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COMING EVENTS

January 26 USGA Green Section Educational

Conference

January 31 N.Y. Turf & Landscape Conference,

Tappen Zee Town House

February 4-9 50th International Turfgrass Conference &

Show, Georgia World Congress Center,

Atlanta, Georgia

February 27, 28 1979 University of Massachusetts Turf

March 1 Conference, Springfield Civic Center,

Springfield, Mass.

May 24 MGCSA Monthly Meeting, Westchester C.C.

June MGCSA Monthly Meeting, Mt. Kisco C.C.

July 9-15 1979 U.S. Women's Open, Brooklawn C.C.,

Fairfield, Conn. (for info call 203-334-5116)

July 19 MGCSA Monthly Meeting, Innis Arden G.C.

July 25 Univ./Mass. Annual Turf Field Day

August 16-19 Westchester Classic

August 22 Univ/Rhode Island Turfgrass Field Day

September 20 MGCSA Invitational, Ridgeway C.C.

MGCSA NEWS

Our annual Christmas Party held on December 22nd at the Greenwich Country Club was a most enjoyable event. A total of eighty-six of us dined and danced 'til the early morning hours. Our thanks to Kathy and Paul Caswell assisted by Patricia and Bob Mullane along with everyone at the Greenwich Country Club.

President Alonzi Appoints Committees

At the MGCSA Board of Directors meeting held at the Burning Tree Country Club on December 7, Bob Alonzi named the following committees for 1979:

Membership: Paul Caswell

John Traynor

Program: Mike Maffei

Mark Millet

Golf, Invitational & Kickers: Dennis Flynn

Mark Millet

50-50 Raffle:

Dennis Flynn

Peter Rapoccio

Public Relations & Publicity: Ted Horton

Pat Lucas

Roster:

Ted Horton

Mike Maffei John Musto Tee to Green: Ted Horton

Pat Lucas Mike Maffei

Christmas Party & Summer Event:

Sherwood Moore

Bob Tosh John Traynor

Summer Picnic: Sherwood Moore

Welfare: Dennis Flynn

Pat Lucas Peter Rapoccio

Scholarship & Research: Ted Horton

Pat Lucas Mike Maffei Sherwood Moore

By-Laws: Richard Allen

Terry Mulligen John Musto Bob Tosh John Traynor

Advisory: Ted Horton

Bob Tosh

Nominating:

GCSAA Delegates: Dave Marmelstein

Terry Mulligan

Also at the Board of Directors meeting the following membership applications were voted upon and approved:

Donald Baker—Candlewood Valley Country Club—Class A
Peter Rapoccio—Silver Spring Country Club—From Class
B to Class A

Bryon T. Johnson—Ridgefield Golf Course—Class B John McPike—Garden City Golf Course—Class B

Glenn Moore—Glennmore Landscaping—From Class B to Class C

Welcome to the MGCSA.

GCSAA NEWS

GCSAA reports exhibition space sold out for the 50th International Turfgrass Conference and Show beginning February 5th in Atlanta. There will be over 220 exhibits to visit. It appears that the Atlanta Conference and Show will be the biggest Show yet!

The Atlanta Housing Bureau has informed Headquarters that all rooms held by GCSAA in the Atlanta American



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Motor Hotel, Hyatt Regency, Marriott and Peachtree Plaza have been reserved for Monday and Tuesday nights. Rooms in additional hotels are being reserved to meet the large demand. Room confirmation may be with one of these additional hotels, particularly if the housing request form was recently sent. If you have not sent your housing request, please do so immediately.





Please excuse the rush, he's on his way to the 50th International Turfgrass Conference and Show in Atlanta, February 4-9th.

He says with a program like this, his club feels they can't afford for him to miss it.

For further information, contact GCSAA Headquarters at 1617 St. Andrews Drive, Lawrence, Kansas 66044 (913 841-2240

HOW TO ENJOY AN EXHIBIT

In order to take full advantage of the Show we offer you a guide on how to enjoy an exhibit:

- 1) Plan to visit—schedule a special time in your busy week.
- 2) Browse—you'll surely miss something of value to you if you merely peek in.
- 3) Look—see them all; there's always something new under the sun.
- 4) Listen—the exhibitor is ready to talk with you about his display.
- 5) Get the facts—don't depend on rumors.
- 6) Follow up when you get home—exhibitors are glad to help throughout the year; not just during meetings.

Exhibit Hall Schedule: Tuesday, February 6, 1979

9:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m. Wednesday, February 7, 1979 9:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m. Thursday, February 8, 1979 9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

With over 220 exhibits to visit at the Show this year we hope some of the above pointers will be useful.

MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY TO BE KEYNOTE SPEAKER AT ANNUAL TURFGRASS CONFERENCE

A recognized authority on organizational behavior will be the keynote speaker at the GCSAA 50th International Turfgrass Conference and Show, Feb. 4-9, in Atlanta.

The annual conference and show is sponsored by the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America.

Dr. George H. Labovitz is professor of organizational behavior at Boston University School of Management and president of Organizational Dynamics, Inc., a management training firm. His speech is titled "Managing for Productivity."

Labovitz is a frequent keynote speaker for national associations and has written many articles on organizational behavior for academic and management journals. He has served as a consultant for many companies in the United States and Europe.

The keynote address, which will be given Monday, February 5, at 9:30 a.m., marks the beginning of four days of educational sessions that will feature 77 speakers from universities, the turfgrass industry and GCSAA.

John M. Schilling Director of Communications, GCSAA



Christmas Party, 1978 — Greenwich Country Club Mrs. Joe Austin and Kim Alonzi

AVIS DISCOUNT CARD

Recently a memorandum and brochure was sent to the membership from President Cleaver regarding the Avis Rent-A-Car discount being offered as a new membership service. The brochure indicated that this was. . . "A special service to employees of: GCSAA." Though the previous phrase uses the terminology "employee," the discount is being offered to "members" of GCSAA. There has been some confusion on this and we hope that you will make an announcement at your chapter meeting so that the situation can be more clearly understood.

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DID YOU KNOW?

The Metropolitan Golf Associations' Handicap Service provides for free handicap subscription for the Golf Course Superintendent as the subscribing club.



More Christmas Party - Grace Casterella opening the door prize.



Gus Powell, Dan Cancelleri, Tony and Sandi Savone.



Peter Rapoccio, Paul and Cathi Caswell.

VALUABLE TREE SNAGS

For many years foresters have removed dead trees (snags) from existing stands of trees. They felt that insect pests and disease organisms would prosper in the confines of the snags. Thus, the pests could invade a healthy stand of adjacent trees from these presumed foci of infection. Only recently have we begun to weigh the effects of snag removal and consider what benefits might be accrued from their preservation.

Approximately 85 species of birds in North America nest in cavities which may often be found in snags, dead tree limbs, or diseased trees. These cavities are formed by the natural decay of the wood or by the excavation of nesting or roosting holes by woodpeckers and other "primary hole nesters" (e.g., nuthatches). A myriad of "secondary hole nesting" birds will use abandoned woodpecker holes. The effect of "clean forestry" (i.e., snag removal) on these bird populations is obvious.

Recent research has demonstrated that most of these cavity-nesting-birds are insect eaters and that collectively they help to control the damage wrought by foliage- and fiber-eating insects. Most investigators feel that the benefits we derive from these insectivorous birds far outweigh the potential for snags serving as reservoirs of insect populations. Furthermore, these birds are esthetically pleasing to many of us. Bluebirds, wood ducks, and tree swallows are but a few of the birds that nest in snags. Some owls and raptors that feed on destructive rodents nest in snags or use them as perch sites. In addition, squirrels, raccoons, opossums and other mammals will use snags as their den locations.

Snags that fall to the ground are still used by feeding birds and as den sites for mammals; thus, a snag's value for wildlife continues until it decays to leave its nutrients for a future generation of trees. Overmature trees should be regarded as potential snags and should be preserved to replace the natural loss of snags. From all the evidence, it seems clear that we receive greater economic (insect control and removal labor) and esthetic benefits by preserving snags than if we remove them.

R.J. Gutierrez

Extension Service Newsletter

PURCHASING

Editors Note: About four years ago, Manhattanville College conducted a course in Purchasing as part of its Club Management Program which was attended by a dozen area Superintendents. Part of the study included PRINCIPLES & STANDARDS OF PURCHASING AGENTS advocated by the NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PURCHASING AGENTS. Their principles and standards are reprinted below. I think they're a good anchor to have.

Pat Lucas

Principles & Standards of Purchasing Practice Advocated By

National Association of Purchasing Agents

- To consider, first, the interests of his company in all transactions and to carry out and believe in its established policies.
- 2) To be receptive to competent counsel from his colleagues and to be guided by such counsel without impairing the dignity and responsibility of his office.
- 3) To buy without prejudice, seeking to obtain the maximum ultimate value for each dollar of expenditure.
- 4) To strive consistently for knowledge of the materials and processes of manufacture and to establish practical methods for the conduct of his office.
- 5) To subscribe to and work for honestly and truth in buying and selling and to denounce all forms and manifestations of commercial bribery.
- 6) To accord a prompt and courteous reception, so far as conditions will permit, to all who call on a legitimate business mission.
- 7) To respect his obligations and to require that obligations to him and to his concern be respected, consistent with good business practice.
 - 8) To avoid sharp practice.
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- 10) To cooperate with all organizations and individuals engaged in activities designed to enhance the development and standing of purchasing.



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Credit: Rutgers University

SCHOLARSHIP AND RESEARCH:

Enclosed please find a photo recording the presentation of the Metropolitan Golf Course Superintendents Association check in support of the bentgrass program at Rutgers. You may wish to include it in a future issue of Tee To Green. I wish to express my personal appreciation to the Metropolitan Association for their continued interest and generosity in support of turfgrass research at Rutgers. Supporting contributions such as provided by your Association make it possible to conduct research leading to improvements in fine turf for golf. I am certain that it also provides a fringe benefit in generating increased enthusiasm in Dr. Funk to receive the backing of the golf industry. Our sincere thanks to the Metropolitan Golf Course Superintendents for their kind consideration

Henry W. Indyk Specialist in Turfgrass Management Rutgers University

Something To Think About

"One ship drives east, another drives west,
With the self-same winds that blow.

Tis the set of the sails and not the gales
Which tells us the way to go.
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