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MEETING NOTICE

Date: August 19, 1971
 Place: Burning Tree C. C.
 Golf: 12 noon on
 Business Meeting: 6 PM
 Cocktails: 6:30
 Dinner: 7 PM *Reservations must be made for dinner.*
 Please call 203-869-5579 office or club 203-869-9004.

Program: To be announced
 Host: Bob Alonzi
 Directions: Coming North on the Merrit Parkway, take Exit 31 (North Street). Make a left turn onto North Street, South 1 mile, make a left turn on to Taconic Road, 3/4 of a mile turn right on to Interlaken Road which will lead to Burning Tree C.C.
 Coming by Conn. Thruway, take Exit 3 (Arch Street) to Route One (Post Road). Make a left turn onto North Street about 3 1/2 miles on North Street make a right turn on to Taconic Road then on to Interlaken to Club.

Coming Events:

Aug. 15-19 American Society of Agronomy NYC
 Aug. 24 MGCSA Field Day, Fenway Golf Club
 Aug. 25 Golf Course Superintendents Field Day
 University of Rhode Island, 9-4 PM
 Aug. 31 Hudson Valley Picnic
 (previous date Aug. 24 changed)
 Tickets available at Aug. 19th meeting and Field Day
 Sept. 14 Waccabuc C.C.
 Oct. 7 NJGCSA Field Day
 Oct. 20 (Please note change)
 Superintendents Invitational
 Elmwood C.C.
 Nov: Annual Meeting
 Date and place to be announced
 Dec. 17 Christmas Party, Hampshire C.C.

Membership:

The following candidate has been approved for membership by the executive board, Dominic DeMarzo, Chairman.

Angelo Calafore
 Knollwood C.C. Class B

MGCSA News:

We had an excellent turnout of golfers for the Superintendents Championship at Winged Foot Golf Club. Ninety-six golfers played the West course. Some of the fellows were having their problems putting on fast greens and, of course, number ten is very easy to three putt anytime. President Vaughan gave some high lights of Winged Foot tradition and Mr. Cochran told some interesting stories of golf throughout the world. Guido Cribari

related the story of the superintendent from Rome, Italy. It was certainly an enjoyable day, and our host Ted Horton not only had the course in excellent shape, but took home some of the bacon with a net 68.

Those who went to the Classic I am sure noticed the work that Bob DePencier has been doing. The course was in excellent playing condition and the rains held off just long enough.

The water supplies have been replenished about ten times in the last week. The rainfall was from 8½ inches up. The week prior some areas in Fairfield, Conn., had 6 inches, so everybody has been pumping and trying to cut if possible. I am sure that some flooded areas will have to be cut with an air cushion rotary.

I just have to look over at Willow Ridge and see Fisher's Lake and know that clubs should take some positive action about areas which are always under water when rainy periods come. They are water holes now, why not make them water holes by digging a lake and using the fill to raise the area around it? In some cases the golf course is already built on a swamp and there isn't much you can do. It certainly shows one where drainage is still needed and those on Tri Calcium Arsonate I am sure can spot these areas in a hurry.

MGCSA FIELD DAY

The Field Day Committee has been working very hard planning for the up and coming Turfgrass Supplies, Irrigation and Equipment Field Day. We expect each member to support it by being there.

We will have several new commercial firms represented — among them Homelite, Skaggs, Vandermolen and Shemins.

We understand Stanley Clarke is bringing his new trap Rake and that Ted Smith will have his new spiker. There also will be some trenchers there which many of you will be needing for drainage and for others making improvements on irrigation or putting a new automatic.

Hope to see you all there on the 24th.

Garry & Harry
 Co-Chairmen, Field Day

Positions Available:

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Superintendents Golf Championship:

On a beautiful day at Winged Foot Golf Club the MGCSA had their annual championship. Host Ted Horton had the course in great shape. Chuck Fatum did his thing and again won the championship easily with a fine 73. This was an excellent round considering he only had his drive on the fairway on four different occasions. The longest drive of the day went to Bernie Kowalski and nearest to pin to Vinnie Pentenaro. The results are as follows:

Championship	1st Gross	Chuck Fatum	73
	2nd Gross	Frank Lamphier	82
	1st Net	Bernie Kowalski	70
	2nd Net	Vinnie Pentenaro	75
Class A	1st Gross	Dan Verrille	86
	2nd Gross	John Traynor	88
	1st Net	Ted Horton	68
	2nd Net	Skip Cameron	71
Class B	1st Gross	Pete Bass	76
	2nd Gross	Ron Demkovich	86
	1st Net	Sal Ciancio	73
	2nd Net	John Corsi	76
Class C	1st Gross	Len Mailloux	82
	1st Net	Dan Cancelliari	69
Honorary Members	1st Gross	Dr. Virtuoso	
	1st Net	Andy Androsko	

TRIPLEX EVALUATION REPORT

This past spring has afforded us here at Morefar the opportunity of using and evaluating the three triplex mowers which are on the market today. The following comments are not made to represent some sort of expert analysis, but are a composite of views of myself, our operators and mechanic.

I purchased a Hahn in April and at the same time kept our 1970 model Jake Greensking. When we started cutting greens in April at ¼ inch the Hahn did a beautiful job. As the warmer weather approached, we lowered the height down to 7/32 and developed a streaking problem. We had the people from the Powerhouse and the West Point Factory Rep. up to the club to try to correct the problem. During this period of adjusting and checking of the Hahn we were given a Toro to use. Later all Hahns were returned to the factory. We then returned the Toro demo back to Powerhouse and received a refund on the Hahn. At the present time we are using our older Jake Greensking for greens and our small Jake and Toro hand mowers on tees and collars.

It was unfortunate that the Hahn developed a cutting problem below ¼ inch because neither the Jake or Toro could cut as well. With its hydrastatic transmission you have an infinite number of ground speeds and the highest frequency of cut. (This May we had three days of rain and we couldn't get out on our back nine holes. When we finally did, the grass was quite high. We set the reel speed for 3,000's on our tach and mowed at a creep. The Penncross greens came out very well and I believe this feature to be a valuable asset.) Also the ability to control each reel independently will aid in many cutting situations. I like the cable drive instead of hydraulic because of the leakage problem. The Hahn is easy to manouver and although some say that the front tires mark I did not encounter this. When climbing a grade all weight shifts to the rear driving wheels and makes it a better climbing unit than the Jake or Toro. All controls are easy to operate and you have good vision on the unit. When parking, except on a steep grade, no brake is needed. The adjustment for the collar roller is somewhat awkward to change. The transport speed is much too slow. Hahn says that this is a asset in keeping the operator from speeding but it is much too slow. The transmission is smooth in its operation but very noisy.

Using the Jake this year gave us a good cut. We did run into hydraulic problems and had to replace many hoses and fittings. I guess the 1971 models have a tighter hydraulic system. The Jake has the poorest tight turning ability of the three units. Jacobsen's quick height of cut change for collars and tees is quite different from Toro and Hahn. Jake has a bracket type affair which raises the front roller off the ground and the mowing unit rides at an angle on the rear roller. Both Toro and Hahn ride on two rollers in the raised or "collar" position which I believe is much better. Some of the problems which we encountered with our Jake have been ironed out on the 1971 models. New items such as automatic reel shut-off when lifted, better throttle control, etc. have made the newer Greensking a better unit than our older model.

Using the Toro for about a month gave us a good cut. The turning radius is much shorter than the Jake or Hahn. This may develop a bruising problem if the operator turns too sharp. We found that the rear basket lifts well without the continuous petal use as required with our Greensking. We thought the Toro transports best of the three. The baskets seem hard to empty. The steering arrangement cuts down vision on both the perimeter cut and for petal use. Most adjustments on the Toro are easy to get to.

At this point I've decided to finish the season with what I have. Hopefully Hahn will solve the streaking problem and I can buy another next spring.

Pat Lucas

3 DAY CLINIC PLANNED

Park Maintenance is sponsoring a 3 day clinic at the Holiday Inn in Newark. September 13 - Turf; September 14 - Facility and Area Maintenance; September 15 - Tree Maintenance and Care. For further information contact G. Crothers 967-2100. Information will also be available at Field Day, August 24th.

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