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From the President

As the calendar turns to fall we are reminded the 2015 season is nearing a close. With fall cultural practices in full swing and summer seasonal staff returning to school the challenges of completing daily tasks add up. Just the same with our association board, we are nearing the end of terms for some of us and will be electing new board members at our October 5th meeting; personally this will be my last Presidents message as we will appoint a new one shortly. I want to thank all the current board members and our Chapter Administrator Dave Peru . They have all done an excellent job this past year and I am confident the GCGCSA is being lead in the right direction heading into 2016.

I want to thank all those who hosted meetings this year, The Acomb Family, Bob Weaver, Tony Dierkers, Jon Williams, and Mark Beiting. In addition we want to thank all those who sponsored our great events and association. Without the vendors support we wouldn't be able to provide all the scholarships and research dollars.



Dan Walter
President, GCGCSA

I want to recognize Sean Walters and the Hall of Fame committee for their countless hours working on our first Hall of Fame inductees. More information regarding the GCGCSA Hall of Fame is included in this Green Breeze.

We have two great events to close out the season, first the annual meeting at Terrace Park CC and our annual education event at Cincinnati Country Club; please take the time to attend these events. Good luck and hope to see you all over the next few months.

Dan Walter

Greater Cincinnati GCSA Happenings

Chapter Annual Meeting
Terrace Park Country Club



10am registration,
10:30am meeting
Lunch and golf will follow
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\$15 includes meeting and lunch
Terrace Park Country Club
5341 S Milford Rd
Milford OH 45150

Mark Your Calendar

**The Fall Education
Meeting will be
November 9, 2015
at Cincinnati
Country Club.**

Annual Meeting

Our host for the Annual Meeting is Jon Williams of Terrace Park Country Club

Meet Jon Williams

"My wife and I have been married for 9 years. We live in our hometown of Milford and are the proud parents of three amazing children. My passion for turf began in college when I worked at The Camargo Club in my early 20s. After I completed my undergraduate degree at Northern Kentucky University, I decided to work towards turf degree at Rutgers University. After graduating from Rutgers, I returned to Camargo as an assistant. I worked there for 6 years before becoming the superintendent at Terrace Park Country Club in 2010 (thanks to Doug Norwell for all his mentorship)."



About Terrace Park CC

Terrace Park Country Club started in Terrace Park as 3 holes in 1910. Since then, it has moved across the Little Miami River into Milford where it expanded out to an 18 hole club.

Terrace Park Country Club is located along the rivers and drains extremely well due to its great soils. Each spring when everyone else has a hard time getting out on their golf courses to mow, the staff will be mowing wall to wall. Jon and his staff can be completely buried under water in the morning and mowing everything by mid-day. Good for maintenance and golf.

When asked about ongoing products, Jon said, "Being an old golf course, it's full of ongoing projects: Improving turf quality, rebuilding tee boxes, fixing old irrigation, improving drainage, removing trees and everything else I didn't mention."

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It is an historical record of those that have given of their time and their experiences to bring this organization leadership, purpose and a plan for the future.

This Hall of Fame will be a permanent and accessible source of historical information on our profession and our organization. It is a record of where we came from, where we are, and where we might be headed. (continued on page 4)

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Thank you gentlemen and your families for all you did to establish a foundation
for our industry in the Tri-State. Bios on all inductees will be available at
www.gcgcsa.org shortly.



Clifford R. Runyan
(1892-1955)

Clifford attended the Ohio State University Agricultural College. In 1915, he received the first degree in Landscape Architecture ever awarded by OSU. He was a commissioned Air Corps officer in World War I, and he became the Assistant Superintendent at Spring Grove Cemetery in 1920. He took over the head position at Spring Grove in 1926 and held the position for almost 30 years, until his death in 1955. Clifford was very active in the Horticultural Society of America and was instrumental in helping form the GCGCSA. Although he was an expert in ornamentals, he had a very keen and special interest in turfgrasses. In fact, he was the first person in Ohio to cultivate Meyer Zoysia, promoting it not only on the cemetery grounds, but also in the suburbs for home lawns. Besides a great interest and dedication to our organization, Clifford was a member of the Grass Research Committee of the American Cemetery Association and a director of the Board of the Midwest Turf Research Foundation at Purdue University.

Clifford was a man of many talents and a great example of how our organization reached out to all those in turf-related fields right from the start.

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Matthew Allen, 37, wants to open doors to better his career. Ted Horton, 72, just wants to keep pace with the newest technologies in his business. They look at it differently, but the two Golf Course Superintendent Association of America (GCSAA) members agree that being a certified golf course superintendent (CGCS) makes them someone special within their profession.

The distinction of CGCS is like having an advanced degree for a golf course superintendent. It requires a combination of continuing education, written testing and on-course management that can take up to a year to complete.

“The certification process is very detailed and it’s pretty intense,” said Jenny Pagel-Guile, senior manager of certification for GCSAA, the association that administers and awards program certification. “There are 33 portfolio



Matthew Allen, GCSA



Ted Horton, GCSA

items and a list of competencies that must be met. And once you have attained CGCS, you must meet renewal qualifications every five years.”

The objective for the program that was founded in 1971 is two-fold: to demonstrate knowledge and achievement within the profession and to give employers an easy way to know they’ve hired one of the best. There were 17 superintendents first certified in 1971 and there are just 12 who have become newly certified in 2015. Allen is one of them. (continued on page 7)

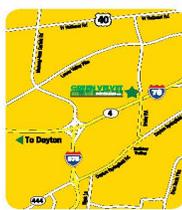
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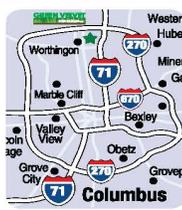
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(continued from page 5)... He has already been through a course closing and a bankruptcy in his young career, but instead of giving up he chose to earn CGCS status as a way to gain an advantage in a shrinking marketplace. Today, he is in his second year as head golf course superintendent at Los Alamos Municipal Golf Course in Los Alamos, N.M.

“This is a great program if you want to distinguish yourself from everyone else in the business,” said Allen, who is one of only about 1,500 who have earned the CGCS distinction from among 17,500 GCSAA members and 30,000 superintendents nationally. “I knew I had to find a way to distinguish myself, and I want to get ahead in the golf course management business. I know it will open doors for me later in my career.”

Horton is even more bullish on the program, which he undertook in 1976 when he was the head superintendent at legendary Winged Foot Golf Club in Mamaroneck, N.Y.

“It was important to me 40 years ago and it’s important to me now,” said Horton, who is doing part-time consulting and living in California. “It’s a challenge that we have to measure ourselves to be the best. Superintendents are as well trained as anyone in any business and this is how we can demonstrate that.”

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