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#### MGCSA ANNUAL MEETING

Date: Place:

Host Supt.: Lunch:

Directions:

Rye Golf Club Rye, New York Dick Gonyea 12:00 Luncheon Meeting \$8.50 cash From North—take 95 to Playland, Rye Exit first right access to Old Post Rd. turn right to Boston Post Rd.; <sup>1/2</sup> mile to Golf Club on left. South—Rt. 95, exit 12A to Rt. 1. South 2 miles to Golf Club. Also, Route 287; get off Exit 11 to Route 1, right turn to Mamaroneck, Golf Club 2 miles on left.

Tuesday, November 20, 1979

#### **COMING EVENTS**

Nov. 13-15	N.Y.S. Turfgrass Association Conferenc & Equipment Show, Syracuse, N.Y.		
Nov. 20	MGCSA Annual Meeting, Rye Golf Club 12 noon		
Nov. 26-29	New Jersey Turfgrass Expo '79, Cherry Hill		
Dec. 2-3	GCSAA Fall Seminars, Netherland Hilton, Cincinnati		
Dec. 12	O.M. Scotts Golf Course Seminar, Hartford, Ct.		
Dec. 13	O.M. Scotts Golf Course Seminar, Armonk, N.Y.		
Dec. 14	MGCSA Christmas Party, Brae Burn Country Club		
Jan. 7-10	Garden Living Industries Nurseryman's Conference, Concord Hotel, Kiamisha Lake, N.Y.		
Feb. 17-22	GCSAA Conference & Show, St. Louis, Mo.		
Feb. 26-29	Penn State Turfgrass Conference, Hershey, Pa.		
March 4-6	University of Massachusetts Turf Conference, Springfield Civic Center		
March 18	U.S.G.A. Green Section Regional Meeting, Westchester Country Club		

#### MGCSA NEWS

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A fine fall day combined with a good turnout made for a great day for the final round of the Superintendent's Championship at Bob Bruce's Salem Golf Club. Listed below are the winners in their respective catagories:

Class A-Low Gross Mark Millett 1st 77 - 82 - 1592nd V. Pentenero 74 - 87 - 1613rd J. Fulwider 76 - 86 - 1624th J. Musto 93-83 - 176 Class A-Low Net 1st R. Alonzi 139 2nd G. Powell 141 3rd P. Caswell 144 4th R. Bruce 152 Class B Ed Bisse 81 low gross Scott Niven 73 low gross Class C Dan Cancelleri 88 low gross

Bill Barrett 74 low net

We had a total of 65 members and guests for dinner.

Our speaker for the evening who was provided through Metro Milorganite was a representative from the Maccaferri Gabion Company. A film was shown and discussion followed



Class A Winners (Gross). Left to right: Mark Millett, Jim Fulwider, Vinnie Pentenero and John Musto.



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centering around the functions of gabions relative to our applications.

Our thanks to Bob Bruce and everyone at Salem for a most enjoyable day.

At a meeting of the MGCSA Board of Directors held at the Fairview Country Club on October 10th, the following donations were approved:

\$150 O.J. Noer Fund

Ted Horton, Co-Editor

Pat Lucas, Co-Editor

300 Cornell University through N.Y.S. Turfgrass Assoc.300 N.J. Turfgrass Association for bentgrass research

100 GCSAA Scholarship & Research Fund

Bill Caputi has completed final arrangements for our Christmas party to be held at the Brae Burn Country Club, Barnes Lane, Purchase, N.Y. on Friday, December 14th. The enclosed flyer gives full details.

This year's Nominating Committee comprised of Al Caravella, Chuck Martineau, and Ray Twombly has submitted the following nominations for the three terms on the Board of Directors:

Dennis Flynn	two year term
Pat Lucas	two year term
Mark Millett	two year term
The slate of officer	s is as follows:
President:	Robert Alonzi
Vice-President:	Michael Maffei
Secretary:	Paul Caswell
Treasurer:	Sherwood Moon

This year's Annual Meeting will be a luncheon meeting held at the Rye Golf Club on Tuesday, November 20th at 12 noon. At this meeting decisions will be made which will affect all of us. Let's have a good turnout. —Pat Lucas **WELFARE:** Please contact any member of the Welfare Committee regarding any hospitalizations, etc. of members of the MGCSA; Dennis Flynn (914) 636-8700; Pat Lucas (203) 637-3210; Peter Rapoccio (203) 438-6720.



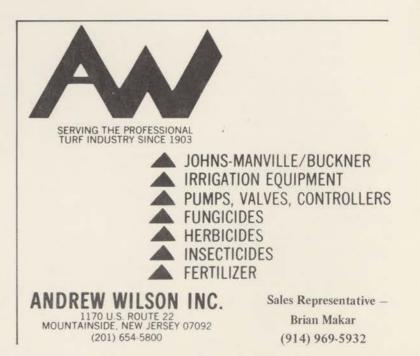
Class A Winners (Net). Left to right: Gus Powell, Bob Alonzi, Bob Bruce and Paul Caswell.

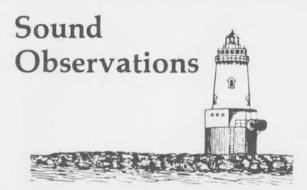
## Something to think about . . .

Haste

The man who saves time by galloping loses it by missing his way; the shepherd who hurries his flock to get them home spends the night on the mountain looking for the lost; economy does not consist in haste, but in certainty.

-Ramsey MacDonald





As 1979 rapidly fades away, some reflections come to mind. I think it's been a difficult year. We had May and early June with their record setting rains. Then came July and August with the extreme heat and humidity. During that period there wasn't any difficulty locating fungus and insects. When we can normally take a deep breath after Labor Day, along came Frederic and David followed closely by snow in early October. (October?) And we won't forget the gas lines of the summer which played havoc with everyone's lives.

A side effect from all this adversity is that most of us develop new methods of coping with the situations. We don't just get older, we get better.

Due to the fact that I'm still waiting for articles of first hand experiences, I might as well relate mine.

What has happened to the Mallinckrodt Spray Hawk? I tried buying one a year ago and was told by several suppliers that they are used very little and therefore not stocked. It seems everyone today rides across the greens with the Cushman mounted 100 gal. sprayer. That's fine but how about this May, with record setting rains which kept many greens saturated for days? Fortunately we were able to crank up our spray hawk, calibrate it in a couple of minutes, and away we went spraying our saturated greens (and the accuracy can't be matched). This spring it was a lifesaver and just another tool we have at our disposal.

And how about granular fungicides? You check the course in the morning and notice some disease on one of your greens. "I must go find Louie to spray." But Louie may be cutting fairways, or Louie may be home sick, or somewhere in a gas line. Maybe if Louie is available, the tractor for spraying is tied up on cutting greens or the Cushman is tied up doing something else. Maybe it's in the shop for repairs or maybe the winds are picking up to 15 miles an hour.

One answer is to have a few bags on hand of the various types of granular fungicides and a couple of cyclone spreaders. In a few minutes and a minimum of effort the areas in question can be treated and controlled until *you* are ready to treat with your regular equipment and materials. Grandular materials . . . just another tool at your disposal.

Wetting agents or surfacants. Much has been written and I don't intend to write anymore except to offer my observations here at Innis Arden this past summer.

In April, May and June we made three heavy applications of wetting agents to our greens, watered in well. However, when the stress periods began in July, we began to notice weak spots on some collars which upon observation were found to be dry and water tight. It was obvious that the regular treatments to the greens in the Spring had not prevented this. We then took a small Ortho proportiner which goes on a garden hose, mixed it with wetting agent and water and heavily soaked the areas in question. In two days, all areas had cleared up and had uniform moisture through the soil profile. Other areas where we had watered only had not cleared up or shown much improvement. The areas spot treated with wetting agents improved dramatically.

This leads me to believe that following a "program" in spring might not be effective. I will be ready next summer with my proportinier and wetting agents to spot treat any areas which develop under stress from lack of moisture. A great deal of research is currently being done on wetting agents. I'm not sure exactly what took place when we spot treated in July, but the results were remarkable.

-Pat Lucas



Our hosts at Salem Golf Club. Left to right: William Iller, Green Chairman, Clarence Fogal, Pro, Dick Miller, Manager and Bob Bruce, Superintendent.



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Each registrant will be able to select only one two-day seminar. Enrollment is limited and applications must be accompanied by the proper fee and received by GCSAA no later than two weeks prior to the seminar.

The following courses will be offered:

#### PESTICIDE III - Insects

Fees: \$80 Members, \$115 Non-Members Learn how to identify and control common insects.

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Fees: \$80 Members, \$115 Non-Members This seminar will concentrate on the basics of modern irrigation equipment from the fundamentals of hydraulics to the components of a complete system.

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Fees: \$90 Members, \$125 Non-members Superintendents can learn how to exploit the full potential of an area through proper landscape techniques.

#### NUTRITION I - Principles

Fees: \$80 members, \$115 Non-members

This seminar will focus on the elements required by turfgrass, the ways in which plants use nutrients and methods by which nutrients can be added.

MANAGEMENT II—Personnel

Fees: \$80 Members, \$115 Non-members

The process of management and the reasons why people work will be the focus of this seminar.

Indicate first and second choices for a seminar. Mail your check before November 19, 1979 to GCSAA Seminars, 1617 St. Andrews Drive, Lawrence, Kansas 66044.



Class C Winners: Bill Barrett (left) and Dan Cancelleri (right).

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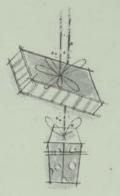


DINNER - 9:00 p.m.

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-Pat Lucas

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