



MEETING NOTICE:

Date: November 23, 1976 (Note Change in date)

Place: Out Post Inn
 Boston Post Road
 Port Chester, N.Y.

Luncheon Meeting: 12:30 P.M.

Annual Meeting following Luncheon
 MGCSA

Every committee Chairman will submit a written annual report at the annual meeting

COMING EVENTS:

- October 27-28 Wisconsin Golf Turf Symposium: Topic "Living with Poa Annua Species"
- November 16-18 New York State Turfgrass Association Conference, Turf Inn, 205 Wolf Road, Albany, New York
- November 22: MGCSA Annual meeting
- December 6-9 N.J. Turfgrass Expo., Cherry Hill Hyatt House, Route 70, Cherry Hill, N.J.
- December 18 MGCSA Christmas Party and Raffle
- January 4-7 The Garden Living Industries of the Eastern United States, Concord Hotel, Kamiesha Lake, N.Y.
- February 3-4 GCSAA Golf Tournament, Spyglass Hill and Monterey Peninsula Country Club's Dunes Course
- February 6-11 GCSAA 48th International Turfgrass Conference and Show Portland, Oregon.

MGCSA News: Our annual Invitational had another fine turnout. The weather wasn't too cooperative. All 34 teams did manage to finish even though we had light rain most of the afternoon. Innis Arden Country Club took first place in a match of cards with Westchester Country Club and Apawamis. It was an enjoyable day and one in which the club officials look forward to each year. Mark Mulvoy, senior editor for Sports Illustrated, amused the gathering with some thoughts about the high priced salaries of today's professional athletes. We also had our first woman team member play in our invitational, Edna Stern from Sunningdale. Dick Allen said she took everything in stride including a few "men only" after dinner jokes. I believe it's the first time we don't have a club on the waiting list for next years Invitational so it's a first come, first serve basis. We will be asking for clubs at our annual meeting not only for the Invitational but also for our regular monthly meetings.

Sherwood Moore picked out October 13th for his meeting

date and as it turned out, it wasn't unlucky at all. In fact, it was a perfect fall day, with sunshine and temperatures about 70°. The course was just beautiful—not only turf wise but scenery too. The lakes are just one picture after another as they are perfectly carved into the landscape. I understand they will be making #8 hole into a part water hole too. Sherwood had many areas marked off showing various chemicals he is trying in poa annua control. I think this coming Spring, many of these test areas will be more visible, especially at seed head time. Pat Vittum, our graduate student who is doing our research studies on the hyperodes weevil, gave us an update on what she's done over the past few months. It appears the soil type has a lot to do with the great variation in development. This will be studied in greater detail next year. Dr. Charles Murdock from the University of Hawaii, gave a interesting talk about weather and turf conditions in Hawaii. Some golf courses have as much as 150" of rainfall at one end of the golf course and 30" on another part—this depending upon how near and on what side of the mountain range they are. Their fairway maintenance is not nearly what ours is but they sure like to keep their greens "green," some courses putting on as much as 50 lbs of Nitrogen a year . . . yes I said 50. I am sure they could use 1/5 that amount and be happy. The greensmen must get tired of emptying the buckets. It was nice to have Al Radko stop by. I was told he is now working and playing golf when he can. If you haven't taken your 2nd level examination in regard to the Pesticide Applicators, please call Tom Nally, Cooperative Extension Agent at 914-682-3370.



President of Woodway C.C., Robert Leverich, right, with host superintendent Sherwood Moore (note the gleam in his eye).



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MGCSA Christmas Party Raffle: This is a first time effort for MGCSA to have a raffle with some nice prizes. Many of you have sold tickets already. Let's all try to sell a few tickets. If you have not received any tickets, please contact Bill Carriere for them at 914-937-5479. It's only 6 weeks away so let's give it some support.

MGCSA Christmas Party: Bob DePencier may be in Pinehurst but he still is very involved with the Christmas Party as its chairman. It will be limited to 120 people and certainly it will have everything.

Correction from September Tee to Green: According to the D.E.C. of N.Y. State, Mercury use is still on the restricted list in N.Y.S., even though the ban on mercury was lifted at the Federal level for winter disease control. We will try to give you further update in our next issue.



Sherwood Moore, host superintendent at Woodway C.C.

**GCSAA'S 48th TURF CONFERENCE
READYED FOR PORTLAND**

The Golf Course Superintendents Association of America will sponsor its 48th International Turfgrass Conference and Show February 6-11 in Portland, Oregon.

With over 150 companies filling exhibit space of 100,800 square feet in the \$8-million Portland Memorial Coliseum and Exhibit Hall, a record-breaking attendance of over 5,000 persons is expected.

"Turfgrass Management: A Synergistic Approach" is the theme of the conference, and its education program will focus on the interdependence and interrelationship among the many parts of golf course management. A total of 70 speakers from universities, industry, government and the ranks of the Association itself will present the most up-to-date information in the world of turfgrass management.

Heywood Hale Broun, famed sports writer and CBS television sports essayist and commentator, will be the keynote speaker of the conference. He will speak on "The Role of Big Games in Society."

Prior to the official opening of the conference, the Association will once again hold Certification and Recertification examinations and a series of seminars on landscaping, management, pesticides and turfgrass nutrition.

Other features of the week-long event are the association's annual meeting and election, tours of Portland-area golf courses, tours of the Oregon grass seed industry, a ladies' program and social events during the week.

Also, the 1977 GCSAA Golf Tournament will be February 3 and 4 at three courses on the Monterey Peninsula in California, including the prestigious Spyglass Hill layout.

For further information, contact GCSAA Headquarters, 1617 St. Andrews Drive, Lawrence, Kansas 66044, (913) 842-2240.

**COURSE PREPARATION INCLUDES
SUPERINTENDENT'S PEACE OF MIND**

Preparing a golf course for a show event like a club officials' tour or a golf tournament isn't easy for the person in charge. The overall mental approach of the golf course manager can make the difference between a nervous breakdown and a successful showing of his course.

To build a positive overall mental approach, try the following steps:

1. Insure yourself peace of mind by doing everything you possibly can to solve major problems in advance. This includes attending to your regular turf management. Give yourself credit for doing the best job you can.
2. Insure your emotional peace of mind by keeping major family commitments even when things are hectic at the course. You won't be calm if you feel guilty about missing your daughter's graduation in order to watch a crew member water the greens.
3. Mentally trace in advance everything you will do while your guests are on your course. Imagine what you will say and what they will see. The more detail your imagination can create, the better your chances of avoiding unforeseen problems are.
4. Maintain as normal a lifestyle as you can. Eat normal foods at about normal times for you, and keep your same sleep

and rest schedules. Change is an enemy when stress strikes, and routine is a great tranquilizer.

5. Understand and accept internally that the sky won't fall if something goes wrong. No amount of preparation can insure a perfect performance for anyone.

6. Switch your concentration quickly so you can concentrate **completely** on whichever problem you are handling at the time. Trying to solve one problem while worrying peripherally about another confuses the picture, clouds your judgment and creates stress. Deal with them in rapid succession if necessary, but only one at a time.

7. If your event lasts more than one day, check your performance each evening. What was successful? What went wrong? Correct the problems you can and restore your mental calm before moving on to the next day.

No one can guarantee harmony and peace for himself or for anyone else, but attention to these seven points will help ease your path and organize your inner self to handle whatever comes your way. **Credit: Fore Front, September, 1976**



Mike Maffei, program chairman; Al Radko, USGA Green Section, National Director, Dr. Charles Murdock, University of Hawaii, guest speaker.

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B.E. Day, Prof. Plant Physiology

University of California, Berkeley

National Agricultural Chemicals

Association Newsletter, June, 1976

NOTES: We publish here the second report from Dr. Harry Niemczyk on the Aetaenius Spretulus beetle.

"LIFE HISTORY STUDIES"

Jerry Wegner, Ph.D. graduate student, continues to follow the biological activities of Aetaenius. Eggs of the first generation were found from May 5 to June 11, larvae from May 18 to August 3, pupae from June 23 to August 11, and new adults from July 11 to the present (August 20). The first egg clusters laid by the new adults were seen July 28, and now limited numbers of larvae in various stages of development can be found. The new adults are now appearing on greens indicating that the adults are once again flying actively. One golf course in Cincinnati reported numerous flying adults just

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after dark on August 11. My interpretation of this flight activity is that it indicates egg laying to produce a second generation of larvae will soon follow. Watch those fairways carefully.

"There is much variation in the behavior pattern, times of adult flight, life stages present, etc., from one golf course to another. This fact makes our life history studies that much more difficult. There are simply too many biological events occurring at the same time on different golf courses for one person to follow. Based on this, I have already concluded that Jerry will need a person to assist him in these studies from April-November. More about that later.

"CONTROL STUDIES"

"The experiment, evaluating some 20 different insecticides, was read June 28, by a very interesting and cooperative group of golf course superintendents. Two experimental insecticides, one from CIBA-GEIGY and the other, Fisons Corporation, gave good-excellent control of the grubs. We have been working with these two promising experimentals for some time now, but the road to getting them labeled is a long one. More data are needed on other insect pests such as chinchbug, billbug, and sod webworm from various regions of the country

before labeling can proceed. The problem is there are simply not enough research entomologists in the country working on insect problems in turf. Our control studies are making significant input toward getting these materials labeled. Hopefully, by Spring 1978 one of these will be labeled for use against *Ataenius* larvae and other turf pests.

"The method of controlling *Ataenius* by spraying to kill adults before significant egg laying takes place was tested in Cincinnati and on a golf course in New Jersey. The New Jersey tests showed that both diazinon and Dursban prevented significant injury to the bent-bluegrass fairways under test. These results, along with those we have obtained in Ohio, indicate this method of control has considerable promise. Now, we must attempt to get this method of control on the label of control on the label of these two products.

"GENERAL INFORMATION"

"Damage to golf course fairways has been reported from Delaware and six counties in New Hampshire. At least two courses in the Cleveland area had some damage from *Ataenius*. Larvae were found in limited numbers on one golf course in Marietta, Ohio."

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Miss Pat Vittum, Research Graduate student giving an update on Hyperodes Research she's conducted to date.



Tom Nally, Cooperative Extension Agent, Agriculture, telling about the Pesticide Applicators Exam.



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