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## President's Message

### Monday Meetings

*A Blessing in Disguise*

Attendance at our regular meetings continues to thrive with a strong showing—and many new faces—at the season's first two meetings: Fenway Golf Club April 26 and Fairview Country Club May 17.

Our meetings have been attracting more than 100 for golf and another 20 to 40 for the dinner reception and educational program. And that's meant clubs just can't accommodate us when they're open to member play—particularly now that we require a shotgun start at all our meetings.

Consequently, all but one of our golf meetings this year are being held on Monday. My own club has a policy that any function with more than 48 people must be scheduled on Monday, so this doesn't come as any surprise to me. And when you factor in all the local associations competing for outing sites, we should consider ourselves lucky to have found a place for our group to meet on *any* day of the week.

When it comes right down to it, I think Monday events actually work in our favor. On Mondays, we don't have to share the club with members, which means we can use the entire facility and basically set our own schedule throughout the day. What's more, we don't have to worry about disrupting member play and can accommodate everyone in our group who wants to golf. Monday is also a better time *(continued on page 2)*

## Special Feature

### The Big 'Mc' Is Back!

*Jim McLoughlin to Receive the MetGCSA's John Reid Lifetime Achievement Award*

Who says you can't go home again? Not James Edward (Jim) McLoughlin, who ignores the maxim, for sure. The multi-talented McLoughlin is about to receive the warmest welcome home imaginable from those masters of the green who comprise the MetGCSA.

They've voted Jim the recipient of their coveted John Reid Award for "distinguished service to the association and the game of golf," an award Jim himself helped to establish while with the MetGCSA during the mid-1980s.

The tribute will be presented Monday, June 21 at the Country Club of Darien as a highlight to the association's annual Invitational Tourney.

McLoughlin, thus, comes full circle. The Big Mc is indeed back. And the words of one Elwyn Brooks White must echo through the windmills of his mind: "There is no moment when a man so surely has the world by the tail as when he strolls down the fairway swinging that prized stick." In this instance, the cherished John Reid Award.



Jim McLoughlin, the MetGCSA's 1993 John Reid Lifetime Achievement Award Winner

#### An Honor Well Deserved

Jim's reaction upon learning of the award was stunning, *(continued on page 4)*

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## Meetings on Mondays

for many superintendents to be away from their own course, since it's closed.

In any case, I think we have to be flexible and respect the policies and requirements of the clubs who are gracious enough to find a slot for our events in their busy calendars.

We are fortunate to have Tournament Committee Chairmen John Carlone and Matt Ceplo handling the many details, but we should be equally appreciative of our hosting superintendents' efforts in scheduling events at their clubs.

Unfortunately, it seems we rely on many of the same clubs to host events.

So how about giving these superintendents—and clubs—a break by hosting a meeting at your club next year? We're already looking for sites for 1994, so please contact John or Matt if you're willing and able.

Hosting events not only gives you added incentive to get your course in tip-top shape, but it also offers our membership the opportunity to observe—and learn from—other golf course maintenance operations. And, as I've said before, sharing knowledge and experience is what we're all about.

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### Spotlight

## A Behind-the-Scenes Look at Your May Meeting Host

**T**hose of you who attended the May 17 MetGCSA meeting had the pleasure of playing—and dining at—the Fairview Country Club in Greenwich, CT.

You also had the opportunity to see, firsthand, the handiwork of the club's decade-long superintendent, Richie Marcks. In addition to managing the day-to-day details of the 198.2-acre golf course and grounds, Richie's been busy with numerous special projects.

One of his pet projects is working with the New York State Audubon Society to encourage various wildlife to take up residence on the course. This past winter, Richie's crew worked to attract blue birds, sparrows, and wood ducks by building and strategically locating bird houses on the grounds. They also constructed housing for bats, which feed on insects and offer a natural—and highly effective—method of keeping bugs at bay.

Other recent capital improvements: relandscaping the clubhouse area, which includes new stone and lattice work and flowerbeds; mounding and recontouring the 6th fairway—the first of many to come; and reconstructing #6 tee—one of 10 already completed. Next, he

hopes to attack tee #8 and #16 front tee and, a little further down the road, begin renovating the course's 25-year-old bunkers.

Opened in 1904 as a nine-hole club, Fairview was first located on Route 9A around Elmsford, NY. It expanded to 18 holes, and then in 1968, bothered by the growing traffic around the course, the club picked up and moved to its current site in Greenwich. Once St. Luke's Convalescent Hospital, the facility had to be transformed into a golf club. Robert Trent Jones Sr. was hired to design the course.

Like Fairview's beginnings, Richie's route to the turfgrass management profession was somewhat unconventional. During his high school years in Brick Township, NJ, he attended Lakewood Tech Vocational School where he studied architecture. At 16, he joined the Coast Guard and, after earning his "wings," served four years in an Air Rescue Squadron based in Brooklyn, NY. He continued his studies at the Delahantes School of Automotive Engineering and then at Pratt Institute for Industrial Design.

In 1974, Richie accepted a position at Westchester Country Club as the

golf course maintenance department's mechanic. He quickly realized he'd rather work on the course than on the equipment and showed enough promise to be sent to Rutgers Winter Turf School. Within two-and-a-half years, Richie was promoted to assistant under then Superintendent John Traynor.

After five years at Westchester, Richie moved on to his first superintendent's position at Black Hall Golf Club in Old Lyme, CT. Then two-and-a-half years later, he accepted his current position at Fairview.

Richie's commitment to the profession extends well beyond his work at the golf course. In the MetGCSA, he's served on the Education and Government Relations committees for the past six years. He's also a long-time member of the Connecticut Association of Golf Course Superintendents, where he's served on the Board of Directors and both the Government Relations and

Social & Welfare committees. Richie also put his government relations expertise to work on the GCSAA's Government Relations Committee for three years. And as if all that's not enough, he's a former president and cofounder of the Professional Pesticide Users of Connecticut, an organization that promotes the intelligent use of pesticides. And he served as an instructor for seven years at the school that gave him his training: Rutgers Winter Turf School.

You might think a guy like this is all work and no play, but apparently that's not the case. Richie says he still loves to fly Cessnas on occasion, scuba dive, ski—on both water and snow—and, of course, play an occasional round of golf.

He has three children: Douglas, 18; Pamela, 14; and David, 12, and he lives on club grounds.

DENNIS PETRUZZELLI, CGCS  
Lakeover Country Club

## Upcoming Events

JUNE 17, 1993

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### Meeting Reminder

#### Invitational Tournament

Monday, June 21  
Country Club of Darien, Darien, CT  
Meeting Host: Tim O'Neill, CGCS

### 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. For further information, contact the MGA, 914-698-0390.

### Educational Event

#### MetGCSA Professional Turfgrass Field Day

Tuesday, October 19/Rain date: October 20  
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## The Big 'Mc' Is Back!

to say the least. "This is the ultimate recognition, and from the very people I wanted it most," he smiles. "And quite timely as well." Jim recently won a lawsuit against the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA), which he pursued to clear his name and reputation.

"There is neither a feeling of vindication nor retribution, and surely none was sought or desired," explains Jim. "I have only admiration and respect for golf course superintendents across this land."

But actions speak louder than words: While in the midst of the legal battle with the national body, he continued to help local superintendents every day through the MetGCSA and through individual counseling where fees were never an issue. Virtually every super up and down the East Coast who loses a job is referred to Jim for "crisis" career management help—and with good results.

Specifically, 25 of 26 supers counseled in the job application process over the past few years have been hired. What's more, many superintendents sleep well these days because of the precedent-setting security Jim writes into their contracts with employers.

"This award has to be the gift of a lifetime," says Jim. And according to Winged Foot Super Bob Alonzi, it's well earned. A past MetGCSA president and current member of the Awards Committee, Bob made an impassioned presentation in nominating Jim for the award. "It's recognition long overdue," insists Bob.

Larry Pakkala of Woodway Country Club, who chairs the Awards Committee, says, "Jim McLoughlin's achievements in improving the quality of golf course superintendents' careers and their very image locally, nationally, and even internationally are accomplishments that demanded our recognition."

### A Quantum Leap Into the Golf Industry

The knowledgeable McLoughlin, a Brooklyn native (1934), is a graduate of Iona Prep (basketball scholarship) and Holy Cross College (1956). In addition,

he holds a law degree from Fordham University (1959) and a master's in Physics from Syracuse University (1961) thanks to a National Science Foundation Fellowship. Before embarking on a career in the golf industry, Jim taught Physics and coached basketball at Pleasantville High School and Hackley Prep.

It was while attending Syracuse that he met Mary Ellen Schepp, who was to become his wife and the mother of Laura, Jim, and Kenneth. They've made their home for years in Pleasantville, NY, and are members of the Whippoorwill Club.



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During a highly successful 15-year career (1965-1980) as executive director of the 100,000-member Metropolitan Golf Association (MGA), Jim took the MGA from its very modest existence to the leading regional amateur golf body in the country—where it still remains. He was referred to the MGA for hiring by the legendary Joseph C. Dey Jr., then executive director of the USGA, who was later to become the first commissioner of the PGA Tour.

During Jim's tenure, the MGA set new standards for golf administration; namely, the first use of computers for tournament administration in the early '70s; refinement of golf's handicap system (the present USGA GHIN system was originally modeled off the MGA system); defining a testing mechanism for measuring golf officials' knowledge of the Rules of Golf; securing commercial sponsorship for regional association events and activities; and establishing the precedent of the Presidents Council as one of golf's more effective and lasting educational programs.

Perhaps Jim's proudest achievement while with the MGA was bringing the local public golf sector totally within the MGA program. Initiated in the mid-'70s, this move created highly regarded membership access and peer status recognition for public golf courses and their players. Today, the public golfer is welcome throughout the entire MGA activity spectrum.

From this, public golf's premier local representative, Dr. Richard Silver, was soon elected to the MGA Executive Committee and appointed to the USGA National and International Rules Committee.

Jim left the MGA in 1980 to become executive director of the GCSAA, specifically to upgrade the association, to bring a professional business management style to GCSAA headquarters—where a strong agronomic background always flourished—and to guide a proposed relocation of the group from Kansas, presumably, to Florida.

When internal association politics interfered with the relocation, Jim left the GCSAA in May 1983 and almost immediately began a new relationship with the MetGCSA supers.

During his brief stay with the national superintendents, Jim restructured GCSAA finances, reorganized staff, defined new educational programs, and revitalized the International Trade Show and national magazine, while working with solid administrations to build national rapport and respect for the GCSAA and its membership.

So successful was the national body under Jim's guidance that during a reception at the 1983 Masters Tournament in Augusta, then USGA President William Campbell openly applauded the GCSAA for "having put together the finest professional team in golf," and hinted, in a complimentary way, that the GCSAA would find it difficult to keep its staff in tact. The 9,000-member association has flourished ever since.

### The Met Years

Jim became executive director of the MetGCSA in December 1984 during Chuck Martineau's term as president.

And he left in May 1987 because pressures of the lawsuit were creating confusion and divided loyalties.

"I was hired by the Met to accomplish, on a regional basis, many of the same goals and objectives that I was hired to achieve for GCSAA," says Jim.

"Jim McLoughlin took us to a higher plateau, adding a new and expanded dimension to our local association, and he succeeded beyond our wildest dreams," says Chuck, adding:

"He restructured and fully sponsored our newsletter; increased our membership roll from 200-plus to 400-plus in two short years; computerized administration of chapter activities and records; set new educational standards for regional chapters; instilled a new pride in the MetGCSA membership; and earned everlasting respect for the Met supers throughout the New York Metropolitan district.

"He was and is something very spe-

cial," Chuck continues. "His contributions to the Met are legendary, and the John Reid Award is merely a small token of our appreciation of his efforts."

During his illustrious career, Jim found time to serve as president of the International Association of Golf Administrators and National Chairman for golf's Turf Management Research Committee.

At the moment, Jim heads three golf-based service companies: TMG, Inc., a consulting firm; Double Eagle Enterprises, Inc., a golf course development company; and Capital Links, Inc., golf's first investment banking firm.

"This was totally unexpected," Jim says of the award. "Suddenly, I realized that my relationship with superintendents across the country has always been on course—no pun intended. This honor is a confirmation of the many good things the supers and I have shaped and shared through the years."

### New Members

**Scott Boyce**, Class B, Burning Tree Country Club, Greenwich, CT

**Patrick Daly**, Class B, Rockrimmon Country Club, Stamford, CT

### Info Alert

## C'mon Board

The MetGCSA Nominating Committee is ready and waiting for nominations to the Board of Directors. If you're interested in joining the board—or would like to nominate a fellow member—please contact Committee Chairman Peter Rappoccio at Silver Spring Country Club, 203-438-6720, before July 1.

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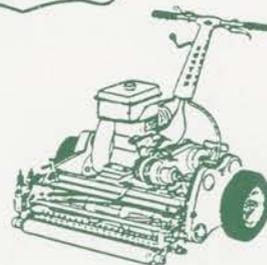
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## Outcome of Two Tourneys at Fenway

On April 26, the Four-Man Net Tourney and Inaugural Superintendent Two-Man Best Ball Championship held at Fenway Golf Club became a survival contest. Fenway, which under normal conditions is a demanding test, became a monster as the winds howled and the rain went from showers to downpours. Scott Stark and his staff are to be commended. The course, which attracted 88 golfers, played beautifully despite the rain. Here's the outcome of both tourneys.

### Four-Man Net Tourney

#### Low Net Winners

- 57 Mark Fuller, *Connecticut GC*, Frank Lamphier, *Aspetuck Valley CC*, Fred Scheyhing, *Mount Kisco CC*  
 59 John Hawthorne & Charlie Siemers, *Hawthorne Brothers Tree Service*, Tom Tooley, *Mount Kisco CC*, Scott Tretera, *Elmwood CC*  
 59 Gary Arlio, *North Jersey CC*, Mike Cook & Bob Mullane, *Alpine, the Care of Trees*, Bob DeMarco, *Powelton Club*  
 60 Tony Baviello, *Pelham CC*, Matt Ceplo, *Westchester Hills GC*, Dave Mahoney, *Siwanoy CC*, Dennis Petruzzelli, *Lakeover CC*  
 61 John Currie, *Currie Landscaping*, Bob Lippman, *Westchester Turf Supply*, Tim Moore, *Knollwood CC*, Todd Polidor, *Heritage Hills of Westchester*  
 61 Scott Niven, *The Stanwich Club*, Larry Pakkala, *Woodway CC*, Rick Schock, *Wee Burn CC*, Gregg Stanley, *Rockrimmon CC*

#### Closest to the Pin

- #4 Ernie Rizzio, *Turf Products Corp.*  
 #17 Stephen Kay, *Stephen Kay Golf Course Architects*

#### Longest Drive

- #3 Tony Grasso, *Metropolis CC*

### Superintendent Two-Man Best Ball Championship

Mark Fuller and Frank Lamphier posted an astonishing 62 and were awarded the first seed. Equally remarkable was Fred Scheyhing, who without his partner, Chuck Martineau, qualified on his own ball. In all, 16 teams made the grade.

- 62 Mark Fuller, *Connecticut GC*/Frank Lamphier, *Aspetuck Valley CC*  
 65 Bob Alonzi, *Winged Foot GC*/Joe Alonzi, *Westchester CC*  
 66 Rick Schock, *Wee Burn CC*/Gregg Stanley, *Rockrimmon CC*  
 67 Tim Moore, *Knollwood CC*/Todd Polidor, *Heritage Hills of Westchester*  
 67 Earl Millett, *Ridgeway CC*/Mark Millett, *Old Oaks CC*  
 67 Bob Dwyer, *Somerset Hills GC*/Wayne Foster, *Rockaway River CC*  
 67 Dave Mahoney, *Siwanoy CC*/Dennis Petruzzelli, *Lakeover CC*  
 67 Tony Baviello, *Pelham CC*/Matt Ceplo, *Westchester Hills GC*  
 70 Les Kennedy, *Oak Lane CC*/John Streeter, *Woodbridge CC*  
 70 Tony Grasso, *Metropolis CC*/Greg Wojick, *Greenwich CC*  
 70 Gary Arlio, *North Jersey CC*/Bob DeMarco, *Powelton Club*  
 70 Dave Arel, *Tamarack CC*/Joe Cotone, *Briar Hall CC*  
 70 Mike Mongon, *Arcola CC*/John O'Keefe, *Preakness Hills CC*  
 71 Mike Leary, *Montammy GC*/Tony Savone, *Quaker Ridge GC*  
 73 Dennis Flynn, *Brae Burn CC*/Peter Rappoccio, *Silver Spring CC*  
 73 Chuck Martineau, *Whippoorwill Club*/Fred Scheyhing, *Mount Kisco CC*

Competing teams will arrange and play their respective matches until a team champion is crowned in September. Updates will be reported, here, in the *Tee to Green*.

DAVE MAHONEY  
 Siwanoy Country Club

## New Ruling on Aquatic Pesticides

As of April 7, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) reclassified aquatic chemicals as "restricted use" pesticides. That means anyone buying or selling aquatic pesticides must adhere to a series of new regulations.

Suppliers must have a commercial applicators permit to sell the products, and they must hold one of the following to purchase them: a commercial applicators permit, a certified I.D. card, or a special one-year purchase permit, which states how much product can be bought and applied. The permit is free.

Chemical applicators must be certified in aquatic category 5, have the special purchase permit, or hold a private applicators permit.

The DEC is offering a grace period—but only for products labeled for both terrestrial and aquatic use, such as certain Diquat and copper sulfate products. Noncommercial permit holders have until November 1, 1993 to purchase and sell these mixed-label products; while commercial permit holders have until March 1, 1994.

If you have any questions concerning this new regulation, you can contact the New York State DEC at 518-457-7482.

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## Posters Worth a Thousand Words

A complimentary three-poster set from the GCSAA has probably already arrived on your doorstep. Its objective is to help you educate your membership about three of the most important, but least understood, phases of golf course maintenance: aerification, application of fertilizers and pesticides, and golf cart restrictions.

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