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## Sherwood Moore Collects Deserved Honors



MGA Chairman Arthur Weber presents plaque to Sherwood Moore.

Golf Club and a graduate of the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts, has been a golf course superintendent since 1939. He has managed golf courses in New Jersey, New York and Connecticut, including the hosting of two U.S. Open Championships. Throughout his career, Sherwood has been extremely active in professional associations as an attendee, speaker and author. He has conducted experimental and research work at several golf courses and shared that information with fellow members of the various organizations of which he is a member. He has been President of the Golf Course Superintendent Association of America, the New Jersey GCSA and the Metropolitan GCSA. In 1982, the GCSAA presented Sherwood Moore with its highest honor, the Distinguished Service Award. Sherwood has hosted three foreign exchange students over the years.

The plaque presented to Sherwood by the NY State Turfgrass Association sums up his many qualities: Friend, Teacher, Scholar, Gentleman, Leader and Promoter of the Turfgrass Profession. In conjunction with the Citation of Merit, Sherwood was awarded a life membership in NYSTA.

Shortly thereafter, the Metropolitan Golf Association recognized Sherwood's many contributions at its December Annual Meeting and Dinner. Again a plaque was used to convey this message: "For forty-five years of leadership and service to golf, for helping to establish the stature of the golf course superintendent, for the marvelous golf courses he helped to develop, for the many former students who are now outstanding golf course superintendents - these are living testament to Sherwood Moore's lasting contributions to his profession and the game of golf."

And now as this newsletter goes to press, we are advised that the March, 1985 Massachusetts Turf Conference has been dedicated to Sherwood A. Moore. We are all blessed to have lived with and shared parts of a career with this wonderful man. ■

One after another, the highest tributes organized golf can bestow on one individual keep coming to Sherwood Moore. In a rare testimonial to the quality of the man and his contributions to golf, Met GCSA member Sherwood Moore is being recognized as few before him have.

First, the New York State Turfgrass Association presented its highest honor, The Citation of Merit, to Sherwood A. Moore at its recent November Trade Show in Syracuse, NY. Sherwood is the first golf course superintendent to have been so honored by NYSTA.

Sherwood, retired Golf Course Superintendent at the Winged Foot

## MGA Provides New Met GCSA Handicap Service

Faced with the problem that a segment of its membership was not eligible to acquire an official handicap for Met GCSA, member-guest and other formal tournaments, the Metropolitan Golf Association has graciously offered to provide a service that will resolve all difficulties.

The Met GCSA will be identified as a participating "club" within the MGA system and will exchange scores and handicap information through the office of its Executive Director.

Met GCSA Tournament Chairman Larry Pakkala emphasized that all Class A members should continue to obtain handicaps through the long-standing gratuitous service offered by the MGA at their clubs. This special service is intended primarily for Class B, C, D, L and retired members.

Met GCSA members wishing to subscribe to this new handicap service should send the following information to Executive Director Jim McLoughlin, %Met GCSA, P.O. Box 196, Thornwood, NY 10594: their name, preferred mailing address/telephone number and a listing of each score played with date and the name of the course. If a player does not have a record of scores but wishes to join the handicap service, the member should submit his or her name without scores to the Met GCSA at this time. A member may join the MGA Handicap Service at any time in the year.

The cost of the MGA Handicap Service will be \$8.00 per player per season. Interested members are asked to send a check for this amount (made payable to the Met GCSA) when requesting to join the handicap service. Direct all handicap questions to Executive Director Jim McLoughlin - 914-769-5295. ■



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## Presidential Message

It is with a deep sense of pride that I assume the duties of President of the Metropolitan Golf Course Superintendents Association. Throughout my years as a member of the Board and as an officer of the Met GCSA, I have watched this Association grow in numbers and stature. Our role as professionals in the golfing world has become more defined and appreciated in the eyes of the golfing community. This growing recognition is a direct result of the hard work and dedication freely given by the Association's Executive Committee and membership.

In 1984, the Met GCSA took great strides in becoming a more progressive and professional organization. I would like to thank our immediate Past President, Chuck Martineau, for the outstanding job he did during his term of office. Chuck's foresight and initiative have repositioned our Chapter, which as plans are implemented, will provide the Association and its membership with professional guidelines and opportunities for years to come, whether it be through our career counseling, scholarship and research, educational, communications programs, or monthly meetings.

One specific benefit of the redirected effort during this past year is this newsletter. The new format *Tee to Green* not only presents a more professional look, but more importantly, provides a frequent line of communication by Committee Chairmen to the membership. Our goal is to provide a truly professional communications link within our Association and to the local golf community.

Our revised ByLaws, which were approved at last November's annual meeting are another example of the effective work being done within our Association. Hundreds of man-hours were spent in rewriting these ByLaws that provide our membership with a legitimate and highly visible operating base that reflects our professional image.

One very important facet of the revised ByLaws is a new provision for the continued recognition and involvement of the Class B and/or Assistant Superintendent in Association activities. Having a Class B representative on the Board of Directors will provide us with an open line of communication with this very important group of men and women. We as Golf Course Superintendents depend heavily on our assistants. We, therefore, have the obligation to insure that they become constructively involved with our Association. Recognizing their needs and contributions will help us to become a better organization and profession.

It is extremely important that during the course of the coming year, the members also become fully involved in the activities and programs of the Association. Your input is needed; your thinking and questions always welcome. I sincerely believe that the ability within the Met GCSA is among the strongest in the profession. Collective experience is a resource that we must not take for granted. I urge every member to share that experience with us. The more we all contribute, the more effective we will be.

Social and Welfare Committee Chairmen Bill Gaydosh and Harry Nichol have asked that members keep them advised of illnesses and hospitalizations within the membership and its families. We can not be a caring Association without everyone's help.

It is with deep regret that I acknowledge the recent passing of WILLIAM M. CAPUTI – a good friend, a good Golf Course Superintendent and a good member of the Met GCSA. Our prayers and sympathies have been extended to Bill's family. This Association will take the necessary time to give full consideration as how it might pay appropriate homage to a man who gave us all so very much. Your Board of Directors will advise the membership of its intentions regarding Bill Caputi and his family through this coming year.

Peter R. Rappoccio  
President

# Exciting 1985 Meeting Schedule in Place

<u>Date</u>	<u>Site</u>	<u>Tentative Program</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Site</u>	<u>Tentative Program</u>
March 20	CC Darien	Dr. Michael Hurdzan	July 11	Tamarack	The Thinking Superintendent
April 25	Edgewood	Subcontracting for a Supt.	September 26	Ridgeway	The Supt.'s Path to Computers
May 7	Wykagyl	A Golf/Media Personality	October	TBA	The Thinking Green Chairman
June 6	Stanwich	(Invitational Tournament)			

It is a new year and soon to be another golfing season. With all the unseasonably warm temperatures this Winter, it seems like last year's golf season never ended.

Nevertheless, the 1985 Tournament Schedule, above, is ready and offers attractive opportunities for our members and guests:

As you can see, the Education Committee has been hard at work preparing an attractive series of programs for each meeting. The above schedule is subject to change, but there is every expectation it will be delivered as indicated. It is intended that the speaking programs at Met GCSA meetings present our members with a broad variety of topical subjects. Each program will be presented before the 7:00 p.m. starting time for dinner.

As an experiment, present plans call for scheduling one golf meeting this year without a dinner, but with a healthy hors d'oeuvre reception. Members' opinion are invited on this subject.

The Board of Directors, the Tournament Committee and the Education Committee have been working in concert to improve the reservation system for Met GCSA meetings. Plans are now

being finalized and will become visible as the season approaches.

*Tee To Green* will no longer serve as the primary means for advising members of meetings. A special mailing, listing all the necessary information for the day, will be mailed to each member three weeks before the scheduled date for the program. It is felt that a better informed membership will be a more responsive membership.

Thanks to the MGA, every member will now have access to an official handicap. This will simplify our tournament formats and prize structure. Look for more complete information about handicapping on the front page of this newsletter.

Commercial members who would like to sponsor the *Long Drive* and *Nearest The Pin* contests at 1985 events should contact Co-Chairman Tim O'Neill.

Enjoy the Winter; we promise you an exciting Spring and Summer.

Ted Horton, Chairman  
Education Committee

Larry Pakkala, Co-Chairman  
Tim O'Neill, Co-Chairman  
Tournament Committee

## Coming Events (through May)

### March

5- 7	Massachusetts Turf Conference	Springfield, MA
9	MGA Green Chairmen Seminar (W)	Apawamis C
14	USGA Green Section Conference	Westchester CC
16	MGA Green Chairmen Seminar (LI)	Cherry Valley C
16	MGA Green Chairmen Seminar (NJ)	Montclair GC
19-22	PGA/USGA Rules of Golf Workshop	Westchester CC
20	Met GCSA Monthly Meeting	CC of Darien

### April

1-4	NY Parks/Recreational Conference	Kutsher's Hotel
9	MGA CPR Training Class (LI)	Mineola
10	MGA CPR Training Class (NJ)	East Orange
11	MGA CPR Training Class (W)	White Plains
22	Met PGA Educational Forum	Westchester CC
25	Met GCSA Monthly Meeting/Golf	Edgewood CC (NJ)

### May

7	Met GCSA Monthly Meeting/Golf	Wykagyl CC
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## ATTENTION

Any one who took the recent Pesticide Recertification Training Program will need to identify their form sheet with the number:

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# Superintendent Profile: Charles A. Martineau

Dennis P. Petruzelli – Brae Burn CC



Nineteen Eighty-Four was a year of initiative and refinement for the Met GCSA. The person mainly responsible for this "Realignment" is immediate Past President, Chuck Martineau.

A native of Turners Falls Massachusetts, Chuck became interested in golf course maintenance from working on his family's nine hole course as a youngster. After graduating from the University of Massachusetts, Chuck worked for several years as Superintendent at Northampton CC in Massachusetts and then at the Century Club as Assistant Superintendent under Jim Fulwider. Later, he accepted the Superintendents position at the Whippoorwill Club and currently is in his fifteenth year.

To become a successful Superintendent, Chuck believes foresight, creative thinking, diplomacy, attitude and commitment are necessary ingredients. Possessing the ability to foresee problems before they occur can save valuable time and money. Creative thinking not only improves the overall maintenance operation, but also membership appreciation of the role of the Golf Course Superintendent. Diplomacy allows operations to run more smoothly. Attitude and commitment are probably the major driving forces of the successful Superintendent. "Possessing these two essentials – any goal can be realized, Chuck advises.

Serving as President of the Met GCSA, Chuck proudly admits, is the most important professional achievement of his life. The most important contribution Chuck has made as Chapter President was focusing on the goals and future of the Association. "I believe working with a creative Staff, a quality Board of Directors, and an active supportive membership, we will be the pioneers of a new professional image." The refinement of our membership classes, restructuring *Tee To Green*, creating a new chapter logo and image, engaging an Executive Director and adding Class B and C members to the Board of Directors are only a few of the innovations Chuck brought to our Association.

Our recent past President believes getting involved in our Association is one of the most important and rewarding experiences a member can have. Each member is encouraged to participate. There are many ways to contribute to your Association and to be a better person and professional as a result. Chuck Martineau is a living example. ■

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## Editor's Comment

Patrick A. Lucas, Jr.

This is your new *Tee To Green* – restructured to serve Met GCSA members and the local golf community better. This first issue culminates many hours of work last year by a hard working *Tee To Green* Committee.

Our 1985 objectives are a more concise newsletter that will consistently present timely information and offer a fair opportunity to our many advertisers. We are pleased with the start the first issue gives us, but realize that the true test can only be passed through the course of the year.

At this time, I would like to thank these very "special people" who contributed articles and other supporting help to *Tee To Green* in 1984. Their list totals over 30 and includes Dorothy and Margie at our printers – the Deynor Corporation.

As you can see, the format of presenting 1985 advertisers has been changed from the past. The PATRON PAGE is the backbone of our advertising program. Met GCSA members are asked to support this select group of vendors throughout the year.

The 1985 *Tee To Green* will be published eight times as compared to the ten publications in recent years. The eight issues will be scheduled as follows: January – February, March – April, May, June, July, August, September – October, and November – December. *Tee To Green* will no longer serve as the primary means for notifying members of monthly meetings. Separate mailings will be sent to each member three weeks in advance of each Association meeting date.

A revised 1985 Met GCSA Membership Directory will be made available to all members this Spring. The difficult task of establishing an accurate membership listing will be completed soon – thanks to the help received from many members.

HELP WANTED: we are looking for someone who enjoys working effectively with cameras to be our staff photographer. Interested parties should contact Patrick Lucas. ■

## Career Counseling Seminars Announced

Met GCSA Executive Director Jim McLoughlin has announced that a series of Career Counseling Seminars will be sponsored by the Chapter this Spring and Fall for Association members.

The nine hour presentation spread over three consecutive early evening sessions will focus on personal management effectiveness; required and desired communications within a club; employment negotiating philosophy and objectives; and past, present and future career planning.

Following the Seminar series, participating members will be able to have their individual work and presentations evaluated within the program's individual career counseling sessions. Complete Seminar information will be mailed to all Met GCSA members this February. ■

## McLoughlin Accepts Additional Assignment

Gerard F. Hurley, NCA Executive Director, recently announced that Met GCSA Executive Director Jim McLoughlin had accepted the appointment to serve as Director of Research for the National Club Association.

The NCA has committed to establishing a national education program for golf club Directors and to developing the computer and software capabilities needed to support this and other related projects. Hurley advises, "Jim McLoughlin's experience with the MGA in New York and the GCSAA prepared him well for this important task."

McLoughlin will continue his work with the Met GCSA and feels the two assignments will complement each other in a natural way, "Any educational process designed for club officials must focus upon the indispensable role of the Golf Course Superintendent." ■

## 1985 Board Planning

Last November's Annual Meeting of the Membership at the Fairview Country Club was highlighted by three major decisions: first – a revised set of ByLaws was approved; second – a new dues

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schedule was authorized which would increase dues to \$75.00 for Class A members, \$40.00 for Class B members and \$150.00 for Class C members; and finally – there was an election of Officers and Directors, a listing of which appears on page two of this newsletter.

The fiscal year's first Broad of Directors meeting took place on November 29th at the Winged Foot Golf Club. At this meeting, Tim O'Neill (CC of Darien) was appointed to fill an unexpired term on the Board of Directors and Messrs. Bob Mullane (Alpine Tree Co.) and Dennis Petruzzelli (Brae Burn CC) were invited and accepted an invitation of the President to represent Class C and Class B members on the Board of Directors.

At the same meeting, the following 1985 Committee Chairmen were appointed by President Peter Rappoccio, with the approval of the Board of Directors:

Awards Committee	Chuck Martineau
Communications	Pat Lucas
Education	Ted Horton
Membership	Scott Niven
Scholarship & Research	Mel Lucas
Social & Welfare	Bill Gaydosh
Tournament	Larry Pakkala
	Tim O'Neill

The Board of Directors will meet again on February 28th at the Westchester Country Club. ■

## Winter Seminar A Success

Mark Angerosa – Innis Arden GC

The Met GCSA held its Winter Educational Turfgrass Seminar on January 9th at the Westchester Country Club. Seven speakers addressed a variety of subjects including – personnel management, long range landscape planning and turf disease control.

The speakers combined traditional information with newly acquired data or improved techniques to truly educate the enthusiastic audience of over a hundred Met GCAA members and club officials. Opening speaker Dr. Richard Hurley's "Selecting Grasses for Golf Course Use" stressed seeking out the newest varieties of popular cool season grasses instead of relying on the tried and true blends.

Mr. Frank Dilucia's "The Art of Supervision" was a lively presentation detailing the complexities of personnel management. "A good positive attitude," DiLucia states, "leads to good supervision. Employee motivation, job delegation and open communications were all discussed.

J.A. French Associate's Dr. Raymond Korbobo made particularly good use of slides to illustrate the effects of proper architectural planning on golf courses. Korbobo explained that the benefits of planning tree removal, as well as the planting of their replacements are immeasurable.

Elanco Products representative Mr. Scott Eicher detailed his companies claims concerning the new *Rubigan* and *Cutless*. Mr. Scott Niven, Golf Course Superintendent at the Stanwich Club, followed with a well documented presentation on the effectiveness of the fungicide and the growth regulator when applied to his course.

Mr. Bruce Cadenelli, Golf Course Superintendent at the Hollywood Golf Club, offered an alternative to the boom and T-jet spray outfits via Micromax, a unique spraying concept employed at his course. Micromax allows for a reduced water/chemical ratio, and by use of centrifugal force, produces more uniform droplets, which can be altered to suit the application desired.

Completing the day's agenda was Dr. Houston Couch of Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University. His talk, "How to Get the Most and the Least from Fungicides" addressed many of the questions that superintendents face. Dr. Couch took factors such as cultural practices, nozzle tip size and pressure, dilution ratios and weather conditions to provide attendees with useful answers on the effectiveness and longevity of several widely used chemicals. ■

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