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MEETING NOTICE

Date: Tuesday, April 25, 1972

Joint Meeting MGCSA and Hudson Valley

GCSA

Place: Dellwood Country Club, New City, New York

Golf: From 10 A.M. on. Buffet luncheon will be

available.

Club phone (914) 634-4626

Demonstration: 5:30 P.M. - Trap Rakes

Cocktails: 6:00 P.M. Dinner: 7:00 P.M.

Speaker: Professor Edward Foss, Prof. of Ag.

Engineering

Topic: "Safety and the Superintendent" from The

Williams-Steiger Occupational Safety and

Health Act of 1970.

Host: Jerry Scafa has been Superintendent at the Dellwood Country Club since 1966. Prior to

that he was at the Westchester C.C. for 19 years. He and his charming wife, Millie, live on

the Golf Course in New City.

Directions: From the Tappan Zee Bridge take the Palisades

Parkway North (Exit 13 of New York Thruway) Take the New York Thruway across the Tappan Zee Bridge to exit 13 Palisades Parkway North. Then to exit 10A (Hempstead Rd.) Turn right at the bottom of ramp and go to the 2nd light, turn left and go up Main Street

2 miles to club.

Note: Please be prepared to pay cash for your meal,

receipts will be available from the management.

SPECIAL NOTICE TO ALL MGCSA MEMBERS — The executive board has decided to use a return card policy for the 1972 season. Each member must return his card or call the host to play golf and to attend dinner (no exceptions). The MGCSA executive board expects everybody to cooperate so that we can help the host in preparing for golf and dinner.

Door Prizes will be awarded each month for those in attendance.

MGCSA News:

It's been a few months since the Christmas Party but we certainly want to thank Chuck Martineau and Host Bill Caputi for the great time everybody had. It was an excellent turnout and a great time was had by all.

Ray Twombly apologizes for the misunderstanding of the luncheon tab. He stated \$6.74, but this was without all service and tax charges.

Well, we are all heading into high gear approaching another golf season. For the first time in many years we all came out of the winter in good shape — very little, if any, winter damage. Yes, it was a mild wet winter.

Everybody has just about finished the conference circuit. There certainly were some excellent educational materials presented at the National along with local conferences.

We had an excellent meeting at Stanwich Club. Our host Ray Twombly started the season off with an excellent luncheon. The return cards were a success and this policy, as noted in the Tee to Green this month, will be continued. Dr. Boodley filled us in as to the current happenings and plans of Cornell. He explained how economics are effecting the expansion of all programs not just turf. The executive board has already donated \$100 to the New York State Turfgrass Association. It is hoped that enough money may be raised to bring someone on the staff for turf or at least a good portion of his time. This would speed up the transition when Dr. Cornman retires in July of 1973. The MGCSA also donated \$100 to the O.J. Noer Fund this winter.

The coming meeting in April is a joint meeting with Hudson Valley, so let's have a good turnout. Remember to return your post card.

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Coming Events:

April 20th NJGCSA meeting Bamn Hollow CC

May 18th Conn. GCSA, C.C. of Darien

May 18th NJGCSA, Baltusrol C.C.

May 18th tentative MGCSA

June 6th Conn. GCSA, The Farms C.C.
June 21 tentative meeting MGCSA
July 20th MGCSA Championship, Mt. Kisco

August Open Date

September Invitational, Whippoorwill Club

Membership:

The following members have been approved by the executive board:

John Adriance Class B McCann Golf Course

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Mike Maffei Class B Back of Beyond Golf Club

Mel Lucas, Sr. Class A Piping Rock Club

Membership Dues:

Those who haven't paid their 1972 dues will soon receive a notice to pay up within the next 30 days.

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Dick Allen Contact:

723-3238

MGCSA Participates in Home Gardner's Clinic and Exhibition Sponsored by Westchester Co. Dept. of Parks and Recreation and Agricultural Extension Service.

The theme of the clinic was home lawn maintenance, pest and disease control, and healthy trees, plants and flowers. The MGCSA followed this theme by exhibiting in our booth the many contributions the golf course makes to the community.

To elaborate on the theme, the booth consisted of 100 square feet of Flyking sod donated by DeLelio Sod Co. and 40 various plants and flowers donated by Lawrence Labriola and a ball washer and basket donated by Andrew Wilson. MGCSA also had a nice sign along with our own flag. Also there was a continuous showing of slides depicting various aspects of golf course maintenance along with various diseases we are confronted with. There were also many beautiful slides showing various golf holes with beautiful trees in blossom along with flowers. A mimeographed sheet outlining the golf course contributions to the community was presented as shown on the next page, right hand column. It was a big success and many people stopped by to ask questions. It was a wonderful exposure for MGCSA. The committee which consisted of Dick Allen, Ron Boydston, Bob Depencier and Bob Lippman worked hard and certainly did a great job. Those who didn't attend the clinic really missed something.



Jobs Wanted

Mr. Roland Dutilly 1085 Main Street West Warwick, RI Graduating in June, Univ. of R.I. Wants job as Assistant superintendent

Joe Michaele Caldwell 818 N. Jefferson Stillwater, Oklahoma 74074 Graduates in June, Oklahoma State University Assistant or superintendents job

John F. Coyne III Bond Hill Apts. #11 590 Macon Road Athens, Ga, 30601 Graduates in June, Univ. of Georgia Assistant or superintendents job

Daniel M. Coffin Route 1, Box 3 Waterloo, Iowa Graduates from Hawkeye Institute in March Assistant golf course superintendent

Thomas R. Charnock
92 South Main Street
Homer, New York
Graduates in May, SUNY Agricultural and
Technical College
Assistant or superintendents job

National Conference

The 43rd International Turfgrass Conference and Show sponsored by the G.C.S.A.A. which I attended in Cincinnati was the first national conference of my career. This short report on the conference and show will be one of a greenhorn. My first impression on arriving at the hotel in Cincinnati was a great one upon seeing and experiencing the friendliness of all present. Fellow superintendents did their best to show me the ropes at my first conference, i.e. leading me to the right "rooms," etc.

The city of Cincinnati itself also impressed me. For a change a

very clean city free of trash, abandoned cars, and smog.

The keynote speaker Ralph Nadar did not come on like a lion as everyone expected, attacking superintendents from all angles, but came in like a lamb making no sharp attacks on the golf industry. His attacks were instead leveled at large scale industry, and at landlords.

The educational assemblies were, on the whole, very good, but some impressed more than others. The assembly devoted to management tips was very good. The Golf Course Superintendent's position is continually becoming more and more business-like. Records and paper work are a large part of the Superintendent's position. The tips on accounting and record keeping I am sure benefited many superintendents. Another important facet of the superintendent's job involves communications. Without communications, there can be no organization. Pete Miller's talk also made superintendents stop and look at the way they are handling communications.

The last assembly was one of my favorites — The Thinking Superintendent. This is where the most ideas are exchanged. We can see how other superintendents are coping with their problems and we can apply their solutions to our problems.

The equipment show overwhelmed me. I could not believe all the equipment on hand. The items that most impressed me were the numerous sand trap rakes, the three green triplexes, and the automatic irrigation systems. One thing the show proved to me was the fact that the golf course maintenance industry is getting more and more mechanized by the day. There is a new labor saving machine on the market for almost every golf course maintenance operation — triplexes for greens mowing, sand trap rakes for raking traps, topdressers built into utility vehicles for topdressing greens and tees, etc. It is getting so that the hard part of the superintendent's job is not in getting the work done but in deciding on what model piece of equipment is the best to do the job. Factors such as cost, design, service problems all enter the picture. No one machine will impress all superintendents the same — it boils down to personal preferences and the show had enough variety for all individuals. The more competition in equipment production the better, because it will enable us as superintendents to do a better job.

My first conference was a memorable one and I will be looking forward to future ones.

Mike Maffei Back O' Beyond, Inc.

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- , A Scholarship funds
- V TAX VALUE TO COMMUNITY.
 - A Unpopulated acreage reduces tax burden for schools, fire depts. etc.
 - 1 The golf club pays high taxes for privilege of open acreage
 - B Increases private property value of adjacent homes and those with views of course
- VI ECOLOGY.
 - A Oxygen producing grass, trees, shrubs, etc.
 - 1 Oxygen produced by one acre of turf will support 10 people
 - Cooling effect from one acre of turf is equal to a 70 ton air conditioner
 - B Wild life refuge to birds and animals
 - 1 Most golf course ponds are stocked with fish. Bottom and surface feeders
 - C Golf courses double as water sheds
 - 1 Water used on golf courses is returned to soil
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