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### In Appreciation of MGCSA Donations For Turfgrass Research at Cornell University

"My colleagues and I at the New York State Agricultural Experiment Stations are very pleased that the Metropolitan Golf Course Superintendent's Association is convening for the First MGCSA Educational Turfgrass Seminar. We are hopeful that many more will follow, and that we may contribute to the success of these seminars. The MGCSA has contributed generously to the research, teaching and extension programs of the Experiment Stations. This First Educational Seminar is especially significant because one of the participants, Dr. Patricia Vittum, conducted her graduate training with funds provided mostly by the MGCSA. Dr. Haruo Tashiro was Pat's professor, and I am sure that he would be here today if it was at all possible. Dr. Tashiro, Dr. Petrovic, I, and our colleagues at the Agricultural Experiment Stations wish to recognize the importance of the MGCSA's service to the turfgrass industry. We, therefore, present you with this plaque, to preserve the memory of your past and current contributions, and to express our sincerest appreciation. This is an award that is held in highest regard, and is given only to our most important donors. You are the first turfgrass group or individual in New York to be so honored. The plaque here-

### GCSAA's "Distinguished Service Award" to Sherwood Moore



Sherwood and Marie Moore

Congratulations to Sherwood Moore for receiving "The Distinguished Service Award" — GCSAA's highest honor. A golf course superintendent since 1939, Sherwood Moore is superintendent of Winged Foot Golf Club in Mamaroneck, N.Y. Sherwood is a Quarter Century member of GCSAA, serving as its president in 1962. He has also been president of the New Jersey GCSA and the Metropolitan GCSA and is currently treasurer of the latter. Sherwood has addressed numerous conferences and seminars across the country, including GCSAA's Conference and Show. He has written articles for several turf publications, and has helped to train more than 40 golf course superintendents.

We are proud of MGCSA's association with Sherwood and Marie and congratulate them for his achievement, GCSAA's highest honor — "The Distinguished Service Award."



by designates that the Metropolitan Golf Course Superintendent's Association has been named a "Friend of the College of Agriculture and Life Science at Cornell University." We thank you."

The plaque was presented by Dr. Richard Smiley to Mike Maffei, MGCSA President.

### MGCSA News

Congratulations Sherwood Moore, Recipient of GCSAA's Distinguished Service Award. Official presentation will be made on February 1st at the GCSAA International Conference at New Orleans. MGCSA would like to thank Bob Alonzi and his committee for a job well done in proposing Sherwood for this award.

Our first MGCSA Seminar held at Bob Alonzi's Fairview Country Club had a turnout over sixty in spite of a heavy



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snowstorm. We had an excellent line-up of speakers presenting valuable information for everyone. Our thanks to our host Bob Alonzi and everyone at Fairview and to our Program Chairman, Chuck Martineau. And our Christmas Party held December 12 at the Ridgeway C.C. Wow! Over 90 people had a wonderful evening enjoying the hospitality of the Ridgeway C.C. and the Band, "Rainbow." Our thanks to Dan Verrille and everyone at Ridgeway and to our Christmas Party Chairman, Bill Gaydosh.

The lucky winner of the MGCSA Scholarship Fund raffle was Dave Dwinell of Winged Foot Golf Club. Congratulations Dave. We'd like to thank the Magovern Company for their donation of \$100 towards door prizes for the Christmas Party and their \$400 contribution to the Scholarship and Research Fund. We'd also like to acknowledge Metro Mil-organate's contribution of \$500 to the New York State Turf-grass Association to further Cornell's Turfgrass Research.

At the MGCSA Board of Director's meeting held on January 11th at Whipoorwill Club, President Mike Maffei announced the following 1982 Committee assignments:

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Nominating	R. Alonzi	
Reaching Out	B. Bruce	

Mike also urges any member wishing to volunteer his services and serve on a Committee to contact that particular chairman. Listed elsewhere in this issue is a list of firms who advertised in *Tee to Green* in 1981 and helped make our newspaper possible. And at this time I'd like to thank the following individuals who sent me articles and bits of news during 1981 helping to make this a better newsletter:

Chubby Autorino	Ed Worthington	Bob Alonzi
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Dr. Haruo Tashiro	Byron Johnson	Bob Lippman
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Dennis Flynn	Rachel Therrien	

And I'd also like to thank the following individuals who responded to our water crisis survey and helped make our special March, 1981 issue "Coping With Less" possible:

Bob Alonzi	Frank Lamphier	Bill Smart
W. Andy Androsko	Melvin B. Lucas, Jr.	Jim Snow
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The new MGCSA roster is being distributed. If there are any errors, please contact Bill Gaydosh, Roster Chairman.

—Pat Lucas, Editor

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## Coming Events

Feb. 18	USGA Regional Meeting, Westchester Country Club, Rye, N.Y.
Feb. 18	Professional Turf & Landscape Conference, Hartford Civic Center, Hartford
March 1	Professional Turf & Landscape Conference, Colonie Hill, Hauppauge, NY
March 1-4	Penn State Conference, Hershey, Pa.
March 2-4	U. of Mass. Conference, Springfield, Ma.
March 16-19	USGA Rules Workshop, Newark, N.J.
<b>May 19</b>	<b>MGCSA Superintendent/Greens Chairman Meeting, Woodway Country Club</b>
June 23	Mass. Turfgrass Field Day, South Deerfield
July 6	MGCSA Meeting, Siwanoy C.C.
August	MGCSA Family Picnic
August 25	Univ. of RI Field Day, Kingston
Nov. 16-18	NYS Turfgrass Conference & Trade Show, Albany
Dec. 6-9	NJ Turfgrass Assoc. Expo., Cherry Hill



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## USGA Green Section Northeastern Regional Meeting Thursday, February 18, 1982

Westchester Country Club, Rye, New York

**Morning Session — 9:20 a.m. to 12:00 noon**

**Presiding — Melvin B. Lucas, Jr.**

**Member, USGA Green Section Committee**

8:30	REGISTRATION
9:20	WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS Melvin B. Lucas, Jr., GCSAA Superintendent, Piping Rock Club Locust Valley, NY
9:30	TEE CONSTRUCTION William S. Brewer, Agronomist USGA Green Section
9:55	TEE MANAGEMENT Fred Martell, Superintendent Burlington Country Club Burlington, VT
10:20	FAIRWAY MOWING Edward C. Horton, CGCS Superintendent, Westchester Country Club Rye, N.Y.
10:45	BREAK
10:55	CHAMPIONSHIP CONDITIONING James T. Snow, Agronomist USGA Green Section
11:20	Film: WHEN DOWN UNDER FINISHED ON TOP 1981 U.S. Open Film
12:00	Luncheon

**Afternoon Session — 1:30 p.m. to 2:45 p.m.**

**Presiding — Carl H. Schwartzkopf**

**Director, Northeastern Region  
USGA Green Section**

1:30	MARKING THE GOLF COURSE Jeffrey L. Rivard, Director Regional Affairs, USGA
1:55	DONALD ROSS: SCOTLAND'S GIFT TO AMERICAN GOLF Brian M. Silva, Agronomist USGA Green Section
2:20	REFLECTIONS—THE SUPERINTENDENT'S CHANGING ROLE IN GOLF James E. McLoughlin Executive Director Golf Course Superintendents Association of America Lawrence, KS
2:45	CLOSING REMARKS Carl H. Schwartzkopf ADJOURN

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## Reaching Out Committee

I am sure those of you who participated in making a special effort for the MGCA's Reaching Out Committee will agree that the few hours spent gathering articles for the needy was a worthwhile effort.

Your response to our request from the MGCSA members and friends was very good. We collected toys, games and an abundance of clothing both new and slightly used. These articles were distributed to the Department of Service of the Westchester Association for Retarded Citizens of White Plains, New York and the Mount Kisco Day Care Center for children of Mount Kisco and vicinity.

The Committee, consisting of Bob Alonzi, Mike Maffei, Dick Gonyea, Al Moore, Pat Lucas, John Wistrand, Peter Rappoccio and myself, would like to express their gratitude and appreciation to all of you who helped to brighten the holiday season for others. We are constantly reminded through faith, that it is better to give than to receive.

God has blessed us another year in our efforts to help those who are less fortunate than we are.

The Reaching Out Committee would like to remind you, that we are looking forward to the drive for 1982. So keep us in mind during your spring cleaning and throughout the year.

We are also looking for ways to improve and expand the program to reach more of the needy on a larger scale. Your ideas will be appreciated. Anyone wishing to help or become a part of this Committee, please contact Bob Bruce or any Committee member.

We thank you for your support and may God bless all of you.  
Bob Bruce, Chairman

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## More Golf Rules in Brief, 1981 Revision

by Nunzio Ciampi, PGA

**How to Drop** — Rule 22 — If you are allowed to drop a ball under the rules — face the hole, stand erect, and drop the ball over your shoulder. If the ball touches you before it strikes the ground, you must redrop without penalty.

If the ball touches you after it strikes the ground, or it comes to rest against you and moves when you move, there is no penalty and you must play the ball as it lies. If a dropped ball rolls into a hazard out of bounds, more than two club lengths from the point where it touched the ground, or comes to rest nearer the hole, it must be redropped without penalty. If the ball rolls again into such a position, it must be placed on the spot where it first touched the ground when redropped.

**Unplayable Ball** — Rule 29 — You are the sole judge as to whether your ball is unplayable. You may declare it unplayable at any place on the course except in a water hazard. You have three options — under a penalty of one stroke you may, (1) play a ball at the spot from which the original ball was played, (2) drop a ball within two club lengths of the point where the ball lay but not nearer the hole, or (3) behind the point where the ball lay, keeping that point between you and the hole, with no limit to how far behind that point the ball may be dropped.

**Obstructions** — Rule 31 — Any movable obstruction may be removed. If the ball be moved in so doing, it shall be replaced without penalty. Interference by an *immovable* obstruction occurs when the ball lies in or on the obstruction, or so close to it that it interferes with your stance or your swing. The nearest point of relief must be determined — this means the spot at which you can take your stance or swing without interference from the obstruction. (In taking relief you must not cross over, through, or under the obstruction, you can't go nearer the hole, or in a hazard or on a green.) After you have determined this point, you shall lift the ball and drop it within one club-length of that point. Exception — you can cross over a cart path to determine the nearest point of relief, and you can cross through a shelter or other obstruction when your ball lies in or on the obstruction.

**Casual Water & Ground under Repair** — If you elect not to play your ball from casual water or ground under repair, you must first determine the nearest point of relief and drop within one club-length of that point, without penalty. In a *HAZARD*, you may drop a ball either: without penalty, in the hazard as near as possible to the spot where the ball lay, but not nearer the hole. OR under *penalty of one stroke*, outside the hazard, keeping the spot where the ball lay between yourself and the hole.

**Hazards** — Rule 33 — When your ball lies in or touches a hazard or water hazard, nothing shall be done which may improve its lie. Before making a stroke, you shall not touch the ground in the hazard or water in the water hazard with the club or touch or move a loose impediment (you can remove obstructions from a hazard). The ball may not be lifted for identification. There is no penalty for playing a wrong ball from a hazard. But you must locate, and play out the hole with your original ball.

**Ball in water hazard** — If your ball lie or be lost in a water hazard, you may drop a ball under penalty or one stroke, either: (1) Behind the water hazard, keeping the spot at which the ball last crossed the margin of the hazard between yourself and the hole, and with no limit to how far back you may drop. OR (2) as near as possible to the spot where the original ball was played. If your ball is in a lateral water hazard, you can play in accordance with (1) or (2) above, or drop a ball within two club-lengths of the point where the ball last crossed the margin of the hazard on *either* side.

**Discontinuance of Play** — You shall not discontinue play on account of bad weather or for any other reason, unless you consider that there be danger from lightening, or sudden illness which the committee considers satisfactory.

**Scoring** — You are solely responsible for the correctness of the recorded score for each hole. If you return a score for any hole lower than actually played, and sign it, you are disqualified. A score higher than actually played must stand as returned.

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### Retirement Heaven

If you're thinking of retiring, which state should you settle down it? Utah, reports a surprising Chase Econometrics study that looked at 10 factors, including weather, property taxes, living costs, housing, unemployment, the ratio of elderly to working-age population and metropolitanization (a measurement of access to medical facilities, public transportation, social services, etc.). Rounding out Chase's top five states to retire in are Louisiana, South Carolina, Nevada and Texas. Those two traditional retirement havens, Arizona and Florida, ranked eighth and ninth respectively, while sunny California came in 17th. The worst state for retirees, according to the study, is Massachusetts, followed by Maine, New Jersey, Vermont, Rhode Island and New York.

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## Lime for Japanese Beetle Grub Control Apparently Not Effective

by Pat Vittum

A superintendent in Ohio reported in 1979 that when he applied lime to the turf in the summer, at a rate of 2 tons per acre, he had virtually no Japanese beetle grubs. Another superintendent, in Massachusetts, mentioned that when he applied lime for *Pythium* control in July of 1980, and was unable to finish the job because of equipment failure, he later noticed a line corresponding to where he had stopped liming. The turf on the limed side was healthy, while the unlimed turf was stressed. He attributed the weakening to grub damage. However, the first of these situations did not involve "controlled" conditions, where similar areas did not receive lime for comparison, and the second situation had other stresses as well as grubs operating on the turf. Therefore, we decided to conduct a simple test, under "controlled" conditions, to test the effect of lime on grub populations.

In the summer of 1981, we set up two small scale tests in eastern Massachusetts, using only dolomitic limestone, to see if the lime would reduce the grub populations. Each test consisted of an area 50 feet long and 40 feet wide, marked every 10 feet in both directions. Each row of five squares had one square which received no lime at all. The remaining squares received lime (10 pounds per 100 square feet) either July 22, July 29, August 5, or August 12. We returned on October 1, removed one square foot of sod (about four inches deep) from the center of each 10 feet by 10 feet plot, and counted all the grubs.

In both test there was no statistically significant difference between the untreated check and any of the limed areas. Thus it appears, at least from this preliminary study, that liming alone will not reduce grub populations significantly. Currently we are studying related factors (especially soil pH), and trying to get a better understanding of the factors which may cause Japanese beetle adults to prefer certain areas for egg laying.

Both test areas were in roughs cut at two inches or higher. The Bolton area was out of play, and received water whenever it was needed (no water restrictions there yet!), so that the turf was only subjected to stress from grub feeding. The turf was very healthy, with no visible signs of weakening, in spite of consistently high grub populations (at least 20 grubs per square foot). Thus, it seems that, at least in some situations, relatively high grub populations can be tolerated — if the turf can be left at a high cut, is not subjected to heavy traffic and wear and tear from machinery, and receives adequate moisture during the summer months.

This preliminary test of the effect of lime on Japanese beetle grubs will be continued in 1982. Among other things, more rates of application of lime will be tried, and at least one additional site will be included in the study. Related studies in the laboratory should yield more information on grub and beetle preferences for soil conditions.

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