

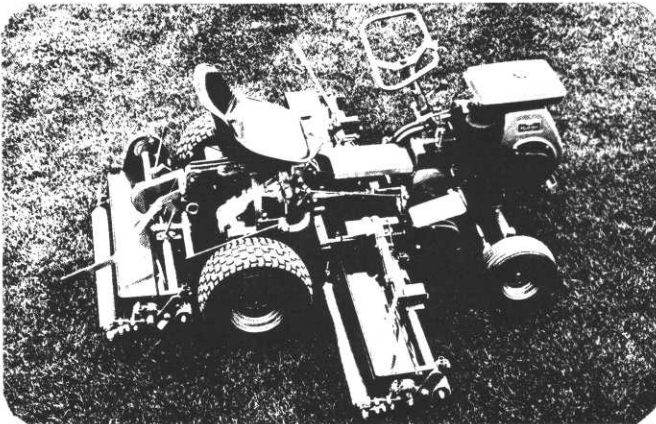
Elected to the Executive Committee as directors were Dennis D. Lyon, CGCS, property manager for the City of Aurora, Colorado, Parks, Recreation and Public Properties Department and John A. Segui, CGCS, superintendent of Waynesborough Country Club, Paoli, Pa.

Re-elected for a second term as a director was Donald E. Hearn, CGCS. Hearn will also serve as the Association's secretary/treasurer.

Gerald L. Faubel, CGCS, superintendent of golf course and grounds for Saginaw Country Club, Michigan, was appointed a director to fill the unexpired term of Riley Stottern. Continuing to serve as directors are John E. Laake, CGCS, and James M. Taylor, CGCS.

The elections and Annual Membership Meeting were held Tuesday, February 12, 1985 in conjunction with the 56th Annual International Golf Course Conference and Show in Washington, D.C. sponsored by GCSAA. Some 9,000 persons from around the world attended.

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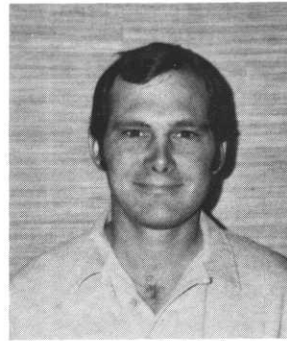


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GROUP THERAPY

BY MIKE KASNER

WAPICADA GOLF CLUB

For some reason in all of my readings throughout the golf turf industry, it has always seemed ironic to me that a major problem has conspicuously been ignored and it bothers me because this problem is more serious than such things as oak wilt (everybody can use a little firewood); or Pythium, heck, a little sunshine, low humidity and highs in the low 60's will do a trick on that wimp and what the hell, if you are afraid of that disease you can always pick up a couple of reasonably priced cases of Subdue, just think of it as a donation to the Krupp family.

This problem is even worse than a hydraulic pressure line bursting oil all over the 16th green. Everybody knows that some soap, charcoal and a few months' time can do wonders for that problem. Besides that, for four and a half months there is snow on the ground and we can't see these problems anyway.

The problem I'm talking about is our ability to cope with some of the varied requests of our Boards of Directors. It's not that I'm against discussing shortening the ballwashers by a foot to oblige midgets, kids and anybody with a shoulder ailment or inserting two holes on every green because golfers can't demolish two holes in fourteen hours and besides that, it would be easier on my 3800 square foot greens (that's 7200 cup changes per season). I don't even mind discussing whether we should keep an eight year old rotary mower which needs more money put into it in parts than its original purchase price. But it does rub me the wrong way when I'm told that we can't mow fairways or roughs during Ladies' League because after all, what else is there to do on a golf course other than cut grass?

Therefore, I'm suggesting that the Superintendents' Association withdraw 25% of the research fund money and submit the

sum to the Psychology Department or Abnormal Psych Department at the University of Minnesota just to find out what makes us superintendents tick or what ticks us superintendents.

ASSOCIATES' CORNER



**ANOTHER
RECORD
BREAKER
BY
JERRY COMMERS
CUSHMAN**

First of all, a big THANKS to all of our loyal turf equipment customers for helping to make 1984 the greatest sales year in our 35 years of business.

Also, our thanks to our suppliers. Cushman, for example, is really putting it

all together. New for 1985 is the Cushman 222 Engine (2 cylinder, 22 H.P.), producing 22% more horse power than its predecessor, a new air-intake system which delivers cleaner, cooler air to the engine AND the spark plugs are now located on the top of the cylinders. The new tan-colored vinyl seat results in more operator comfort and the dashboard has a special non-glare finish.

Helping our sales effort has been the Cushman Front Line Mower with attachments, introduced in 1980, which is receiving greater acceptance every year. For 1985 Cushman has announced a new 4-wheel model to compliment the 3-wheel gas and diesel models with 60" or 72" rear or side discharge decks. Our line of National Mowers has been doing well in the reel type commercial field, adding new improvements right along. Many users like the simple, uncluttered design and the ready availability of repair parts with the National factory located in the Midway district of St. Paul. National has introduced a new 5-gang PTO operated model which has been well accepted.

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We're off to a great start in 1985, due greatly to the fine job done by John Sniker and Tim Commers. We all look forward to continued good relationships with members of the M.G.C.S.A. I have enjoyed knowing many of them since joining the Association in 1954.



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