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Monday April 13, 1987
Blue Hill Country Club

9:30 Directors Meeting
11:00 Regular Meeting
11:45 Lunch
12:30 Golf

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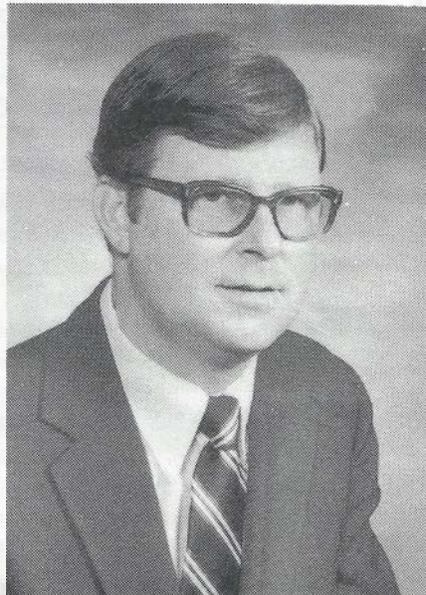
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Prexy Puts His Priorities in Place

Last month, he was the original man in motion.

For 10 days Don Hearn threw darts at a map and then followed them, wherever they landed.



Ah, to be president.

So said Hearn several years ago when he began taking giant steps up the administrative ladder of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America. And, suddenly, he's there.

"The travel?", New England's second gift to the GCSAA presidency remarked. "It'll be hectic now and then but I can handle it. It comes in spurts. But it's all part of the job. Frankly, I'm pleased to be where I am. It's exciting."

Hearn's first trip as top turf man saw him stop at association headquarters in Lawrence, Kansas for some briefing, shoot out to Hawaii to make presentations at gatherings of the Golf Course Architects of America and Honolulu Turf Growers Association, return to Lawrence for a couple of days and make tracks for home

(where he lives and where he works).

The latter is the Weston Golf Club which certainly must be proud to see Hearn follow in the footsteps of Dick Blake as this section's only other GCSAA president.

"I don't know about that," Don said. "But I know I've always had my members' blessing, right from the start. I went to them for approval of my association intentions the first time I tried for a place on the national board.

"They told me to go right ahead, that they were behind me one hundred percent. I like to think this (presidency) brings recognition to the club. Whatever, my members know I won't neglect my job. It remains my top priority."

Hearn's laid out priorities on other fronts, too.

"Of course, our education program is an eternal endeavor," he told. "It's been going Gang Busters and there's no reason to let up on input to keep it crackling.

"We have a new educational director (Colleen Pedersen), so I'm sure there'll be enough energy and enthusiasm to complement the professionalism she brings to the position. We'll be making recommendations but Colleen will be running the show."

Hearn always has been a staunch supporter of the CGSAA's certification program

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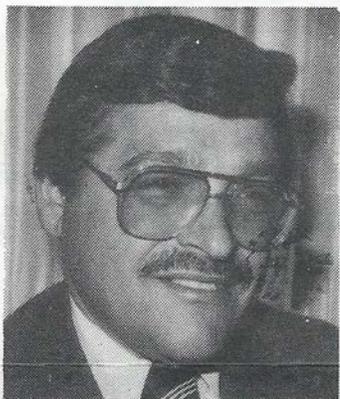
The recently concluded 58th Annual International Golf Course Conference and Trade Show of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA) was the largest in the Association's history. The Conference and Show, held in Phoenix January 26 - February 2, 1987, broke records in attendance (12,588); number of educational seminars (29); number of exhibitors (331); and amount of exhibit space (108,500 net square feet).

The conference began with educational seminars — almost 400 hours were offered throughout the eight days of the conference — and ended with more educational seminars, sessions and special events. Among the highlights of the conference week activities were

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President's Message



The 1987 International Turfgrass Conference and show is over and the GCSA of New England has come away from Phoenix with a sense of pride, in the election of our own Donald E. Hearn to the presidency of GCSAA. Our Congratulations go to Don, his wife Joan, and their children Donnie and Kristin. Also to Weston Golf Club for their support to Don over the years allowing him the necessary time to serve the members of GCSAA.

The Banquet, which closes the conference and trade show was attended by 1,500 conventioners. One of the many highlites was the presentation of GCSAA's prestigious Old Tom Morris Award to

Robert Trent Jones Sr., the Dean of Golf Course Architects.

A Special Thanks to Ron Kirkman for the fine job he did in managing the GCSANE hospitality suite in Phoenix.

Dave Barber

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and, if anything, that support will be stronger as it picks up visibility and viability.

"Certification is with us to stay," Hearn advised. "It's been a slow-starting pick-up of the profession, but the number of superintendents joining the fold is increasing as is outside acceptance and recognition of the program's purpose.

"We're making it tougher all the time for the superintendent to become and remain certified. I think that speaks well for the profession because it shows we're not becoming stagnant. More and more job referrals mention certification, so country club boards and members are starting to think about it."

There always has been a need for the allied associations of golf to close ranks, so to speak, and establishing closer working relationships with them is on Don's agenda.

"We've really made great strides with the club manager," Hearn said. We have joint meetings with them and, from

what I can gather, we seem to appreciate one and the other's problems in a light where our co-existence is enhanced and improved.

"Personally, I'd like to see the same kind of understanding and exchange of philosophies occur between the golf course superintendent and the home professional. There's a gap there. I know we want to close it. How do the pros feel? That's what I want to find out."

Hearn's all for the continuation and expansion of the national ad campaigns the GCSAA initiated with so much success last year.

"We've had nothing but positive feedback from our television commercials," Don revealed. "We're reaching more people, golf-watching on TV is on an upswing and the superintendent is right in the middle of it. We have a new presence because of it. Our image has never been better."

Back in his own backyard, Hearn sees his rise to national prominence as nothing more than an extension of the

involvement he's had in the NEGCSA. He even expects backlash.

"I know I'll still be a jerk to some people," he flapped. "But difference of opinion is what makes the world go round. Regardless, I'm still one of the New England supers — on loan to some other parts of the country for a year. I've always wanted this. Now, I'm ready to give it my best."

Which is as good as there is in the profession.

GERRY FINN

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award presentations, personal appearances of famous speakers, a huge trade show, a gala banquet with big-name entertainment, allied golf association seminars and more educational programs.

Twenty-nine educational seminars were presented by 44 instructors to over 1,500 students earning continuing education units (CEUs). Seven of the 29 seminars were new to GCSAA programming.

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The Opening Session speaker on January 29 was National Football League Hall of Fame quarterback and former Green Bay Packers Coach, Bart Starr. Following Starr's comments, GCSAA President Riley L. Stottern, CGCS, presented the Association's prestigious Distinguished Service Award to Dr. James R. Love, Wis., and David S. Gourlay, Sr., Canada. Stottern also presented GCSAA's Leo Feser Award to David Harmon, superintendent at the Golden Horseshoe Golf Club in Williamsburg, Va., for his contribution to *Golf Course Management* magazine.

Gerald L. Faubel, CGCS, board member and chairman of the GCSAA Scholarship and Research Committee, presented seven students with financial aid scholarships to assist in their pursuit of

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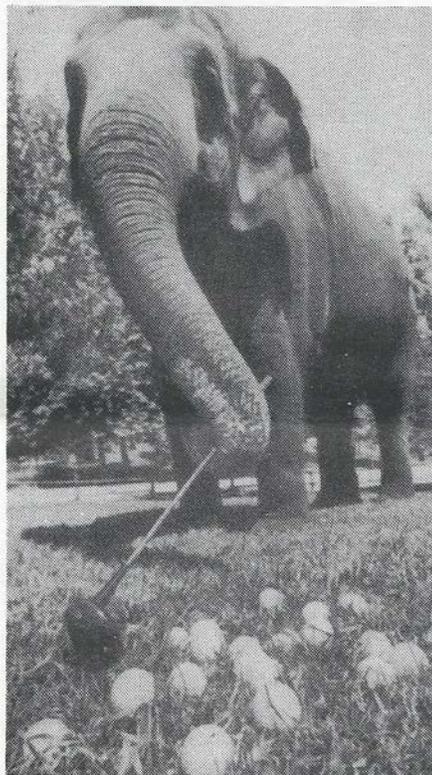
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John Pluta practicing for tournament

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turfgrass management careers.

The traditional ribbon-cutting ceremony by the Board of Directors to officially open GCSAA's Trade Show occurred Saturday before a packed lobby at the Phoenix Civic Plaza. Among the 331 exhibits were 81 exhibitors new to the show — another new record. Last year in San Francisco, 317 companies exhibited their products — 74 for the first time — and in Washington, D.C., the year before, 292 exhibits were on display.

Educational programs were also conducted by the USGA Green Section, the American Society of Golf Course Architects, the National Golf Foundation (NGF) and the Sports Turf Managers Association (STMA).

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On February 2, GCSAA's annual membership meeting and elections were conducted. Elected to serve the Association for the coming year were Donald E. Hearn, CGCS, President; John A. Segui, CGCS, Vice President;

Stephen G. Cadenelli, CGCS, and Randy Nichols, CGCS, Directors. Gerald L. Faubel, CGCS, William R. Roberts, CGCS, and Kenneth A. Sakai, CGCS, continue on the Board as well. Dennis D. Lyon, CGCS, was appointed Secretary/Treasurer. Immediate Past President Riley L. Stottern, CGCS, will serve on the Board of Directors for one year.

President Hearn said to a full house at the annual Banquet February 2, "I am very honored and humbled to assume the presidency of GCSAA. This is a great time for GCSAA and its membership to grow and expand its services."

Later in the program, NBC commentator Jay Randolph presented GCSAA's highest honor — the Old Tom Morris Award — to Robert Trent Jones, Sr.

"Trent Jones is the Beethoven of the golf world, designing one masterpiece after another — and you, the superintendents, make each design sing with beauty," stated Mr. Randolph.

Jones accepted the Old Tom Morris Award and then shared personal thoughts and concerns about the future of the game he loves so much. "The design of courses will be hurt tremendously if they don't do something about the ball. It's too hot (long) nowadays. These guys are driving past the natural and designed obstacles that make skill part of golf."

Following the banquet and award presentations, Marie Osmond and the Osmond Brothers entertained the audience with a blend of pop and country and western tunes.

GCSAA's 59th Annual International Golf Course Conference and Show will be in Houston, February 1 - 9, 1988.

-NEW APPLICANTS-

Kevin Ross Regular member
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Michael Cerveny Associate member
Tekoa, Westfield, MA

Michael Iacono Regular Member
Metacomet C.C., Rhode Island

Dave Heroian Regular member
Myopia Hunt Club
South Hamilton, MA

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: After attending the GCSAA National Conference in Phoenix, what are your impressions of the event and how worthwhile is such an experience?

Ron Milenski, International Golf Club: "I may sound like a walking commercial for the GCSAA, but this conference has to rate right up there with the best of them.

"OK, so it wasn't perfect. But let me get my one complaint off my chest, first. The trade show. It was too big. It took seven hours just to take notice of all the companies and products represented.

"Otherwise, the show and everything connected with it was well worth the travel, expense and what have you.

"I got something from every session I attended. You know, you learn something every day, just as long as you pay attention. I did and I think my career prospered by it.

"I was especially impressed with the opening speaker, Bart Starr. Usually, the guys they get are so-so. Bart was terrific. He stressed a positive attitude in all of the topics he covered. Heck, his was an educational speech in itself. I think he could have run for governor that night and probably won.

"I was more interested in management-related sessions. After all, I have 32 people working for me at the height of the golf season, so I got a lot out of those.

"It wasn't all work, either. I had a time to relax, even had a couple of golf games. The facilities were excellent. Everything came off well. I really feel

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better because I went there."

Rich Caughey, Hatherly Country Club: "I went to the conference to learn something and feel that this was accomplished. It's worthwhile, all right. But, I have some suggestions.

"First, I think it would be nice to have the golf tournament and conference in one place. You know, they advertise the two as one event when, actually, it's two.

"However, the sessions I attended were good, well worth attending. A lot of the good ones were overbooked and maybe those staging the conference can make improvements on that score.

"I really got a lot out of a construction seminar I signed up for. It fits right into my situation at Hatherly and I'm sure I'll put what I learned to good use.

"I also liked the opportunity to exchange views with people from other parts of the country, even the world. One day I had lunch with a superintendent from Japan. That was interesting. Heck, he spoke as good English as I do.

"So, the overall impression I got was a plus for me and my club. I recommend going. It's well worth it, even if it does get a little crowded at times."

Paul Jamrog, The Orchards Golf Club: "Give me more. That's my first reaction. My second? I have to be a much better superintendent because I made this conference.

"This was my third. The first, in Washington, I went on my own. Last year, the club paid for it in San Francisco. They picked up the tab again this time, so I guess my members appreciate its impact.

"I'll tell you what. I tried to take in as much as I could from an educational standpoint.

"I'm hooked on this educational bit. I took in a couple of seminars — one to do with accounting and the other a certification program prep session. We're going in that direction, believe



Left rear, Mark Klimm; Right front, Chuck Passios; Right rear, Tom Colombo trying to calm down the "White Knuckle Flier", Steve Carr (at 37,000 feet!!!)

me. I want to be there, too, when certification sets us apart.

"The only fault I find is that I was unable to take advantage of everything offered. I bumped into situations where there was a conflict of session times. You know, there would be two speaking sessions going on at the same time. Can it be remedied? I hope so.

"I went the full route. Played golf in the tournament, met as many people as I could and kept my ears open at all times.

"Phoenix was nice. However, I wouldn't mind if they had the conference at a cold-weather site once in a while. There are other interesting places to visit besides the Sun Belt, even if it means you can't play golf. But it's not really a complaint, just a suggestion. I really have no complaints. Certainly, it was a positive experience."

GERRY FINN

-NEWLY CERTIFIED-

Paul Miller
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Divot Drift

The Association had an excellent turnout for the National Golf Tournament held at Canoa Hills Golf Course, Ventana Canyon Golf & Racquet Club, Randolph Park North Golf Course, and Fred Enke Golf Course in Tucson, Arizona.

Those who participated were:

Dave Barber, Blue Hill C.C., Bob Bullard, Green Ch. Weston G.C., Steve Butler, Larchmont Eng., Steve Carr, Pocasset G.C., Steve Chiavaroli, Tatnuck C.C., Dave Clement, Woodstock C.C., Tom Colombo, New Seabury C.C., Tony De Bettencourt, Andover C.C., Bob DiRico, Bellevue C.C., Bert Frederick, Vesper C.C., Dennis Friel, Tom Irwin Co., Don Hearn, Weston G.C., Frank Higgans, Sawtelle Brothers, Paul Jamrog, The Orchards G.C., Doug Johnson, Pine Brook C.C., Ron Kirkman, Needham G.C., Mark Klimm, New Seabury C.C., Paul Miller, Tedesco C.C., Steve Murphy, Gannon Memorial G.C., Jim O'Kelly, Brae Burn C.C., Charlie

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Passios, Cummaquid G.C., Jack Pluta, C.C. of Pittsfield, Barrie Robertson, Sky Meadow C.C., Tom Schofield, Wellesley C.C., Doug Stachura, Springfield C.C., Mark Taylor, Haverhill C.C., Kip Tyler, Salem C.C., Paul Veshi, Pleasant Valley C.C.

Individual Results

Black Division 2nd. net	
Doug Johnson 144	83 - 77 gross
Red Division 3rd. gross	
Charlie Passios 162	81 - 81 gross
Red Division 7th. gross	
Steve Murphy 166	79 - 87 gross
Blue Division 7th. gross	
Kip Tyler 185	97 - 94 gross
Affiliate 5th. gross	
Bob Bullard 162	82 - 80 gross

At the awards banquet, Dave Clement won a putter. The one and only Pete Coste won the golf irons. Wouldn't you know, he just discarded his pre World War II irons and finally bought a set of new ones.

Mark Taylor was leading the 6 - 10 handicap division after the first round with a smooth 77. To celebrate he dressed in a native Tucson cowboy outfit and definitely got the best dressed award. However, that rope tie Mark was wearing must have been a little to tight because his second round was a big 95 knocking him completely out of it. Tommy Colombo's fate was similar, after an opening round of 76 he came back with a 91.

That evening, somewhere in the Boon-Docks Tom was celebrating and having dinner with Passios, Carr, Klimm, O'Kelly, DiRico, Kirkman, Jamrog and Murphy. This was poor Tom's downfall as he was introduced to pitchers of

Tequila. Evidently, this also affected Jamrog's game as he skyrocketed from an 82 to a 96. Murphy, for once in his life was relaxing because he didn't have D. Johnson or P. Miller around to harass him and Murph was on his game with a first round score of 79 which included five 3 putt greens. But his luck was running out. As we were leaving he was standing by the exit in deep discussion with Passios (both in the Red Division). O'Kelly leaves and the big iron doors swing closed catching Murph in the high cheek bone area. At the hospital he refused to be stitched and also a tetanus shot. This wounded guy soared to an 87 the next day. How about Big John Pluta and Doug Stachura, aren't they a classic Laurel and Hardy? John played so bad he didn't want to play the second round. He wanted to caddy for Doug but the official would not let Big John carry the golf car. On the flip flop side, Paul Miller went from a 96 to an 80. Sally, where were you the first day? Steve Chiavaroli improved from a 90 to an 81. He got smart and broke his driver after the first round. Bob DiRico was 104 - 97 and the second day he played with Bert Frederick. Improving 7 strokes and playing with Bert is a feat in itself. Poor Barrie Robertson had to chauffeur Bert around all the time and his arms were tired. He couldn't lift a golf club. He also had an ear ache, I wonder why? Most improved golfer - Tony DeBettencourt 102 - 105. Most tired golfer, Don Hearn. Smoothest golfer, Paul Veshi. Golfer that lost all bets, Jim O'Kelly. Best dressed, Dave Clement. Most consistent golfer, Frank Higgans. Most disappointing, Dennis Friel. Phantom golfer, Tom Schofield. Most fun, Steve Butler. Most serious, Doug Johnson. Most hopeless, Steve Carr. Most cordial, Mark Klimm. All around best, Dave Barber. Most fortunate, Kip Tyler and Paul Jamrog for playing Desert Highlands.

Two air force veterans turned back the hands of time when they visited the air museum in Tucson. Tommy Schofield was assigned to a KC-97 air refueling tanker and Steve Butler was a crewman on a B-36. We understand Johnny Lo did a better job of shopping this year.

However, we wonder if he has informed Nancy about the Bourbon St. Circus?

Special thanks to Mike Hannigan in helping with the hospitality suite in Phoenix. Our congratulations to Don Hearn on his Presidency of GCSAA. Don't forget the new Massachusetts pesticide Regulation - 333 CMR 10.03 (3). Golf courses are allowed to post a written notification of which holes were treated with pesticides within the past 24 hours. This notification must be posted in a conspicuous area within the club house such as a bulletin board.

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