

May Meeting

Golden Oaks Country Club

May 13, 2003

10:45 AM - Speaker

11:30 AM - Lunch

1:00 PM - Shotgun

Hors d'oeuvres/Beverages following golf

There will be a CPGCSA Board of Directors
Meeting at 8:30 AM.

Superintendent Profile

Stuart Hartman has been at Golden Oaks Country Club since 1993. He is a Regional Superintendent with American Golf Corporation overseeing properties in Connecticut, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. Stuart is married to Cheryl and has 3 daughters - Amanda, Erica, and Rachel.

Golf Course Profile

Golden Oaks started construction in 1993 and opened on July 4, 1994. The course is over 7,000 yards from the Pro Tees. Golden Oaks is a challenging modern course with a good variety of holes and scenic views. The fairways are rolling and tree-lined, and the greens are large and roll true. The Tees, Fairways, and Greens are Bent. The course is owned and operated by American Golf Corporation since 1996.

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Mid-Atlantic USGA Update

Winter Issues Are Now Spring Concerns

By Keith Happ, Agronomist
Updated 3-31-03

Snow has melted, soils have thawed and, at many golf courses, mowing has begun. This is the time of year when the grass begins to wake and color begins to return to the landscape. As the daylight hours increase, more time will be spent out on the golf course readying surfaces for play. After visiting courses early this season it is clear that there is a wide array of issues that must be handled. Communication with golfers remains the most important management issue.

Ice Damage

Isolated ice damage has occurred on courses in the northern half of the Mid-Atlantic Region. Direct low temperature and/or crown hydration has damaged *Poa annua* populations. If you suspect winter damage, bring turf plugs into the maintenance building to evaluate the percentage of recovery. After 24 hours of warming, use a hand lens to examine the bud leaf of the plants. An emerging bud leaf indicates survival. Many times, wind desiccation effects are mistaken for direct low temperature kill. The key is, don't panic and react by over-fertilizing. There is time to evaluate the condition and implement a recovery plan.

Aeration

Stand fast on plans to core aerate this spring. While it has been a long winter, not aerating just to appease those golfers who haven't been able to play will only lead to problems as the season unfolds. Spring is the time to prepare the golf course for a full season of use. Spring aeration should not be looked upon as optional.

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President's Message

In the last newsletter, I jokingly made a long-range forecast for our meeting at Susquehanna Valley CC for sunny and 83 degrees. Much to my surprise, as Wanda reminded me, it was sunny and 83 degrees! Maybe I'm in the wrong business. Who would have thought that we would see those temperatures, that far north, in April. Needless to say, it was a great day for golf and I would like to thank Jay Kline from the Keystone Association for arranging the details for a fine day. A day later and we would have been blessed with 35 degrees and rain. A week earlier and there would have been 6 inches of snow on the ground! A special thanks goes out to Greg Bingeman and his crew for providing a beautiful golf course especially with the way our weather has been. I wasn't able to stay for golf, but apparently everyone had a great time and enjoyed the course.

I'd like to give you an update on some things that you will be receiving in upcoming weeks.

1. Survey forms will be sent out soon. Your participation is important and is a valuable tool for CPGCSA members in dealing with owners / greens chairmen, when it comes to budgets, salaries, etc. The more people who fill out the forms, the more accurate the numbers and stats will be.
2. We will be doing some major bylaw revisions in the next couple of months, as our present bylaws are far outdated. Each CPGCSA member will receive a copy of the revisions in August to review for approval at our annual meeting in October.
3. You will also be receiving nomination forms to vote for the 2004 recipient of the Dave Rafferty Distinguished Service Award. Please be thinking now of potential candidates who have shown dedication, service and leadership in CPGCSA and turfgrass industry.

Thank you for your participation and input into the association and I look forward to seeing you at Golden Oaks on May 13th.

Bill Brooks

From the Editor

Why is it that when you are searching for a topic of discussion, the weather is always the first thing that comes to mind? Does the topic put you in a comfort zone to talk about the obvious or is it the thread that is common to all of us in the industry.

I am going into my seventh season here in central Pennsylvania. Other than the weather, I think the strongest common bond we have are the many quality sales reps that we deal with on a daily basis. Not only do they help us out with product knowledge, but they also are active with representation on the Board of Directors, as well as being a major supporter of this newsletter. Our monthly meetings are well attended by our vendors (looking around the April meeting it looked like a 50/50 split). Non-golf functions such as the fall family picnic and the Central Penn Night are also organized with the help of our Class AF members.

Like the many Class A and B members, who through the years have helped our association grow, the ongoing support of our Affiliate members will only help with the continued success of the CPGCSA.

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The following individuals have applied for membership into our association. If there are no written objections within the next seven days, they will be accepted into CPGCSA at the next meeting.

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Bent Creek Country Club Class C

Jeffrey Flamisch, Assistant Superintendent
Brookside Country Club Class C

Fred Heinlen, Sales Representative
Growing Solutions/Egypt Farms.... Class AF

We would like to welcome the following individuals into our association.

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Lancaster Host Resort Class B

Edward Keil, Superintendent
Lehman Golf Club..... Class A

James Laubach, Assistant Superintendent
Bucknell Golf Club Class C

Ben Tresselt, Owner
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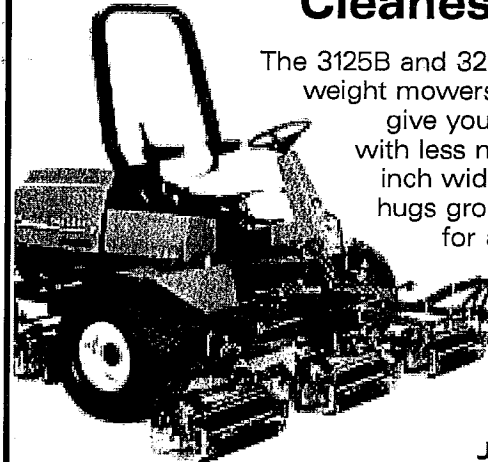
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- 1 - Cushman Eagle Cart
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We will continue to advertise "used equipment" and "equipment wanted" in each newsletter. If you have anything that may be of interest, please contact Wanda to place your ad FREE!!

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Poa annua Seed Head Control

This winter provided a very uniform freeze of the soils and this will impact Poa annua seed development. When speaking with researchers and other agronomists, the consensus is that a uniform bloom of seed stalks is likely, resulting in a very different condition compared to the last few winters. Monitor soil temperatures, growing degree days, and southern exposed areas of the golf course. Poa annua flowers will emerge on warmer, south-facing slopes well before other areas of the course. Use as many indicators as possible to help plan control procedures.

If we can be of assistance, contact Stan Zontek (szontek@usga.org) or Darin Bevard (dbevard@usga.org) at 610/ 696-4747 or Keith Happ (khapp@usga.org) at 412/ 341-5922.

Happy
Mother's
Day

Heather and Gorse

By Mark V. DelSantoro, CGCS

Wow, what a spring full of ups and downs! On the up side... never in my life can I remember a time when I've experienced more things happening in such a short time period. Job wise, coming on fulltime with Syngenta has been a blur since early February. Now my family is in the process of relocating to Pittsburgh and with this, my wife is experiencing the joys involved with that relocation, including, but not limited to, the sorting through and thinning out of all the junk we've accumulated over the past ten years living in the same domicile. Adding to the blurriness, in one quick weekend about one month ago, we bought a house outside of Latrobe, PA (pronounced LAY-TROBE by the locals) and sold our house in Downingtown, PA. WOW!!!

Family wise, I've got two kids that are growing up and maturing faster than I ever could have imagined... in six months we've gone from watching the Rugrats, Rocket Power and the Wiggles to almost exclusively watching Animal Rescue, Animal Cops, and my son's new favorite, Steve Irwin, "The Croc Hunter." Blimey! And of course, my 1½-year-old, Julianna, is following Zachary around like a lovesick groupie. If imitation is such an ultimate form of flattery, then it's a good thing Zachary is grounded... if he wasn't he'd need a lifetime to come back down to earth. And of course, Julianna attempts to copy everything he does, and is incredibly successful at an amazingly high percentage of his stunts. Exciting and scary all at the same time!

Life on the road is certainly an interesting proposition... I think I know every exit on the turnpike between Downingtown and Pittsburgh by heart. As for the scenic views, while beautiful the first time or two out and back, they're quickly turning into a perpetual rerun of a bad TV reality show. I'll be happy when we're finally settled out there in early June.

On the downside there's a lot that's annoying me lately... for instance, on the subject of "Reality TV"... is there anyone else out there in heather and gorse land that wishes reality TV would dry up and go away. My wife and I were as guilty as anyone else of getting caught up in the initial craze. We were some of the original Survivor-aholics a few years back (remember when Richard Hatch won). Then my wife got into the Bachelor and that was OK overall... somewhat new and different (I watched a little of the second one). With American Idol, when you have nothing else to do, it's fun watching the young stars develop, perform, and fall, although I believe the selection process to be horribly flawed. It shouldn't matter anyway though... while many of the finalists have incredible talent, two things are for sure... 1) Simon is the man and 2) Ruben 205 is so much better than everyone else it's really no contest!

The problem I'm experiencing in general with this topic is that it seems that "The Reality TV" landscape has gotten out of hand. Somewhere between the "new and different" and the "shock and awe," there was this blatant prostitution of the reality TV market. The net result was the reinvention and the regurgitation of the same shows with abnormal twists. Joe Millionaire, I'm a Celebrity Get Me Outta Here, Boot Camp, Fear Factor, Married By America, Meet the Parents, (and these are just some of the censored ones) and now the latest and greatest... hosted by everyone's favorite liberal, cigar-smoking intern, Monica Lewinsky... Mr. Personality! Now here's a novel show... twenty mask-wearing gents wine and dine a shallow, yet better than average looking professional woman. PLEASE! You can't be serious! Talk about the dumbing down of America. What is it about our society... if a little is good, a lot has to be better right?!? It seems the whole wide world has gone reality crazy and this reality craze has overflowed into other TV sectors as well, such as the fulltime news channels and the conflict in Iraq. I call this a "conflict" for lack of a better term, although Operation Iraqi Freedom has a better "Reality TV" ring to it. It really can't be called a war... was war ever officially declared? I personally prefer "The Deconstruction of Saddam." Whatever the poison you pick, what annoyed me nearly as much as the overindulgence of "Reality TV" shows was the new and different concept of an "embedded journalist" tagging along with the different military units.

At first I thought I was seeing things... news people riding along to give up close and personal insight into a military operation?!? Did someone forget that this wasn't a paintball game? I said to myself, "Self, this is not a good situation!" There are simply too many bad things that can come from this!!! Previous to this, I was surprised by some of the pre-conflict news articles about intercepted cell phone conversations and the like. Does anyone seriously think that Saddam and Osama don't have people reading the USA Today and the Herald on a daily basis??? Yet, this was the first warning sign... an embedded journalist writing an article about intercepted cell phone conversations about Osama's whereabouts, twenty-four hours prior to searching the area! The reporter might as well have called Osama's cell phone personally and warned him to evacuate the area. Whose side are these guys on anyway?

Given my general patriotic beliefs, my overall annoyance with these journalists was tempered in a bite-your-lip manner up until the time I saw Geraldo Rivera drawing a map in the sand that clearly illustrated the general location and the general direction of his assigned unit. UNBELIEVABLE! In one fail swoop, every good reason for not having embedded journalists became crystal clear. I knew the odds were that given time at least one of these megalomaniatic reporters would allow their need to be the story and the center of attention to blur their minds worst than a Iraqi sand storm. I have to believe an act like this to be bordering on treason. Just think of the potential what if's resulting from this idiotic move!!! And then, to top this, Geraldo wouldn't leave without a fight. It blows my mind how some of these stars simply believe they're above the rules/laws that everyone else must respect... I guess that's part of the delineation between irrational art and classic rational logic.

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Golf Results

The following are the tournament results from the April meeting at Susquehanna Valley Country Club.

1st Place	61
Eric Kline	Dan Kline
Wes Mauger	Randy Ratcliff
Joe Sellers	Faron Stoops
Ricky Siefkas	Keith Perl
2nd Place	63
Terry Sprenkle	Greg Borzok
John Hollick	Dave Sheleski
John Fowler	Matt Brown
Jim Hartkorn	Carl Stackhouse
3rd Place	64
Dick Kauffman	Mark MacDonald
Drew Weaver	Fred Heinlen
4th Place	66
John Colo	Steve Gross
Thom Mahute	Chris Martin

To All GCSAA Chapters:

Please help us spread the word about this year's North American Birdwatching Open on May 10!

We are pleased to invite everyone to participate in the sixth annual North American Birdwatching Open on International Migratory Bird Day, Saturday, May 10, 2003. Over the course of 24-hours, participants identify as many different birds as they can on their properties. The data we gather provide useful information about bird species commonly found on different types of properties. Participants are encouraged to invite someone experienced in bird identification to help, if needed, to contribute to a more accurate count.

This year we are opening the event to members of the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program and non-members alike. The greater the number of participants, the greater the value of the information gathered. The event is a fun and easy way to see what birds are on your course during this "peak" time of year and generate data about the diversity of birds on managed landscapes AND can help to create some great local environmental connections.

To register for the event or get more information, visit...
<http://www.audubonintl.org/projects/birdwatchopen/birdopen.htm> ...or contact Jennifer Batza at (518) 767-9051, extension 12 or jbatza@audubonintl.org.

Heather & Gorse

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Speaking of irrational thinking... my final "shitaqua" concerns these movie stars and/or music stars that feel that because they have a forum and a following they can so openly and so vehemently oppose the war and for that matter, anything else President Bush does. For instance, for that Dixie Chick to say something like "I'm embarrassed to say I'm from Texas"... well, she should be embarrassed, but not about the location of the rock she crawled out from under. Similarly, the likes of Susan Sarandon and her "significant" other and partner-for-life, Tim Robbins (as well as Alec Baldwin and others) ... These people are fruitcakes to the nth degree! These are the same people who feel it's OK to burn our flag in the schoolyard, but not salute it while it's burning. Just because they have a star on some sidewalk in Hollywood they think they can impose their will and/or beliefs on everyone else and we're idiots if we don't listen to them and take action? And God forbid their box office revenue goes down as a result of their public irrationality. What an absolute joke? Maybe they ought to do something productive with their time... go take acting lessons, or music lessons, or go save the beached sperm whales or something of the like. Most importantly, keep your opinions to yourselves and if you don't like our country, LEAVE! I'll buy you a ticket! I'm sure Germany, France, or Russia will welcome y'all with open arms. If you're looking for new homes, I'm told there are several empty palaces in Iraq! These domiciles are spacious and somewhat airy, depending on the room, and most definitely can be acquired at a bargain price.

Let's face it... the reality is that war sucks! No one wants our young adults to be at risk anywhere in the world. No one wants harm to come to the Iraqi civilians. It's really too bad we all can't get along... but fact of the matter is that Saddam and Osama and their followers are threats to our very existence and the freedoms we take for granted on a daily basis. Why should we as a generally unified nation allow them to compromise our confidence in our national security as well as our own personal safety? The reality is that Americans living in America should not have to fear for their lives and following 9/11/01, it's the responsibility of our government to ensure we never have to experience that sort of fear from a foreign entity ever again! That's my up and down, all-around, annoying, reality bites point of view from the heather and gorse.

CPGCSA Guest Policy

Guests will be limited to the following:

- One guest per member per meeting with the approval of the host superintendent. (As indicated on the reservation form)
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We Wonder.....???

-if white wine goes with fish, do white grapes go with sushi?
-why haven't they invented a mouse flavored cat food?
-should amphibians wait one hour after eating before getting out of the water?
-if someone with multiple personalities threatens to kill himself, is it considered a hostage situation?
-when sign makers go on strike, is anything written on their picket signs?

CPGCSA Merchandise

There will be CPGCSA logo merchandise available for purchase at upcoming meetings.

Golf Shirts.....	\$35.00
Wind shirts	\$40.00
Hats	\$10.00

GCSAA 2004 Call For Nominations Due July 1

In accordance with Article VII, Section 1 of the GCSAA Bylaws, the official call for nominations for candidates for the 2004 Annual Election will be mailed to all affiliated chapter presidents, vice presidents, secretaries, treasurers, voting delegates and executive directors/secretaries the week of April 14.

The following offices will be up for election in 2004:

President
Vice President
Secretary/Treasurer
Board of Directors (two (2) positions)

Chapters choosing to nominate a candidate should do so in the form of a letter sent to the Nominating Committee Chairman at the following address:

Tommy D. Witt, CGCS
Nominating Committee Chairman
GCSAA Headquarters
1421 Research Park Drive
Lawrence, KS 66049-3859

If you do not receive a confirmation of your nomination from GCSAA Headquarters within 14 days, or if you have any questions about the nominating process, please contact R. Scott Woodhead, Director of Membership, at (800) 472-7878, ext. 418.

The deadline for receipt of nominations is July 1, 2003. The committee will meet by conference call in late July to consider nominations and to select nominees for the available offices.

Revised Rules of Golf

1. On beginning play, as many balls as may be required to obtain a satisfactory result may be played from the first tee. Everyone recognizes a good player needs to "loosen up" but does not have time for the practice tee.
2. A ball sliced or hooked into the rough shall be lifted and placed in the fairway at a point equal to the distance it carried or rolled in the rough. Such veering right or left frequently results from friction between the face of the club and the cover of the ball, and the player should not be penalized for erratic behavior of the ball resulting from such uncontrollable mechanical phenomena.
3. A ball hitting a tree shall be deemed not to have hit the tree. Hitting a tree is simply bad luck and has no place in a scientific game. The player should estimate the distance the ball would have traveled if it had not hit the tree and play the ball from there, preferably from atop a nice firm tuft of grass.
4. There shall be no such thing as a lost ball. The missing ball is on or near the course and eventually be found and pocketed by someone else. It thus becomes a stolen ball, and the player should not compound the felony by charging himself with a penalty stroke.
5. When played from a sand trap, a ball which does not clear the lip on being struck may be hit again on the roll without counting an extra stroke. In no case will more than two strokes be counted in playing from a trap, since it is only reasonable to assume that if a player had time to concentrate on his shot, instead of hurrying it so as not to delay his playing partners, he would be out in two.
6. If a putt passes over the hole without dropping, it is deemed to have dropped. The law of gravity holds that any object attempting to maintain a position in the atmosphere without something to support it must drop. The law of gravity supercedes the law of golf.
7. Same thing goes for a ball that stops at the brink of the hole and hangs there, defying gravity. You cannot defy gravity.
8. Same thing goes for a ball that rims the cup. A ball should not go sideways. This violates the law of physics.
9. A putt that stops close enough to the cup to inspire such comments as "you could blow it in" may be blown in. This rule does not apply if the ball is more than three inches away from the hole, because no one wants to make a travesty of the game.

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The Scotland Experience

While a Penn State senior studying turfgrass science, I realized that the “real world” was imminently approaching, and fast. I figured that as a fresh graduate it was the best time to get up and travel. Not having the money to just go see the world I took a different approach and decided to work overseas and submerge myself in a new culture. With help from Dr. Watschke I contacted Ken Siems, superintendent at Loch Lomond and decided to say my goodbyes and I arrived in Glasgow three weeks before graduation to start with rest of the crew.

Still midnight EST, I arrived for my first day of work. I was handed my work uniforms and several sets of rain gear which I was told will come in handy. It did. If you don't like the weather in Scotland, wait 5 minutes, but always have rain gear. It rained more times on my first day in Scotland than in the previous 5 seasons I had worked in the U.S. There was no coming in to the shop to wait for the rain to stop, because it didn't. While back in Pennsylvania it was one of the driest summers, the west coast of Scotland had its wettest summer on record. My first 3 months, it did NOT rain 4 days. April, May and June had three times more rain than average, average being >90 inches a year. Keep this in mind when I talk about the importance of the Pubs.

Much like here, weather played a huge part in the maintenance of a golf course but in very different ways. In Scotland there is no scheduling of cultural practices on a calendar. No need to have the course closed on Mondays for aeration, because it may be seasons before there is a break in the weather to core. In an environment that is poor for microbes and ideal for thatch, when the weather does break you core everything. In a usually laid back work atmosphere 90 hour weeks were expected for times of nice weather and for tournament preparations.

The biggest problem facing Ken Siems was the low light levels caused by months of overcast weather, causing the turf to become elongated, weak and less resistant to damage. The cool wet weather with no heat stress made an ideal environment for poa – Ken's nemesis. Along with chemical control, each morning greens-mowers hand picked poa plants for 5 minutes before mowing each green to keep the population in check. I expected more of a difference in maintenance practices but besides having a drainage tech instead of an irrigation tech there were more similarities than differences.

The months leading up to the Scottish Open were extra stressful due to the excessive rain. The course which was built on top of a peat bog became so water logged that balls dropped from shoulder height would plug into the ground. Nothing could be cut with a heavy riding mower so fairways and rough were cut by hand. Renovation was done to the sides of the 10th, 12th, 15th, and 16th holes where areas of rough were completely scraped out six inches and replaced with 6,210 tons of sand and 12,800 sq meters of sod only weeks before the Open. The week before the open, submergible pumps and electrical cables were installed to several low lying areas. I did my part of “turfging” as well as being a tournament greens mower which meant walking my greens mower over a mile to my first of 5 triple cuts totaling over 25 miles of walking in just one day. It paid off with green speeds over 13 and personal compliments from the golfers like Ernie Els (a week before his British Open win), Nick Faldo, and Sandy Lyle.

Loch Lomond is the home of the Barclays Scottish Open that is held the week before the British Open. Loch Lomond is a new, very exclusive parkland course that is much different than the public links courses that are mostly associated with Scotland. The course is situated along side the largest lake in Scotland (Loch Lomond) and surrounded by three thousand foot mountains, forests, and rolling hills. The golfers that are fortunate enough to play there are treated to a world class facility showcased by a several hundred year old club house sitting between the 18th green, the loch shore, and castle ruins.

The parkland course was a better experience for me because the maintenance was very similar to what I would experience back in the U.S., very different than the minimal maintenance required by a links course. Not being a golfer I made an effort to see some other courses and gain an appreciation for the game of golf. I visited St. Andrews (all 5), KingsBarns, and St. Andrews Bay and toured all the courses with the superintendent or assistant. I also was fortunate enough to visit the infamous burn at Carnoustie and was at the British Open at Muirfield when Tiger Woods battled the weather to reach well above par. Saving up some pounds before heading home I traveled to London, as well as toured Ireland. With some friends I met there I spent my weekends hiking in the Highlands (where they filmed Braveheart), taking a train to Edinburgh, going to Dundee for a football match, or experiencing the local pub. The Pubs were a true part of the culture where families, coworkers, Sheppard's (and their dogs), and pretty much everybody went for food and drink, but mainly for a good place to socialize out of the rain. It is very different than a bar in the States with loud music, neon lights, and cardboard cutouts of beer babes; a Scottish bar has a completely different atmosphere. I truly realized this when I saw a sign above the door of a local pub that said “est. 1147.” My true experience was not what I saw but who I saw it with. I made some life long friends and immediately admired the Scottish people for their sense of humor, companionship and love of life. After 6 months I missed my family, my girlfriend, the sun, and a good hamburger and was more than ready to come home. I just recently started the “real world” as an assistant at Regents Glen C.C. I feel that my experiences at Loch Lomond were rewarding and educational and I plan to visit Scotland again soon.

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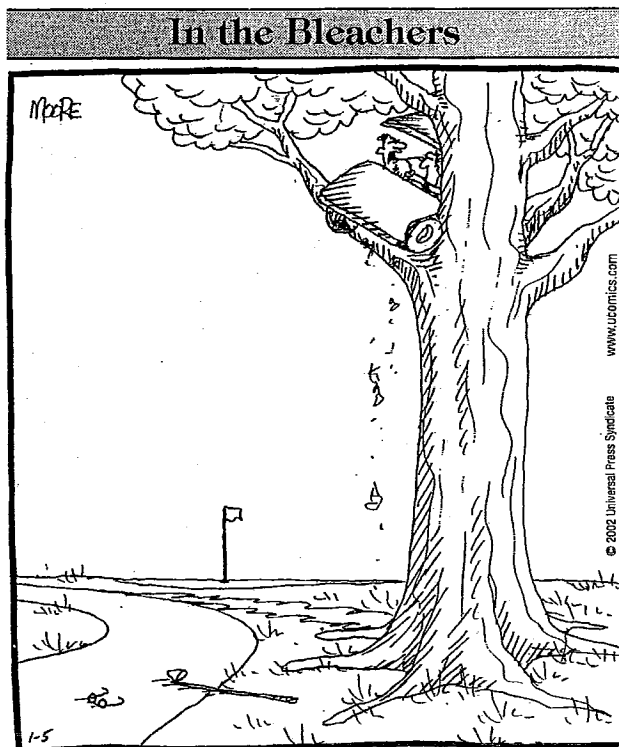
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