

BOARD MEMBER

Name: Michael Wallace

Age: 45

Course: Hop Meadow CC, Simsbury, Conn.

Former head superintendent at: Rockledge CC and Buena Vista GC, West Hartford, Conn.

Years GCSAA member: 18

GCSAA posts: Chairman of conference and show and membership committees; vice chairman of technical information services, scholarship and career development services committees; member of scholarship foundation, public relations and membership services committees; candidate at chapter relations annual meeting; member career development group; voting and alternate delegate.

Other associations: Past president of Connecticut GCSA; member of Professional Pesticide Users of Connecticut.

Education: Associate's degree in turfgrass management, University of Massachusetts.

Family: Children, Tye, 27; Grier, 25; Ian, 24; Sian, 21.

Goal: "I just want to further the association's mission and help keep us on the right track. We're emphasizing the environment, professional image and chapter relations. There's a lot more to be done in those areas. It's a lot of work but also a lot of fun. It's a good sign that we have as many people [6] as we do running for the [2] board positions."

Name: Samuel Snyder

Age: 41

Course: Hercules CC, Wilmington, Del.

Former head superintendent at: Colonial CC, Harrisburg, Pa.; Sheraton Golf Links, Greensburg, Pa.; Grandview GC, Curwensville, Pa.; Punxsutawney (Pa.) CC.

Years GCSAA member: 18

GCSAA posts: Member of career development, scholarship & research and nominating committees; member of fundraising resource group

Other associations: Immediate past president of Central Pennsylvania GCSA; vice president of Pittsburgh GCSA; president of Pennsylvania Turfgrass Council; past president of Allied GCS of Pennsylvania; board member of Allegheny Mountain GCSA.

Education: Certificate in turfgrass management from Pennsylvania State University.

Family: Wife, Susan; Emily, 14, Sam, 8.

Goal: "My primary goal is to help the association continue to reach its current and future goals. My experience on the career development committee has helped me see the importance of helping each member be able to present superintendents to the public in a positive light, both as individuals and as a group. We need to become better able to address issues through education and public speaking."

PROMISE KEEPER SPEAKING

ORLANDO, Fla. — Dave Wardell, who with former Colorado University football coach Bill McCartney founded Promise Keepers, will speak at the annual Prayer Breakfast at 7 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 11, at the headquarters hotel for the International Golf Course Conference here. Promise Keepers' discipleship ministry has swept the nation the last year, filling football stadiums from coast to coast. Wardell is a former college gymnastics coach who holds a PhD in social and sports psychology, sociology and counseling.

GOLF COURSE NEWS

Name: Robert Tillema

Age: 56

Course: Sherwood Forest GC, Sanger, Calif.

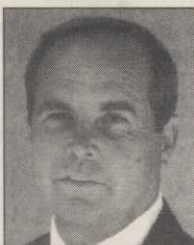
Former head superintendent at: Rancho del Rey Golf Course, Atwater, Calif.

Years GCSAA member: 10

GCSAA posts: Member of the education, publication/TRAC, nominating, resource in public golf and GCSAA International Conference and Show committees.

Other associations: Member of GCSA of Central California, California GCSA, Kings River Community College Horticultural Advisory Committee and California Green Industry Council.

Education: Bachelor's degree in business from the University of Nebraska.



Robert Tillema

out of the house, it's time for me to pursue a board position. I've been asked to run several times, but haven't had the opportunity until now. I would like to see us increase the depth of our seminars.

"It's tough to get a good education in a two-day seminar. I'd like to see them increased to four days, both at the national conference and local levels."

Name: Paul Dermott

Age: 50

Course: Oakdale Golf & CC, Downsview, Ontario, Canada.

Former head superintendent at: Chinguacousy CC, Caledon Hills, Ontario; Islington GC, Toronto

Years GCSAA member: 27

GCSAA posts: Conference session chairman; conference speaker; conference panel member; voting delegate alternate; member of chapter relations, certification, membership, conference and show committees; member of Golden Tee Club.

Other associations: Past president Ontario GCSA; member Canadian GCSA, Western Ontario GCSA, Landscape Ontario; founding member and past president of Ontario Turfgrass Research Foundation; founding chairman Ontario Turfgrass Symposium; advisor Guelph Turfgrass Institute.



Paul Dermott

Education: Associate degree in animal husbandry, University of Guelph; graduate of Pennsylvania State University two-year turfgrass program.

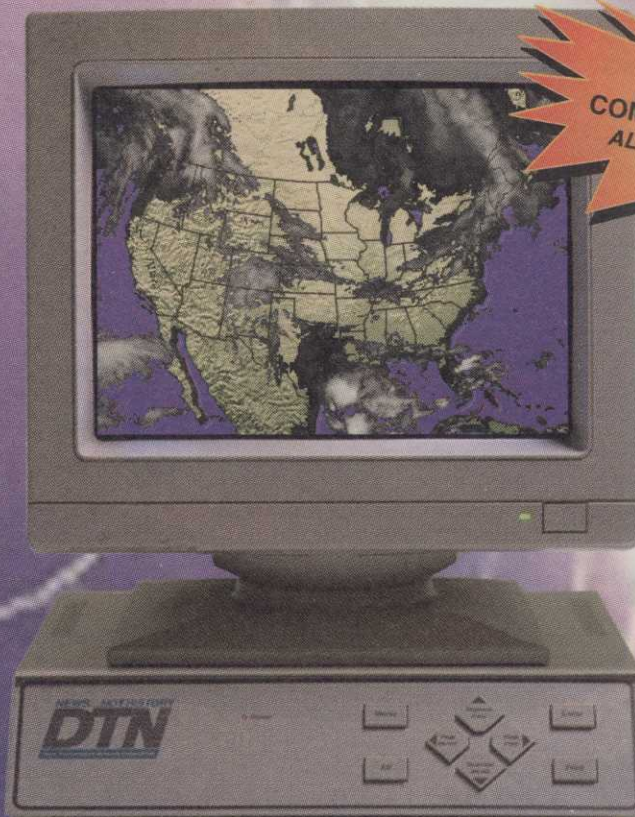
Family: Wife, Jacqueline; children Vincent, 30, Steve, 26, Lori-Ann, 24, Tanya, 24.

Goal: "I'd like to put a little bit back into an industry that has given me and my family quite a bit. The professional image of the superintendent is one of the most important things the board should work on."

"To that end, I think entry-level standards are very important, just as they are for accountants and lawyers."

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