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Hobbit's Glen Hosts Sr. Classic

Imagine that you have just been told that a major PGA event will be held at your course in only six months. What would you do to prepare? Bill Neus, CGCS, of Hobbits Glen in Columbia, MD lived through this exact experience. In November of 1997, Bill learned that Hobbit's Glen was chosen by the PGA to host the State Farm Senior Classic tournament from June 29 - July 5.

Immediately, Bill and the Columbia Association went to work to prepare the course for the event which would draw approximately 80,000 people to Hobbit's Glen. Bill began by identifying goals for his course. He wanted to change the fertilization program to thicken up the rough and put down extra seed in the landing area. Then he used his many connections through GCSAA to gain insights from superintendents who had lived the experience of hosting a major event.

When the Senior Tour officials visited Hobbit's Glen to give hole-by-hole advice, Bill was prepared. He was pleased to discover that the officials thought that the course was great and they only offered suggestions for minor changes involving the leveling of some tees. Of the PGA officials, Bill says, "They were really easy to work with. They never told you how to do anything, they just made some recommendations about what should be done." The Columbia Association then created a supplemental budget for Hobbit's Glen. They provided funds to hire ten additional employees from May-September, and extra money for chemicals, sand, mulch, and improvements to the teeing areas.

PGA agronomists were consulted about green density, tree pruning and other requirements. After meeting with the agronomists, Neus called Stan Zontek from the USGA for more advice. Stan was able to help Bill see his golf course from a television perspective. He was able to point out dead limbs in trees, that the television cameras would pick-up, and he offered much advice about mowing patterns that compensate for problems with swells in fairways. Stan also assisted with the timing of fungicide and cosmetic applications.

Bill decided that his crew needed to make some changes to prepare for the tournament, so with two months still to go, he had his crew begin walk mowing greens and hand raking bunkers. At the beginning of June, the crew at Hobbit's Glen began heavy edging of bunkers. Bill rationalized that, if his crew were able to get done the bulk of the work early they would only have to go back and clean up their edges the week before the tournament. Bill also expanded the herbicide and fungicide programs. He treated the fairways three times with TGR and applied Heritage on the greens the week before the tournament.

Bill elicited the support of area superintendents. He put Ryland "Chappy" Chapman, Superintendent of Fairway Hills in charge of volunteers for the tournament. Chappy asked 27 volunteers from area golf courses to volunteer, their time and expertise for the tournament. To prepare for the massive undertaking of maintaining the course during

the weeklong event all volunteers were invited to Hobbit's Glen two weeks prior to the tournament for an educational session. They were able to tour the facilities and pick up their passes. One major challenge for the crew was the fact that regular play only halted one-half day before the tournament began. When the tour comes back next year Bill is hoping to get more time for last minute details to be completed before play begins.

At tournament time, Bill used all personnel available to him to accomplish the tasks necessary to keep the tour players happy. Each morning they mowed greens, changed cups, mowed collars and aprons, and dragged the dew from the fairways, with the remainder of maintenance tasks being done in the evening. The most challenging aspect of maintaining the course for a week-long

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President's Message

Mike Gilmore

The summer keeps grinding on and as I write this there are about eight weeks of summer left to go. So far so good, let's hope we can all keep going forward to continue with successful seasons.

The year has seen us lose several members of the MAAGCS and the last month saw the untimely deaths of Carroll Davis and Mike Graebner. Mr. Davis was a long time rep and "goodwill ambassador" for Egypt Farms. While attending the viewing for Mr. Davis, I was struck by the photos that captured many of his 80 plus years. They all were of a man who seemed to be surrounded by his wife and family in every picture. It was obvious what was important to Carroll Davis - his family. Mike Graebner passed away much too early, but it seems the impact that he had on people was as much as someone who lived 80 years. Mike, who had been with Finch Turf for the past year, was a young man that was very successful in his athletic career in lacrosse, but more importantly, he was very involved with his community. The article about him in the Baltimore Sun told of someone who was dedicated to his community, his friends, and most of all, his family. It was obvious that he had a big impact on those he came in contact with. We are fortunate to have had these two people travel through our professional lives and our thoughts and prayers go out to their families.

Over the last few years I have written about how we tend to overemphasize our jobs and how we should all take a look at

how our profession takes its' toll on many people who are in it. The passing of these two men, and the love and commitment they showed their families, has given me reason to take a look, again, at my priorities. Over the past few months I have lost focus on what is important and now I feel myself needing to get them back in order. What's important is the following - our family, our health and our faith. My job is important but it should not rule my life or my families' life. But, I am finding that it has in the last few months.

I am curious as to how many Superintendents take summer vacations with their family. In the past, I have joked that I like staying home while the wife and kids go to the beach. I can enjoy the quiet in the house and I can play as much golf as I want without hearing about it when I get home. Inevitably, I will stay at work longer than usual and not relax or go home early or visit the golf courses of friends who invite me to play some golf. When I would talk to the kids on the phone, they always are upset and ask, "Why can't you come with us, Daddy?" No more. This year I will be at the beach during the last week of July with my family. I have great Assistants and a staff that will keep working while I am gone. It's time to let them do what they are hired to do, run the operation in my absence. They will be prepared and they will know how to reach me in an emergency, but they know that if

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Bullets from the Boardroom

MAAGCS Secretary - Nick Vance, CGCS



A few of our members have called the office or one of the Board of Directors to ask why the Professional Golfers Association has changed their policy regarding the admittance of spouses into their tournaments. We do not have any input into the regulations set forth by the PGA, so the best way to find out why the change was made would probably be to write the local PGA office and also send a copy to the national PGA. We should get some response from one or both of them as to why the change was made. To the best of our knowledge the game of golf is still being promoted as a family activity and one of the ways to keep it that way is to have the entire family involved.



Congratulations are in order for Mr. and Mrs. Allen Bohrer. Allen advised us at the July meeting that he and his wife have purchased Newsom Seed as of July 1, 1998. We are happy for them and we are looking forward to a continued good relationship with the company. We will all miss the business relationship we have had with Mr. and Mrs. Strick Newsom over the past several years, but we wish them continued success and happiness in all their future endeavors. We hope they stay around to enjoy the personal relationships we have formed from the industry.



On June 8, 1998 we received a Briefax from the Government Relations Department of GCSAA. It read as follows: The budget proposed by President Clinton for FY99 (starting in October 1998) again this year includes NO funds to support the National Turfgrass Evaluation Program (NTEP) in the United States Department of Agriculture. GCSAA and other turfgrass research supporters were successful the last two years in getting funding restored in the spending bills developed by Congressional appropriations committees (they do not have to follow the President's recommendations). Efforts are needed again this year to let Congress know that federal funding for this program should not be eliminated. Your elected officials in Congress are beginning to develop FY99 spending bills for government programs. Calls, letters and e-mails are needed nationwide to urge Congress to continue funding NTEP. For information on how to contact your members of Congress, visit GCSAA Online (members only) or call the GCSAA government relations department at (800) 472-7878 ext. 6 1 0 or e-mail at criordan@gcsaa.org.

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tournament was keeping green speed consistent from green-to-green, day-to-day. Bill says, "I just went into it with an attitude that we'll try to do everything we can to prepare the course in the condition that the PGA wants."

On July 4 the Columbia Association and the FORE Baltimore Foundation invited all those who volunteered to work on the golf course to a catered dinner at Fairway Hills to thank them for their tireless efforts. Chappy was also pleased with the volunteer efforts of area golf course personnel. He says, "Ninety percent of our volunteers have asked to come back next year. I think that shows what a success this was."

Hobbit's Glen has a three-year contract with the PGA Tour, so Bill and his cohorts can look forward to preparing the course for at least two more Senior Classic events. With this year's success to build on, one can only for see good things in the future for Hobbit's Glen.

by Douglas Fleming

Assistant Superintendent, Hillendale CC

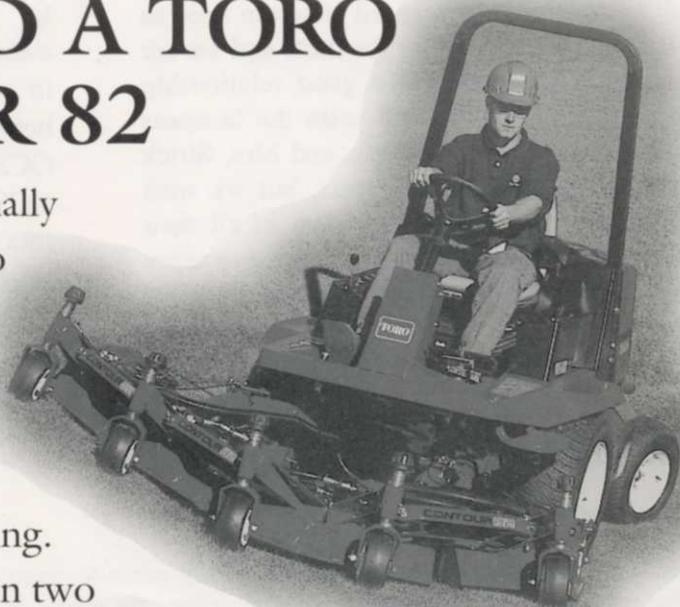
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Nutrient Management Laws

by Ryland Chapman

On June 4th, MAGI held an educational meeting for 50 people within the Green Industry. The topic of discussion was Nutrient Management and School Pesticide Notification Laws and how these will affect golf course superintendents.

The meeting was held in the Maryland Department of Agriculture(MDA) building in Annapolis Maryland. The purpose of this educational meeting was to bring a small group of individuals within the Green Industry up to speed on the most recent laws. Then, in turn, spread the word to the rest of the community to what is going to happen to their business. MAGI felt there was no better way than having representatives of MDA be guest speakers to clarify the new rules and regulations addressed in State Bill 17B. Present from the Golf Industry were Mike Gilmore (Turf Valley Resort & Conference Center), Lou Rudinski (Anne Arundel County Recreation), Joe Perry (Eagle's Landing Golf Course, Ben Stagg (Keen Consulting), Steve Potter (Woodholme Country Club), John Shields (Glen Dale Country Club), and Ryland Chapman (Fairway Hills Golf Course).

Mark Schlossberg, president of MAGI, coordinated and conducted the three hour meeting. The speakers of the day were Mr. Dennis Howard, Mr. Fred Samadani, and Ms. Louise Lawrence. Mr. Howard covered the laws pertaining to School Pesticide Notification Laws. Mr. Samadani and Ms. Lawrence addressed the issues revolving around the Nutrient Management Laws. Mr. Samadani and Ms. Lawrence, employees of the research and conservation department, are working with the State, members of the subcommittees and the University of Maryland Co-operative Extension Service on the Nutrient Management Laws. They also invited people to join the subcommittees to help draft rules and regulations for the Nutrient Management Laws.

Lou Rudinski and Ryland Chapman, as MAAGCS representatives, attended the first and second subcommittee meetings on June 30th and July 9th. These subcommittee meetings dealt with the Nutrient Management Laws. Golf courses were not on the agenda for these subcommittee meetings

but representatives needed to be present to understand their direction and let the committees know that superintendents are very interested in what is going to happen to the Green Industry as a whole, especially in our own backyard. The farmers were the topic of discussion and they are in for a real treat. Individuals with agricultural land have to have a Nutrient Management plan for their land prepared by a Certified Nutrient Management Consultant (CNMC). Individuals applying nutrients to that land must be licensed, certified, in possession of an applicator certificate from the Department of Agriculture, or must work for a person who meets one of these criteria. Plus, these individuals have to renew their certificate every three years with three hours of educational requirements by the department. This is only a brief overview for agriculture land.

An individual who applies nutrients for hire to land for agricultural purpose shall: (1) be a nutrient management consultant certified by the Department of Agriculture or work under the supervision of such a person; (2) make available documentation, in the form of a certificate, work order, or other similar documents, to the landowner or manager, that the applicator possesses or is working under such a certificate. The MDA has not discussed individuals who apply nutrients for hire to land used for non-agricultural purposes.

As non-agricultural land managers, golf course superintendents will fall under the recommendations of the University of Maryland's Co-operative Extension Service. A meeting has been set with Dr. Tom Turner, who is currently working on recommendations for Golf Courses and Lawn Care. The next meetings are on July 21st and August 4th will be covering the Green Industry. The meeting with Dr. Turner will be prior to these two meetings. We want to be well prepared for these meetings because we are not taking these laws lightly. Some of the fines for violations will be \$1,000 for first violation and \$2,000 for each subsequent violation. When the results of these subcommittee meetings are available they will be passed on to the MAAGCS membership. Ryland Chapman will be able to address your questions concerning these issues.

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GCSAA First Tee Program

The Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA) has established its commitment to the World Golf Foundation's The First Tee initiative as part of the Association's position on the project's advisory committee.

"Junior golf is a subject near and dear to the heart of GCSAA and its members," GCSAA President George Renault, CGCS said. "The vast majority of our members first experienced the game at an early age playing and/or working at a golf facility. The First Tee Initiative combines the resources of the nation's golf governing bodies to provide access to the sport for those who otherwise may not have had the opportunity."

Among the activities GCSAA has committed to include:

1. Provide GCSAA members as role models for minority programs.
2. Provide support for The First Tee through GCSAA's internal and external media outlets.

3. Development of an operations manual for maintenance of First Tee facilities.

4. Solicit in-kind donations from industry partners.

5. Support the environmental education of youth in conjunction with First Tee facilities.

6. Facilitate chapter support for maintenance programs for First Tee facilities.

7. Coordinate with chapters to provide labor from local golf course maintenance facilities.

8. Conduct turfgrass/environmental research at First Tee facilities.

9. Develop a charity event around GCSAA's annual 800-member Golf Championship, presented in partnership with The Toro Co.

The primary contribution of participants in The First Tee initiative will be the provision of expertise and consulting advice, land planning service and other

services to reduce the total cost of each project. President George Bush is the honorary chairman, while the oversight committee includes the PGA TOUR, USGA, Augusta National Golf Club, PGA of America and the LPGA. Joining GCSAA among the organizations on the advisory committee are the National Golf Foundation, American Society of Golf Course Architects, National Golf Course Owners Association, Tiger Woods Foundation, American Junior Golf Association, National Minority Golf Foundation and National Association of Junior Golfers. Numerous other organizations are participating as well.

"GCSAA is an organization that is important to the infrastructure of the game of golf," Renault said. "Our commitment will hopefully play a key role in establishing The First Tee facilities. But the true strength of the association is the people who volunteer their time and knowledge to benefit their communities."

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MAAGCS Golf Notes

This year's Superintendent-Professional Tournament at Robert Trent Jones Golf Club was a huge success. Despite several inches of rain over the weekend and threatening weather the day of the tournament, Glenn Smickley, CGCS, and his staff had the golf course in tremendous shape. The layout and course set-up certainly provided a formidable challenge to the fifty teams that competed. Thanks, Glenn, for a great day!

I would also like to thank Head Golf professional, Cary Sciorra, and his staff for a great job in organizing and scoring the tournament, and the food and beverage staff who bent over backwards to cater to us. Thanks, again, to everyone at Robert Trent Jones; we, hope to be invited back in the future.

The 1998 President's Cup was won by Fawn Lake's Bob Wren and Bob Swezey in a playoff with defending champions Sean Remington and Jim Fitzgerald of Chevy Chase Club, and Jeff Michel of Mount Vernon. Jeff played courageously, without his professional, Pete Van Pelt, but was eliminated after the first hole. With darkness setting in, the team of Wren and Swezey prevailed after four extra holes. Congratulations to the winners and to all who came to enjoy a wonderful day of golf with our fellow professionals, The day's results were:

Low Net

- 1st Bob Wren/Bob Swezey (69)
- 2nd Sean Remington/Jim Fitzgerald (69)
- 3rd Jeff Michel/Pete Van Pelt (69)
- 4th John Gabbeitt/Chris Olsen (70)
- 5th George Renault/Charlie Briggs (71)
- 6th Scott Wagner/Luther Showaker (72)
- 7th Michael Evans/Larry Ringer (73)
- 8th Jeff Vietmeier/Tom Hanna (74)
- 9th Tom Ritter/Dave Walker (74)
- 10th Jeff Facto/Sean Mack (74)

Low Gross

- 1st Dick Fisher/RobMcNamara (70)
- 2nd Glenn Smickley/Cary Sciorra (72)
- 3rd Steve Cohoon/Mark Jansen (75)

Closest-to the Hole

- #2 John Tutich
- #9 Phil Sainsbury
- #11 Jeff Michel
- #16 Mark Jansen

Long Drive

- #3 Tom Mynaugh
- #15 Joe Burden



1998 President's Cup Winners - Bob Swezey and Bob Wren

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June's golf tournament was our Four-Man Scramble at the Country Club of Maryland. For many of us, it was our first visit to the Country Club of Maryland. What a treat! Thanks Dave, to you and your staff for a superb golf course. The day's winners were:

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| 1st (62) | 3rd (62) |
| Paul Brandon | Bob Katula |
| Steve Cohoon | Dave Nehila |
| Tom Walsh | Matt Richter |
| Wayne Brissey | Tim Anderson |
| 2nd (62) | 4th (63) |
| Jeff Vance | Jim McHenry |
| Mike Graebner | Tim Sage |
| Blaine Oxyer | Kevin Mathias |
| Bill Brimhall | Brian Bupp |

Closest to the Hole

- #5- Tom Walsh
- #8- Gary Harshman
- #13- Ken Ingram
- #17- Dave Nehila

Long Drive

- #9- Rich Isaac

Closest to the Line

- #2- Bob Wren

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Collecting & Sending Diseased Turfgrass Samples To A Lab

by Peter H. Dernoeden, University of Maryland

Most Land Grant Universities provide plant disease diagnostic services. Many of these laboratories, however, are not staffed by pathologists trained to diagnose turfgrass diseases. Few, if any labs, are able to identify virus diseases of turfgrasses. Some universities and all private labs charge a fee. Hence, it is prudent to choose a laboratory that you have confidence in, but it is equally important that samples are properly collected and shipped. As time is always an essential factor in treating turf diseases, samples must be transported as rapidly as possible. Either direct transport or overnight express shipment is preferable. Most turf pathologists at universities have little or no daily responsibilities in plant disease labs or clinics run by the cooperative extension service. Hence, if you wish for a particular specialist to handle your problem it is wise to contact that individual by telephone prior to shipping samples. Otherwise, the turfgrass specialist may be out-of-town or

have other commitments that preclude a rapid handling of your sample. If shipping by express mail never ship on Thursday, Friday or Saturday, as samples arriving over a weekend or holiday will not be processed until the following Monday or workday. Samples received on Friday cannot be incubated or properly examined until Monday.

The pathologist should receive fresh samples in good condition. Samples must be collected while the disease is actively injuring or causing a decline of the turf. Samples collected even a few days after disease activity has subsided may yield negative or misleading information. Avoid sending dead plants or samples from turf areas recently treated with fungicides. Samples should also be clearly marked on the outside of packaged soil or turfplugs, and ideally should be accompanied with a sample submission form from the lab or a letter that provides the information outlined below. The form letter should be placed in a

separate plastic bag.

1.) Turf Species and Site Affected

- a. Green, tee, fairway, lawn, athletic field, etc.
- b. Full sun, partial shade, heavy shade
- c. Soil often wet or dry
- d. Soil type and pH; is soil compacted?
- e. Name of cultivar and age of turf, if known
- f. Mowing height and frequency

2.) Symptoms and Environmental Conditions

- a. Describe symptoms (e.g. circular patches; diffuse thinning; color changes), and distribution (e.g. widespread, localized, scattered)
- b. Describe conditions just prior to and during the period when injury became evident

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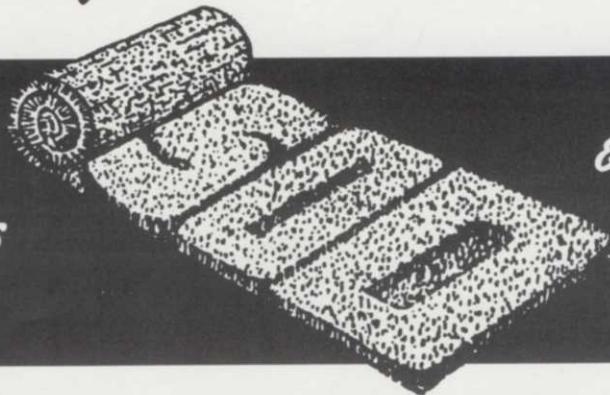


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c. Date symptoms first appeared and date of sample collection

3.) Cultural and Chemical

a. List all pesticides applied to the site within 21 days prior to appearance of symptoms

b. Note the total amount of N-P-K applied in the last 12 months and soil pH
b. Irrigation frequency; amounts and time of day

4.) Polaroid Photographs

a. Close-up photo's and photos taken from a standing position are particularly useful

Sod pieces the size of a book or a cup cutter size plugs are ideal for situations where a fungal or bacterial disease, environmental stress or chemically damaged tissue is suspected. Virus diseases of turf are diagnosed by host symptoms and not by serological DNA-based techniques. Bacterial diseases are relatively uncommon in turf, and are primarily diagnosed by sectioning tissue and searching for streaming oozes of bacterial cells. Bacteria are identified based on colony growth characteristics on specialized bacteriological media; staining (i.e. Gram stain) character; and ability to grow in absence of oxygen (anaerobic growth).

Two or more plugs should be carefully selected from areas where both early and advanced symptoms are evident. Each plug should contain dead tissue (if present), and some healthy

appearing plants. The majority of the sample, however, should contain various stages of unhealthy, declining or blighted tissue. Plugs should be taken to a soil depth of about two inches. Send only soil that is clinging to roots; don't stud deep plugs where there is a conspicuous cleavage zone beyond which roots do not penetrate. The only exception would be if black layers are evident from putting greens. Plugs should be collected when soil is moist, but well drained and not in a muddy or soggy condition. Samples should then wrapped in an inner, damp paper towel followed by an outer wrapping of aluminum foil. Do not box plugs that are loose or unbound in paper bags or newspaper. Aluminum foil is preferred because it helps ensure that soil and roots remain intact during transit. Plugs wrapped in paper or crowded into large plastic bags normally arrive as a loose mass of soil mixed on top and within the turfgrass canopy. Broken plugs with soil mixed into diseased foliar tissue greatly impedes the pathologist, and may be cause for an improper diagnosis. Before packing the foil-wrapped plugs, insure that field identification information is securely fixed to the outside of the foil. Obviously, if diseased turf samples are being hand delivered they would not have to be as carefully wrapped. However, samples shipped express or overnight mail should be foil wrapped and packed with newspaper or appropriate packing material to prevent tumbling and breaking-up of plugs. Package the samples for transport as if they were glass or some other breakable object.

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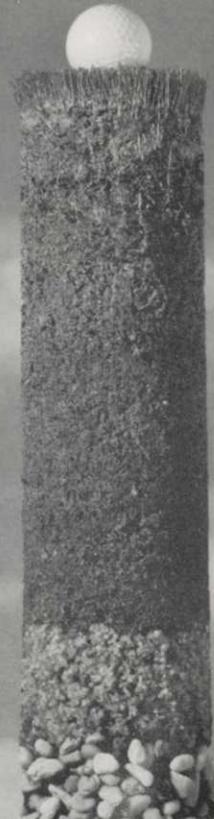
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A Glimpse of the Past...

by Lee C. Dieter, CGCS

I've had some thoughts since my retirement last year about our association. Founded in 1928, the Mid-Atlantic Association of Golf Course Superintendents is seventy (70) years old this year. Another milestone to mark this year is the 50th Anniversary of our newsletter. A few of you may even know the names of our founders, past presidents, board members or newsletter editors from these earlier years.

We've had National Presidents and committee members that worked for our profession and GCSAA on the national level. Golf champions, speakers, educators, commercial representatives and others also served our group of greenskeepers in the early years. Most of the problems in growing grass today are the same today, although the tools we have now are more formidable.

The articles I'll be writing will address these thoughts, problems and personalities. Perhaps we will all learn more from the past and will gain a sense of history and appreciation for those who have gone before us. These Greenskeepers from the past are those who have raised our profession to a level it has attained today. Hopefully today's superintendents will realize that they must not sit back and rest on the efforts of the past if we are to have a great future; a future as true professionals.

Lee Dieter will be writing columns about the past in future issues. He currently is working with a committee dedicated to the history of our Association and the GCSAA as well.

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In the laboratory, most samples are incubated overnight in a humidity chamber, particularly if a foliar pathogen is suspected. For most diseases a diagnosis is generally made within 48 hours of receiving a fresh, properly collected and shipped sample. If the pathologist must first attempt to isolate a possible, pathogen on a sterile media, the process may require a waiting period of one or more weeks. Other techniques may involve months of waiting. All techniques that begin with an attempt to isolate a pathogen are tedious and time consuming to perform. During this interim, however, a turf pathologist is likely to suggest cultural and chemical approaches to alleviate the disease stress and further turf damage.



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Condolences

To the family and friends of Rhys Arthur upon the death of his father.

Get Well Wishes

To Lindsay Caldwell, daughter of Gordon Caldwell, CGCS, recovering from back surgery.

To Caroline Haley, daughter of John Haley, recovering from a recent illness.

To Granville Ruckman recovering from surgery.

To Mel Fifer recovering from a stroke.

Reroutings

Christopher Kendall is now the superintendent at the Links of Gettysburg

Scott Leonard is now at Woodmont Country Club

Anthony Lorenz is now at The Bay Club

Scott Parvin is now at Loudon Golf & C Club

Paul Ramina is now at Riviera Country Club

Steve Sweiderk is now at Eisenhower Golf Course

Tom Wunch is now at Norbeck Country Club

Calendar of Upcoming Events

September 8th

Superintendent/Club Official Tournament

Greystone Golf Course

September 18th

Ladies Night

October 13th

Annual Championship

Mount Vernon Country Club

In Memoriam

Michael C. Graebner, 24, of Towson, Maryland was an outstanding part of the sales team at Finch Turf Equipment, Inc in Westminster, MD. His sales territory was the Eastern Shore of Maryland and Delaware. His first year began with attaining the top sales ranking for '97/'98, Well liked among his peers, his accomplishments will never be forgotten and his friendship will be sorely missed.

Remembering Carroll A. Davis

by: Dave Cammarota

My earliest recollections of Carroll Davis began in 1963 when I first came to Baltimore from the Salisbury, Md. area, and was working at Bonnie View Country Club. Carroll was one of the first Sales Reps I was introduced to in the Baltimore area. He represented Harry T. Campbell Inc., a local sand supplier and was calling on golf courses in Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware and Virginia. He was always a gentleman, always jovial, and seemingly hadn't a care in the world. In the early-mid 1970's Harry T. Campbell was bought out by Flintcote, Inc. and Carroll continued as their field representative for the four to five years they owned the company until they eventually sold, to Genstar, Inc. Finally, in 1980, after almost 40 years, Carroll retired from his duties as "The Sandman." During his years as a sand supplier, Carroll, who was member of the Mid-Atlantic, learned that our growing turf industry had no local source for sterilized topdressing, and he was acquainted with Mr. John Strickland who operated a successful topsoil business in Baltimore County. Carroll served as the catalyst responsible for the Mid-Atlantic region's only source of commercially supplied sterilized topdressing mix using his sand, Strickland's topsoil, and some imported peat humus from Western Pennsylvania. After his retirement from Genstar in 1980, Carroll got right back into the business as a field representative for Egypt Farms, and served for 14 years until a serious traffic accident forced his 2nd retirement. Those of us who remember him best recall his casual, ready smile and great sense of humor, and we will miss him.

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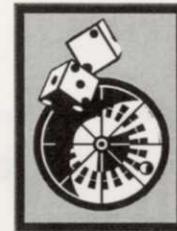


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LADIES NIGHT



September 18th
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President's Message

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they call, it better be good. How many of you vacation in the summer? I really would like to know, so e-mail me or give me a call.

I know of two very successful Superintendents who are just coming off 10 to 14 day vacations with their families. They did not become successful by cutting corners. They have the confidence in their staffs but more importantly, they realize what is important in their lives - their families. Without taking the time, they like us all, would miss out on what is important in the lives of their family. We can never get back lost time. While it is necessary to be dedicated to your job, it is important to take care of yourself and those you love.

A good way to spend some time with your family was to attend the Annual Picnic at Mayo Beach, in Anne Arundel County. Those who attended the picnic can tell you that co-host Lou Rudinski hit a homer when he turned us onto Mayo Beach. The swimming, games, entertainment and the food and drink made for a great day. The day started with golf at the course of Lou's co-host, John Newcomb, CGCS. South River and the Birney family welcomed the MAAGCS back for another attempt at the challenging course. The day was a great way to get away with the family and mingle with your peers in a relaxing atmosphere. Thanks to Lou, John and Social & Benevolence Director Dave Rudinski for their hard work.

September will find the MAAGCS headed for yet another new site for the membership meeting. Drew Scully and his staff at the Greystone Golf Course will host the Superintendent/Club Official Tournament. Come out and see why everyone is talking about one of the best new courses in the Mid-Atlantic. It will surely be a good test and a chance to spend a day with someone from your course. Brian Ault will speak about Renovation and Reconstruction, a great topic to hear with your club official.

In closing, I would like to thank the sponsors of the picnic who year in and year out make the day a great one. Davisson Golf, Egypt Farms, G. L. Cornell, Newsom Seed, Phoenix Irrigation and Turf Equipment & Supply are the companies that helped supply the food and drink for our families to enjoy. Thank you to all and here is hoping for everyone having a successful season!

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Industry News

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The two winning regional teams will qualify for the National Championship in Scottsdale, Arizona, November 12-15, 1998. Your team must consist of the Superintendent, President, General Manager and Golf Professional. The superintendent must be a member of GCSAA in order to advance to the national event. The format is a modified scramble with limits on the team handicaps. Each tour-

namment will have a thirty-two team limit.

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Footjoy and Softspikes Ask for Superintendent Input

Footjoy and Softspikes, Inc. have partnered to launch a new interactive bulletin board - www.fjss.com. They hope to foster discussions pertaining to alternative golf cleat and molded outsole issues. Footjoy and Softspikes, Inc. will be monitoring the conversations posted on the bulletin board to gain a greater understanding of the issues and ideas put forth by the golf course superintendent's, leading to the development of improved products from a golf footwear and alternative golf cleat standpoint. The site is password-protected. To access the site you will need to use the following Password and User ID: root.

Texas A & M Looking for Fairy Ring Samples

Texas A & M University is collecting and cataloguing the fungi associated with fairy ring. This will be used to develop an identification database for future research efforts. Dr. Colbaugh is requesting samples of fairy ring fungi from superintendents across the United States. Please send samples to:

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This year will also be Dr. Ronald J. Seibel's last year of teaching. He is retiring from the Institute of Applied Agriculture. He has been at the University since the early 60's and has brought it to the outstanding institution it is today. A plaque was given to him by the IAA staff for his commitment to the Institute. Dr. Seibel will be greatly missed.

Tee Box Humor

It seems there were three golf course employees, a mechanic, the assistant superintendent and the superintendent, walking along when they happened upon a magic lantern. They rubbed the lamp and out popped a genie that granted each of the people one wish. The mechanic spoke first requesting a long, all expense paid trip to Hawaii. The assistant superintendent was next requesting an extended vacation to Tahiti with all expenses paid. Finally, the superintendent was asked by the genie what his wish was and the superintendent responded, "I want both of them back by one o'clock."

1998 MAAGCS Membership Directory Mailed

The 1998 directory has been mailed to every MAAGCS member. Please look at the appropriate entries and call the MAAGCS office with any corrections. The database has been updated, but the only way to maintain accurate information is if members call as soon as possible when places of employment, addresses, telephone numbers or classifications change. In order for you to receive timely mailings of meeting notices, employment referrals and newsletters we must have your most current address.

Once again a directory information card will be included with the 1999 MAAGCS Dues Invoice. In 1998 approximately 70% of the members returned this card. Our goal is to have 100% of the cards returned insuring that the database will be as accurate as possible when the directory is published. If your information should change after your card is returned and before May 31st please call the MAAGCS office.

Enclosed in this newsletter mailing you will find Directory Update Sheets. A list will be made when new members are accepted into the association and current members make changes. These will be included with each newsletter. At the back of each directory is a pocket for you to insert the additional directory pages.

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