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President's Message

Accolades and Activities

Let me start this president's message by thanking the 43 area clubs who responded to this year's Tri-State Turfgrass Research Foundation's fund-raising efforts. Unfortunately—and disappointingly—donations were down from 1991, but it's never too late to join the contributors' ranks.

Those clubs whose support we received by the end of August are: Apawamis Club, Arcola CC, Ardsley CC, Bedford Golf & Tennis Club, Blind Brook Club, Brae Burn CC, Brooklawn CC, CC of Darien, CC of New Canaan, Dutchess Golf & CC, Elmwood CC, Fenway GC, Greenwich CC, Hampshire CC, Hempstead GC, Innis Arden GC, Leewood GC, Meadow Brook Club, Metropolis CC, Middle Bay CC, Montammy GC, Mountain Ridge CC, North Shore CC, Old Westbury Golf & CC, Pelham CC, Preakness Hills CC, Ridgeway CC, Ridgewood CC (NJ), Rockrimmon CC, Round Hill Club, Shorehaven GC, Silver Spring CC, Siwanoy CC, The Stanwich Club, Waccabuc CC, Wee Burn CC, Westchester CC, Westchester Hills GC, Whippoorwill Club, Willow Ridge CC, Woodmere Club, Woodway CC, Wykagyl CC.

Anyone interested in adding their club's name to this list of contributors can send donations to the Tri-State Research Foundation, P.O. Box 219, Maroneck, NY 10543. *(continued on page 3)*

Special Feature

How to Avoid a Tangle With Rabid Wildlife on Your Course

Rabies is of growing concern in the greater Metropolitan area, where hundreds of animals in the past two years have tested positive for the deadly disease—and numerous residents have fallen prey to rabid animal attacks. On golf courses—a welcome environment for wildlife—rabid animals can pose a threat to unsuspecting golfers and golf course maintenance crew.

One of the first steps in protecting your staff and membership from coming into contact with this potentially life-threatening virus is education. Here's what you, your staff, and membership should know.

What Is Rabies?

Rabies is a virus that causes inflammation of the brain and is almost always fatal once symptoms develop. Present primarily in saliva, the virus is transmitted through a bite or scratch from an infected animal. People cannot get rabies by just petting an animal or even by getting rabies-contaminated saliva on their skin—unless it comes into contact with a recent wound or break in the skin or a mucous membrane.

The number one carrier of rabies in our area is the raccoon, followed by skunks, woodchucks, foxes, and bats. Although any animal is susceptible to rabies, it's unusual to find it in small

rodents, primarily because if they're bitten by another animal they usually don't survive to pass the virus along.

Tip-offs to Trouble

If a predominantly nocturnal animal is roaming the golf course during the day, that's frequently a tip-off to trouble. Keep in mind, though, that nocturnal animals sometimes make daytime appearances to hunt down food for their young.

If, however, an animal seems uncharacteristically tame or friendly, shows signs of paralysis—particularly of the hindquarters and throat, walks in circles, falls over, *(continued on page 4)*

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Notable Notes

New Members

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Robert Lippman Jr., Class CS, Westchester Turf Supply, Inc., Lincolndale, NY

William Perry, Class C, Magovern Co., Windsor Locks, CT

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Congratulations—on Two Counts

Congratulations to John Carlone of Middle Bay Country Club in Ocean-side, NY, and his wife Leslie on the birth of their son David Alexander on August 18. Congrats are also in order to John for qualifying for the Met Open with a 71. A stroke of luck enabled him to go on to play in the Open, which was

originally scheduled to begin on the 18th—the day his son was born. Heavy rains delayed the start of the two-day tourney till the 19th. And though, at that point, he had other things on his mind, John still managed to shoot an admirable 82-80.

Birth

Congratulations to Greg and Pandora Wojick on the birth of their daughter Kara, September 24. Greg is superintendent at Greenwich Country Club in Greenwich, CT, and Pandora is *Tee to Green's* managing editor.

Special Thanks

Many thanks to the following commercial members who generously picked up the tab for the open bar at our August 18 summer social dinner cruise: Ceiba-Geigy, Dar Par Sales, Glenmore Landscape Service, Magovern Co., Metro Milorganite, The Terre Company of NJ, Turf Products Corp. (Enfield, CT), Westchester Turf Supply.

Upcoming Events

Meeting Reminder

Annual Meeting

Thursday, November 19
Westchester Hills Golf Club, White Plains, NY
Host: Matt Ceplo

Educational Events

Introduction to Integrated Pest Management

Monday-Tuesday, November 16-17
8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Stamford Marriott Hotel, Stamford, CT
Cosponsored by the MetGCSA and the GCSAA, this seminar offers an overview of IPM concepts and their practical application. The session will be coconstructed by Dr. Patricia Vittum, entomologist, and Dr. Gail Schumann, plant pathologist, both assistant professors at the University of Massachusetts. For further information, call the GCSAA, 913-832-4444.

New Jersey Turfgrass Expo '92

Tuesday-Thursday, December 1-3
Somerset Plaza Hotel
Garden State Convention and Exhibit Center
Somerset, NJ
Cosponsored by Rutgers Cooperative Extension, Cook College-Rutgers University, and the New Jersey Turfgrass Association, the Expo combines educational workshops with a trade show and is geared toward golf course superintendents and other turfgrass management professionals.

For further information, call the Cook College Office of Continuing Professional Education, 908-932-9271.

MetGCSA Winter Seminar

Wednesday, January 6
Westchester Country Club, Rye, NY
Watch for a mailing, or call John Carlone, 516-766-1838, for further information.

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Rick Schock Hosts Season's Final Golf Meeting at Wee Burn

The October 20 MetGCSA meeting at Wee Burn Country Club in Darien, CT, marked the season's final golf meeting. More than 100 players enjoyed a sunny day on the Devereux Emmet-designed links.

Opened in 1923, the course has seen only minor modifications by Geoffrey Cornish in 1974. Among the architect's contributions were two new sand traps and 500 to 600 plantings throughout the course.

Since then, Rick Schock has made a few modifications of his own. During his four years as superintendent, he's installed new cart paths, added a soil storage and preparation area to the maintenance facility, built a new equipment and chemical storage building, constructed an irrigation storage pond near the maintenance facility, and revamped the course's pump house.

Among the projects he's currently got in the works are updating his irrigation system; building a new cart storage facility; enlarging the course's tees—he's completed four to date and will finish two more by winter; and planting ornamental and native grasses in out-of-play areas.

Another interesting program that's been initiated in Rick's tenure is a memorial tree planting program, which allows members to donate trees in memory of a loved one.

"Members might suggest a favorite hole or area of the golf course where they'd like the tree planted, and we work with them to select an appropriate species for the spot," explains Rick. To date, 76 trees have been planted.

One aspect of the club that hasn't—and apparently won't—change is the course's distinctive Spanish-style ar-

chitecture. "The club's property and buildings were once part of someone's estate," explains Rick. "And when it all was sold, the owner specified in the deed that the style of the clubhouse and surrounding buildings remain unchanged."

In the turfgrass management business since he was 15, Rick first had his sights set on becoming a golf pro. His interest in the game was inspired by his father, who Rick says was an avid golfer.

Rick began swinging a club before he was 10. Groomed on California links, where he spent the first 12 years of his life, he and his family moved in 1968 to Richardson, TX—just one in a series of moves required by his father's job as a Revlon executive.

Two years later, when Rick was 14, the Schock's relocated one last time to Stamford, CT.

It was about then that Rick's career goals began to change. He started working part time and then summers on the crew at Sterling Farms Golf Course in Stamford, CT. Joe Gillardi was superintendent at the time.

After graduating high school, Rick pursued a business administration degree from Norwalk Community College and then enrolled in UMass's two-year turf management program.

He received his certificate in 1979 and, shortly after, became Sterling's assistant superintendent.

Rick came to Wee Burn in August of '82 as assistant superintendent under then superintendent Chuck Fatum. In 1988, when Chuck retired, he took his place as golf course super.

Among Rick's favorite pastimes are golf, of course, photography, and stepping up to the batter's box in his over-30 softball league. He also enjoys spending time with his wife, Billie, and his 6-year-old son, Richard III, and 3-year-old daughter, Randi Leigh.

He and his family live in Stamford and will, within the next year, Rick hopes, be moving into the house he is building largely himself on property that borders Sterling Farms Golf Course.

DENNIS PETRUZZELLI, CGCS
Lakeover Country Club

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Accolades and Activities

Poa Annual Tournament Breaks All Records

A fund-raiser that actually exceeded expectations and all past records was the Poa Annual Tournament. Held August 13 at Mount Kisco Country Club, this worthy cause attracted 110 golfers—more than double last year's number of participants—and raised \$3,800. I'd like to congratulate NYSTA President and MetGCSA member Mike Maffei for his fine job in organizing the event and Superintendent Fred Scheyhing and Mount Kisco for their outstanding work as Poa Annual hosts.

All proceeds will go to SUNY Delhi to help with the construction of a new golf course management training building. Delhi alumni among our ranks are Tony Baviello of Pelham Country Club and Matt Ceplo of Westchester Hills Golf Club. Two other MetGCSA members affiliated with the university are George Pierpoint of Ardsley Country Club and Jim McNally of Greenrock Corporation. Both serve on the advisory council to the horticulture department.

Hot Topic to Be Discussed

November 16 and 17, Dr. Pat Vittum, entomologist, and Dr. Gail Schumann, plant pathologist, of the University of Massachusetts will coinstruct an integrated pest management (IPM) seminar cosponsored by the GCSAA and MetGCSA.

Titled "Introduction to Pest Management," this two-day session will offer an overview of IPM concepts and their practical application. The discussion will range from cultural strategies to biological controls of pests, as well as the pluses and minuses of pesticide use.

A hot topic since last year's national conference, IPM is a practice few superintendents can afford to ignore in an era of increasing environmental restrictions. So join your fellow superintendents at the Stamford Marriott Hotel in Stamford, CT, and bone up on how you might apply IPM on your course.

TIM O'NEILL, CGCS
President

How to Avoid a Tangle With Rabid Wildlife on Your Course

has convulsions, or attacks without provocation, chances are you've come face-to-face with a rabid animal.

Discouraging Wildlife From Taking Up Residence in Public Areas

Prevention is the best medicine. In this case, that means discouraging wildlife from nesting in public areas.

- Be sure any maintenance buildings or other outbuildings on club grounds are secure from wildlife looking for refuge. You wouldn't want to suffer a surprise attack when entering any of these areas.

- Suggest that any openings in the clubhouse attic, basement, or porches be sealed and that chimneys be capped with screens. Chimneys are among raccoons' favorite den sites.

- Keep dumpster areas clear of garbage, and be sure lids and doors are always kept closed to animals foraging for food.

How to Treat Animal Bites

Anyone bitten or scratched by an animal on the course should:

- Learn as much as they can about the animal. If it's a dog or cat, and it's with an owner, they should get the person's name and address.

Even if the animal's been vaccinated, it will have to be observed for 10 days to see if rabies symptoms develop; on rare occasions, the vaccination does not protect the animal.

If the animal is wild or stray, they should be sure to note any features that will allow them to identify it later on.

Better, though difficult, is to capture or kill the animal without damaging its head, where the virus is highly concentrated.

Refrigerate the animal as soon as possible to preserve it. Then call local animal control or police.

- Wash the wound thoroughly with soap and water.

- Seek medical attention immediately. A physician or local emergency room will let them know whether rabies postexposure treatment is necessary.

Fortunately, rabies vaccinations are not as painful as they used to be since they're no longer given in the stomach. The new vaccine, used extensively over the past 10 years, has proved safer and more effective than the original.

- Report the incident to the local health department.

If You Find a Dead Animal on Your Course

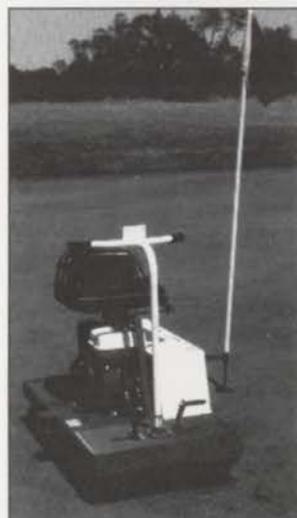
Use extreme care when handling the carcasses of potentially rabid animals. Although the virus does die after the animal dies, the length of time that takes varies greatly with humidity and air temperature.

To be safe, here's how you should proceed:

- Never handle carcasses with bare hands. Use disposable gloves and, if

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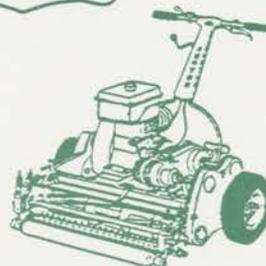
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If you decide to bury the animal, be sure to dig the hole at least three feet deep to prevent other animals from digging it up.

- Clean tools or other solid surfaces that may have been contaminated with a solution of one part household bleach and 20 parts water.

Where to Go for Additional Information

If you have a wildlife-related rabies question or concern, contact your State Department of Environmental Conservation.

To report possible exposure to rabies or suspected rabid animal sightings, call your local health department.

Advice about animal bites and rabies diagnosis is available from your State Department of Health.

When you purchase a copy of the *Turf & Ornamental Chemicals Reference 2nd Edition 1993* (T&OCR), you'll not only benefit your operation, but also the GCSAA's Scholarship & Research Fund. The publisher, C&P Press, has generously agreed to contribute a portion of the book's sale price to the scholarship fund.

The T&OCR contains material safety data sheets (MSDSs) and product labels for more than 300 golf course pesticides. In addition, it offers hazard communication and community right-to-know laws, sample record-keeping and compliance forms, calibration and measurement conversion tables, state-by-state product registration listings, and summaries of posting and notification laws.

The price: \$110 plus local sales tax and shipping. You'll find a special order form in the September 1992 issue of *Golf Course Management*, or you can contact C&P Press/John Wiley & Sons, 605 Third Ave., 9th Floor, New York, NY 10157.

Best Routes to Area Courses

If you've ever stumbled along the back roads of Fairfield or Westchester Counties in search of an association meeting site, you'll want to take a look the Metropolitan Golf Association (MGA) book of directions. Small enough to fit in your jacket pocket—or, better, your car glove

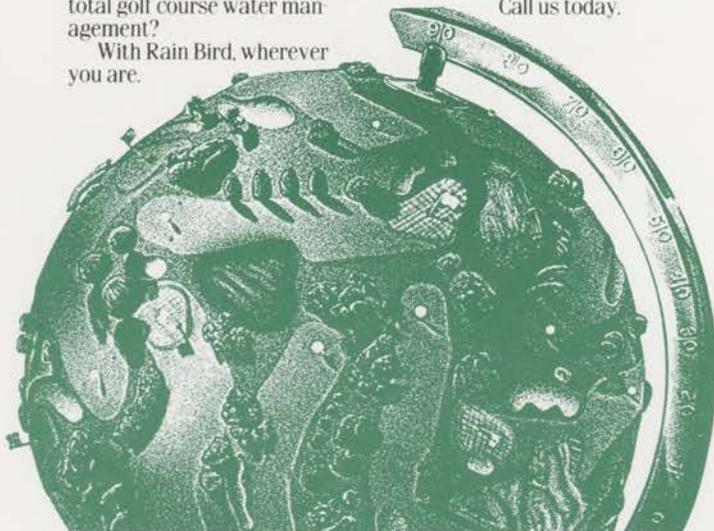
compartment—this handy reference book offers 85 pages of concise directions to more than 200 Met area clubs.

The book is available for \$5 through the MGA office. To order, contact the Metropolitan Golf Association, 125 Spencer Place, Mamaroneck, NY 10543, 914-698-0390.

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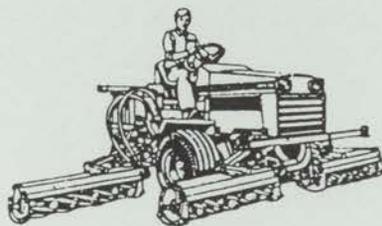
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Results of Two Tourneys Played at Ridgewood Country Club

A total of 84 golfers attended the September 21 Ridgewood Country Club meeting and participated in the individual gross and net stroke play tournament, as well as the final qualifying round for the Met Area Team Championship. Here's how the players in both events fared:

Individual Gross & Net Stroke Play Tourney

Championship Flight (0-10)

- 76 Earl Millett, *Ridgeway CC*
- 76 Matt Ceplo, *Westchester Hills GC*
- 77 John Carlone, *Middle Bay CC*
- 78 Len Curtin, *Burning Tree CC*
- 80 Ken Clear, *Alpine Tree Care, Inc.*
- 80 Jim Fulwider, *Century CC*
- 81 Mark Millett, *Old Oaks CC*
- 81 Mike Medonis, *Bonnie Briar CC*

First Flight (11-18)

- 66 Fred Scheyhing, *Mount Kisco CC*
- 67 Chuck Martineau, *Whippoorwill*
- 71 Tim O'Neill, *CC of Darien*
- 71 Dan Cancelleri, *J.A. Jackson Corp.*
- 71 John Currie, *Currie Landscaping*
- 71 Tony Grasso, *Metropolis CC*
- 73 Mark Fuller, *Connecticut GC*
- 73 Frank Buschini, *Brae Burn CC*

Second Flight (19 and Above)

- 68 Byron Johnson, *The Terre Co.*
- 72 Ron Gage, *Ridgewood CC*
- 74 Cord Ozment, *Sleepy Hollow CC*
- 76 Tom Phillips, *Sunningdale CC*
- 76 Bruce Moore, *Eastern Land Mgmt*
- 76 Gary Arlio, *Connecticut GC*
- 76 Scott Apgar, *Metro Milorganite*
- 77 Bob Bruce, *Salem GC Association*

Closest to the Pin

- #8 Matt Ceplo, *Westchester Hills GC*
(Hole-in-one)
- #10 Bob Welch, *Rock Ridge CC*

Longest Drive

- #18 Joe Alonzi, *Westchester CC*

Congratulations to all the winners—and to Matt Ceplo for his hole-in-one on #8. Special thanks to host Superintendent Dave Kerr and his staff; the course was in superb condition. Also many thanks to Ridgewood Manager Peter Faas and Head Professional Bob Geambazi for a well-run, all-around great day.

Final Qualifier for the Met Area Team Championship

Championship Flight (0-10)

- 152 Earl Millett, *Ridgeway CC*
- 159 John Carlone, *Middle Bay CC*

First Flight (11-18)

- 142 Tim O'Neill, *CC of Darien*
- 144 Mark Fuller, *Connecticut GC*

Second Flight (19 and Above)

- 143 Chuck Martineau, *Whippoorwill*
- 151 Jeff Scott, *Apawamis Club*

Class C Qualifiers

- 138 Dan Cancelleri, *J.A. Jackson Corp.*
- 144 John Currie, *Currie Landscaping*

Class B Qualifiers

- 69 Len Curtin, *Burning Tree CC*
- 72 Ron Gage, *Ridgewood CC*

The team representing the MetGCSA in the October 5 Met Area Team Championship was:

Gross Team

- Earl Millett, *Ridgeway CC*
- John Carlone, *Middle Bay CC*
- Jim Fulwider, *Century CC*
- Scott Niven, *The Stanwich Club*

Net Team

- Tim O'Neill, *CC of Darien*
- Joe Alonzi, *Westchester CC*
- Tony Grasso, *Metropolis CC*
- Bob Alonzi, *Winged Foot GC*

Team Championship

Met Takes Second Place

The MetGCSA was one of eight associations competing in the October 5 Met Area Team Championship at Farmington Country Club in Farmington, CT.

Let's hear a round of applause for the eight team players (listed below, left) who posted an admirable score of 482, putting the Met in second place.

Gross Team player John Carlone was also one of four individual low gross winners.

Congratulations, too, to the first- and third-place winners from the Connecticut AGCS (469) and the New Jersey GCSA (488). Also participating in the competition were the Central Pennsylvania GCSA, Hudson Valley GCSA, Mid-Atlantic GCSA, Northeastern GCSA, and Philadelphia GCSA.

Next year's championship is tentatively scheduled for Arcola Country Club in Paramus, NJ.

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