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Special Feature

Renowned Entomologist Receives High Honors

The MetGCSA honors Cornell Professor Emeritus, Dr. Haruo Tashiro, With the 1990 John Reid Lifetime Achievement Award

There are roughly 25 million golfers in America, give or take a few million. And chances are not one in 100,000 has even heard the word *Hyperodes*, let alone made an attempt to find out what it is.

But you can wager a Nassau or two that every single MetGCSA super is not only thoroughly familiar with this pesky oriental import, but literally shivers at the sight and sound of it.

Responsible for destroying tees, greens, and fairways of golf courses throughout the Northeastern corridor of the country, the *Hyperodes* grub or weevil has been Dr. Haruo Tashiro's lifework. As an entomologist with Cornell University's New York State Agricultural Experiment Station in Geneva, Dr. Tashiro has worked diligently toward controlling—and eradicating—this menace and other pests and diseases decimating turfgrasses and nursery stock.

And that is precisely why the MetGCSA voted unanimously to present its coveted John Reid Lifetime Achievement Award to Dr. Tashiro at the June 4 Invitational Tournament held at Winged Foot Golf Club.

Affectionately known as "Tash," Dr. Tashiro is one of the world's most respected soil scientists. He is a leader in the newer concepts for control of soil and turf insects that destroy turfgrasses and nursery stock in America.

There are, according to the good doctor, 48 species of *Hyperodes* present in North America, and the *Listronotus Maculicollis*, as it has been officially dubbed in New York State, is exclusive to the lush grasses on tees, greens, and fairways and certain nursery stock.

Dr. Tashiro has written and published scores of scientific papers and periodicals on the subject, and his brand-new book, *Turfgrass Insects of the United States and Canada*, is considered the bible on the subject.

He is, to his chosen field, what Dr. Benjamin Spock is to pediatrics and Joe Dey to the rules of golf: The primary source.

Dr. Tashiro, a graduate of the University of California at Davis, holds a B.S. from Wheaton College in Illinois and an M.S. and Ph.D. from Cornell University. He spent almost 15 years as a highly respected entomologist with the U.S. Department of Agriculture and served as professor of entomology at



MetGCSA President Larry Pakkala congratulates Reid Award Winner Dr. Haruo Tashiro.

Cornell from 1967 to May 1983, when he was named professor emeritus.

In addition, he's gained worldwide acclaim for his research and contributions in the study of ecology and biology; the control of the European chafer; fumigation in controlling nursery stock pests; and the biological control of citrus and fruit diseases.

Presenting the John Reid Award to Dr. Tashiro was Ted Horton, former MetGCSA president and longtime friend of the distinguished honoree.

"I am honored to know Dr. Tashiro, both as friend and professional," says Ted, director of sports (continued on page 7)

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Popularity Has Its Problems

If you've been attending our functions—or following the Tee to Green lately—you know that we've had record-breaking success with our meetings this year. We've had higher-than-ever numbers for golf and dinner, and the Invitational sold out in just three days. (I only hope the momentum continues.)

That brings me to the point of this month's message: With the growing popularity of our meetings and attendance on the rise, it's more critical than ever that you respond as quickly as possible when you receive your meeting notices or tournament invitations.

We had a few disappointed members who were closed out of the Winged Foot Invitational because they either received their mail late or just weren't able to respond in time to secure a spot in the tournament.

Please, if you haven't received a mailing at least seven days before a scheduled meeting or event (keep your eye on the Tee to Green or the meeting schedule we've included on page 4 of the 1990 Membership Directory), give us a call and we'll do our best to accommodate you.

All our committee members are working hard to see that everything runs smoothly, and I can assure you that there is extreme effort put forth to accommodate MetGCSA members in a timely manner. But let's face it, we're all human, so there are going to be times when something falls through the cracks.

We will be discussing ways to keep errors to a minimum and, just as important, to improve our sign-up system—particularly for events, like the Invitational, which have a cap on

the number of participants. In fact, we're thinking about holding a lottery, which would allow members who attend meetings regularly to ensure a place in the Invitational. Let me know what you think of this idea, and tell me about any other ideas you might have.

In all our discussions, the prime objective, of course, is to find measures that will ensure fairness to all Met members—and enhance the quality of service to our membership.

But we can't do that without your help and cooperation. Something as simple as sending those reservation forms back early and letting us know if you haven't received a mailing are small steps that can make a big difference in our ability to serve you—and serve you well.

LARRY PAKKALA, CGCS
President

U pcoming Events

Meeting Reminder

■ *Golf/Meeting, Tuesday, July 24*
PLACE: Ardsley Country Club,
Ardsley-on-Hudson, NY
HOST: George Pierpoint

Come One, Come All

■ *MetGCSA Picnic*
DATE: Monday, July 30
PLACE: The all-new Woodway Beach Club, Stamford, CT
DETAILS: Bring the family for an afternoon—and evening—of fun and games at the newly renovated Beach Club. Tennis, swimming, volleyball, and all the hot dogs and hamburgers you can eat are yours for \$10 per adult. Children go free. Watch for a mailing.

■ 1990 Poa Annual Golf Tournament

DATE: Monday, August 13
PLACE: Ridgeway CC, White Plains, NY
DETAILS: Sponsored by the MetGCSA and the New York State Turfgrass Association, this event is being run to benefit turfgrass research.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CALL: Mike Maffei at 914-279-7179.

■ Summer Social: "Manhattan Skyline Dinner Cruise"

DATE: Tuesday, August 21
DETAILS: A repeat of last year's popular event, this evening of dinner and dancing will embark at the New Rochelle Harbor. Sailing the East River aboard a cruise ship, you'll enjoy spectacular views of Manhattan and the Statue of Liberty. Stay tuned for further details.



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Bob Alonzi Hosts 1990 Invitational Tournament

The June 4 Invitational Tournament brought 170 MetGCSA superintendents, green chairmen, club officials, and pros to the links of the famed Winged Foot Golf Club in Mamaroneck, NY. Superbly conditioned by Superintendent Bob Alonzi and his crew, the Tillinghast-designed course is ranked high on the list of "GOLF Magazine's 100 Greatest Courses in the World."

Bob came to Winged Foot in time to help with final preparations for the 1984 U.S. Open—and from that day, has strived to maintain those conditions for the club's nearly 950 members.

Because the club prefers not to tamper with its near-flawless design, Bob's limited his projects to general restoration—the most dramatic being the preservation and restoration of the club's classic Tillinghast bunkers.

Before launching into his first job as superintendent at Rye Golf Club, Bob attended the Rutgers two-year Turf School and spent time in the U.S. Army. He then moved to Burning

Tree Country Club in Greenwich, CT. There, Bob had the unusual opportunity to assume a dual role—as both superintendent and club manager.

In 1979, he accepted the superintendent's position at Fairview Country Club in Greenwich, where he stayed until moving to Winged Foot in '84.

Like most superintendents, working outdoors is an aspect of the job Bob enjoys. But perhaps his greatest source of satisfaction is building strong bonds with key employees and working with crew members to meet the club's exceptionally high standards.

Bob and his wife, Kim—who most of you probably know from her active participation in the Social & Welfare Committee—live in Greenwich, CT, with their four children: Jennifer, Robie, Dana, and Cassie.

In his spare time, you'll find Bob gardening, woodworking—he built the home where he and his family have lived since 1974—or socializing with friends.

BERT DICKINSON
Westchester Country Club

And the Winners Are...

Here's how the winning teams fared at the June 4 Invitational at Winged Foot Golf Club:

Low Net Winners

- 59 Heritage Hills of Westchester
T. Polidor, J. Cipriano, J. Currie,
D. Delano
- 62 Fenway Golf Club, J. Alonzi,
J. Fox, M. Rosengarten, R. Weinshank
- 63 Madison Golf Club, M. Sinto,
B. Ryan, J. Vebaro, N. Lyons

Low Gross Winners

- 66 Winged Foot Golf Club, B. Alonzi,
T. Nieporte, J. Lynch, E. O'Reilly
- 67 Preakness Hills Country Club
J. O'Keefe, D. Sarta, P. Kramer,
P. Smith
- 69 Mount Kisco Country Club
Fred Scheyhing, M. Manolis,
D. Adams, B. Bawer



Heritage Hills takes the Invitational trophy with their low net score of 59. The winning team (from left to right): Golf Pro Joe Cipriano, Green Chairman John Currie, Superintendent Todd Polidor, and VP & General Mgr. Doug Delano.

A Nice Gesture

Ever have to buy a gift for "the person who has everything?" That's the dilemma Old Oaks Superintendent Mark Millett and Golf Pro Bob Heins faced when former Green Chairman Lowell Schulman was due to get married. Their solution? Donating \$250 to the Met's Scholarship Fund in the Schulmans' honor. Nice idea, guys.

Scholarship Recipients

Let's hear a round of applause for the three 1990 scholarship recipients who will be honored at the Met's July 24 meeting: Christopher DiMarzo, Christopher Horton, and Patrick Lucas.

Some background on these worthy recipients—and their proud fathers: Christopher DiMarzo is a Management major at Bryant University in Smithfield, RI. He's Dominick DiMarzo's son, superintendent at Sunningdale CC. Christopher Horton is a freshman at Trinity University in San Antonio, TX, and is Ted Horton's son, director of sports and grounds at Westchester CC. And Patrick Lucas, a Turf major at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst, MA, is Pat Lucas' son, superintendent at Innis Arden GC.

Way to Go!

- Fenway Superintendent Joe Alonzi and Dave Marmelstein of Steven Willand, Inc. ran in the Long Island Half Marathon May 6. No ribbons, but both finished in honorable times.
- Ridgeway Superintendent Earl Millett was the low qualifier for the Ike Tournament at Fenway GC, where he once worked as an assistant.

New Members

- Phil Anderson, Class AS, Huntington Country Club, Huntington, NY.
- William Bodemer, Class B, Southward Ho Country Club, Bayshore, NY.
- James DeLibero, Class C, Landscape Supply Co., Branchville, NJ.
- Thomas Fedora, Class B, Deepdale Golf Club, Manhasset, NY.
- Dave Savone, Class D, Quaker Ridge Golf Club, Scarsdale, NY.
- Joseph Stahl, Metro Milorganite, Inc., Bedford Hills, NY.

Underground Storage Tanks: Are Yours Safe and Sound?

An At-a-Glance Guide to New Rules and Regulations Governing the Underground Storage Tanks at Your Course

Underground storage tanks have failed the test of time. Many older varieties have leaked petroleum into the soil—some of them seriously enough to reach groundwater supplies. Why the failure rate? There are four basic reasons:

1. *They weren't corrosion protected.* Most tanks used on golf courses were made of unprotected steel, which can corrode—usually without anyone ever knowing it.
2. *Many weren't installed properly.* Faulty installation increases the potential for petroleum leaks. If, for example, poor backfill were used or it wasn't compacted properly, the likelihood of future problems soars.
3. *They didn't have spill or overfill protection.* Older tanks were installed without catchment basins or automatic shutoff devices or alarms. Without these safeguards, a delivery person could mistakenly overfill your tank and cause the petroleum to spill into the soil, contaminating the area.
4. *Piping failed.* According to EPA studies, most leaks result from piping failures. The root cause: Piping is smaller and less sturdy than tanks are. It's usually assembled in the field with numerous connections and close to the surface. And it suffers more than tanks from installation mistakes, excessive surface loads, and stress from underground movement and corrosion.

A series of new rules and regulations have been established by local, state, and federal governments to guard against these and other tank failures that could put our groundwater in jeopardy. Though most superintendents know these laws exist, few—understandably—have examined them closely enough to fully grasp how they might apply to their own operations.

If you're one of the uninformed, never fear. We've published two EPA

charts that'll give you an instant picture of minimum requirements for new and old tanks and piping, along with deadlines for complying.

The charts address three essential areas: Leak detection, corrosion protection, and spill/overfill prevention. And they apply to any facility with a combined storage capacity of 1,100 gallons. This means you could have one 1,100-gallon tank or several smaller tanks that add up to 1,100 gallons.

A few words to the wise: Keep in mind that local regulations take precedence over state or federal, so before doing any work on your petroleum storage tanks, contact your regional office of the EPA for further assistance and information. When you get the go-ahead on your plans, be sure to use a qualified installer who's well versed in the laws. That'll take a load off your shoulders and, more important, ensure proper installation.

Important Notice

New law mandates that any golf course with an underground storage tank will have to ensure that it can cover the expense of correcting a petroleum leak or spill.

Though there are several ways to

Minimum Requirements for Underground Storage Tanks

| Leak Detection | | | | | | | | | |
|---|--|---------|---------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------|---|---------------------------|--|
| New Tanks 2 Choices | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monthly Monitoring* • Monthly Inventory Control and Tank Tightness Testing Every 5 Years (You can use this choice for only 10 years after installation.) | | | | | | | | |
| Existing Tanks 3 Choices | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monthly Monitoring* • Monthly Inventory Control and Annual Tank Tightness Testing (This choice can be used only until December 1988.) • Monthly Inventory Control and Tank Tightness Testing Every 5 Years. (This choice can be used for only 10 years after adding corrosion protection and spill/overfill prevention or until December 1998, whichever date is later.) | | | | | | | | |
| New & Existing Pressurized Piping Choice of 1 from each set | <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Set One</td> <td>Set Two</td> </tr> <tr> <td>• Automatic Flow Restrictor</td> <td>• Annual Line Testing</td> </tr> <tr> <td>• Automatic Shutoff Device and</td> <td>• Monthly Monitoring* (except automatic tank gauging)</td> </tr> <tr> <td>• Continuous Alarm System</td> <td></td> </tr> </table> | Set One | Set Two | • Automatic Flow Restrictor | • Annual Line Testing | • Automatic Shutoff Device and | • Monthly Monitoring* (except automatic tank gauging) | • Continuous Alarm System | |
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| • Automatic Shutoff Device and | • Monthly Monitoring* (except automatic tank gauging) | | | | | | | | |
| • Continuous Alarm System | | | | | | | | | |
| New & Existing Suction Piping 3 Choices | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monthly Monitoring* (except automatic tank gauging) • Line Testing Every 3 Years • No Requirements (if the system has specific characteristics) | | | | | | | | |
| Corrosion Protection | | | | | | | | | |
| New Tanks 3 Choices | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coated and Cathodically Protected Steel • Fiberglass • Steel Tank Clad With Fiberglass | | | | | | | | |
| Existing Tanks 4 Choices | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Same Options as for New Tanks • Add Cathodic Protection System • Interior Lining • Interior Lining & Cathodic Protection | | | | | | | | |
| New Piping 2 Choices | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coated and Cathodically Protected Steel • Fiberglass | | | | | | | | |
| Existing Piping 2 Choices | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Same Options as for New Piping • Cathodically Protected Steel | | | | | | | | |
| Spill/Overfill Prevention | | | | | | | | | |
| All Tanks | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Catchment Basins and • Automatic Shutoff Devices or • Overfill Alarms or • Ball Float Valves | | | | | | | | |

* Monthly Monitoring includes Automatic Tank Gauging, Vapor Monitoring, Interstitial Monitoring, Groundwater Monitoring, Other Approved Methods.

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By William C. Southard

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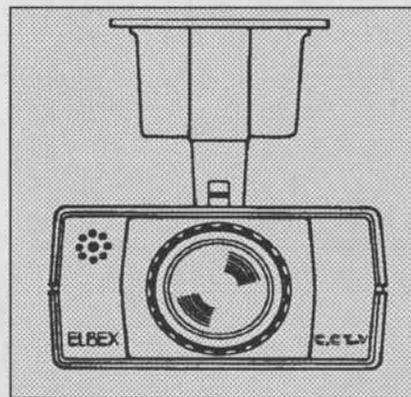
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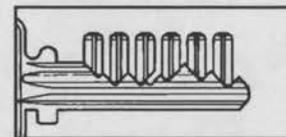


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|--------------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|
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| Existing Tanks** | | | |
| Installed: | No Later Than: | | |
| Before 1965 | December 1989 | December 1998 | December 1998 |
| 1965 - 1969 | December 1990 | | |
| 1970 - 1974 | December 1991 | | |
| 1975 - 1979 | December 1992 | | |
| 1980 - December 1988 | December 1993 | | |
| Existing Piping** | | | |
| Pressurized Piping | December 1990 | December 1998 | Does Not Apply |
| Suction Piping | Same as Existing Tanks | December 1998 | Does Not Apply |

* New Tanks and Piping are those installed after December 1988.

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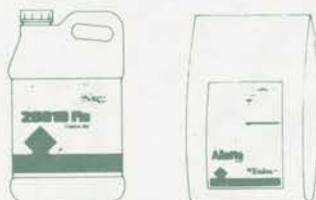
do this, underground pollution insurance is really the only viable option for golf courses. Because most existing liability insurance policies don't offer this kind of coverage, the GCSAA has worked with the Financial Guardian Insurance Co. to develop a program that will help golf courses limit their financial exposure from leaking tanks

and avoid penalties of noncompliance. Thanks to the petroleum industry's lobbying efforts, the deadline for this coverage has been extended one year— to October 16, 1991.

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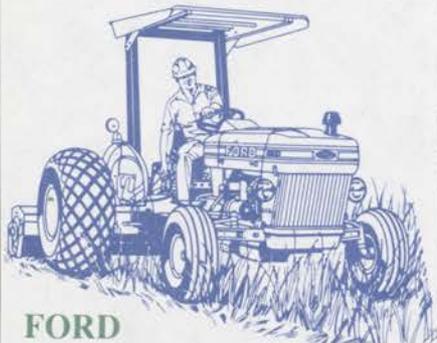
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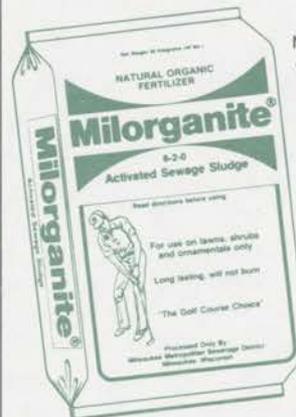
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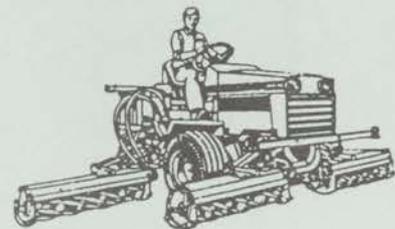
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Reid Award

and grounds at Westchester Country Club. "In his quiet and unassuming manner, Tash remains one of the most respected turfgrass entomologists in the world today.

"When other pursuits are normally expected during retirement years," he continues, "Tash authored a comprehensive reference on turfgrass pests that has proved invaluable to golf course superintendents. The MetGCSA is fortunate to have developed an enviable association with this leading scientist and gentle man of the soil."

Scott Niven, property manager at The Stanwich Club and past president of the MetGCSA, refers to Dr. Tashiro as a "hero in my book, whose dedicated work has saved acres of fairways, greens, and tees from the ravages of Hyperodes. We hope to elevate his efforts and accomplishments with this

presentation."

Initiated in 1986, the John Reid Lifetime Achievement Award was named after the man affectionately known as the "Father of American Golf." John Reid was not only the first to play golf in this country (in 1888), he was also instrumental in forming the first golf club at St. Andrews and, later, the USGA and the Metropolitan Golf Association. But probably even more important to superintendents is that John Reid, by recognizing that golf courses require daily maintenance and care, was, in large part, responsible for establishing the golf course management profession.

Previous recipients of the John Reid Award are Dr. Ralph Engel, renowned turf specialist at Rutgers University; one-time U.S. Open golf champion and CBS-TV commentator Ken Venturi; Alexander Radko, retired head of the U.S. Golf Association's turf Green Section; and Guido Cribari, retired executive sports editor of the Gannett-Westchester Newspapers, Inc.

Scorecard

Another Meeting Success

Once again, a meeting with record numbers in attendance: We had 109 for golf and 150 for dinner at the superintendent/manager meeting held May 24 at Sunningdale Country Club. Those who came for the golf were able to enjoy play on a course finely conditioned by Dominick DiMarzo and his staff, while diners were treated to what seemed to be a never-ending selection of out-of-this-world food—thanks to Club Manager Armond Ausserlecher.

We wrapped up the day with an informative talk from Brooklawn's PGA Golf Professional Jim O'Mara, who explained staking the course for out of bounds and hazards and its effect on how the game is played.

Here's a look at how the golfers fared:

Manager/Superintendent Teams

Low Net Winners

- 1st T. Baviello & S. Burn, *Pelham CC*
- 2nd G. Pierpoint & S. Aries, *Ardley CC*
- 3rd D. DiMarzo & A. Ausserlecher
Sunningdale CC

Low Gross Winners

- 1st M. Sinto & F. Burns
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- 2nd E. Millett & D. Vasquez
Ridgeway CC

The Rest of the Field

Low Net Winners

- 1st T. Wimfhemier, *Sunningdale CC*
- 2nd J. Kennedy, *Irra-Tech*
- 3rd S. Watt, *Sunningdale CC*

Closest to the Pin

- D. Kotiadis, *Quaker Ridge GC*

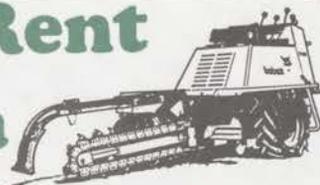
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- 1st J. Farrell, *Lofts Seed*
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