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John Reid Lifetime Achievement Award Established Guido Cribari First Recipient

The Met GCSA is proud and pleased to announce the introduction of the *John Reid Lifetime Achievement Award*: to be presented annually to a local resident who has demonstrated through a lifetime – a knowledge of, and a commitment to, the game of golf and the science of golf course management.

John Reid, a Westchester resident in his day, is affectionately known as the "Father of American Golf" for many reasons – from playing the first game of golf in this country in 1888, to forming the first golf club at St. Andrews the same year, to being instrumental in the founding of such pre-eminent golf organizations as the United States Golf Association in 1894 and the Metropolitan Golf Association in 1988.

Through all of this, John Reid recognized that the precious golf courses on which this new game was being played required daily maintenance. He assigned personal staff to this necessary task and started, quite simply, a new profession – that of the Golf Course Superintendent.

Born the seventh son of a seventh son on the second day of the seventh month in 1916, Guido Cribari will complete his 41st year with the Macy-Westchester-Gannett newspaper group this September. A solid friendship with another golfing immortal, Fred Corcoran, and an education that included horticulture and botany prepared Guido for his love affair with golf and his true understanding of the world of the Golf Course Superintendent.

Cribari prefers the title, "Greenkeeper," and recognizes that the benefits of better equipment and chemicals are balanced today by increased demands on the superintendent and an even greater need to communicate. He often asks where can a more dedicated professional society be found than those men and women who manage our golf courses? We ask, where will golf find a better combination of faithful and unselfish servants than John Reid and Guido Cribari? The Association will present the John Reid Award to Guido Cribari at an appropriate time this summer. ■

Pesticide Groups Define Goals

Pro-pesticide organizations in New York and Connecticut have stepped up their campaigns to wage effective legislative battles in Albany and Hartford for a rational approach to pesticide usage.

The New York State Pesticide Users Council (NYSPUC) was formed in the Fall of 1983 to fill the void where no formal organization existed at the time to represent the 65,000 certified applicators across the State. Met GCSA member Gary Mullane has been appointed to the NYSPUC Board of Directors to represent the field of Ornamental Shade Trees and Turf.

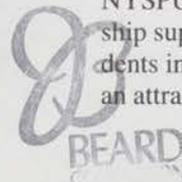
The immediate goals of NYSPUC are to raise the necessary funding to allow the Council to engage an individual to serve in the dual capacity of Executive Director and environmental lobbyist. Mullane advises that, "New York has been made a pivotal target state by the anti-pesticide groups. I am pleased that NYSPUC has already been recognized as the spokesgroup for pro-pesticide activity throughout the State."

On the Connecticut side, the Association for the Rational Use of Pesticides (RAP) was formed this last month. Met GCSA member Richard Marcks of the Fairview Country Club was elected the Association's first President. RAP is presently finalizing its plans for incorporation, establishing ByLaws and setting a dues schedule.

Marcks defines the goals of his Association as, "Creating a forum of people interested in a rational approach to pesticide use – along with the effective dissemination of information and scientific fact." Both NYSPUC and RAP will seek the membership support of Golf Course Superintendents in the area. Each organization offers an attractive individual dues schedule. ■



Chuck Martineau and Peter Rappoccio congratulate Guido.


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Presidential Message

The Met GCSA is presently preparing membership information for its 1985 Directory – for distribution to our members during the month of April. All the data is being fed into a local “personal computer” so that it can be easily maintained from year to year. Literally, at the touch of a button, the sort capability of the computer system gave us the following information about our 251 members:

	Number	% of Total
Members in Westchester	106	42.2%
Members in Connecticut	71	28.3%
Members outside area	37	14.7%
Members in New Jersey	19	7.6%
Members on Long Island	18	7.2%
Members belonging to GCSAA	232	92.5%
Members Certified (of 98 Class A)	13	13.3%

A careful look at these numbers tells us something about ourselves. First of all, our Association does not enjoy a balanced geographic membership – a situation that should correct itself in due time, without interfering with the very effective chapters now serving Golf Course Superintendents in New Jersey and on Long Island.

I am pleased that over 92% of our members belong to GCSAA. This is the kind of support our national organization deserves and needs. Many of the things that are important to our careers and profession can only be accomplished through a strong and well-supported GCSAA.

The statistic that should be of the greatest interest is the fact that only 13 Met GCSA Class A members out of a possible 98 are GCSAA certified. This translates into the 13.3% certification figure shown above, which is above the national norm of 10%. Both these percentages are disappointing. We should understand, however, that the GCSAA Certification Program is still relatively new and going through a natural growth period. Our national Association is working hard to provide the best possible Certification Program – a goal that will be realized for our benefit in the near future.

Meanwhile, we have a responsibility to ourselves, our employers, our Association and our profession to seek better professional performance through the GCSAA Certification Program. Both GCSAA and the Met GCSA will help any Golf Course Superintendent subscribe to the program and prepare for the final examination. I would like to congratulate the following Met GCSA members who have earned the valued “CGCS” designation and thank them for showing the way:

Joe Alonzi	Ted Horton	Scott Niven
Frank Bevelacqua	Mel Lucas, Jr.	Bob Osterman
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I call upon the Met GCSA membership to take a leadership role in qualifying for professional certification.

Peter R. Rappoccio
 President

Triplex Fairway Mowing: Costs versus Savings

by Ted Horton, CGCS
Westchester Country Club



Pages have been written extolling the values of light weight fairway mowing equipment and the removal of clippings. Surely, the subject has been exhausted? Yet, I still receive frequent inquiries about the costs involved.

As a result, by examining information given to me by Bob Alonzi (Winged Foot Golf Club) and Joe Alonzi (Fenway Golf Club), who are both triplex fairway mowing and removing clippings successfully, and by reviewing equipment maintenance records prepared by our Assistant, Will Heintz, I have assembled the following cost projections for triplex fairway mowing and clipping removal for the 1985 season for the West Course at Westchester Country Club, our sixth year of triplex mowing. Perhaps these costs might be of help as you wrestle with the decision of whether to mow with lighter

equipment versus the traditional mowing procedures.

Furthermore, in a review of the many articles written about this subject and from personal observations during five years of triplex usage at Westchester Country Club. I believe that the use of light weight mowers and clipping removal is helping to develop higher percentages of bentgrasses in the fairways. Because of this, savings in other areas of turfgrass management have begun to show up. Namely – a reduction in the need for aerification due to reduced compaction: less need for renovation, seed, and sod since turf loss has lessened considerably: a reduction in chemical applications for disease and weed controls because of the improved health and resistance of the basic grasses: less demand for irrigation and in particular afternoon syringing resulting in savings of labor, water and pumping costs: a reduced need for weekend mowing since the lower height of cut usually associated with the triplex fairway mowing enables skipping a cutting more readily than before: a reduction in the expense of review of fairway contours because the smaller units are able to maintain an architect's defined fairway edge more easily than the larger units could: and, of course, an obvious saving would be the original cost of mowing fairways and approaches with conventional equipment. Finally, if the above is not enough, the resulting improvement in playability and overall appearance of the fairways should probably justify the additional cost by itself.

A summary of these savings is estimated on page 5 and matched against the costs of triplex mowing of twenty-three acres of fairways at Westchester Country Club. These projections will ultimately show that the use of light weight
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Coming Events (through June)

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
29-1	Met GCSA Career Counseling Seminar	

May

7	Met GCSA Monthly Meeting/Golf	Wykagyl CC
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June

4	Golf Writers National Awards Dinner	Elmsford Marriott
6	Met GCSA Invitational Tournament	Stanwich C
5-9	Westchester Classic	Westchester CC
26	Massachusetts Field Day	South Deerfield

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Baston Elected GCSAA President



Eugene D. Baston, CGCS, Birmingham, Alabama, was elected President of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA) during GCSAA's 56th Annual International Golf Course Conference and Show held in Washington, D.C., February 5-13, 1985. Baston succeeds James W. Timmerman, CGCS, Bloomfield, Mich.

Baston has also served GCSAA as Director, as Secretary-Treasurer and as Vice President in 1984.

Baston was the golf course superintendent for the Country Club of Birmingham for 12 years before becoming the golf course superintendent of the Percy Marcum Golf Club, Empire, Ala., in 1984. Previously, he was superintendent at the Bay Hill Club, Orlando and at the Savannah Inn and Country Club, Georgia. He was also assistant superintendent at the Augusta National Golf Club.

President Baston has been a member of GCSAA for 19 years serving the Association as chairman and as a member of various committees, in addition to serving as an officer; and is also a member of the Alabama Turfgrass Association.

He also has been a director and vice president of the Georgia Golf Course Superintendents Association, vice president and president of the Southern Turfgrass Association, president of the Alabama Turfgrass Association and a member of the Tennessee Turfgrass Association and the USGA Green Section Committee.

President Baston earned a B.S. degree in Education from Georgia Southern College.

To GCSAA's new president, Gene Baston, each individual member's needs are of paramount importance.

"Because GCSAA is a membership-oriented association, we have to be able to reach golf course superintendents of all types of courses, both public and private," Baston said. "And we've got to adapt our educational programs and other services to meet all the needs represented by the very diverse group of people out there." ■

Tournaments to Emphasize Education

1985 Met GCSA golf tournaments will use on-site opportunities to focus on special Rules, design and maintenance situations that exist within the golf course.

The Meeting Notice mailed to members three weeks in advance of each Tournament/Meeting date will highlight educational opportunities as developed by the Host Superintendent in the golf course maintenance area, the Host Golf Professional in the Rules area and Golf Course Architect and Met GCSA Member Stephen Kay in the design area. Members of the American Society of Golf Course Architects are invited to participate in this program.

Following play, members and guests will given the opportunity to have their questions answered in the three discipline areas. The goal of the Met GCSA Education and Tournament Committees is to provide enjoyable golf competition—while at the same time taking informal advantage of obvious learning situations. ■



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mowing equipment and clipping removal will increase the cost of fairway mowing by approximately \$11,500 over the use of conventional equipment. When the increase is measured against the operating budget of three hundred to four hundred thousand dollars for an eighteen hole golf course, it seems to be a small amount to pay for the marked improvement to the playing conditions enjoyed by your golfing members.

Estimated Cost of Triplex Fairway Mowing and Clipping Removal at WCC in 1985

Anticipated SAVINGS during the 1985 Season	
1. HF15 7-GANG MOWING (81x/yr)	\$13,764
2. DEW REMOVAL (50x/yr)	866
3. APPROACH MOWING (81x/yr)	3,885
4. REDUCED Need for AEROFICATION	500
5. REDUCED RENOVATION (seed, sod, etc.)	1,000
6. REDUCED CHEMICALS	
a) pre-emergent Poa	2,000
b) seedhead retardant	500
c) post-emergent weed	250
d) wetting agents	500
e) fungicides	3,000
7. REDUCED IRRIGATION & SYRINGING	3,000
8. REDUCED FERTILIZER	500
9. REDUCED VERTICUTTING & THATCHING	500
10. REDUCED ARCHITECT FEE Review of Contours	250
11. REDUCED Need for DRAINAGE	500
12. REDUCED Number of MOWINGS per Year (5 @ \$665.49)	3,327
TOTAL	\$34,342

Cost to Mow 23 Acres & Pick up Clippings using Toro Pro 84	
1. MOWING (81x/yr)	\$34,963
2. DEW REMOVAL (50x/yr)	866
3. Clipping Removal (75x/yr)	6,027
4. CLIPPING DISPOSAL (estimated)	4,000
TOTAL	\$45,856

NET INCREASE TRIPLEX vs. 7 GANG	
	\$45,856
	- 34,342
TOTAL	\$11,514

**Further information and data
available from author on request**

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Sponsor Asked to Assume Membership Responsibility

The Met GCSA Membership Committee has concluded a series of winter meetings that has resulted in the sponsor of candidates for membership being asked to assume a more pivotal role within the admissions process.

Sponsors will be asked to submit applications on a candidate's behalf and to keep

the candidate informed regarding the status of the application. Once an application is filed, the requirements dealing with meeting attendance and supporting letters must be met within one year's time.

The Association's ByLaws, as revised in 1984, allow the Board of Directors to elect members but four times a year — on a quarterly basis. Sponsors may obtain applications from the Met GCSA Membership Committee: Chairman Scott Niven, Dennis Flynn, Byron Johnson and Gerry Kunkel. ■

Dr. Houston Couch: "Getting the Most From Fungicides"

by David R. Arel, Sleepy Hollow Country Club

In 1981, Dr. Couch began research to define procedures necessary for making the most effective spray applications of fungicides. Trials were designed to determine the following:

1. optimum amount of water per 1,000 sq. ft. of turf
2. appropriate nozzle sizes
3. most suitable pressure at the nozzles for the control of turfgrass diseases on fairway and greens.

The first set of experiments was designed to test for the relationship between dilution rates, nozzle orifice size, and the

efficiency of the fungicide. Applications were made with a CO₂ pressurized, hand-held sprayer equipped with Unijet flat fan spray tips. Applications were made at a nozzle pressure of 30 psi.

Tip Size	Gallonages
800050	0.5, 1.0, 2.0, 4.0
8002	0.5, 1.0, 2.0, 4.0
8006	4.0, 8.0, 16.0, 32.0

Sclerotinia Dollar Spot:

Fungicide Tested	Rate
Bayleton	.25 oz. ai / 1000 sq ft
Chipco 26019	1 oz ai / 1000 sq ft
Daconil 2786	2 oz ai / 1000 sq ft
Dyrene	2 oz ai / 1000 sq ft

Optimum combination for control:

fungicide	nozzle	gallonage
Bayleton	8002	2
Chipco 26019	800050/8002	0.5, 1, 2, 4
Daconil 2787	800050/8002	1
Dyrene	8002	2

Rhizoctonia Blight:

Fungicide Tested	Rate
Bayleton	.25 oz. ai / 1000 sq ft
Chipco 26019	1 oz ai / 1000 sq ft
Daconil 2786	2 oz ai / 1000 sq ft
Dyrene	2 oz ai / 1000 sq ft

Optimum combination for control:

fungicide	nozzle	gallonage
Bayleton	800050	2
Chipco 26019	800050/8002	0.5
Daconil 2787	any	0.5, 1, 2, 4, 8
Dyrene	800050	1

The most effective was Daconil 2787 with any of the three nozzles tested at up to 8 gallons water per 1000 sq ft.

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Melting Out:

Fungicide Tested	Rate
Chipco 26019	1 oz ai / 1000 sq ft
Dyrene	4 oz ai / 1000 sq ft
Daconil 2787	5.5 oz ai / 1000 sq ft

Optimum combination for control:

fungicide	nozzle	gallonage
Chipco 26019	8002	4
Dyrene	any nozzle	0.5, 1, 2, 8
Daconil 2787	8002	4

The most effective was Daconil 2787 using the 8002 nozzle at a dilution rate of 4 gallons water per 1000 sq ft.

An additional group of experiments was conducted to determine if variations in nozzle pressure will significantly affect fungicidal effectiveness. All fungicides were applied with a CO₂ sprayer fitted with Uni-jet 8002 nozzle tips, and at a dilution rate of 2 gallons of water per 1000 sq ft of turf. The only variable was pressure at the nozzle. Four pressures were used: 10, 30, 60, and 90 psi.

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Fungicide Tested	Rate
Bayleton	0.5 oz ai / 1000 sq ft
Chipco 26019	1 oz ai / 1000 sq ft
Dyrene	4 oz ai / 1000 sq ft

Most effective control:

Bayleton	30, 60, 90 psi
Chipco 26019	30, 60 psi
Dyrene	60 psi

Fungicides tested on 'Penncross' with Dollar Spot:

Acti-Dione TGF	0.042 oz ai / 1000 sq ft
Rubigan	0.2 oz ai / 1000 sq ft
Daconil	5.5 oz ai / 1000 sq ft

Most effective control:

Acti-Dione TGF	60, 90 psi
Rubigan	30, 60 psi
Daconil 2787	60 psi

This study has shown that in the use of a spray system, there are specific combinations of dilution rate, nozzle tip size, and nozzle pressure combinations at which the various fungicides perform most effectively. ■

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