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President's Message

Supporting Our Strongest Assets

Professionalism and camaraderie. These words describe what I believe are two of our association's greatest assets. And during my term as president, I will do all I can to help preserve—and promote—the camaraderie and professionalism that clearly distinguish the MetGCSA in our industry.

Our association has had a long history of success—and successful members, who through their professional conduct, expertise, and involvement have helped elevate our industry among the golfing community.

Consider, for a moment, who we currently have among our ranks: There are the presidents of three of the industry's most highly regarded associations: Steve Cadenelli (Metedeconk National Golf Club, Jackson, NJ) of the GCSAA, Larry Pakkala (Woodway Country Club, Darien, CT) of the Tri-State Research Foundation, and Mike Maffei (Back O'Beyond, Brewster, NY) of the New York State Turfgrass Association.

We also have an impressive number of members—too many to list here—who are honored with invitations to speak at local and national conferences and who are chosen for media interviews.

We have Leo Feser Award winners—most recently, Ted Horton, now of U.S. Golf Properties in Manassas, VA, and Mary Medonis of (continued on page 4)

Special Feature

Tim O'Neill Takes the Helm as MetGCSA President

November 14 marked the election of the MetGCSA's 20th president, Tim O'Neill, into office. Larry Pakkala formally turned over the reins at the Annual Meeting held at Apawamis Country Club.

"Having worked at a neighboring course for nine years, I know Tim, and I've seen what he can do," says Larry of his successor. "He's hard-working, knowledgeable, and always professional—precisely the skills we need in a president. I have no doubt he'll do a fabulous job."

Superintendent of Country Club of Darien in Darien, CT, Tim has served on the MetGCSA Board of Directors since 1984. In his climb through the chairs, he's headed numerous committees, including the Tournament Committee, the Membership Committee, and the Scholarship & Research Committee. He's also played a consistently active role in the Christmas Raffle, Met Team Championship, and Field Day committees. Most recently, Tim's



Tim O'Neill, CGCS, the MetGCSA's newly elected president.

accepted a position on the Tri-State Research Foundation's Executive Committee.

Tim also brings three years' service as secretary and two years as vice president to the MetGCSA (continued on page 4)

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Seminars

New York Turf and Landscape Association Seminar: Public Relations on Pesticide- Related Issues

Tuesday, January 7
Alex and Henry's Restaurant, Scarsdale, NY

The featured speaker is Timothy Manisalo, director of communications for DowElanco. A fee of \$30 covers the seminar and dinner.

To make reservations, contact Carrol Muller at 914-636-2875 or Frank Claps at 914-834-9393.

MetGCSA Winter Seminar

Wednesday, January 8
Westchester Country Club, Rye, NY
Registration begins at 8 a.m.

Among the topics to be covered: patch disease, putting green bentgrass evaluation, risk and financial management, pond reclamation, and a variety of environmental issues.

For further information, contact John Carlone at 516-766-1838.

GCSAA Seminar: Environmental Considerations in Golf Course Management

Monday-Tuesday, January 13-14
Radisson Hotel and Conference Center
Cromwell, CT

This seminar offers practical techniques for running an environmentally sound golf course operation.

For further information, call the GCSAA at 800-472-7878.

Conference

Professional Turf and Landscape Conference

Wednesday, January 15
Westchester County Center
White Plains, NY

This conference will feature talks on the "care and feeding" of turf, trees, and shrubs. Among the topics to be covered: tree diseases, IPM, turf disease control with composts, and Xeroscaping.

The event is sponsored by the New York Turf and Landscape Association and the Long Island Gardeners Association of Nassau County in concert with Cornell Cooperative Extension. For further information, call 914-636-2875.

Social Calendar

Ski Club Outings

Thursday, January 9 at Jiminy Peak, MA
Thursday, January 30 at Windham Mountain
Thursday, February 20 at Stratton Mountain

All those attending should meet at the main lodge at 9:30 a.m.

For further information, call Jeff Scott at 914-967-2100, ext. 149.

Tools of the Trade

Guide to Golf Course Architects

If you're on the lookout for a reputable golf course architect, here's a source that may aid you in your search: the *1991 American Society of Golf Course Architects (ASGCA) Membership Directory*. The 120-page directory offers valuable information on each of its 111 Associate and Regular members from the U.S. and Canada.

Among its features: a map showing the location of ASGCA members; individual member data, including a listing of each architect's professional and personal background and design philosophy and strategy. The directory also covers key points to consider when remodeling a golf course.

You can receive the directory by mailing a \$5 check to The American Society of Golf Course Architects, 221 N. LaSalle St., Chicago, IL 60601.

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Lend a Helping Hand

As you may have heard, fellow superintendent and MetGCSA member Ted Horton has a son who was badly burned in an accident on October 25. He is facing months in the hospital and years of rehabilitation and reconstructive surgery.

Because the cost of such care is prohibitively high, several association members have initiated a fund drive to ease the Hortons' burden.

A mailing was sent last month, detailing how you might help. If you haven't received the notice and would like to respond to this worthwhile fund-raising effort, you can contact either Bob Alonzi of Winged Foot Golf Club (914-698-2827) or Richie Marcks of Fairview Country Club (203-531-8910).

For those who would like to write to the Hortons, their mailing addresses are:

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Speaking Engagements

Five MetGCSA members spoke at the NYSTA Turf and Grounds Exposition held November 5-8 in Rochester, NY: **Steve Cadenelli** of Metedeconk National Golf Club, Jackson, NJ; **Mike Cook** of Alpine Tree Care, White Plains, NY; **Greg Wojick** of Greenwich Country Club, Greenwich, CT; **Dr. Joseph Neal** of Cornell University; and **Dr. Patricia Vittum** of the University of Massachusetts.

Pat Lucas of Innis Arden Golf Club, Old Greenwich, CT, is scheduled to speak at the Eastern Pennsylvania Turf Conference held January 8 in the Valley Forge Convention Center, King of Prussia, PA. His topic: "The Ins and Outs of Deep Aerification."

New Members

Paul Gonzalez, Class B, Brac Burn Country Club, Purchase, NY.

George Gorton, Class CS, Turf Products Corp., Enfield, CT.

Winston Grey, Class B, Wee Burn Country Club, Darien, CT.

Ken Kubik, Class CS, Grass Roots Turf Products, Union, NJ.

Ernest Rizzio, Class C, Turf Products Corp., Mountain Lakes, NJ.

Members on the Move

Ted Horton, formerly of Westchester Country Club in Rye, NY, recently accepted a position with U.S. Golf Properties in Manassas, VA. His new mailing address and phone number: 9540 Center Street, Suite 300, Manassas, VA 22110, 703-330-5300.

Births

Morgan Evan to **Dave and Leslie Dwinell**, September 30. Dave is superintendent at St. Andrews Golf Club in Hastings, NY.

Kristen to **Tim and Jennifer O'Neill**, October 28. Tim is superintendent at Country Club of Darien, Darien, CT.

Congratulations

Peter Rappoccio, superintendent at Silver Spring Country Club in Ridgefield, CT, recently ran his first New York City Marathon, finishing in the top third. Way to go, Peter.

You Tell Us

Have you had a baby, run a marathon, won an award, changed jobs, given a speech, been interviewed by the media, or done something else that's the least bit newsworthy? Give us the scoop.

Call Social & Welfare Committee Chairman Jeff Scott (914-967-2100, ext. 149) with any notables about yourself—or a fellow member. If you don't tell us, who will?

Met Membership Continues to Grow

In 1991, MetGCSA membership rose 9 percent, from 336 to 356. Here's a look at how each membership category has grown, along with stats on GCSAA memberships, pesticide licenses, and certification.

The 1991 Membership Committee, consisting of Chairman John O'Keefe (Preakness Hills CC), Dennis Flynn (Brac Burn CC), Byron Johnson (Terre Co.), Steve Kopach (Mountain Ridge CC), Earl Millett (Ridgeway CC), Mike Minor (Connecticut GC), and Mike Mongon (Arcola CC), assembled the statistics.

Membership Activity

During 1991, there were:

- 10 new Class A members; 6 were reclassifications from Class B
- 14 new Class B members
- 4 new Class C members
- 5 new Class AS members
- 1 new Class CS member
- 1 new Class D member
- 1 new Class BL member
- 5 new Class CL members

How Many Are GCSAA Members?

- 91 percent of Class A members are also GCSAA members; that's up 3 percent from last year.
- 32 percent of Class B members are also GCSAA members; that's down 11 percent from last year.

How Many Have Pesticide Licenses?

- 94 percent of Class A members have pesticide license numbers listed in the MetGCSA database.
- 59 percent of Class B members have pesticide license numbers listed in the MetGCSA database.

Who's Certified?

- 33 percent of Class A members are certified; that's up 3 percent from last year!

NOTE

Due to a printer's error, the Field Day Exhibitor insert was left out of last issue. But never fear; it's here—in this issue. Again, we encourage you to show these exhibitors the same support they showed us during our field day.

Tim O'Neill Takes the Helm as MetGCSA President

helm. Serving him equally well, however, is his 11 years of experience as a turfgrass management professional.

Tim got his start in the business in Pawtucket, RI, where he was born and raised. "When I was in junior high school, I worked as a caddy at the Pawtucket Country Club to earn a little spending money," says Tim. But caddying provided him with more than pocket change: It gave him the opportunity to get acquainted with—and then interested in—turfgrass management.

"When I turned 15, I started working on the grounds crew at Pawtucket," explains Tim, "and by the time I graduated high school, I knew I wanted to pursue a career as a golf course superintendent."

Tim's first mentor—and source of inspiration—was Les Kennedy Sr., who was then Pawtucket's golf pro and superintendent. Working alongside Tim was another budding turfgrass professional: the *junior* Les Kennedy, now of Oak Lane Country Club in Woodbridge, CT.

Tim continued to work summers at Pawtucket as he pursued a B.S. in turfgrass management from the University of Rhode Island. When he graduated in 1979, he accepted his first position as assistant superintendent at Greenwich Country Club, under then superintendent Paul Caswell.

"I'm thankful to Paul, of course, for his professional guidance, but also for encouraging me to participate in the MetGCSA," notes Tim. "The Met's fueled my professional development and offered me a lifetime of friendships."

After two years at Greenwich, Tim moved on to his first—and current—superintendent's position at Country Club of Darien. When he started in 1981, he reported to the club's sole proprietor, Edgar Auchincloss, who had the 18-hole course built on what was once his family's estate.

Designed by Golf Course Architect Al Tull, the course was completed in 1957 for an amazingly low \$200,000. "He prides himself on being able to convert the estate to a private club for that sum," Tim says with a smile.

Though working with a sole proprietor—and solo decision maker—may be unthinkable to some, Tim found it an interesting—and quite pleasant—experience: "Mr. Auchincloss was genuinely concerned with improving the course, and as soon as he saw what I could do, he was very supportive of whatever I suggested." Apparently, he was also *very* involved: "If we were digging a ditch," Tim says, "he'd be right there with us."

In 1986, Auchincloss sold the club to the membership, and for the first time in his career, Tim reported to a green chairman. Under the club's new—and more conventional—committee system, Tim has gotten the go-ahead for some major capital improvements. The year the course was sold, he hired noted Golf Course Architect Brian

Silva to develop a master plan for course renovations, which have included a major drainage project and extensive tee and bunker reconstruction. "We've come a long way from a farm," says Tim.

Now, Tim's looking toward yet another professional challenge: the MetGCSA presidency. "I'm excited about my new responsibility, and I look forward to the challenges ahead," says Tim, whose plans for the association—like he, himself—are nothing short of ambitious (don't miss his president's message).

Tim and Jennifer, his wife of four years, live in Norwalk, CT, with their two children, Justin, 2, and Kristen, born October 28.

TIM MOORE
Knollwood Country Club

President's Message (cont. from pg. 1)

Supporting Our Strongest Assets

Westchester Country Club in Rye, NY, for their article "Employee Safety on the Golf Course."

And though I could go on, I'll end with the member who is probably the most esteemed superintendent of our time: Sherwood Moore. In 1989, Sherwood was the first superintendent to win the GCSAA's highest honor, the Old Tom Morris Award. He also happens to be a past president and, now, a lifetime member of the MetGCSA.

We Have Our Work Cut Out for Us

I feel fortunate to have had the opportunity to work with some of these people as a board member for eight years—and now, again, as president. But as much as I'm looking forward to working with the same familiar faces, I'm also eager to attract new talent—to keep that professionalism and camaraderie going, well beyond my term as president.

We have a lot of challenges ahead—enough for the entire membership to take part in. So c'mon, pick up a shovel and dig in. Here's a look at some of the

work we have cut out for us:

- For the Tournament Committee: Investigating ways to keep our meetings from becoming cost prohibitive—especially in an economy that's prompting budget cuts.
- For the Government Relations Committee: Staying on top of and putting our best foot forward in handling the ever-increasing number of environmental issues.
- For the Social Committee: Encouraging the membership's regular participation in our social functions.
- For the Scholarship & Research Committee: Deciding how to allocate funds earmarked for scholarship and research. The number of qualified applicants make for some tough choices.
- For the Communications Committee: Continuing to produce a high-quality publication and encouraging more members to contribute to the *Tee to Green*.
- For the Membership Committee: Tracking the Met's fast-growing number of members. Can you believe we

Special Thanks to Our 1991 Professional Turfgrass Field Day Exhibitors

As a special thank you to the exhibitors who helped make our field day a success, we've put together this directory sheet with their names, phone numbers, and areas of specialty.

We hope you'll save this sheet and, when the opportunity arises, show these contractors and suppliers the same support they showed us during our field day.

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201-530-4252

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New York State Turfgrass Association

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• For the Education Committee: Providing meaningful educational opportunities for our membership—particularly at our monthly meetings.

Strong Support is the Solution

How well we meet these challenges will depend on your participation: your ideas, suggestions, and, ideally, full involvement in one of our 12 committees.

I'd like to thank those who have already contributed greatly to the association—through their years of service on the board. First, I want to thank Larry for the leadership he's provided these past two years. The MetGCSA has benefited tremendously from his experience and enthusiasm—and will continue to profit from his guidance as past president.

I'd also like to thank those coming off the board for their hard work and dedication: Dan Breton of Silver Spring

Country Club in Ridgefield, CT; Tony Grasso of Metropolis Country Club in White Plains, NY; Bob Lippman of Westchester Turf Supply in Lincoln-dale, NY; and Past President Scott Niven of The Stanwich Club in Greenwich, CT.

New additions to the board will be Will Heintz of Hampshire Country Club in Mamaroneck, NY; Mike Mongon of Arcola Country Club in Paramus, NJ; and Al Tretera of Turf Products Corp. in Enfield, CT.

With our hard-working board members—new and old—and the involvement of our *entire* membership, I'm confident we'll enhance the fraternal atmosphere and professionalism that have come to be our hallmark.

Happy Holidays to one and all, and I look forward to serving you in the coming year.

TIM O'NEILL, CGCS
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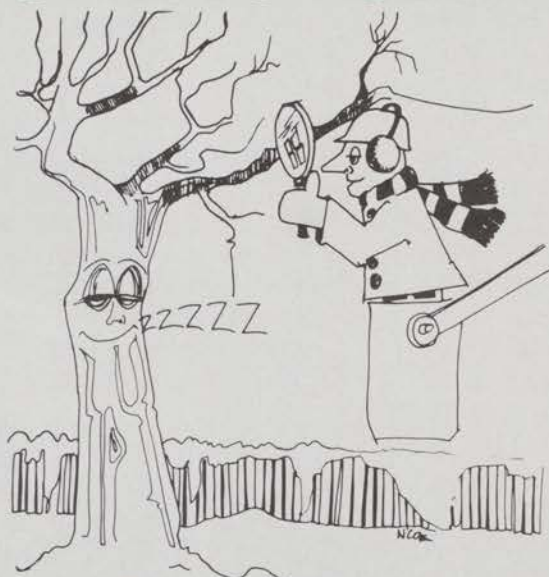
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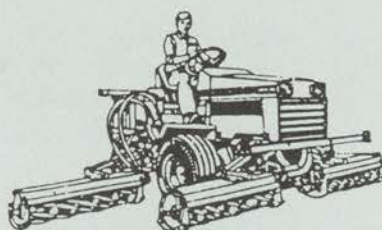
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MetGCSA Makes the Winner's Circle

Eight associations braved heavy rains October 15 to play in this year's Met Area Team Championship at Fenway Golf Club in Scarsdale, NY. Host Superintendent Joe Alonzi and his staff had the course superbly conditioned for the MetGCSA's well-deserved victory. Posting a winning score of 505 were the following MetGCSA team members:

Net Team

Joe Alonzi, *Fenway GC*
 Chuck Martineau, *Whippoorwill Club*
 Tony Savone, *Quaker Ridge GC*
 Rick Schock, *Wee Burn CC*

Gross Team

John Carlone, *Middle Bay CC*
 Jim Fulwider, *Century CC*
 Earl Millett, *Ridgeway CC*
 Mark Millett, *Old Oaks CC*

Congratulations to the eight players who put the Met in the Winner's Circle—and to the second and third place winners from the Philadelphia GCSA (513) and the Central Pennsylvania GCSA (514). Also participating in the competition were the Connecticut GCSA, Hudson Valley GCSA, Long Island GCSA, Mid-Atlantic GCSA, New Jersey GCSA, the Northeast GCSA, and the Pocono Turfgrass Association. Next year's championship is scheduled for Farmington Country Club in Farmington, CT.

TIM O'NEILL, CGCS
 Country Club of Darien

First Annual Class B Outing

The Winners in the Four-Man Scramble

Picture-perfect weather ushered in the First Annual Class B Outing held October 28 at Milbrook Club in Greenwich, CT. Class B'ers played a four-man scramble format, which called for a match of cards. Here's a look at how the players fared:

First Place

65 Frank Buschini, *Brae Burn CC*
 Tom Tooley, *Mount Kisco CC*
 Scott Tretera, *Old Oaks CC*
 Tom Watroba, *Quaker Ridge GC*

Second Place

65 Len Curtin, *Burning Tree CC*
 Dave Knobloch, *Westchester CC*
 Steve Sweet, *Westchester CC*
 Jeff Wentworth, *Westchester CC*

Closest to the Pin

6" Chuck Denny, *Century CC*

Special thanks to host Superintendent Jim Calladio who had the course in top shape for the event. Next year's outing is scheduled for Westchester Country Club in Rye, NY. Watch for a notice toward the end of the 1992 season.

DAN BRETON
 Silver Spring Country Club

Info Alert

Super Seeks Mechanic

Tony Grasso, superintendent of Metropolis Country Club in White Plains, NY, is looking for a golf course mechanic. The position offers a full benefits package, including medical and life insurance, pension, and paid vacation. Anyone interested in applying should contact Tony at 914-949-0375.



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