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Coming Events

- February 19-25 54th International Turfgrass Conference & Show, Atlanta, GA
- Feb. 28-March 3 Penna. Turfgrass Conference & Trade Show, Hershey, PA
- March 1-3 Turf Conference, Springfield
- March 2 Shemin Nurseries Horticultural Landscape Trade Show Civic Center, Old Greenwich, CT
- March 17 USGA Green Section Regional Conference, Westchester C.C. Rye, NY
- May 12 MGCSA Green Chairman/ Superintendent Meeting Country Club of Darien, CT
- June 2 MGCSA Invitational, Fairview C.C.
- June 12 Field Day at Cornell University
- July MGCSA Summer Social, Fairview C.C.
- August MGCSA Annual Family Picnic
- September 12 Poa Annual Golf Tournament Cortland C.C.
- September MGCSA Field Day
- November 1-3 New York State Turfgrass Association Conference & Trade Show, Rochester
- November MGCSA Annual Meeting
- December MGCSA Christmas Party

eral direction and focus that we are to pursue; therefore, communication with the board via attendance at meetings, contributions of articles for publication, the offering of constructive criticism, and a willingness to become involved and participate on committees is vital to our overall success as an association. I feel strongly that such progress depends heavily on the responsibility, effort and concern of the individual member.

Thanks again for your vote of confidence, and best wishes for a most successful season.

Chuck Martineau

President Martineau Names Committee Chairmen

The following members of our association have agreed to serve as Committee Chairman for 1983. I encourage anyone wanting to serve on a particular committee to please contact that chairman.

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Christmas Party	W. Gaydosh
Field Day	A. Tretera

— Chuck Martineau

Presidents Message

I wish to express my sincere appreciation to the membership of the MGSCA for electing me as your next president. I am pleased to accept this honor, and will work diligently, as have our past presidents, to forward our goal of increasing our knowledge of golf course management.

We are fortunate to have a dedicated Board of Directors who are actively concerned with the improvement of our association. To this end it is my hope that all members will work together, become more actively involved, and communicate with the officers and board members in order that we will be informed and can appropriately respond to your needs, concerns, and interests.

To function effectively it is essential that a proper balance between the membership-at-large and the executive committee be established. The membership should be responsible for the gen-

MGCSA News

So far we've been blessed with a relatively mild winter which has helped many maintenance operations. Very little frost in the ground at this point, and who knows, maybe an early spring.

Our 1983 MGCSA Educational Turfgrass Seminar held at Bob Alonzi's Fairview on January 19 was very successful. We had a total attendance of 94, as compared to 65 in 1981.



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Publication deadline for *Tee to Green* is 21 days before the regular meeting.

This year Steve Cadenelli will serve as the MGCSA's voting delegate at the national elections. Terry Mulligan will serve as alternate.

At a recent MGCSA Board of Directors meeting, Drew Campbell, Manager of Fairview, was made an honorary member of the MGCSA.

Bob Bruce resigned as Chairman of the Reaching-Out Committee and Mike Maffei will now chair that Committee.

The Board also approved a \$2.00 service charge to be added to all individual billings which the MGCSA pays to the host club on behalf of the individual MGCSA member. This is to cover the overhead expenses the MGCSA incurs in the rebilling of the individual MGCSA member.

Lastly, we've received Dick Smiley's new address in Australia sent to us by Dr. Petrovic. Anyone wishing to drop Dr. Smiley a card can do so at the address below.

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Australia 3121

— Pat Lucas, Editor

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Alexander M. Radko Named Recipient of the 1983 USGA Green Section Award

Alexander M. Radko, former National Director of the Green Section of the United States Golf Association, has been named the recipient of the 1983 Green Section Award, presented by the USGA in recognition of distinguished service to golf through work with turfgrass.



Radko will receive the award during the 27th annual USGA Green Section Educational Conference at the Georgia World Congress Center in Atlanta, Georgia, on Thursday, February 24, 1983. The presentation will be made by William C. Campbell, President of the USGA; Harry W. Easterly, Jr., Senior Executive Director; and the Chairman of the USGA Green Section Award Committee, who will be appointed on January 29 at the USGA Annual Meeting at the Broadmoor in Colorado Springs, Colorado.



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Superintendent Biography

Chuck Fatum Wee Burn Country Club

By Dennis P. Petruzzelli – Assistant Superintendent
Brae Burn Country Club

The October meeting of the Metropolitan Golf Course Superintendents Association was held at the beautiful Wee Burn Country Club in Darien, Connecticut. Hosting Superintendent was Chuck Fatum.

Chuck was born and raised in Hackensack, New Jersey. While young, his father purchased a public golf course in Succasunna, New Jersey. Operating as a family business, Chuck learned all facets of golf course – club management, ranging from working as a club cashier to applying golf course maintenance practices. He liked the golf course maintenance aspect of the business and decided to pursue further knowledge by attending Rutgers University. Chuck received his Bachelors Degree in Agronomy and then served in the Air Force. Upon his completion of military service, he returned to the golf course management field and became Superintendent at Braidburn Country Club in Florham Park, New Jersey. After two years, Chuck moved on to Hampshire Country Club in Mamaroneck, New York. Five years passed by and another move to Fenway Country Club in White Plains, New York. Chuck remained for three years before his present move to Wee Burn.

What Chuck finds most fascinating about being a Superintendent is "dealing" with Mother Nature. Each year, necessary adjustments are required to keep an equilibrium of healthy turf with environmental conditions; for example, amount of fungicide use is correlated with weather conditions. Also, Chuck finds keeping a close association with club members fascinating, which yields a collaboration of ideas to produce a better product; the golf course and grounds. He feels it's pleasant working together and it's also a helpful tool as far as membership desires.

The most important quality needed in being a successful Superintendent, in Chuck's opinion is dedication to your job. Many seven day work weeks are required, but to see any accomplishment, the time must be "put in." Also, being a "stickler" to the crew on details for doing the job(s) right are necessary.

Chuck has experimented with his approach mowing unit to increase bentgrass population. He increased approach mown areas by triplex after observing, aggressive encroachment by bentgrass in his regular approaches, which "crowded out" the present poa annua. He has had very good success with his turf on a minimal nitrogen fertilization program and frequent mowings with clipping removal. He has installed styrafoam swans to combat Canada Geese "free loading" and has had success with them along with constant harassment with blank shooting pistols.

Cutting maintenance costs is a continual issue among Superintendents and finding an effective formula can lead to big savings in one's budget. Chuck feels efficient management or available labor can produce favorable savings. He referred to himself as "the juggler" because of his use of men on details to finish jobs or begin more important ones. The ability to diagnose problems as they occur and timing of chemicals are two practices which can lead to substantial savings. Chuck finds cutting costs with obtaining desired results, a real challenge. He

also has tried round-up around trees to lessen trimming and decreased mowing in some out of play areas which have proved favorable results.

In his spare time, Chuck enjoys golfing, teaching paddle tennis professionally, skiing, renovating houses and playing bridge.

Chuck and his son Jeff live in Darien, Connecticut. Jeff is currently a student at Lafayette College in Easton, PA.

Note — I'd like to thank Chuck once again for his time and congratulate him on his winning the championship flight in the Metropolitan Golf Course Superintendents Association Tournament.

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Turf Tip

Editor's Note: This turf tip was received from a Superintendent in Fairfield County.

February and March are good times for overseeding your Temporary Greens. They are usually soft and the winter play will press the seed into the soil so that the area will recover faster in the spring and maybe give you a better area for a temporary green again next fall.

Something to think about

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Go placidly amid the noise and the haste,
and remember what peace there may be in silence.
As far as possible without surrender
be on good terms with all persons.

Speak your truth quietly and clearly; and listen to others,
event the dull and ignorant; they too have their story.

Avoid loud and aggressive persons, they are vexatious
to the spirit.

If you compare yourself with others
you may become vain and bitter;
for always there will be greater and lesser persons
than yourself.

Enjoy your achievements as well as your plans. Keep interested
in your own career, however humble; it is a real possession
in the changing fortunes of time.

Exercise caution in your business affairs;
for the world is full of trickery.

But let this not blind you to what virtue there is;
many persons strive for high ideals;
and everywhere life is full of heroism.

Be yourself. Especially do not feign affection.
Neither be cynical about love;
for in the face of all aridity and disenchantment
it is as perennial as the grass.

Take kindly the counsel of the years,
gracefully surrendering the things of youth.
Nurture strength of spirit to shield you in sudden misfortune.
But do not distress yourself with imaginings.
Many fears are born of fatigue and loneliness.

Beyond a wholesome discipline, be gentle with yourself.

You are a child of the universe
no less than the trees and the stars;
you have a right to be here. And whether or not it is clear to you,
no doubt the universe is unfolding as it should.

Therefore be at peace with God,
whatever you conceive Him to be.
And whatever your labors and aspirations,
in the noisy confusion of life
keep peace with your soul.

With all its sham, drudgery and broken dreams,
it is still a beautiful world.
Be cheerful. Strive to be happy.

Max Ehrmann

A Kid's Memories of the East Side Tenement (A Dreary Winter Night)

*It's the pallor of the grim halls,
And intrusion of the rousing squalls,
That I climb these stairs in a wary leap,
As hall lights fail the stairway deep;*

*A cozy kitchen with its rosy, pot-belly-stove, to seek;
For the railroad bedroom's cold and bleak;
The divided "backhouse" withering at the deep end of hall,
Overlooking a chilling backyard-of-wash, starched tall,
Masquerading in eerie shaped Scarecrows,
strung on each floor;
And a frantic Cat wailing at a reluctant door;*

*The uncanny Feline senses the night's grim haste;
As garbage-cans tumbling, scale the lamppost base,
With howling-winds gushing on a ghastly sling,
Battering the rooftop-door, now dangling on a hinge;
(As tho' a Puppet's dancing to a haunting theme;
One, we daringly scrawled-on during our daily scheme;)*

*Its shrieking door seals-off the Pigeon's on the roof,
As they jitter to-and-fro in their shoddy coop;
Even the neighborhood stoop which is rarely bare,
(With strumming guitars); Now songless in the daring air;
And a bed-tossing, weary-eyed, frightening Tot,
With long blankets, fails to cover a sinking heart;*

*But the night slowing melting into dawn;
Relieved! — to hear Ma's footsteps in her kitchen-norm;
Diminishes the night's gloomy clout;
Poor Cat, finally enters on a Milkman's route;
As the clattering "El" rumbles on a skied rail;
A silken-Moon dares to magnify a Tenement's ail.*

— Frank Paladino

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From: Harry Ward, Golf Course Superintendent
H.B. Brownson Country Club
Shelton, Connecticut

Dear Pat:

Please find enclosed my report on the use of Oftenol 5G. I hope you will find the information useful.

Very truly,
Harry Ward

Subject: Oftenol 5G Granular insecticide.

Report: Applied Oftenol 5G on April 26, 1982 to all greens, collars, and tees with the use of a Scotts RX-7 rotary spreader. On April 27th we received 2.5 inches of precipitation which effectively washed the material in and off the putting surface. Applied Oftenol 5G to fairways on May 3, 1982 with PTO Lely spreader set on 2.5.

Application of material easier due to its granular composition. Timing with rain for application on greens is important to break granules down due to mower pick up and loss of uniformity on the putting surface. A liquid formulation would be more suitable for use on greens.

On May 5th I noticed the first sign of damage caused by white grubs on the sixteenth fairway in small isolated areas. I identified the most abundant species of grub as *Popillia japonica newman* (Japanese Beetle larvae). After random samples were taken from all fairways the infestation appeared to be somewhat heavy with an average count of 36 per square foot. By May 23rd all the grubs were gone and the Poa filled in the damaged areas as expected. It was my initial intention to apply Oftenol 5G as a preventative insecticide to control *Ataenius spretulus* (Black Turfgrass *Ataenius*) which had been a problem on all turf areas here at Brownson with little or no successful chemical control in the past. Since applying Oftenol 5G I found only 2 *Ataenius spretulus* adults and 1 *Ataenius spretulus* larvae. On June 11th I observed a heavy infestation of *Hyperodes weevil* on greens, tees, and fairways where 60 to 80 larvae were found per square foot. I realized that the Oftenol 5G honeymoon was over and had to use an alternative insecticide control. I did not expect

good control of *Hyperodes weevil* due to early application and first use of this insecticide material. On August 18th the second generation of *Hyperodes weevil* appeared and I had to apply an alternative insecticide. On October 9th white grub populations were high on seven fairways with no apparent control of these grubs to date. There has been no insecticide control applied to this generation of grubs and I do not plan on any until next spring.

I was very happy when Oftenol 5G solved the white grub problem and *Ataenius* for me last spring, but it is not providing the year long grub control that was suggested. I will point out that heavy rains to the depth of 23.77 inches from day of application to the end of June did probably reduce Oftenol's effectiveness. I will use Oftenol 5G again next year on fairways and tees and also hope for a more normal precipitation rate in my area for next year.

WANTED: Used Books for an Eagle Scout project. Contact Tim Horton 937-3613 (home) or Ted Horton 967-6000 (work). Thank you!

MGCSA Christmas Party Report

The Christmas Party held at Brae Burn Country Club on December 12th was a smashing success.

One Hundred Thirty-six people turned out for a night of fine dining, dancing and socializing.

As always, Brae Burn, thanks to its manager, Jack Vallis, rolled out the red carpet for us.

The food was second to none and our hostess, Elsa, saw to our every comfort.

Our thanks also to:

Bill and Lynn Gaydosh for their hard work in planning the event

Dennis Flynn, host superintendent, for helping organize it
Hawthorne Brothers for their donation of a chain saw as a prize
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The purpose of Dr. Petrovic's soil fertility research is to develop a turfgrass fertilization program based on soil testing research results in order to make specific recommendations for

optimum fertilizer use on golf courses, athletic fields, sod farms, industrial sites and home lawns. Numerous sites across New York are being utilized, and at each site different levels of management will occur. At monthly intervals, quality ratings, disease and insect occurrence, wear resistance and turf species composition will be noted and samples taken to be analyzed for nutrient content.

There are three basic reasons behind this research being funded by NYSTA:

- 1) It is felt to be necessary to standardize soil testing methods so proper recommendations can be made.
- 2) Costly waste of over-fertilization can be reduced.
- 3) The potential environmental effects of turf fertilization can be reduced.

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