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Special Feature

Jim Fulwider Wins the 1990 Sherwood A. Moore Award

The highlight of the MetGCSA's annual Green Chairman's tournament, held at Tamarack Country Club, was the presentation of the 1990 Sherwood A. Moore Award. This year's recipient: James (Jim) R. Fulwider, former superintendent of Century Country Club in Purchase, NY, where he ruled for almost 30 years before retiring in 1988. Succeeded by his son, James C. Fulwider, Jim now divides his time between consulting for the Arrowwood Management Corporation in Purchase and the Tryall Resort in Jamaica.

Pre-Superintendent Days

A native of Perkins, Oklahoma (population 799 when he left), the senior Fulwider holds a B.S. from Oklahoma State University and a Masters from Rutgers. This 5'7" giant of turf management is an enigma, with his deceptive demeanor, slow, deliberate gait, and Okkie twang. His style belies his towering talents and accomplishments.

Before earning his degrees—and launching into a successful career in turf management—Jim had a "kind of exciting hitch," as he puts it, in the U.S. Navy. That "little hitch" was the stuff of heroes and champions. Fulwider flew some 25 missions as a Navy pilot (full Lt.) aboard the U.S. Navy aircraft carrier Hornet in the South Pacific during World War II. He served four years, winning four air

medals and the Distinguished Flying Cross, en route.

"It was routine. Many others did it," says this incredibly modest master turfman of his wartime experiences.

During that time, while stationed in Quonset Point, RI, he also had the good fortune of meeting his wife of 47 years, Frances, who he now makes his home with in Millbrook, NY.

A Trendsetting Turfman

In 1959, just one year after accepting the superintendent's position at Century, Jim—along with Sherwood Moore, Vincent and Albee Pentenero, Ray Twombly, Bruno Vadala, and Bob St. Thomas among others—founded the MetGCSA. He served as the association's second and seventh president, holding office in 1961 and again in



Jim R. Fulwider (left) strikes a pose with previous Sherwood A. Moore Award recipients Ted Horton (center) and Bruno Vadala.

1968-69, but interestingly, he never held any other association office.

In addition, Jim served for 17 years—from 1970 to 1987—as a USGA Section committee member. Still an active member of the MetGCSA, Jim's primary—and probably only—concern with the association today is its lack of a solid and sound districtwise retirement program, something he hopes to see change in the near future.

On the turf management front, Jim was a pioneer in the "crew-cut" maintenance of fairways, tees, greens, and collars. (continued on page 5)

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President's Message

Noise Pollution: Searching for Solutions to a Pesky Problem

Just as all of us in the green industry were beginning to quiet public opposition to pesticide use, we're being faced with another environmental concern: noise pollution. Golf courses, lawn- and tree-care companies, many of us in these industries are being called on the carpet for disturbing our "neighbors" with the sound of our work.

A number of member superintendents have received noise pollution complaints about their early morning work—particularly on the weekends between 6 and 8 a.m.—when they're trying to ready the course for golfing members.

Unfortunately, this problem isn't going to go away. So it's important that we look for ways to keep noise restrictions from inhibiting our ability to successfully perform our golf course duties. That's why I, along with another association representative, will be joining others in the green industry at a round table discussion to explore ways to work through public opposition. I'll keep you up to date on the outcome of our discussions. In the meantime, I feel we could all help our cause by:

- Abiding by local ordinances that govern the hours in which we can operate our equipment
- Making our Green Committee—and golfing members—aware of noise restrictions that may slow the progress of our work

■ Talking with homeowners bordering the golf course to understand their concerns—and to show them that their concerns *do* matter

■ Sharing with our neighbors the pressure that noise restrictions place on the golf course—i.e., not being able to complete our work before the course opens to golfers

■ Rethinking maintenance practices; for instance, instead of starting morning mowing on green #1, which is close to a neighbor's house, you might start on #5, a green that's away from anyone's property, and then work backward

These are small measures, but they can help us make great strides in combating public opposition to this and other environmental issues.

LARRY PAKKALA, CGCS
President

Special Announcement

Professional Turfgrass Field Day

Special Thanks to All Who Contributed to Its Success

As anyone who attended well knows, the September 18 Professional Turfgrass Field Day was a tremendous success. We had 62 exhibitors (including our own booth), nearly 500 registered attendees, and a beautiful day at a great facility: the Westchester Country Club in Rye, NY.

Bob Lippman of Westchester Turf Supply and his committee are to be congratulated on a superbly run event. And Westchester Country Club Superintendent Patty Knaggs and her crew should be commended for their willing participation and efforts in making the event a success.

We'd also like to thank the exhibitors whose participation and support made it a field day worth remembering. We've listed each exhibitor, along with their area of specialty and phone number, on a separate sheet, which we've inserted in this issue of *Tee to Green*. Save it as a handy reference guide, and refer to it the next time you're in search of a contractor or supplier. Maybe you'll be able to show these people the same support they showed us during our field day.

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Dave Arel Hosts Superintendent/ Green Chairman Tournament

Dave Arel hosted the successful Superintendent/Green Chairman Tournament held October 16 at Tamarack Country Club in Greenwich, CT.

Dave came to Tamarack three-and-a-half years ago and, in that time, has initiated numerous key maintenance programs. Among them are a light-weight fairway mowing program with clipping removal to aid bent-grass development and a major tree pruning program to enhance and preserve the course's many beautiful, mature trees. Right now, Dave also has a bunker renovation program in the works.

Dave got his start in the golf course maintenance field quite by accident. Born and raised in Manchester, NH, the son of a career Air Force man, Dave decided to follow in his father's footsteps. After graduating high school in 1975, he entered the Air

Force and served until 1979. During that time, he had the opportunity to work on the golf course at Pease Air Force Base in Portsmouth, NH. He enjoyed the experience so much that he decided to pursue formal training in turfgrass management.

Dave attended the University of Massachusetts at Stockbridge and, after graduating in 1981, accepted an assistant superintendent's position at Sleepy Hollow Country Club in Scarborough, NY. He worked under Superintendent Joe Camberato for four-and-a-half years before moving to Tamarack in 1986. Dave started there as an assistant and then, a year later, assumed responsibility as superintendent.

Dave and his wife, Carol, have a 5-year-old son, Keith, and live in Greenwich, not far from the club.

TIM MOORE
Knollwood Country Club

And the Winners Are...

Here's a look at how the golfers fared in the October 16 Tamarack meeting:

Green Chairman/Superintendent Tournament

Low Gross Winners

- 71 W. Urban & L. Napoli
Mill River CC
- 73 P. Rappoccio & W. Mills
Silver Spring CC
- 77 Les Kennedy & J. Uberti
Oak Lane CC

Low Net Winners

- 63 T. Polidor & J. Currie
Heritage Hills of Westchester
- 65 M. Medonis & L. Hoing
Bonnie Briar CC
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Low Gross Winners

- 73 E. Millett & D. Vasquez
Ridgeway CC
- 75 M. Ceplo, *Westchester Hills GC*
B. Lippman, *Westchester Turf Supply*
- 75 S. Niven, *The Stanwich Club*
L. Pakkala, *Woodway CC*

Low Net Winners

- 64 G. Pierpoint, *Ardsley CC*
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- 66 B. Alonzi, *Winged Foot GC*
J. Alonzi, *Fenway GC*
- 66 J. Hawthorne & C. Siemers
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Longest Drive

J. Carlone, *Middle Bay CC*

Closest to Pin

E. Millett, *Ridgeway CC*

Get Well Wishes

The MetGCSA would like to wish Innis Arden Superintendent Pat Lucas and Back O'Beyond Superintendent Mike Maffei's wife, Anne, a speedy recovery.

New Members

- Sean Cain, Class D, The Stanwich Club, Greenwich, CT
- Anthony Campanella, Class B, Innis Arden Golf Club, Old Greenwich, CT
- Orlando Casterella, Class A, Arrowwood of Westchester, Purchase, NY
- Mike Cook, Class C, Alpine Tree Care, White Plains, NY
- John Cunnis, Class B, Apawamis Club, Rye, NY
- Victor DeFelice, Class B, Innis Arden Golf Club, Old Greenwich, CT
- Bruce Moore, Class CL, Eastern Land Management Inc., Stamford, CT
- Thomas Tooley Sr., Class B, Mount Kisco Country Club, Mount Kisco, NY
- Scott Tretera, Class B, Old Oaks Country Club, Purchase, NY
- Gregory Vadala, Class A, Montclair Golf Club, Montclair, NJ

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"For most amateurs, the best wood in the bag is the pencil."

CHI CHI RODRIGUEZ
Professional Golfer

Three Sources for Up-to-the-Minute Weather Reports

Here are three weather report options that are bound make the evening news weather forecaster obsolete—at least among superintendents. The first: *New England Weather Service*.

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But as with all good things in life, this service doesn't come cheap. For their top-of-the-line option, it'll run your club about \$175 per month. Still interested? Call Roland Laro at 203-727-8086 for further information—or a demonstration.

'Computing' the Weather

To take advantage of either of the following more affordable options, you'll need a PC, modem, and the appropriate software program. With that, you can turn your PC into a weather machine that phones up a central weather-data computer and translates the data into weather maps and charts on the screen.

One such program, *WeatherBrief* from the Mindscape unit of The Software Toolworks, Ltd., dials up a

weather computer in Salt Lake City used by newspapers and TV forecasters. To save on phone charges, the \$50 program prompts you to type out a shopping list of weather information ahead of time. The *WeatherBrief* software then dials, obtains data, hangs up, and converts numbers into charts and maps, right before your eyes.

With a \$1.98 phone call, for instance, you could obtain a forecast of the likelihood of rain in your area, the temperature—both air and soil—and

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GCSAA Education Program Earns National Accreditation

On August 18, following a two-year preparation, application, and evaluation process, the GCSAA's continuing education programming earned official accreditation from the Accrediting Council for Continuing Education and Training (ACCET). ACCET is recognized by the U.S. Secretary of Education as the official accrediting agency for noncollegiate continuing education.

Full accreditation recognizes the association's current curriculum of more than 50 one- and two-day seminars designed to provide information on up-to-date golf course maintenance practices and to sharpen the management skills of golf course superintendents.

The GCSAA's correspondence coursework is also included under the accreditation. The association introduced its first correspondence course, covering media relations for the golf course superintendent, last year. Correspondence training courses for underground storage tank management and hazard communication are planned for 1991.

Tick Watch Still On

Though the greatest risk of acquiring Lyme disease is during the months of June and July, when the nymphal stage deer tick is most abundant and hardest to detect because of its poppy-seed size, fall is no time to let down your guard.

According to New York Medical College's Department of Community and Preventive Medicine, adult ticks, which are most common in the spring and fall, have the highest infection rate: At least 50 percent carry Lyme disease.

The good news: Adult ticks are relatively large—about the size of an apple seed—so you're more likely to find and

then receive computer-generated maps of weather fronts, cloud cover, lightning strikes, and even a satellite photo of hurricanes in any area of your choice.

Another Software Toolworks program, *Accu-Weather Forecaster*, lets your PC dial into Accu-Weather's database to create graphs and maps. One feature creates a "window" on the screen that simulates the weather as seen out the window at any of 1,000 weather stations. The cost of this nifty little item: \$80.

For further information on either of these programs, contact The Software Toolworks, Ltd., 19808 Nordhoff Place, Chatsworth, CA 91311, 818-885-9000.

remove them before the infection can be transmitted (within 24 hours).

Attention Connecticut Superintendents

As of October 1, the State of Connecticut Department of Consumer Protection requires anyone who installs irrigation systems in residential, commercial, or industrial property to be licensed by the State Plumbing Board. That means that contractors you hire to do your irrigation work should be properly licensed. You can check up on any Connecticut contractor by calling 203-566-3290.

Sherwood A. Moore Award



Jim R. Fulwider tells a story or two during his Moore Award acceptance speech.

"You can't cut fairways too low," was his maintenance philosophy decades ago. "Low cutting," he maintained, "made for better appearance, better lies for golfers, and a stronger blade

of grass." Bentgrass, by the way, is his personal favorite.

He was the first to cut tees with greens mowers, and with the arrival of the lightweight or Triplex mowers, his low cutting practices became standard procedure: Everybody began lowering the blades. Lightweight mowers were in; big, heavy tractors were out. Jim showcased his cutting philosophy and practices through the immaculate conditions at Century.

He proudly acknowledges two men for having influenced his successful career: Dr. Ralph Engel at Rutgers University and Alexander Radko of the USGA Green Section, both of them recognized with the MetGCSA's John Reid Lifetime Achievement Award.

A six handicap golfer in his heyday, Jim boasts a personal low of 73. That was the year he won the Association Championship at Bedford Golf & Tennis in Bedford, NY. Jim is also

credited with cofounding the association's Invitational Tournament along with professional lighthorse Harry Cooper, then of Metropolis.

Presenting the Sherwood A. Moore Award to Jim was the previous year's recipient, Bruno Vadala.

Now in its fourth year, the award is named after the legendary Winged Footer, Sherwood A. Moore, and reserved for individuals who, like Jim, have "advanced the professional image, status, and reputation of the golf course superintendent."

James R. Fulwider, American war hero, master turfman, husband, father, and all-around great guy has one piece of solid advice for colleagues and competitors alike: "The key to success in any endeavor is *dedication*. Without dedication, that Golden Fleece may prove elusive."

GUIDO CRIBARI

Guido Cribari is the retired executive sports editor for The Gannett Westchester Rockland Newspapers, Inc.

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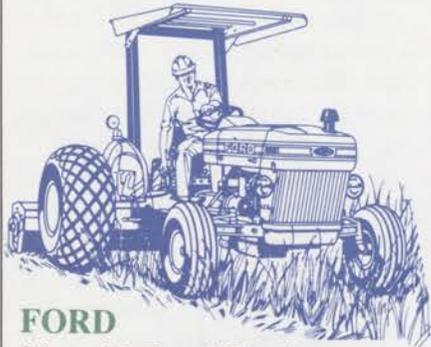
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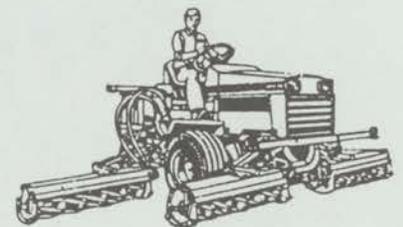
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Met Area Team Championship: The Results

Ten associations gathered on October 2 at the St. Andrews Golf Club in Hastings, NY, for this year's Met Area Team Championship. Host Superintendent and MetGCSA member Dave Dwinell and his crew did a superb job in preparing this Jack Nicklaus-designed course for the event. It was obvious to those who played that "Big Jack" has left Dave a number of challenging features to work with.

But a unique course wasn't the only challenging aspect of this year's competition: Participants also battled high winds as they struggled to post a score. Finishing in first place with a total of 493 was the Central Pennsylvania GCSA. The Philadelphia GCSA finished second at 498, and the Connecticut GCSA was third with a 506.

Though the Met team wasn't among the winners, let's give 'em a

round of applause for representing us in the tournament. The Met's eight-member team included the following net and gross players: Matt Ceplo, *Westchester Hills GC*, Les Kennedy, *Oak Lane CC*, Mike Medonis, *Bonnie Briar CC*, Earl Millett, *Ridgeway CC*, Bob Alonzi, *Winged Foot GC*, Tony Grasso, *Willow Ridge CC*, Chuck Martineau, *Whippoorwill Club*, Tim O'Neill, *CC of Darien*.

Larry Pakkala, MetGCSA President and Woodway Country Club superintendent, presented a special award to Ed

Walsh. Superintendent of Ridgewood Country Club in Ridgewood, NJ, Ed is responsible for the inception of the Met Area Team Championship and had coordinated it for 10 years. This is the second year the MetGCSA has hosted the event. Ed's intent in organizing the championship: "It's a chance for guys from different associations to get together to share ideas and comraderie." And for the very same reasons, the MetGCSA will continue to host this great event.

Next year's championship is scheduled for Fenway Golf Club in Scarsdale, NY.

TIM O'NEILL, CGCS
Country Club of Darien

U pcoming Events

Come One, Come All

■ *MetGCSA Christmas Party*

DATE: Friday, December 7

PLACE: Sleepy Hollow Country Club, Scarborough, NY

Mark Your Calendar

■ *Winter Seminar*

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PLACE: Westchester Country Club, Rye, NY

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