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Some Biographical Notes on Charles G. Baskin, this year's President The Golf Course Superintendents Association of America.

Charles G. Baskin has been at the Waterbury Country Club, Inc. of Waterbury, Conn., since 1959. He stated as an assistant superintendent and was appointed golf course superintendent in 1962.

Mr. Baskin has a B.S. degree in civil engineering from the University of Missouri School of Mines and Metallurgy, where he also did graduate work in soils. He has attended the Turf Management and Landscape Design School at Rutgers University and completed a course on ecology and the environment at Yale University.

An honorary member of the Connecticut Section's Professional Golfers Association, Mr. Baskin serves on that group's advisory board. He has been a member of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America since 1961. He was first elected to GCSAA's Executive Committee in 1971 as a Director and was appointed Secretary-Treasurer in 1972. The following year he was elected Vice President, and on February 13, 1974, in Anaheim, Calif., he was elected to his current one-year term as Association President.

Active in community activities, Mr. Baskin is a church moderator and Sunday school teacher at the First Baptist Church of Waterbury and is frequently called upon as a guest speaker at numerous local civic organization meetings, discussing turfgrass science. He is currently serving as Vice Chairman of the Waterbury Charter Revision Commission and has been a member of the Board of Education.

Mr. Baskin and his wife, Molly, have two children and reside in Waterbury, Conn.



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The dropped right shoulder

Patrick Smartt

The fascination of golf is that you never know what will turn up next, on or off the course. A study of a group of golfers standing, rather than a cursory glance, will show that the right shoulder is perceptibly lower than the left.

That may come as a surprise to those disinterested in detail. It does not need a camera to prove this. A look round your fellow golfers will provide the answer. It is an occupational disfigurement—if that be not too strong a word. A partial cause is that the right hand is lower on the club grip than the left.

It is so too with the cricketer, but when he is striking, the ball is at least a foot above the ground. The golfer has to reach down and through. In playing his stroke the cricketer's feet alter their position. When he is going for a drive the left foot is advanced down the pitch, in a defensive stroke he steps back. All this must reduce the strain imposed on his spine. The golfer, who with his feet retaining the position as in the address, is twisting his back.

Some time ago, I watched that great batsman, Tom Graveney, demonstrating strokes on television. If one ignored foot action, there was a distinct similarity with golf. The more so if the viewer came from hickory days, when the hands were used to a greater extent. The timing was perfect, and at no time did the back have to twist, although in the hook or sweep his shoulders followed right round. But, and this should be emphasised, they had not turned in the reverse direction as would a golfer's at the start.

It is not insignificant that in recent years, we hear quite often of tournament players complaining of bad backs. My impression is that we seldom hear of it where cricketers are concerned, though it might be expected from the speed bowlers.

That great, and highly intelligent golfer, Henry Cotton, has on more than one occasion stated that he wished he had done corrective exercises, in his youthful, hard practising days. He has not mentioned a damaged ligament of the spine, but he has the rounded shoulders prevalent with many golfers. Whatever he says has to be listened to, and so far as I am concerned, accepted.

In the middle and late 1920s, when the immortal Bobby Jones was at his summit, a doctor after watching his full swing, remarked that no spine could stand up to that torsion for long. And so, alas, it was to be. His latter years were spent in a wheel chair, because a spinal ailment induced a form of creeping paralysis. A terrible end to a magnificent career.

It is worthy of note that Jones had a more pronounced hip turn than the modern player. Pivot, it was called, referring to the hips and not the shoulders. It is seldom heard today, for the shoulder turn of the 'name' players is fuller than that of the hips. On my old principle of testing the validity of statements, I have stood up and turned the shoulders without any hip movement, followed by shoulders and hip pivot.

Experiment is ever useful, it produces an effect expected or unexpected. The result revealed something. It was a test on a dicky spine, which called a halt to golf a long time ago, though not caused by it. The first, with shoulders only, caused no discomfort. When there was a pivot, there was a protest at the base of the spine.

Why, as a layman, that should be, must be left to the medical profession. It has to be taken into account that the modern player, with steel shafts, hits harder than his predecessors. He is in tournament contention many more times than those of an earlier era.

Perhaps as one grows older, and the shoulders incline to stoop, this deformity is more apparent. Some twelve years ago, my daughter was getting married. Father visited a small country town-his last visit to London, but no longer the London he knew was in 1959—where a man's shop was agent for a well known clothiers in London. Climbing into the morning coat on the special day, the right shoulder felt different to the other. It had been slightly padded to make it level with the left. A remarkable piece of observation on the part of the agent.

The whole, thinking of that dropped right shoulder, of which most golfers are unaware, and not all have it, begs the question do spines permanently out of true, lead to trouble in the end?

One wonders whether Sherlock Holmes walking in the street with his usual companion, on seeing one of our subjects, would have had the percipience to notice, and remark: "That man plays golf, my dear Watson."

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The British Golf Greenkeeper

To play - or not to play?

Alexander Radko of the USGA's Green Section has advanced an extraordinary theory designed to solve one of golf's eternal problems: "When is a course playable and when is it not ?"

Radko-together with colleagues Stanley Zontek and William Buchanan-has put forth the idea of a "course within a course" in a recent article written for the USGA's Golf Journal. The subject came about as a reaction to the ever increasing demands of the player to enjoy golf in the winter months on northern courses. For years the superintendent has been faced with the testy situation of allowing play on regular tees and greens at a time on the calendar conducive to enticing turf damage. Now, Radko thinks he has the answer.

The course would incorporate all the less susceptible parts of the golf layout into an inner course which could be used for golfers who don't mind the restrictive elements of winter weather and who just want a playground where their games can be kept in shape. Naturally, the course would be shorter than the regulation spread, but Radko offers a few tricks in placement of greens which would give the player almost as strong a test as the one he faces in summer.

The inside track takes all the worry out of using regular tees and greens. They are divorced from the design and are saved the pain of absorbing those beefy footsteps that often lead to extensive damage which shows up in the customary months of play. There is nothing so deceiving as a green which is coated with a layer of dripping frost. While it may appear play on it is harmless, the eventualities of future damage far outweigh the pleasures found in using it out of season.

The all-weather course would take much of the soul-searching out of the superintendent's annual tug o' war with members . . . when to allow them to play the full course. This problem has been the source of much debate and often unfair harassment of the superintendent. The inside track is a means to elimination of both.

Radko also proposes that the inside track become a permanent part of the layout. He contends that the winter golf allowance could be carried over the summer at breaks in the weather when excessive rainfall or other natural semi-catastrophes place a questionmark on the advisability of using the regular course.

"Why not use the short course on a year-round basis," Radko asks. "During adverse weather of any season it would take all the arguments out of the picture. There would be no decisions to be made by management. At the sign of conditions which might lead to turf damage, the shorter course could be set up and the regular course closed to play."

Although he might have overlooked it, Radko fails to note one little fly buzzing around this ointment: What about the decision laid to the superintendent as to whether or not conditions call for use of the short or inside course? After all, just as there are members who believe the golf course is theirs to play and command; there will surface some flak when it comes time to decide whether the regular or short course is to be opened on a given day. Then, too, the design of an inside track places another burden on "guess who?" In effect, it presents the superintendent with two courses to condition . . . although the short course is not supposed to be the epitome of topconditioned layouts. It does pose a labor problem because its greens and tees will have to be kept in playing condition at all times so as to be ready when the rains or snow come.

On the whole, however, the idea deserves further study by the country club administration. Its detail would have to be ironed out and plans made so as not to increase the superintendent's pressures. It's worth a look-see all right.

Gerry Finn

With grateful acknowledgement to the "Newsletter" of the GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENTS ASSOCIATION OF NEW ENG-LAND, USA.

Problems arising from the scarcity and high cost of labour and the relative immobility of expensive specialised machinery have been discussed at a Conference organised by the National Association of Agricultural Contractors. Participants were the manufacturers of land drainage pipes, specialised machinery manufacturers and drainage contractors. All agreed on the need for more rapid adoption of mechanical handling methods.

Problems faced by contractors—in particular, unnecessarily high costs entailed by existing methods—were explained by Mr. Dick Hughes, Chairman of the National Land Drainage Contractors' Committee, and its immediate past Chairman Mr. Paul Wiles.

Systems already in use involving packaged pipes were described by various manufacturers; machinery manufacturers indicated where certain equipment limitations exist.

Mr. Brian Trafford, Ministry of Agriculture, set out the broad guidelines within which any future developments in pipe specifications that may be considered desirable must lie. He described an experimental new type, now under investigation, which may be easier to handle.

Although no revolutionary new system is at the moment in sight, the contractors strongly urged the advantages of packaging pipes in a convenient module which can be easily divided for handling by machines ranging from the smallest to the largest.

The Conference agreed that, whilst each contractor must evolve his own on-site handling system according to conditions, the suggested module must provide the flexibility to make this possible.

"Job Well Done"

Many of our readers will have played on the splendid golf course of Ashridge, Little Gaddesden, Berkhamsted, Herts., and may therefore be interested to learn that Mr. Jack Wayman has recently retired after 42 years of service on the Green staff.

Mr. Wayman was involved in the construction of the course at Ashridge from 1928, became a member of the staff in 1932, and Head Greenkeeper in 1967. He has worked harmoniously with his successor, Mr. Bob Goodwin, who is Hon. Secretary of our Midland Section, who will no doubt, benefit from the extensive local knowledge acquired by Mr. Wayman over 46 vears.

For his loyalty and capability, Mr. Wayman has received due appreciation from both the Club and his staff colleagues, and he is provided with a comfortable pension from the Club he has served so well.

We wish him a long and happy retirement.



Special Occasions

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10	Autumn Tournament—
16	Priestbury G.C. Southern Section 1st Winter Lecture—Whit- breads Social and
	Sports Club, Chiswell Street, London. EC1Y 4SD.
28	South Coast Section
(Mon)	Autumn Tournament— Parkstone G.C.
Nov. 5	South Coast Section 1st Winter Lecture—Alres- ford G.C. Time 7 p.m. Talk arranged T. Parker & Co. Topic: "Sisis Equipment'.
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Dec. 4 Southern Section Lecture — Whitbreads Social Club. Time: 6.30 p.m.
Dec. 9 North-West Section Lecture: H. Pattisson & Co.—Swinton Park G.C. Time 7.30 p.m.

East Midland Section

Chairman: B. MOTT Hon. Secretary: S. FRETTER, ESQ., 4 Queens Drive, Leicester Forest East, Leicester.

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting was held at The Three Nuns Hotel, Loughborough on Wednesday 7th August 1974. The following were elected—President Mr. R. Bailey, Chairman Mr. B. Mott, Vice Chairman Mr. I. Toon, Secretary Mr. S. Fretter, Treasurer Mr. P. McCarron. Committee—Mr. G. Arnold, Mr. R. Spurr, Mr. A. Thornton, Mr. M. Lake, Mr. W. Cole, Mr. R. Willars, Mr. G. Darby. Section representative, Mr. P. McCarron, Mr. A. Thornton is retiring as Hon. Treasurer in October, this is due to personal reasons. (signed) S. FRETTER

Hon. Sec.

North-East Section

Chairman: J. G. SIMPSON 'Phone Gosforth 55214 Hon. Secretary: G. JEFFERIES 55 Brackenfield Road, Framwell Gate Moor, Durham.

A.G.M.

The Annual General Meeting was held on Thursday 25th July at The Bridge Hotel, Newcastle. The Chairman opened the meeting and thanked the Committee and Members for their support during the past year. The Minutes of the last A.G.M. were read and passed, and a report of the past year was given by the Secretary and Treasurer and was considered satisfactory.

Officers elected for the coming year are as follows:—President, C. N. Storey, Vice-Presidents returned en bloc. Chairman J. Simpson, Vice-Chairman N. Fraser, Secretary and Treasurer, G. Jefferies. Committee— Messrs. T. Robson, T. Nutman, D. Holmes, T. Oliver, D. McNeal, J. Grainger, W. Bewick, M. Runnacles.

The Chairman on behalf of the Committee thanked our Auditors for their work with the accounts, and hoped that they, Messrs. Chapman, Hilton, Hutchinson and Dunford, would continue to keep our financial affairs in order.

New Members

We welcome to the Section the following new members:—

W. BEWICK of Whitburn Golf Club, G. MARSHALL of Seahouses Golf Club, A. J. REAID of Prudhoe Golf Club, and T. G. AITCHISON and F. T. MOUNT both of Bamburgh Golf Club, and hope their association with us will be a happy one.

(signed) G. Jefferies, Hon. Sec. & Treasurer.

South Coast Section

(Mrs.

Hon. Secretary: MRS.) N. M. STIMSON Nth. Wilts. G.C. Devizes.

Members' attention is drawn to the fact that the first of the five talks comprising the 1974 Programme of Lectures will be held at ALRES-FORD Golf Club on Tuesday, 5th November, 1974 at 7. p.m. All Members are cordially invited to bring a guest with them—the more the merrier. The Topic will be "Sisis Equipment" and the talk has been arranged by T. Parker and Sons (Turf Management) Ltd.

We welcome to the Section the following Members and hope their association with us will be a long and happy one.

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Midland Section

Chairman: V. SMITH Hon. Secretary: A. KITE 5 Lillington Close, Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands. Tel: 021.355.5439

The Annual match between the Greenkeepers and The Midland Secretaries took place at Walsall Golf Club on Thursday 8th August '74. Results:

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G. Woodward G. Hart))	2/1
V. Smith R. Smith)	Lost
C. Frost A. Boraston	}	1 Up
A. Jamieson E. Thomas	}	3/4
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B. Matthew N. H. Russell) Lost
S. Allen R. J. Parsons) 1 Up
P. V. Hope G. Green) Lost
G. A. Greetham V. J. Morgan) Lost
G. Price F. B. Lock) 3/1
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I would like to thank Walsall Golf Club for the use of their fine, wellmaintained Course and Clubhouse and also to Mr. N. H. Russell for arranging this pleasant and popular fixture.

Signed: A. KITE, Hon Sec.

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New Members

A warm welcome to the following new members whose names are listed below:—

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Section News

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Lectures

The complete list of dates and speakers for this winters' series of talks and films as follows; the venue as last year, Swinton Park Golf Club, East Lancs Road, Swinton, M/C.

Monday November 18th—G. Vaughan, Ransomes, Sims & Jefferies.

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Subscriptions

Our Treasurer informs me that a number of subscriptions are still outstanding. Would members please note and rectify.

New Members

We welcome to the Section the following new members and hope their association with us will be a happy one:—

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