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## President's Message

### Association Business

Soon after one season winds down, our board and committee members gear up for the following season's educational events and social activities. This year was no exception. I was happy to see at our March business meeting that all committees were well into planning for 1993—particularly our Tournament, Education, Field Day, and Social Committees. I was also pleased to see many new and veteran members joining in to staff those committees. As we all know, participation is the key to making things happen.

Speaking of making things happen, Silver Spring Superintendent Peter Rappoccio will once again be heading the Nominating Committee. As 1992 chairman, Peter developed a set of standard operating procedures that will continue to serve us well in guiding the committee's activities and the election process. I encourage anyone interested in joining the board to speak to Peter, me, or any current or former board members to get an idea of the commitment and responsibilities involved.

A couple of other items came up at the meeting that I'd like to review, particularly for those who weren't able to attend. First and foremost, Treasurer Earl Millett recapped our financial status and stressed the importance of responding promptly to dues billings and monthly meeting *(continued on page 2)*

## Special Feature

### Ted Jozwick Returns as Sherwood A. Moore Award Winner

He was truly a pioneer in the field of golf course maintenance, who retired unceremoniously to the good life in Florida more than a dozen years ago. In July, he's due to return to a belated hero's welcome as winner of the MetGCSA's coveted Sherwood A. Moore (SAM) Award for 1993.

He is Theodore John "Ted" Jozwick, 82 years young, patriarch among greenkeepers, who will be presented the association's Oscar or SAM Award July 26 at the Powelton Club in Newburgh, NY.

Ted returns to New York, where he began his "super" career more than 46 years ago. He served Fairview Country Club (then in Elmsford, NY) with distinction for almost 32 years and, in an interesting twist of fate, follows Winged Foot Superintendent Bob Alonzi, as recipient of the Moore prize. Bob, as many know, not only served as Fairview's super but had succeeded Ted in 1979. (See accompanying article, "The Professor and the Protégé.")

A native of New York City and gradu-



Ted Jozwick with his wife, Charlotte, celebrating a special event: their 40th anniversary.

ate of New York University with a major in turf management, Ted Jozwick took to "groundskeeping" quite by accident. He fell in love with the work while on a 60-day military stay in Australia as a chief yeoman with the Seabees during World War II. He stopped *(continued on page 4)*

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## Association Business

invoices. If everyone knew the time, effort, and money spent re-invoicing members throughout the year, then you'd all appreciate Earl's concern. Regardless of your club's accounting process, it's your responsibility to assure that payment is returned swiftly. If ever a problem should arise, Earl would greatly appreciate a phone call.

After two years of dedicated leadership, Larry Pakkala of Woodway Country Club will step down as president of the Tri-State Turfgrass Research Foundation and will turn the helm over to Stephen Matuza of Oyster Bay Golf Club in Woodbury, NY. As the group's first president, Larry leaves the foundation in solid shape. The Tri-State, as most of you know, is responsible for funding research for turf-related problems threatening our courses—and has thankfully responded quickly to such crises as the summer patch scare. This year, Preakness Hills Superintendent

John O'Keefe will join me and Westchester Country Club Super Joe Alonzi as a MetGCSA representative to this important foundation.

This season, I hope all of you will make it your business to attend as many of our functions as possible. Our gatherings, whether business or social, are great times to share experiences and strategies with your peers. But moreover, taking advantage of our many educational opportunities is a kind of insurance policy—one that guarantees you stay abreast of industry changes and stand ready to meet the challenges of our ever-changing business. And to me, that's a comforting thought.

See all of you April 26 at our season's first golf meeting, where representatives from the NYS DEC and NJ DEPE will give us a pesticide regulatory and government update.

TIM O'NEILL, CGCS  
President

### Upcoming Events

## Your Clip-and-Save 1993 Meeting Guide

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|----------|---|-----------|--|
| March 18 | Elmwood Country Club<br>White Plains, NY<br>Business Meeting<br><i>Pio Salvati</i>          | July 26   | Powelton Club<br>Newburgh, NY<br><i>Bob DeMarco</i>                          |
| April 26 | Fenway Golf Club<br>Scarsdale, NY<br><i>Scott Stark</i>                                     | Sept 20   | Hampshire Country Club<br>Mamaroneck, NY<br><i>Will Heintz</i>               |
| May 17   | Fairview Country Club<br>Greenwich, CT<br><i>Rich Marcks, CGCS</i>                          | October 5 | Brae Burn Country Club<br>Purchase, NY<br><i>Dennis Flynn, CGCS</i>          |
| June 21  | Country Club of Darien<br>Darien, CT<br>Invitational Tournament<br><i>Tim O'Neill, CGCS</i> | Nov 18    | Silver Spring Country Club<br>Ridgefield, CT<br><i>Peter Rappoccio, CGCS</i> |

### 1993 Green Chairmen Educational Series

#### Irrigation Systems

Wednesday, June 23  
Essex County Country Club, West Orange, NJ  
6 p.m. buffet dinner/7-9 p.m. speaker  
Registration: \$30

This is the second in a three-part educational series sponsored by the MGA Foundation. Here, Jim Barrett, an irrigation consultant, will be the featured speaker.

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**New Members**

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**Jud Smith**, Class A, Orange Hills Country Club, Orange, CT

**Jeffrey Wentworth**, Class B, Westchester Country Club, Rye, NY

**Members on the Move**

**Gary Arlio** took over as superintendent at North Jersey Country Club, Wayne, NJ. Previous position: Assistant superintendent, Connecticut Golf Club, Easton, CT.

**Ray Beaudry** joined Westchester Ford Tractor, Goldens Bridge, NY, as a sales representative. Previous position: Superintendent, Patterson Club, Fairfield, CT.

**Eddie Binsse** took over as superintendent at Waccabuc Country Club, Waccabuc, NY. Previous position: Assistant superintendent, Waccabuc Country Club.

**Vic DeFelice Jr.** joined Earth Works, Inc., Old Greenwich, CT, as operations manager. Previous position: Glenmore Landscape Service, Pound Ridge, NY.

**Paul Gonzalez** took over as superintendent at Canyon Club, Armonk, NY. Previous position: Assistant superintendent, Montammy Golf Club, Alpine, NJ.

**Rodney Hine** joined Earth Enterprises, Elverson, PA. Previous position: Assistant superintendent, Winged Foot Golf Club, Mamaroneck, NY.

**Ted Horton** joined The Pebble Beach Co., Pebble Beach, CA. Previous position: U.S. Golf Properties, Ltd., Manassas, VA.

**Jon Jennings** took over as superintendent at Patterson Club, Fairfield, CT. Previous position: Superintendent, Hiland Golf Club, Queensbury, NY.

**Gerry Kunkel** took over as superintendent at Pine Hollow Country Club, East Norwich, NY. Previous position: Superintendent, Deepdale Golf Club, Manhasset, NY.

**Bill Perlee** took over as superintendent at Burning Tree Country Club, Greenwich, CT. Previous position: Assistant superintendent, Sleepy Hollow Country Club, Scarborough, NY.

**Steve Renzetti** took over as superintendent at Wykagyl Country Club, New Rochelle, NY. Previous position: Superintendent, Burning Tree Country Club, Greenwich, CT.

**Joe Schneider** joined Feldman Brothers, Waterford, CT. Previous position: Magovern Co., Windsor Locks, CT.

**Scott Tretera** became assistant superintendent at Elmwood Country Club, White Plains, NY. Previous position: Assistant superintendent, Old Oaks Country Club, Purchase, NY.

**Vin Sharkey** took over as superintendent at The Hamlet, Commack, NY. Previous position: Superintendent, Wykagyl Country Club, New Rochelle, NY.

**Wally Waltsak** became assistant superintendent at Newton Country Club, Newton, NJ. Previous position: Pillari Bros., Tinton Falls, NJ.

**Congratulations**

**Bruce Moore** founder and president of Eastern Landscape Management, Inc. has earned national certification as a Charter Certified Landscape Professional (CCLP). The honor is awarded by the Associated Landscape Contractors of America (ALCA), which tests candidates for proficiency in such areas as business law and management, land-

scape operations, horticulture, health and safety, and human resources.

**Retired**

**Al Moore** has retired after 46 years of service at Waccabuc Country Club in Waccabuc, NY. He started at the club in 1947 on the grounds crew and then worked his way up to mechanic, assistant, and finally superintendent, a position he held for 26 years. He's agreed to consult at the club, if needed, though he's left the operation in the very capable hands of his assistant of 25 years, Eddie Binsse.

In appreciation of Al's years of dedicated service, Waccabuc has awarded him a lifetime membership.

When asked how he plans to spend his retirement, Al says he'll be kept quite busy with his gardens, caring for his two granddaughters, and helping his own children renovate their homes.

A MetGCSA member since 1963, Al has served on numerous committees throughout the years and will continue his ties with the Met as a Life member.

**In Memoriam**

It is with deep regret that we announce the death of **William Silver Smart**. A friend to many in the Met area, Bill is perhaps best known for his work with the Hudson Valley GCSA. Bill was not only one of the association's founding fathers, he also penned the Hudson Valley's notoriously entertaining newsletter, the *Foreground*, for more than 20 years. Those of you who had the opportunity to see Bill's work know what a special person he was.

Bill retired in 1987 from IBM Country Club in Poughkeepsie, NY. Before IBM, he was superintendent for many years at the Powelton Club in Newburgh, NY. Bill died March 24 at Rosary Hill Nursing Home in Hawthorne, NY, at the age of 70 and is survived by a daughter, Kathleen Sadler of Marlboro, NY, and two sons, James M. Smart, superintendent of Osiris Golf & Country Club, and William Smart Jr. of New Paltz, NY.

## Ted Jozwick Returns as Sherwood A. Moore Award Winner

and smelled the flowers and green grass "down under," and that was it.

Respected and admired by everyone in the field of turf management, Ted was unquestionably the Sherwood Moore of his day. So knowledgeable, in fact, that he served as consultant—with Fairview's blessing—at a number of district courses, including old Rye Golf Club, Ridgeway, Sunningdale, and Tamarack.

"Those were the sheep and cow manure fertilizer days," he muses. "It was horse and wagon. No motorized equipment. No chemicals. You dug topsoil

### The Professor and the Protégé

I am what I am because of Ted Jozwick." So says Bob Alonzi, superintendent at Winged Foot Golf Club. Bob succeeded Ted as super at Fairview Country Club in the winter of 1979 and preceded Ted as winner of the Sherwood A. Moore Award last year.

"Ted is that exceptional human being, with a special faculty for putting one on the right track. He is a born teacher," notes the grateful protégé.

"He has been both a friend and confidant. He is a kind, considerate, sensitive person who genuinely cares for people. And he was blessed with that special knack for getting people to maximize their potential.

"Someone once said that the 'best teacher is the one who suggests rather than dogmatizes and inspires his listener with the wish to teach himself.' Whoever said it obviously had Ted Jozwick in mind. He has lived and practiced that philosophy his entire life.

"And Ted Jozwick was a pioneer in the field, make no mistake about that," adds Bob. "He was that rare multi-talented find of his day—one who combined ornamental horticulture and turf management to stand head and shoulders above the crowd . . . and this in the era when the foremen were the golf course maintenance kings of their day.

"Ted was that special."

out of the woods for topdressing. It was just you and Mother Nature, period."

It was during this period that Ted became acquainted with Bob and Joe Alonzi of Westchester Country Club, Peter Rappoccio of Silver Spring Country Club, Bill Gaydosh of Hackensack Golf Club, Dan "Murph" Verrille, formerly of Ridgeway, and the late Gene Grady, formerly of Tamarack, among others. And to this day, these supers credit Ted for whatever success they've achieved. "He was the grand master," says Peter.

Thrilled at the thought of returning and renewing old acquaintances, Ted reflected on the past and present with a terse, "It's a brand-new and very stylized game today.

"The profession is in an extremely high-tech stage," he continues. "We're overdoing it to some extent. It's too much of the floral park setting today. I long for the partial return to yesteryear. I prefer the natural surroundings . . . even a little brown grass, with a few dandelions. . . . So what?

"Really, I wonder how many truly appreciate what we have today—sparkling emerald-green, surgically manicured, multimillion-dollar carpets of green gold. It's a bit much." Sage advice indeed from a perceptive philosopher. And isn't

philosophy just the art of living?

So keen an observer in his time, was our Mr. Jozwick, that he even had the foresight to help found the very association that honors him now.

"We started it all back in the winter of 1959 at the old Village Tavern in Port Chester," he recalls. "To maintain our sanity during those cold, long winters, we would gather—Sherwood Moore, Vin and Al Pentenero, Al Mitchell, and the chap from St. Andrews, among others—and chitchat the day away.

"They were profitable get-togethers—good for the mind and soul—and founding the association was one of the benefits, along with a host of maintenance innovations.

"The profession has surely undergone some monumental changes over the past 40 years or so . . . hasn't it?"

That it has, and no one has contributed more to this progress than the hearty, hardy octogenarian Ted Jozwick, and all the other Jozwicks of their day.

GUIDO CRIBARI

*Guido Cribari is the retired executive sports editor for Gannett Suburban Newspapers and the first recipient of the MetGCSA's John Reid Lifetime Achievement Award.*

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## Announcing a New Tournament for MetGCSA Supers

This season, MetGCSA Class A and B-1 members with a USGA slope index handicap, are eligible to participate in an all-new tourney: a two-man best ball net, match play, played at 100 percent handicap.

Here's the way it works: You pick a partner, and at the April 26 Fenway meeting, the two of you will play a round, posting a best ball net score. This score will be used to determine the low 16 qualifying teams for match play. The qualifiers will then select a site and time to play their matches.

The tournament will last throughout the summer, with the winning team

being awarded The MetGCSA Superintendent Two-Ball Championship traveling trophy at the Hampshire Country Club meeting in September.

The Tournament Committee established this tourney to offer superintendents the opportunity to golf with—and get to know—fellow Met members. The committee hopes to see this become a prestigious, annual event.

If you plan to participate, fill out and mail in the registration card that was included with the Fenway meeting notice. Competitors will receive a rules sheet for this new event before the qualifying round.

## Scott Stark Hosts Season's First Golf Meeting at Fenway Golf Club

**O**ur first golf meeting to kick off the 1993 season is scheduled for April 26—if it doesn't snow—at Fenway Golf Club in Scarsdale, NY, and will be hosted by a relative newcomer to the superintendent's slot, Scott Stark.

Awarded the position last spring, Scott was no stranger to the club and golf course maintenance operation. In 1981, after two years in SUNY-Farmingdale's horticultural program, Scott began searching for an alternate career path. Three years later, he found it at Fenway Golf Club under then superintendent Joe Alonzi. Joe hired Scott in 1984 as a maintenance crew worker and, two years later, promoted him to assistant superintendent. The rest is history, or a "Cinderella Story," as Actor Bill Murray would say.

In his brief tenure as course super, Scott has ushered to completion a five-

year greenside bunker renovation program, designed to return the bunkers to their original A.W. Tillinghast design. And he's replaced a couple of the course's more prominent trees: a 40-foot willow and Crimson King maple. Next on the docket, he hopes, is restoring the fairway bunkers.

Built in 1924, Fenway—originally named Fenimore Golf Club—is a fine example of "Tillie's" work. Elevated green and tee surfaces, cavernous greenside bunkers, and gently rolling terrain—with little, if any, modifications to the natural topography—were his trademarks.

Most of the club's restoration work is being done "in house" by Fenway's skilled maintenance staff, who are guided largely by old photographs and the memories of senior club members and employees.

To enhance the *inner* workings of his operation, Scott is busy fine-tuning

his computer skills. Though he's mastered Fenway's computerized irrigation system, Scott has taken short courses in DOS—to learn exactly what makes the computer tick—and Lotus, the program the club uses for budget preparations.

For the upcoming meeting, Met-GCSA members can expect true and firm putting surfaces and tight fairway lies. So dust off your clubs, and get in a few practice rounds before the big day.

Besides enjoying a good round of golf, Scott is an avid skier—a sport he and his wife, Kathy, enjoy together. But Kathy might also be joining Scott on the links. Apparently, she's required to take a phys ed class as part of her nursing degree. And guess what? She's signed up for golf. Scott and Kathy have been married a year and a half and live in White Plains, NY.

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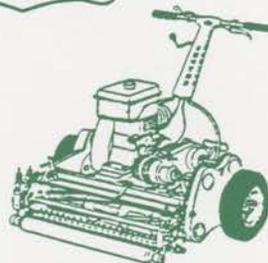
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The 2,000-page set will be available for about \$350. But printing won't begin until the USGA determines whether there's enough demand.

If interested, please contact the USGA, Attn: Kathy Paparelli, P.O. Box 708, Far Hills, NJ 07931-0708. Telephone: 908-234-2300, Fax: 908-234-1513.



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