

## GCSAA Announces Plan to Expand International Operations

LAWRENCE, Kan., April 29, 1992 — The Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA) announced today that it will open a fully-staffed extension office in Singapore to manage membership activities and services in the Pacific Rim countries.

Services provided by GCSAA's Pacific operations will include education/training, certification, publications, conferences, trade shows and research — the same range of activities as in the United States.

The organization's Pacific operations will cover Japan, Guam, Taiwan, Hong Kong, China, Korea, The Philippines, Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand and India.

GCSAA President William R. Roberts, CGCS, said emerging governmental interest and concern over environmental and development issues are driving the need for long-term education and quality control throughout this region.

"No other single organization exists anywhere in this area with the resources to provide the services that GCSAA does. Our long-respected position throughout the world as a leader and standard-bearer for golf course superintendents will give us a competitive edge," he said.

GCSAA currently has a growing number of members in this area. Nearly 4,000 golf courses are in operation, with hundreds more under construction or planned.

"Because golf is booming in this area of the world, a window of opportunity exists for GCSAA to provide these services to ensure that the standards of world-class golf are being met," Roberts said.

GCSAA Pacific operations will be under direction from the headquarters here, working with coordinators from the various countries to ensure educational demands and specific language translation needs are met. The self-supporting operation will be funded with revenues from international membership dues, educational seminars and conferences.



*Here's a pair that will take your money every time  
Ed Braunschweig & Albie Staudt*

## Big Men Come From Small Towns

by Dudley Smith

Joe Canale, 81, retired superintendent at Deer Park Golf Club in Oglesby, Illinois died Friday, May 8th while mowing his lawn. Joe is survived by his wife Minn and daughter Madeline. In recent years, Joe had faced major surgery for heart bypass and hip replacement; his therapy included jogging and playing golf.

When I was a boy, I caddied at a small nine hole private country club. The head honcho was a pro-greenskeeper. Joe Canale became such a person prior to World War II. His wife Minn supervised the club's kitchen and dining room. After the water lines were drained each Fall, Joe was employed for the winter at the local cement plant. In March, he and Minn would turn the key in the proshop and welcome the members for another golf season. A unique Mom and Pop operation.

It didn't matter if the monthly Midwest meeting was in Kishwaukee or Waukegan, Joe and his traveling companion Clarence Mitchell from Streator were always there. When old Mitch passed away, Joe hitched on with John Potthoff.

Joe didn't get to attend the National Turf Conferences, but he did look forward to the Purdue Conference each March. The old Fowler Hotel in Lafayette was his headquarters. And party? ... Harold Frederickson, Tom DiGuido and Tom Gilman will swear Joe Canale wrote the book "How To Have Fun".

One memorable vacation trip Joe and Minn made was to Italy. In their party were the Adolph Bertucci's, the Bill Saielli's, the Armond Scornavacco's, and the Arthur Clesen's. Adolph had an "in" and they got front row seats to meet the Pope.

Year's ago, the Ed Fischer's and Smith's would escape down to Starved Rock on a Sunday afternoon and stop to play golf as guests of the Canale's. One particular Sunday Joe was a ghostly white. Seems he closed the clubhouse after the Saturday night party to face an armed gunman in the parking lot.

Twice, Joe sent his hometown protege to be my assistant at Silver Lake. Bill Hargrave in 1959, fresh from University of Massachusetts Stockbridge. Bill is currently in North Carolina. Then Brian Comiskey from Danville College in 1978. Brian is superintendent at Pinecrest in Huntley. Both men were a great help. Thank you Joe.

Well, little Joe, I know Emil Mashie, Dom Grotti, and Frank Dinelli are on the first tee up there waiting to get in your pocket, so hit them far and straight ... Thanks for the memories!