member)

Neil lives in Attleboro with his wife Sue and two children.

Directions to Club: From Boston Rte. 95 South to Rt. 195 East. Take Broadway Exit. At bottom of ramp turn right. Go to traffic light and turn right on Broadway. Continue on same to Greenwood Ave. Turn left and proceed on Greenwood to Club entrance.

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1st readings for membership were announced for William Roland, Asst. Supt. at Mt. Pleasant G.C., and Bachli, Asst. Supt. of Holden Hills G.C.

September 10, 1985
Joint Meeting
GCSANE/Connecticut GCSA
Wampanoag C.C.
W. Hartford, Conn.

11:00 Meeting-
Guest Speaker Don Hearn, GCSAA
12:00 Noon-Lunch
1:00 Golf (format not available at press time)
Reservations Required no later than
Sept. 6, 1985
Club Number - 203-236-1691

Superintendent Profile: Host Superintendent Bob Johnston has been at the helm of Wampanoag's greenery since January of 1984. Prior to his present position he was the Golf Course Superintendent at Hamden C.C. (Mass.) for nine years and served in the same capacity of Woonsocket C.C. (R.I.) early in his career. He gives credit to Dave Barber (CGCS Blue Hills C.C.) for getting him interested in the field while working at Wayland C.C. Bob is a U-Mass, Stockbridge graduate and is a member in the GCSAA, CGCSAA, and the GCSA of N.E.

He now resides in Granby, Conn. with his wife Bette and their son.

Directions to Club: Mass. Pike to Rte. 684 exit. (turns to Rte. 84 in Hartford) Rte. 84 to W. Hartford (Exit 41). Turn So. Main St. and follow 4.6 miles to Wampanoag Drive on left. (So. Main St. becomes No. Main St. in W. Hartford Center - look for Northwest Catholic H.S. sign on corner of Wampanoag Drive) travel time from Rte. 128/Mass Pike Entrance appx. 2.5 hrs.

Editors Note: Bob has been a very active member of the GCSANE and has been planning this event since last year.

The Connecticut Chapter has been very active in GCSAA policy and it would certainly behoove us to hear Don Hearn's GCSAA Policy update prior to the GCSAA Show in Indianapolis.

Let's make an effort to plan ahead and make this meeting.

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—GCSAA News Release—

Dr. Richard C. Skogley, a frequent speaker, panelist and instructor for the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America, recently received the "Man of the Year" award from the Oregon Seed Trade Association. Dr. Skogley is also a member of the plant science faculty at the University of Rhode Island, and is the eleventh person to receive the award.

Skogley has worked closely with the seed trade, arranging for the production and marketing of grass seed varieties. Since 1962, Skogley and URI have been instrumental in the production and marketing of four varieties of turfgrass - Exeter, Colonial Bentgrass, Kingstown Velvet Bentgrass and Jamestown Chewings Fescue.

Skogley, who is in his 26th year at the University, is presently developing a Georgetown Kentucky Bluegrass variety in cooperation with the Virginia Polytechnic Institute and the New Jersey-based Loft's Seed Company.

Dr. Skogley will be a panelist at the Turfgrass Management Practices Session of the GCSAA/USGA Turfgrass Research Conference, Monday, September 23, 1985 during GCSAA's Mid-Year Turfgrass Conference and Show in Indianapolis, September 19-24, 1985.

For further information, contact Billy J. Shelton, Media Relations Manager, GCSAA, 913-841-2240.

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—GCSAA News Release—

The GCSAA Mid-Year Turfgrass Conference and Trade Show in Indianapolis, September 19-24, 1985 is shaping up to be an exciting educational opportunity for attendees. The two-day Trade Show will be held on Saturday and Sunday, September 21 and 22, and features something new for GCSAA Trade Shows - a buying and selling show.

Held in conjunction with the Trade Show will be an outdoor equipment demonstration on live turfgrass. Exhibitors will be permitted to demonstrate their equipment and give attendees a firsthand view of what the equipment can do.

These two unique features - equipment demonstrations and show

rules allowing buying and selling of equipment on site - can only be offered at this exciting GCSAA Mid-Year Turfgrass Conference and Trade Show.

Nearly 70 percent of the available exhibit booths have been sold as of July 15th, with many companies in the process of completing arrangements for this unique show.

Some of the top names in the manufacture and distribution of turfgrass maintenance equipment and supplies have purchased space for this unique show.

"I am looking forward to attending the GCSAA Mid-Year Turfgrass Conference and Show," said Dr. Jim Watson, vice president, Toro Company. "From all accounts, the show will be a major success. This new thrust to further the educational efforts by GCSAA is most promising," he added.

The Trade Show will be open 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. both days.

For further information contact Tuula K. Wright at GCSAA, 800-GSA-SUPT.

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His deep and consistent digging to perpetuate what is now called, The Troll-Dickinson Fund (scholarship money for students in turf-related educational programs) constitutes monumental input in itself.

The fund's central figure, Joe has been instrumental in increasing its principal to \$50,000. He credits the financial gains of his turf conference for helping there - and he plans building on it to the point where the fund is self-sustaining. Meanwhile, its annual awards are headed toward \$1,500 to \$2,000 individual grants.

"All of this is great, sounds like we're really taking off," Joe remarked. "But, actually, the greatest satisfaction I've received from all my years in the classroom and with the conference has nothing to do with dollar signs.

"My eyes light up everytime I hear about one of our guys moving on to a bigger job or becoming more of a fixture in the field. I have my own honor roll and it consists of every superintendent who ever passed through the UMass program. I can't tell you how happy I am when I recommend someone for a job and then watch him come through with flying colors."

For that reason, Joe plans to spend much of his "retirement" time visiting the courses where his old students are doing the job for which they trained under their college "coach".

"I'm going to take advantage of my free time, go fishing and hit those golf courses," Joe advised. "My wife (Lonnie - in the personnel department at UMass) will be retiring soon and we'll be hitting the road with regularity.

"Yeah, I may do a little consulting work to keep my hand in things and there's always the conference. So, I'll never divorce myself from the turf field and the superintendent's profession."

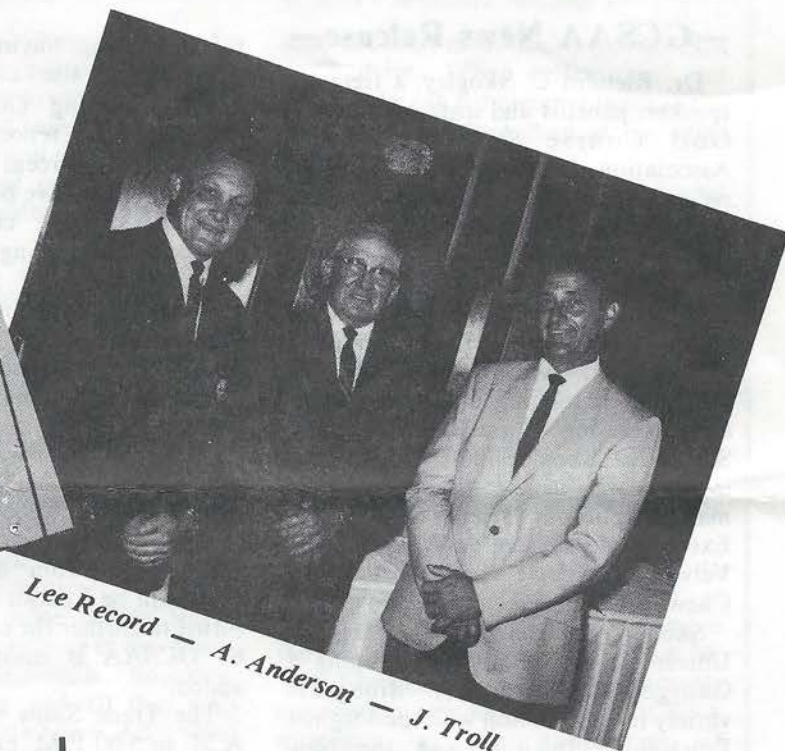
Don't you dare, Joe. You hear?



—GERRY FINN



Phil Cassidy — Jim Fitzroy — J. Troll



Lee Record — A. Anderson — J. Troll

NGF-GCSAA Study: \$1.7 Billion Spent Annually on Golf Course Maintenance

NORTH PALM BEACH, FLA. — U.S. golf courses spend \$1.7 billion a year to maintain their facilities, according to a joint study conducted by the National Golf Foundation and the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America.

The study, called "The Golf Course Maintenance Report," is based on a national survey of golf courses conducted in the fall of 1984. Over 2,300 courses responded to the survey, the largest of its kind ever conducted.

According to the study, \$137 million is expended each year for new maintenance equipment and \$103 million is spent on projects to improve existing facilities. The remainder, almost \$1.5 billion, represents yearly maintenance operating costs.

"Personnel costs constitute the largest single expense category for maintaining the nation's golf courses," stated Jim Prusa, associate executive director of the GCSAA. "On the average, 60 to 70 percent of a golf course maintenance budget is for personnel costs, including salaries and wages, payroll taxes and employee benefits. The maintenance industry is a people industry."

Another statistic uncovered by the study is that the nation's golf courses currently have a maintenance equipment inventory valued at over \$1.8 billion. "It takes a lot of equipment to maintain a golf course," Prusa explained. "Every course needs tractors, trucks, mowers, irrigation equipment, tools and implements ... and the list goes on and on."

One of the reasons that the NGF and the GCSAA conducted this study was to try and identify maintenance costs and practices, a somewhat neglected, but very important part of the golf industry. "There has been a tremendous void in the amount of quality information available to golf course superintendents and managers," NGF President David B. Hueber said. "The



Tom Muscaro — J. Troll

NGF and GCSAA recognized this problem and we plan to replicate the study every two or three years to keep the industry up to date on the changing nature of their business."

Copies of "The Golf Course Maintenance Report" can be obtained from the NGF office. Cost is \$30 for NGF sponsor members and \$40 for non-members.

—The Super Speaks Out—

(Welcome to The Super Speaks Out - a monthly feature which offers the golf course superintendent a forum to express his views on topics and issues relating to his profession.)

This month's question: In light of recent observations by the NEGCSA president, do you feel that his suggestions concerning a dress code for golf course superintendents are justified?

Dave Clement, Woodstock Resort: "There's no argument at all about golf course superintendents having to be aware of what they wear at monthly meetings.

"After all, whenever we are guests at another club or congregate in a public meeting place, we project a certain aspect of our professional image. And we should address whatever we do in that respect as representatives of a professional organization.

"I'm dead set against the wearing of tank tops and swim shorts. We are professionals - on display, too, and not participants at a beer party.

"Sure, I realize it's nice to be comfortable in the hot weather when we're out playing on a golf course. However, I see no hardship in someone wearing a club shirt and slacks - even a pair of presentable Bermuda shorts.

"The big thing is that all of us should be thinking of upping the golf course superintendent's image - at all times. Therefore, I'm in complete agreement with our president that a dress code be set and adhered to."

Dave Barber, Blue Hill Country Club: "I read Don's (NEGCSA president Donald Hearn) message and think he's one hundred percent right.

"This never struck me as a big problem until I began noticing some of the outfits certain members of our association choose to wear while guests at host meeting and golf tournament clubs.

"I think all of us should feel fortunate that we get the opportunity to visit other member clubs and play the golf courses there. In keeping with the thought that it does entail some privilege, it's unfortunate that we abuse it.

"I would expect that all of us are

trying to make an impression, if not for ourselves the organization we represent, when we are guests at other clubs. That impression is most important since we are exposed to the golf world away from our own, personal golf environment and we are showcasing the world of the superintendent.

"I realize that only a handful of supers have decided they can dress as they please, with no concern for what they mirror. Also, I'm not against wearing shorts, just as long as the entire dress looks neat.

"Personally, I'm always looking for ways to upgrade the profession. Obviously, dressing like a slob does nothing for us in that direction.

"I guess what it all boils down to is an awareness of the situation

"We owe it to ourselves and fellow members to do everything in our power to act like professionals. Sneakers, cutoffs, tank tops and all that stuff should disappear in a hurry. All it takes is a little consideration and effort. That's not asking too much of anyone."

Bob DeRico, Bellevue Country Club: I'm not one to think anybody should dictate about things like what I wear. However, I think Don Hearn was on the right track when he brought up a touchy subject of a dress code.

"It's no secret that the golf course superintendent is in focus when he's the guest of a member club during the summer meeting season. For that reason alone, all of us should recognize the fact that sometimes what the few do affects the whole group.

"I really don't know why some of our members would want to look like bums when they visit other clubs, anyway. It just doesn't make sense to me.

"In the end, all our members should try to act as professional as all of us think we are. That way, there will be no question of whether any of us should be seen in rag-bag clothes.

"I'm not saying we should dress up in formal wear and act like a bunch of stuffed shirts. Actually, we should just be ourselves - with an eye for wanting to improve our image. If it takes a dress code to get us there, so be it."

—GERRY FINN

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total GCSAA membership are within a day's drive. What better time and location to ask for member input to the Association's future than at the Mid-Year?

The Standards Committee is to meet on Saturday, September 21, at 8:00 A.M. The open forum for member input is scheduled to begin at 8:00 A.M. This committee believes the membership should have every opportunity to input into this most important process of determining Bylaws for the Association. The Standards Committee is currently studying what changes need to be made and certainly desires the input of the membership in this process.

The Nominating Committee is to meet on Saturday, September 21, at 8:00 A.M. The open forum for member input is scheduled to begin at 9:30 A.M. This committee solicits comments concerning nominations from GCSAA members, as the nominating of qualified candidates for leadership positions in GCSAA is the key to our continued growth and success.

The Certification Committee is to meet on Sunday, September 22, at 8:00 A.M. The open forum for member input is scheduled to begin at 9:00 A.M. Certification is the key to the professionalism of the superintendent. Certification can bring many rewards to your future, therefore, input by members is very important.

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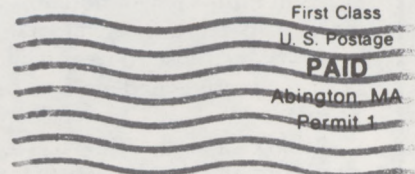
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