

**MGCSA MEETING NOTICE**

**Annual Meeting**

Date: Thursday, November 15th  
 Place: Burning Tree Country Club  
 Golf: Weather permitting  
 Cocktails: 5 PM  
 Dinner: 6 PM  
 Program: 7 PM Annual Meeting  
 Host: Bob Alonzi

**Coming Events:**

Oct. 24-25 8th Annual Wisconsin Golf Turf Symposium  
 Milwaukee, Wisc. — Topic Thatch  
 Dec. 8th Christmas Party — Rockland Country Club  
 Jan. 30-Feb. 1 Rutgers 3 Day Course

**Membership:**

The following candidates have been approved by the Executive Board for membership in MGCSA.

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Fred Dobson	Bruce Golf Course	Class B
Daniel Brogan	Agrico	Class C
Richard Calhoun	Toro Irrigation	Class C
John Callahan	Tom Irwin Inc.	Class C
Frank Paladino	Cloro-Spray	Class C
Hal Weitz	Cleary Corp.	Class C

**MGCSA News:**

September was a very busy month for MGCSA. First we had our annual Turf Equipment and Supplies Field Day on September 10th at Fenway Golf Club. Chairman Al Tretera and his committee did a great job. The weather was perfect and we had the commercial firms well represented but our attendance was down. Really there was no excuse for not supporting this annual event. The Field Day Committee would appreciate any suggestions on how we can improve attendance at this event.

On September 20th we had our Superintendents' Championship at Bonnie Briar. Big D had the course in great shape. There were some beautiful natural plantings around tees and rock ledges. Chuck Fatum repeated as Champion for the umptnth time. Frank Lamphier was second as usual. Fred Scheyhing took the second flight with a booming 87.

The evening's program consisted of the new head of the

Turfgrass Program at Cornell University, Dr. John Kaufman along with Dr. H. Tashiro (Entomology Research), Dr. Richard Straub from Hudson Valley Experimental Station who has worked with Dr. Tashiro on Hyperodes, and Dr. Richard Smiley who will be working at Farmingdale and setting up a program on turf diseases. They all told of their plans for the future to develop the turf program. It was just too bad we had so much competition from Billie Jean King and Bobby Riggs.



*MGCSA Invitational at Metropolis Country Club. (left to right) MGCSA President, Harry Nichol, Host Superintendent Bruno Vadala.*



*Westchester Hills Country Club wins MGCSA Invitational Tournament. President Harry Nichol (left) presents trophy to Lonyd Casterella.*



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Then we moved into early October and had our Annual Invitational Tournament at Metropolis Country Club. It was a real treat. Bruno and his staff did everything possible to make everything run smoothly. We had 36 teams play this very challenging golf course. It was in great condition knowing what kind of summer we all had. The new clubhouse was beautiful and certainly the club and the manager went all out to make it a very enjoyable day for everybody.

Londy Casteralli and the Westchester Hills Country Club took the first prize. Chuck Fatum came in second for a change from Wee Burn, Tony Savone and Northern Hills came third and Bob Bruce (Golf Chairman) from North Salem took 4th place. Bob and his committee did a great job as this Invitational takes a lot of planning and work.

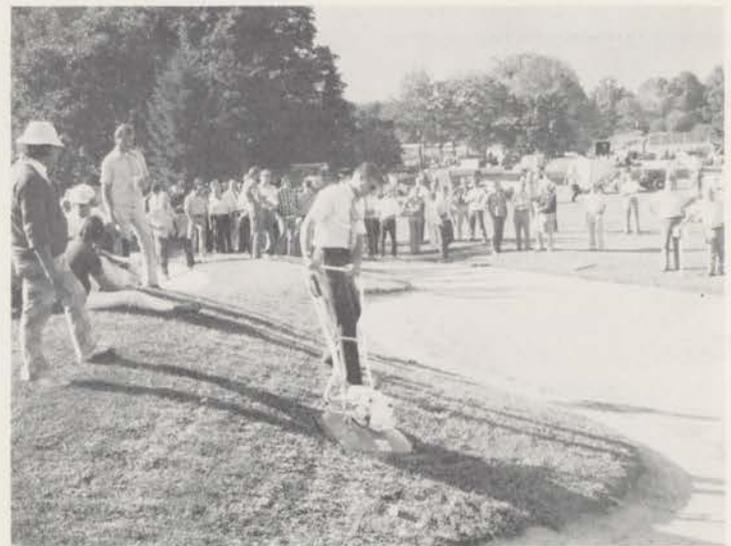
The evening's program was started by Al Radko who gave us a little review of the 1973 season and then the evening was highlighted by Jay Jackson, a comedian who has appeared on many TV programs including Tit-Tat-Doe, Voice of Philco Playhouse. Jay's many funny golf jokes concluded another very enjoyable Invitational. Thanks to everybody who helped work on the various committees.

The Nominating Committee (Chairman, Everett Wood; Bruno Vadala, Sherwood Moore and James Fulwider have presented the following slate of officers:

President—Harry Nichol  
1st Vice President—Garry Crothers  
2nd Vice President—Edward Horton  
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*One of the many fine displays featured at the MGCSA 1973 Field Day.*



*Equipment Demonstrations were a big part of the day at Fenway Country Club.*



*MGCSA Field Day Chairman, Al Tretera (center) pauses in front of refreshment wagon capably driven by Bill Caputi. Al's junior aid is Bob Tosh's son.*

## SUPERINTENDENTS PLAY "AT" GOLF

by Scott Benty—Winged Foot Golf Club

Bonnie Briar was the location of the monthly MGCSA meeting, and a day which many will remember. It was the day for the superintendents to dry out their shoes and clubs and attempt to break par. The weather was beautiful—a great day not to have to report to work, for the half day anyway.

A Superintendent, as all of us knows, does not have a great deal of time to devote to the practicing of the game of golf. Well, this day has proved that good golf is only played or expected by those who practice regularly. I am the perfect example of an intermittent golfer, and my score shows my true colors. But I did have fun, and that made up for the bad shots—"I had to really work at having fun, let me tell you that."

After a fantastic meal, which was enhanced by the splendid company of Mr. Andy Androsko, our County Agent, the whole day came to a climax. The guest speakers were introduced and what a great list it was. I feel that the program chairman deserves congratulations from the members for doing an outstanding job in getting us four guests. It seems that the individuals who do the work never get enough credit so I would like to thank Garry Crothers for making this meeting and all that I have attended very enjoyable. Thank you, Garry.

Dr. John Kaufmann was the first speaker. I was surprised at the Dr.'s youth, but his intelligence matches his degree. Dr. Kaufmann is the new Chief of Staff at Cornell, and his job involves teaching and directing new students in extension work of turfgrass management. Field work and research are another of his fields and one he feels should be broadened. Dr. Kaufmann feels that research in particular is the "backbone" of the program. Dr. Kaufmann's youth and vitality will hopefully be directed to the Superintendent's cry for assistance.

The second guest was Dr. Tashiro, an entomologist and researcher who is located in Geneva, New York. This station has assumed the majority of the work load from Ithaca. His work carries him all over the area and he has volunteered his time to us for any assistance we desire. His research deals with agricultural insects also, but the newest turf results show that the Japanese Beetle has developed a resistance to chlorinated hydrocarbons.



Left to right: Dr. Tashiro, Geneva Research Station; Dr. Richard Straub, Geneva Research Station; Garry Crothers, MGCSA Program Chairman; Dr. Richard Smiley, Farmingdale, Long Island; Dr. John Kaufmann, Assistant Professor of Turfgrass Management, Cornell

Dr Richard Straub, who is Dr. Tashiro's assistant was also on hand. He is concerned mostly with vegetable research, but does some turf work. He has done some experimenting with Dursban and Primothes Ethol, both of which give weevil control. Diazinom does not seem to be working as desired.

Our fourth guest was Dr. Richard Smiley, representing Farmingdale and our Long Island Agents. He received his degree at Washington State working with wheat and barley and has some new ideas for turf which are always interesting to the Superintendent. Dr. Smiley hopes to work more with the County Agents and thus keep himself and his progress known to all.

I hope we will be seeing more of these fine men and hearing more about their work. This is possible only when we have a good representative as Program Chairman.



Golf Chairman, Bob Bruce (left) presents MGCSA 1973 Champion Chuck Fatum with award.



"The Winningest Table" from left to right: Lundy Casterella, John Corsi, Sal Ciencio, Ron Demkovich and Tony Costa.



Bonnie Briar Host Superintendent Dommmick I. Marzo (left) and MGCSA President Harry Nichol field audience questions.



*Management Consultant Leonard Agostino agrees to help MGCSA to better serve its Members.*

Len Agostino, our Management Consultant for the past four months, summarizes his goals for MGCSA with the following statement.

"I hope to help make the MGCSA a more effective association with every member having a fair share in both voice and responsibility. I would also like to see greater cooperation and exchange with the other area associations. The results of the recently completed survey, show a strong interest in the future development of the Association and properly guided, I believe that the MGCSA can be the model association which others will want to follow."

Len's career spans eleven years since he received a B.B.A. degree in Marketing from Fairfield University. During that period, Len has been employed in the insurance, banking and communication fields, as well as two years with NASA in Cape Kennedy, Florida, where he was a part of the Saturn-Apollo project team. Currently, Len serves as a Systems Consultant for the CIBA-Geigy Corporation where he has functional responsibility for groups in New York and North Carolina. Len is also completing courses at Iona College which will lead to his receiving a M.B.A. degree in Management Systems this June.

Len and his wife Elizabeth are presently in the process of selling their home in Quarry Acres, Peekskill, and are planning to start construction on a new home this spring on their 10 acre parcel of land in Putnam Valley. This should give them and their "family" of three St. Bernards sufficient room to grow and enjoy one another.

### **THE YEAR OF EXTREMES—1973**

**by Sherwood A. Moore—Woodway Country Club**

No one connected with the turf industry in the Metropolitan New York area—or in fact the whole Northeast—will ever forget the 1973 season. We did not have a little of everything, we had a lot of everything. Mother Nature threw the book at us this year in the form of adverse weather (excessive cloudy days, excessive rainfall, and excessive heat), every disease imaginable, insects galore, and then to top all, the summer ended off

with a blistering heat wave.

After a very mild winter, Spring broke early and March had some very nice workable days, so all turfmen thought what a wonderful season was ahead for us. That was short-lived—for the rains came and continued. Cloudy rainy weather can make the grass look green, if you ignore the diseases, but when the sun breaks out that little grass plant just fades away. This is what happened near the end of June and the first part of July—grasses started to die like mosquitoes at a Dursban cocktail party.

Those areas that did survive this period met a new onslaught in early August by another downpouring rain (oh, what ever happened to those half inch and one inch rainfalls) followed by warm, muggy weather. Diseases were working on diseases—they had no grass left to devour.

Ah, we thought in mid-August when we had a breathing spell of cool nights, we are "over the hump" and "Poa annua" weather is back with us. So we started to aerify and rip the turf areas apart for reseeded, when Mother Nature let go with another block buster in the form of two weeks of hot weather—nine days of which the temperatures were over ninety degrees. So there went some more grass—yes, even new seedlings to the ravages of heat and disease. Those who had difficulty in identifying Pythium diseases previously had no trouble during this period.

In fact, the grasses have been infested with every disease in the book this year—the plant pathologists are grinning from ear to ear. In spring and early summer, Red Thread or Pink Patch (*Corticium fuciforme*) and the Leafspots (*Helminthosporium*) walked thru the fescues and bluegrass turf areas. Many beautiful bluegrass lawns were brown from leafspot diseases.

Fusarium Blight or Frog Eye Disease (*Fusarium roseum*) was more prevalent this year than many of us have ever witnessed. This disease caused considerable loss of turf on lawns, fairways and roughs this season. And naturally Dollar Spot (*Sclerotinia homoeocarpa*) and Large Brown Patch (*Rhizoctonia solani*) did not take a back seat. They were ever present. Mention has already been made of the severity of Pythium Blight or Cottony Blight (*Pythium*). Fairy Ring (*Basidiomycetes*) was present in all its glory, plus no doubt numerous other diseases that we did not even want to think about.

Oh yes, don't forget our friends the turfgrass weevils. They took their share of turf in May and June, and then, not being satisfied with that, produced a second active brood in August.

The Japanese Beetle is making its presence known this year after being sort of forgotten about for years. Even some resistant strains are being reported, so from now on do not include them out. The chinch bugs took a back seat this year—probably got drowned out—but the sod webworm and cutworms made up for them. If you witness numerous birds working ravenously on your lawn, you had better investigate before the above mentioned critters wipe it out.

So it really has been a year of extremes—with rainfall, temperatures, humidity, diseases, insects, wilt, and what-have-you. Even though it is best not to think about it and try as we may to forget, I think that 1973 will be a topic of conversation among turf men for some time to come. I only hope my golfing members do forget and forgive.

## PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE BY-LAWS

### Article II, Section 1, Paragraph 1

Class A Golf Course Superintendent or past Class A Superintendent whose responsibilities have been reclassified. Any person of good character who has served as a Golf Course Superintendent for one full year, including managerial responsibilities and is presently employed as such, shall be eligible to become a Class A or regular member of this association. A superintendent can be defined as a person whose primary responsibility is management of golf turf.

### Article II, Section 1, Paragraph 4

Any Class B member in applying for Class A membership must be voted on again by the general membership. A Class B member may not vote nor hold office, unless otherwise provided for by the by-laws. Each matriculating Class B member and candidate for Class A membership is required to serve on a committee during the year. The committee chairman shall make a written report at the completion of the year to the Board of Directors as to the performance of the candidate.

### Article II, Section 1, Paragraph 5

Any Superintendent who is a Class B Member and does not apply for Class A membership within 18 months of becoming a Superintendent, shall be expelled from the association.

### Article II, Section 1, Paragraph 9

Class D Associate Members. Any person or student sufficiently interested in our profession to desire membership. He will hold a membership card. The dues shall be determined by the Board of Directors. He shall have all the privileges of this association except those of voice, vote, holding elected office and guest privileges.

### Article VIII, Section 1, Paragraph 2

There shall likewise be elected a Board of Directors which shall be composed of eight persons, members of this Association, seven of whom shall be elected by ballot by a majority vote of the membership present.

### Article IX, Section 1, Paragraph 1 (from middle of paragraph)

Said Nominating Committee shall prepare a nominating list of two nominees, who have been notified prior to nomination, for each office to be filled at the annual meeting. No member shall be given consideration for a position on the Board of Directors if he has turned down a request to serve on a committee for five (5) consecutive years.

### Article IX, Section 1, Paragraph 2

The Class B Member on the Board will be selected in the following manner; two names of possible candidates for the position should be selected by the Class B Membership in a private meeting, and the two names be given to the nominating committee to be presented to the Class B Membership at the time of the general election. It will be the responsibility of this Director to be the liaison between the Class B Membership and the Board of Directors.

### Article IX, Section 3

Will become Section 4.

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The Board of Directors will have the authority to expell any Class A member who has refused to serve on a committee for a period of five

(5) consecutive years. Prior to expulsion, said member must receive a certified letter from the Board stating his right to be heard in his defense.

### Article XI, Section 4

Each member will be required to attend one (1) business meeting per year or face expulsion by two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors, after having been given notice by certified mail of the charge, and an opportunity to be heard.

## EXPERIMENTS IN RHODE ISLAND: A Report by Scott Benty, Winged Foot Golf Club

At Rhode Island, the Experimental Station is one of a minority in this country which deals with turfgrass research. The station has gradually expanded its staff and facilities so that now it has become a leader in research. There are four full time researchers doing a majority of the work in turf. Support is supplied from several other staff members who devote long hours to turfgrass research.

The research at the Rhode Island Experiment Station covers a broad spectrum of projects and planning, ranging from slow release fertilizers to industrial organic wastes as soil amendments, to growth retardants on roadside turfs, concluding with preemergent chemical crabgrass control, impacts of fertilization practices, and commercial fungicide evaluation. This was more than enough to keep a student in a state of "suspended concentration" for the entire day.

The herbicide program is represented with Dacthal as the best preemergence, tri-calium has proved most positively in retarding *Poa annua*. Broadleaf weeds are controlled by existing chemicals. A combination of two chemicals is best, however, they do not recommend three. 2, 4-D and Banvel D together control dandelion.

The recommended rates for fertilizing consist of applications in spring and autumn. The fall is the best time to apply a heavier rate of fertilizer to prolong the growth and help with a quicker spring green up. At springtime apply the remainder to boost growth and prepare for the coming season.

Through research we can learn more about chemicals, rates of application, and even personnel management. I feel that our efforts should be directed towards supporting these research stations as much as possible, the benefactor will someday be you and I.

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