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Meeting Notice

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Coming Events

May 12 MGCSA Green Chairman/  
 Superintendent Meeting  
 Country Club of Darien, CT  
 June 2 MGCSA Invitational, Fairview C.C.  
 June 6-12 Westchester Classic  
 June 21 Field Day at Cornell University  
 July MGCSA Summer Social, Fairview C.C.  
 MGCSA Meeting - Tamarack C.C.  
 August MGCSA Annual Family Picnic  
 Woodway Country Club  
 September 12 Poa Annual Golf Tournament  
 Cortland C.C.  
 September 13 MGCSA Meeting - Old Oaks  
 October MGCSA Meeting, Sleepy Hollow  
 November 1-3 New York State Turfgrass Association  
 Conference & Trade Show, Rochester  
 November MGCSA Annual Meeting  
 December 10 MGCSA Christmas Party, Ridgeway

MGCSA News

March has set a record for rainfall . . . some 11 to 12 inches. Can't we save any for the summer?

The MGA did a fine article on Temporary Greens in the March issue of their *Golfing News*. The article was compiled with the help of Ed Walsh, Sherwood Moore, and the USGA Northeastern Green Section. It would be a good article to clip for your bulletin board come next winter.

At the MGCSA Board of Directors meeting held at the Whipporwill Club on March 9th, \$150 was donated to the O.J. Noer Foundation which will be matched by Metro Milorganite Corp.

Membership reclassifications from B to A for the following members were approved: Tim O'Neill, John O'Keefe, Anthony Grasso, Harry Ward and Richard Marcks.

Jack Martin was voted a class A member.

Ann Reilly, Executive Director of the NYSTA was voted an Honorary member of the MGCSA.

Bob Mullane was appointed as a C member to serve on the Board.



MGCSA March Meeting. (left to right) Jay Matolla, Executive Director, Metropolitan Golf Association; Ann Reilly, Executive Director, New York State Turfgrass Association; Bob Mullane, President elect of National Arborist Association. (all members of MGCSA)

As we get into the season, think about sharing your experiences with fellow Association members through the *Tea to Green*. How about that new piece of equipment? Does it per-



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form as well as they said it would? Or that new chemical — how were the results? Or, how about a turf tip? Keep us in mind. The articles need not be typed and don't worry about grammar. The gals at our printer, The Deynor Corp., do wonders with my stuff each month and they can do the same for yours.

Remember, our April 20th meeting at Steve Cadenelli's Country Club of New Canaan. Don't forget to mail the post cards to Steve. — Pat Lucas

**WELFARE:** Please contact Craig Wistrand, 203-869-6477 (office) or 203-625-0319 (home) regarding any hospitalizations, etc. of members of the MGCSA.

To: MGCSA Membership  
From: MGCSA Audit Committee  
Re: Annual audit of financial accounts

On March 29, 1983 the members of the MGCSA Audit Committee — Bob Alonzi, Mike Maffei and Chuck Martineau — met with Sherwood Moore, treasurer MGCSA, and checked in detail all Association bank accounts. We found all checking and savings accounts to be in order and report our Association to be in a healthy financial state. A note of thanks to Sherwood for his excellent recordkeeping which made our job much easier.

— Mike Maffei

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**GCSAA's Golf Championship**

The somewhat wet and windy weather could not deter the 260 players who participated in the 1983 GCSAA Golf Championship. The tournament was played on the finely groomed Myrtle Beach National West Course and the very demanding Arcadian Shores Golf Club.

Roger Null, of St. Louis, Missouri, was the overall winner with even par 144. Carey Stoffel, of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, finished second with a score of 145.

Several MGCSA members participated in the tournament and came away with honors. Mel Lucas was the winner of Second Low Net in the Blue Division (142), Jim McNally finished third in the Net Division of the Blue Flight and Steve Finamore was the winner of Fifth Low Gross in the Blue Flight.

The surprise of the tournament was the play of Bob Alonzi. Known by many in MGCSA as "El Bandito," Bob's sweet swing and deadly short game proved too much for the rest of the players in the Blue Flight. Rounds of 85 – 88, produced a four stroke victory and the *Low Gross* championship in the Blue Flight.

True to form, Bob's fine play, along with a 20 handicap, enabled him to win the overall net championship of the entire tournament. His 133 was 11 under par (ouch).

The MGCSA team of Bob Alonzi, Mel Lucas, Peter Rappoccio and Terry Mulligan had a fine first day and led the net team championship by 1 stroke. Excellent rounds, by the Carolina #3 team and the Connecticut #1 team, on the second day prevented MGCSA from winning any honors.

All tournament participants honored the winners at a Victory banquet held at the Myrtle Beach Hilton Hotel.

Tournament Chairman Frank Lamphier should be congratulated for a very well run tournament.

— Peter Rappoccio

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## GCSAA Voting Delegates's Report

Volumes would need to be written if an adequate summary of the going's on at GCSAA's 54th Annual Conference and Show were to be completely reported. In lieu of such volumes, let me briefly summarize the results of the elections, by-laws proposals, and various other situations. Obviously, please do not hesitate to ask any questions that you might have now or at any time in the future.

For the second consecutive year, delegates from throughout the Northeast area worked together so as to best support the candidates from our areas, as well as the issues that most effect our region. This working together has proved very successful and hopefully, will continue in the future.

The issues presented to many of the membership via the paper from the Coalition of Concerned GCSAA members clouded much of the time spent at conference. While there is no doubt that several credible points were brought to the forefront by the group, the manner in which points were made via insinuation and innuendo, resulted in much ill-feeling and controversy. Fairly widespread opinion developed that several valuable issues were raised by the coalition but that matters were carried a bit too far. This resulted in an alternate slate of candidates being nominated by the coalition which, to say the least, made the elections considerably more interesting. The end result of the elections being:

President:	Robert W. Osterman, CGCS	unanimous
Vice President:	James W. Timmerman, CGCS	2,779
	Paul Boizelle, CGCS	319
Director:	Donald E. Hearn, CGCS	2,109
	Richard V. Slivinski, CHCS	1,334
	William J. Emerson, CGCS	1,273
	*Sandy Queen	
	*David Harman	509
	James E. Lindblad, CGCS	

\*Nominated by coalition

Both By-law proposals were approved overwhelmingly as they were viewed as procedural in nature and did not represent serious changes to the overall by-laws.

Nothing during Tournament or Conference week received more debate than the dues proposal and proposed headquarters move. The issue regarding the headquarters was somewhat diffused when the Executive Committee appointed a Relocation Committee with non-Executive Committee members as part of the new committee's make-up. This Relocation Committee was charged with doing a thorough study of the proposed move complete with outside consultation. The Executive Committee will then make final recommendations to the membership for a vote. This vote to be held at the 1984 conference in Las Vegas.

The dues proposal presented by the Executive Committee in the State of the Association Message created further discussion as did the many developing proposals for dues increases. In the final analysis the consensus was that the existing dues structure simply did not provide adequate revenue to continue present programs and initiate new ones. Thus, the dues were set at \$145 by the membership in attendance. This dues structure will remain until such time as changed by the membership.

I trust the above adequately describes the business at the Atlanta Conference. Again, do not hesitate to ask me questions. I thank you for the opportunity of being your delegate and look forward to continuing in this capacity subject to the will of the Board.

Respectfully submitted,  
Stephen G. Cadenelli, CGCS

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— Frank Paladino

Turf Tip

A planned, annual tree maintenance program will minimize spring cleanup.

Richard Marcks On Burn Care  
by Gerry Kunkel, Westchester Country Club

At the opening monthly MGCSA meeting at Whipperwill Country Club, Richard Marcks delivered an instructive presentation on burn victims. Mr. Marcks is superintendent at Black Hall Country Club, Old Lyme, Connecticut. He is a member of MGCSA, is on the Board of Directors CGCSA, but more importantly, serves as President of the Connecticut Burn Care Center at Bridgeport Hospital.

Every year, 7,500 people die from burn injuries. In addition, another 50,000 people are hospitalized for a period of 6 weeks to 2 years with burn related injuries. These figures are staggering, and as Mr. Marcks indicated, society must increase not only its awareness of burn care victims, but also the causes of burns and how they can be controlled.

Of particular interest in the program was a film which depicted what happens to victims when they are burned, their treatment and hospitalization, and finally, their rehabilitation. An emphatic point brought out is that burns take time to heal, and for some victims, a very long time. Because of the unpre-

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dictable nature of burns, the treatment and rehabilitation for such injuries are often difficult tasks. The victim not only suffers physical agony from the injury, but must also deal with psychological effects that are associated with rehabilitation, such as permanent scarring and disfigurement, social acceptance, and perhaps most importantly for a successful rehabilitation, family care and understanding.

As Mr. Márcks stated, "Burns are caused, so they can be controlled." It is up to each of us to be aware of the potential for a burn injury. It is also incumbent upon us to make sure that our employees have an awareness of the risks for a burn injury. Don't cut corners where the slightest safety factors are concerned. Make sure that your working area is as safe as it possibly can be. Some safety points you might consider are as follows:

1. Are your employees aware of how to deal with an emergency burn situation?
2. Does your maintenance building have properly located, functional fire exits?
3. Are fire extinguishes in working order and easily located?
4. Is there a fire alarm and a smoke detection system in your maintenance building?
5. Are flammable liquids and pesticides stored in proper containers and areas?
6. Is a phone number displayed on or near the telephone for the nearest burn center or emergency health care facility?
7. Are there showers readily available in the maintenance area?



March Meeting Speaker Richard Marcks

8. Are proper precautions taken around gas pumps, i.e., engines shut off and cigarettes extinguished?

Of course, these are just a few points to look at when dealing with safety. When you consider your own situation, just a few minutes of your time could prevent a tragedy. If you have any questions regarding burn care or fire safety, contact your local hospital or fire department.

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April Meeting — The Country Club of New Canaan  
Host Superintendent; Stephen Cadenelli, CGCS

by Dennis Petluzzelli

The April meeting of the Metropolitan Golf Course Superintendents Association is scheduled at The Country Club of New Canaan, in Connecticut. Host Superintendent is Stephen Cadenelli, CGCS.

Steve's start in golf course management came rather indirectly. After graduating from Northern Michigan University with a Bachelor of Science Degree he taught high school government and history. Offered a job working on the local nine hole golf course by a close friend, Steve soon caught the "bug" that would have him leave the teaching profession for a career in the golf industry. After three years at Greenock Country Club in Lee, Mass (that first job) the final year as superintendent and completion of the Short Course at UMass, Steve took the Superintendent's position at the Pequot Golf Club in Stonington, CT. He remained there for three years before becoming superintendent at New Canaan where he has just started his seventh year.

Steve enjoys the opportunity of being his own boss. Making the decisions to questions and/or problems that arise provides him an independent, self-employed state of mind. He enjoys working outdoors and working with whatever Mother Nature presents.

Of the many "hats" a Superintendent wears, Steve feels his forte is dealing with the Club's various committees. Clear communication and educating the Club members helps sell proposed programs (which can be the major steppingstone when introducing proposals). Inadequate communication tends to jeopardize the salability of needed programs, proper equipment and even supplies.

What Steve enjoys most about his job is being outdoors, dealing with 160 acres of land, which presents a variety of challenges. However, he believes dealing with individuals (crew, club members) is an equally satisfying as dealing with nature.

As for fresh new trends in Golf Course Management, Steve foresees the development of business skills as very important to

the knowledge of today's superintendent. Such skills as communications, business management and personnel management are required for success in golf course management. Computers (which are of no secret to today's superintendent) will increasingly make their impact known in the industry. Not only will they be helpful tools for various record storage, but also as a training device for the crew as well as the Superintendent. Steve also foresees more Government involvement within our industry. He believes by "sticking" together as an Association, we can have a prominate voice in determining regulation.

What does it take to become a successful Superintendent? Everyone probably has different theories and suggestions. Steve feels the combination of education and practical experience is a strong foundation. Competition for jobs is fierce and possessing the proper qualifications often wins jobs. Steve pointed out that today, one has to be much more qualified than ten years ago. It's getting to a point where it's imperative for a young aspiring Superintendent to have a minimum of a Bachelor of Science degree. Achieving a well rounded education is a major point Steve tells students when guest lecturing. Also, dedication is essential in being successful. Mother Nature doesn't work an eight hour day, nor does a Golf Course Superintendent. Considerable time input is necessary to achieve favorable results on the golf course or in the office. Perseverance on the part of the aspiring Superintendent is also needed to become successful. "It takes longer for the young assistant to get his 'foot in the door' due to the competition factor," says Steve.

Steve's hobbies include involvement in New Canaan's Boys Baseball, Cub Scouts and Youth Hockey League. He also enjoys gardening, fishing, photography, serving his professional associations (past president of CAGCS and currently a GCSAA Education Committee Member) and of course, golf.

Note: Those playing golf at the April meeting will notice a golf course in transition as they tour the New Canaan layout.

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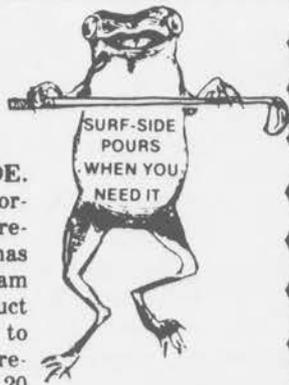
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Many projects and programs have been initiated during the past six seasons with many still underway and still more to come. Among those more obvious changes, are the total landscaping of the clubhouse grounds, a large scale tree planting program, fairway renovation (stripping and reseeding), tee enlargement, and cart path construction. Less obvious but in progress include a complete updating of the automatic irrigation system as well as the installation of numerous feet of drainage tile. Future plans include continued tree planting, tee construction, drainage work and a complete review of the bunkers with the help of Geoff Cornish in hopes of providing the New Canaan layout a fresh and unifying look through the bunkering. Steve is most proud of this work for he believes the accomplishment of these projects is a great credit to his staff who have carried out the majority of the work. The overall plan when completed will enable the members at CCNC to enjoy golf on a quality facility geared to the expected standards of the 80's.

I'd like to thank Steve for his time and we look forward to April's meeting.  
Dennis

### Osterman Elected 1983 GCSAA President

Robert W. Osterman, CGCS, superintendent of the Connecticut Golf Club, Easton, was elected the 47th President of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America during the Association's annual membership meeting on February 24, 1983, in Atlanta.

Osterman, a GCSAA member for 10 years, has been superintendent of the Connecticut Golf Club for 13 years. He served as GCSAA's Vice President in 1982 and Secretary-Treasurer in 1981. He was elected to the Board of Directors in 1980. He succeeds 1982 President James A. Wyllie, who will remain on the Board for an additional year.

Osterman also is a member of the Metropolitan Golf Course Superintendents Association and the Connecticut Association of Golf Course Superintendents, a group he has served as president, vice president, secretary-treasurer, director and newsletter editor. A graduate of the UMass Turf Management Program, he served on the Massachusetts Turf and Lawn Council in 1979 and has been a member of the New York State Turfgrass Association.

GCSAA members also elected 1982 Secretary-Treasurer James W. Timmerman, CGCS, superintendent of the Orchard Lake Country Club, Orchard Lake, Michigan, to the post of Vice President. Richard V. Slivinski, CGCS, superintendent of golf courses for the City of Phoenix, Arizona, was re-elected to a two-year term on the Association's Board of Directors and Donald E. Hearn, CGCS, superintendent of the Weston Golf Club, Weston, Mass., was also elected to a two-year term.

In his first official action, Osterman appointed Eugene D. Baston, superintendent of the Birmingham Country Club, Birmingham, Alabama, Secretary-Treasurer.

The annual membership meeting and election activities were part of GCSAA's 54th International Turfgrass Conference and Show, February 19-25, in Atlanta. Other conference activities included a seminar program, educational sessions, the world's

largest display of turfgrass maintenance products, a full schedule of social activities and a tour of selected golf courses in the Atlanta area.

GCSAA is a professional association of golf course superintendents founded in 1926 to promote the art and science of golf turf management. Its more than 5400 members are located throughout the United States and 24 other countries.

— GCSAA News

### MGA 1983 Rules of Golf Quiz (continued)

6. In stroke play, a competitor misses a short putt and strikes the ball away in anger.

- A. Player incurs no penalty, but must count the stroke taken in anger and play the ball back toward the hole from where it came to rest.
- B. Player incurs a two-stroke penalty and must replace the ball.
- C. Player incurs a one-stroke penalty and must replace the ball.

7. In stroke play, two competitors tee off from a wrong tee and play out the hole. After putting out, they realize they had played the hole earlier in the round. They return to the correct tee and drive again.

- A. Both players have incurred a two-stroke penalty.
- B. Both players are disqualified.
- C. Both players must count all the strokes while playing the wrong hole.

8. A four-ball match is all square after fifteen holes and play had to be suspended because of darkness. The players all agree to replay the entire match the next day and did so, the match going seventeen holes.

- A. Players in match play are permitted to replay a suspended match if they all agree.
- B. All four players are disqualified from the tournament.

9. In a match, a player putts toward the hole, walks up and taps the next putt into the hole, playing out of turn.

- A. Player loses the hole.
- B. Player must replay the second putt in correct order upon opponent's request, but incurs a one-stroke penalty.
- C. Player must replay the second putt in correct order upon opponent's request, but incurs no penalty.

10. In stroke play, a player's ball comes to rest on the apron of a putting green. Since the ball would interfere with a fellow-competitor's shot, upon request, he marks and lifts the ball. Before replacing it, he cleans the ball.

- A. Player incurs a one-stroke penalty.
- B. Player incurs a two-stroke penalty.
- C. There is no penalty, because a ball lifted under the Rules may be cleaned.

(Answers on next page)

Thank You

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Mr. Scott Niven, Secretary, MGCSA

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I shall look forward to attending your meeting throughout the coming season. Again, my thanks.

Sincerely,  
Ann Reilly

New York State Turfgrass Association, Inc.

### Answer Sheet — 1983 Rules of Golf Quiz

Question	Answer	Applicable Rule/Decision	Comment
6.	C	Rule 27-1c Dec.57-22	Striking the ball away is equivalent to the player moving the ball purposely
7.	A	Rule 13-2	Players must return and play from the correct teeing ground. Strokes played from outside the teeing ground do not count in their score.
8.	B	Rule 37-6b	When play is suspended, it shall be resumed from the point of suspension.
9.	C	Rule 20-2	Player must replay the second putt in correct order if opponent requests it.
10.	A	Rule 23-2	This is one instance when a ball may not be cleaned.

### MGCSA March Meeting at Whippoorwill Club



**Above** (Left to right): Tony Grasso, President O.J. Noer Foundations; John Wistrand; John Musto, President of New York State Turfgrass Association; Dennis DeSanctis, President of New Jersey Turfgrass Association; Bob Mullane, President Elect of National Arborist Association. **Below** (Left to right): Dennis DeSanctis, President of NJSTA; Ann Reilly, Executive Director and John Musto, President of NYSTA. (All members of MGCSA)



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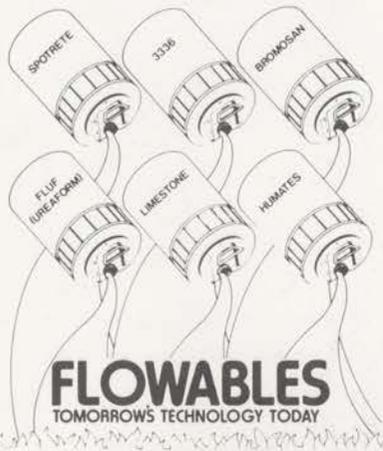
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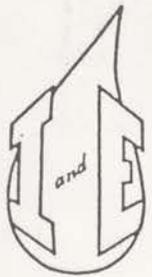
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