



COMING EVENTS

- February 19 USGA Green Section Regional Meeting, Westchester C.C.
- February 24 Shemin Nurseries Trade Show, Civic Center, Old Greenwich
- March 3 - 5 Univ. of Mass. Turfgrass Conference & Show, Springfield
- March MGCSA Meeting, Westchester Hills
- April 16 MGCSA Meeting, Blue Hill Golf Club
- May MGCSA Meeting, Quaker Ridge G.C., Green Chairman/Superintendent Meeting
- June 23 MGCSA Meeting, Century Country Club Superintendent/Manager Meeting
- June 24 Univ. of Mass. Field Day, So. Deerfield
- July MGCSA Meeting, Edgewood C.C.
- August MGCSA Family Picnic
- August 26 Univ. of R.I. Field Day, Kingston
- August MGCSA Joint Meeting with Hudson Valley, Waccabuc Country Club
- September 24 MGCSA Invitational Elmwood C.C.
- November MGCSA Annual Meeting
- November 16 - 19 N.Y.S. Turfgrass Assoc. Conference & Trade Show, Albany

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To Mr. and Mrs. Mark Loper on the birth of their son Val on January 18, 1981. Mark is with the Irrigation Division of Turf Products Corp.

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REACHING OUT COMMITTEE REPORT

I'm sure that all those who participated in the inaugural efforts of MGCSA's Reaching Out Committee will agree that all the work was worthwhile. Many, many articles of toys, games, books, and clothing, both new and slightly used were

collected from MGCSA members and distributed to the Country Childrens Center of Katonah, The Salem Hills H.R.F., and The Westchester Association for Retarded Children. All the organizations were most appreciative of the efforts of the Committee.

In a time when budget cuts for many agencies is a yearly happening, non-profit organizations find it hard to keep their programs afloat. They rely on the help of outside organizations to help meet the needs of their clients.

Being able to help those less fortunate, particularly during the Christmas season was the main goal of this year's Reaching Out Committee.

Seeing how successful this year's program was, plans are already being made to start on next years program. Again good used items are welcomed. Keep this in mind while spring cleaning. The committee is presently looking for ways to expand the program to perhaps reach more of those who need help.

New ideas are always welcomed. Anyone wishing to help contact Bob Bruce, 914-669-5959.

Our sincere thanks to all those who helped in this past years efforts. Hopefully, our program will continue to grow reaching many areas of the country. Peter Rappoccio

COPING WITH LESS

As everyone is aware, our area is experiencing a serious water shortage which is affecting all of us.

We are bombarded daily with appeals and restrictions to conserve water. At this point, it looks like 1981 will have a serious drought added to our many other problems.

How will MGCSA members cope with this drought? How do you plan to conserve and use less while still trying to maintain adequate playing conditions?

Attached, you will find a *Tee to Green* survey reply card relative to this problem. We want your ideas on how you plan to cope with this drought at your course.

How will maintenance be affected—such as mowing, watering, fertilization, etc., etc.? What will you be doing differently to minimize the effects of less water?

How about our old times who have gone through droughts before—what will you be doing differently to cope?

We're looking for **ideas to share**. Survey results will be tabulated and responses published in *Tee to Green* for the benefit of all.

This survey offers members a opportunity to share their



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ideas on coping with a problem which is affecting us all.
Please take a minute to share your thoughts and ideas with us on this subject.
Pat Lucas

'OPERATION VASECTOMY' DEvised TO SLOW PROLIFERATION OF 'GOLF-COURSE GEESE'

Strapped to a field operating table, his head beneath a calming cover, the vasectomy patient didn't bat an eyelash. He didn't even honk.

The patient was a Canada goose of the non-migratory variety, sometimes called "golf-course geese."

These are honkers who have decided not to make the annual round trip from the far North to the deep South, choosing instead to make a permanent home on idyllic links where they can nest in the rough and swim in the water hazards.

A prolific lot, they have multiplied in place, driving golfers crazy by dropping slippery hazards of their own on greens and fairways up and down the East Coast. Many Westchester golf courses have large populations of the birds.

"Anyone can live with two Canada geese, and most people can live with four, but when you get into geometrical progressions, that's where you get into the problem," said H. Lloyd Alexander of the Delaware Fish and Wildlife Division.

When not cut down by hunters' guns, Canada geese are a long-lived lot. They can live 10-12 years in the wild, and after they're 3 years old they generally have three to six goslings a year.

Solving the problem of the golf-course geese hasn't been easy. Not long ago, one flock in Wilmington, Del., was captured and trucked to West Virginia. Some people think the geese beat the trucker back home.

That's where sterilization comes in.

The goose vasectomies, which took place in Westchester and Fairfield, are part of a cooperative study by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. Dr. Jim Kennelly of the Wildlife Service's Wildlife Health Laboratory in Madison, Wis., heads the experimental project, under which 24 ganders have been sterilized.

So far, \$5,000 has been spent getting the three-stage project through its first two phases. Researchers have asked for \$30,000 more from Fish and Wildlife to cover the costs of studying the sterilized geese the next two years.

Some of that money comes from hunters who buy licenses and duck stamps, said spokeswoman Meg Durham.

Simply raising hunting bag limits or declaring open seasons on the permanent flocks won't control the burgeoning population of golf-course geese, she said. "There are situations when that's just not practical . . . Neighbors aren't going to be very amenable to people blasting away with shotguns."

That may be so, but a couple years ago, on a golf course near Washington, one 67-year-old golfing doctor took matters into his own hands. He told investigators he performed a "mercy killing" with his putter after finding a badly injured Canada goose on the 17th green.

But witnesses told a different story. The doctor was putting, they said, when a "Honk!" rang out. The doctor missed his putt but cornered his nemesis with deadly accuracy. He bludgeoned the goose with his putter before wringing its neck, they said.

The goose vasectomies are "just an experiment," Durham emphasized. "They don't have plans to do any more at present. We're studying the geese to see if their behavior changes."

Even so, the project has drawn fire from the water-fowl establishment. Ducks Unlimited, a politically and financially powerful international organization that spends millions to increase the numbers of waterfowl, has blasted it as a ridiculous waste of money and diametrically opposed to the mission of the Fish and Wildlife Service.

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CABIN FEVER

The Cold Will Drive You Crazy If You Let It

Caution: The bitter cold weather sweeping the eastern half of the nation this winter may be hazardous to your mental health.

In addition to the physical threats of frostbite and hypothermia, unusually cold weather can trigger psychological problems such as depression and anxiety, psychiatrists agree.

"Our gut feeling is that people get more depressed in this kind of weather," says Dr. Alan M. Elkins, chief of psychiatry at Maine Medical Center in Portland.

The problem is often characterized as "cabin fever," the irritability and combativeness that set in when a person is confined to the same space for lengthy periods because of the extreme cold.

"People know they only have so many rooms, so many books and so many television programs. They begin to become either very anxious or very depressed," said Elkins.

"Then they begin to fight with the other people around them, and they get into marital or family stress. In the extreme situation, violence can occur."

Stress also develops when family members try to ease their frustrations by blaming others for cold weather problems, such as the car failing to start, Elkins said.

In recent years, the potential for psychological problems has been compounded by growing fears about the price and availability of heating fuel.

"There is the basic fear these days that you'll run out of oil," said Elkins. "It's terrifying that you could run out of it."

Just as warm clothing will reduce the likelihood of physical injury from the cold, there are various things a person can do to cut the risk of psychological damage, says Elkins.

• Read a book or become involved in household projects, thus creating the kind of active intellectual stimulation that will avert the onset of cabin fever. Instead of passively sitting by the television with a drink in hand, do something active

such as refinishing a cabinet or trying to solve a puzzle.

"You've got to gear up the brain and get it active," he said. "The greatest danger is to put yourself in intellectual or emotional deep-freeze."

Credit: AP

GOLFERS LUCKY IT'S NOT ROUGH

The cultural shock is the worst. Going from NFL playoff games, bowl games, nosebleeds, black eyes, separated shoulders to a game where the worst thing that can happen to you is a ball out of bounds is almost too hard to take. It's like going from the Gulag archipelago to Miami Beach, from Siberian prison camp to Waikiki.

Golf is a game where a "late hit" means a slice, not a fracture. It's where "rough" does not refer to Mean Joe Greene but high grass. Where hardly anybody ever needs crutches and the bleeding is all internal.

The game is played at a walk, the most terrifying thing a golfer ever sees is a downhill putt. He doesn't need 20 yards of plastic to protect his rib cage or a mouthpiece or face cage. No one has ever seen a golfer carried off the field. No neurosurgeons are needed at ringside. The turf is not artificial and hard as a throw rug on a boulder.

A golfer's idea of trauma is a scalped lie or a ball buried in sand. A "catastrophe" is a 7 on a par-5. You don't need a helmet like a fighter pilot, you don't have to wait in a "pocket" of 250-pound blockers while two tons of blitzing backs and linemen try to tear your head off. You don't need cut-men, plaster casts, canes or wheelchairs. You bleed where nobody can see it.

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guys named "Too Tall" or "The Animal" or "mean Joe." They're guarded by little palm trees you can hit over and sand traps you can miss.

When a football player says, "Something terrible happened to me yesterday," he says it through a body cast where only his eyes and mouth are showing and you say, "I can tell." When a golfer says "Something terrible happened to me," he means two-over-par. A "cut" is a score that isn't in the low 60s and ties, not a 20-stitcher over the eye or a tear in the mouth like an Otto Graham. The worst thing that can happen to you is, you might have to take your shoe off to hit a ball out of a water hazard.

Listen now as the first day's leader comes in the press tent. Bob Murphy is in roughly the same physical condition as an Irish bartender. He could match bellies with Jackie Gleason. He would probably die on the Chicago Bears' 10-yard line. Here he is the first day's champion.

He has made \$882,491 in his career without ever having a concussion or bruised ribs and will probably never need a knee operation. He spends his life in the kind of sylvan retreats you imagine Eden looked like. Birds sing, the sun shines, a guy carries his clubs for him. There's no heavy lifting. He can make 50 grand this week without hammering a nail, sawing a plank, climbing a rigging or knocking down Jack Lambert.

Here comes John McHaffey, Golf's new Golden Boy. Look at him now as he comes in the press tent. He looks a little like the Rams' Pat Haden. Except he has not broken his

thumb on Randy White's helmet or Harvey Martin's armor. He hasn't got a mark on him. His ear is not bleeding or cauliflowered, his eyes are clear, his speech is not slurred. He's not big enough to make a defensive halfback at 5-9, 150. He's not fast, he probably can't hit a good curve, or throw one, but he made \$153,520 on golf courses last year.

People are in awe because he shot a 66 on the "difficult" Tamarisk golf course. To anyone who has climbed Everest, Tamarisk is about as "difficult" as perch steps.

John is a superstar of golf but when he finishes a golf tournament, it does not take a week for the bones to mend, the bruises to heal, the blood to clot. He will not be "washed up" at 35. In, not at 45. You can play tournament golf until you're 60, if you're Sam Snead. You can win tournaments in your 50s if you're Julius Boros. The greatest golfer out there, Jack Nicklaus, will be 38 in a week. And he's probably not even at his peak.

There's no disabled list in golf. It's like finding money. The parent who gives his child a football, boxing gloves, hockey stick or vaulting pole should be taken into psychiatry. These are the luckiest guys in sport. Johnny Bench, who gets his thumbs, knuckles and wrists broken by foul balls for a living and spends his summer afternoons on his knees like a chairwoman, plays in this thing for a ribbon or a metal or a tea tray. His pro, Hubert Green, is playing for the \$50,000—or even the \$500 every pro who makes the cut gets.

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Roger Staubach just got a lousy break in life. Lynn Swann gets headaches for a living. You think Raymond Floyd's ever been in a stretcher in his whole life? You think Jack Nicklaus has made \$3,349,393 in his life without ever breathing hard? You think he's ever going to be able to tell it's going to rain by the feeling in his knees? Arnold Palmer's going to be 50 years old this year. You think anyone in this year's Super Bowl is going to be in one 20 years from now?

If they are, they're probably going to be carried there. Golfers are the luckiest guys this side of Louis XIV. Anybody who made any money easier than this would be prosecuted.

Credit: Jim Murray, Gannett News Service

SAVING YOUR LIFE IN A HOTEL FIRE

In recent weeks, two devastating hotel fires—one at the MGM Grand in Las Vegas, the other at the Stouffer Inn in Harrison, New York—underline, once again, the tragic fact that too many travelers do not know what to do if they are caught in a burning hotel or motel. This may help explain the fact that the United States has the worst record in the world for fire fatalities, according to experts at the U.S. Fire Administration in Washington, D.C.

However, there are guidelines which, if memorized and followed, can sharply reduce the risk for travelers. Here are the precautions that the U.S. Fire Administration recommends:

1. As you go to your room, look for the fire doors in both directions. Count the number of doors down the hall from your room to the nearest fire exit on each side of you.

2. Make it a point to notice where the alarms are located. Also check fire doors to see that they operate properly and are kept closed.

3. Report any fire safety deficiencies you spot to the management.

4. Look for any posted fire emergency regulations and make sure you understand how to follow them.

5. Always leave your key in the same place when you are in the room—preferably on the bedside table or in the door.

6. If a fire starts in your room, take the key and leave. Close the door behind you, pull the nearest alarm, and proceed to the fire stairs. **Never** take an elevator when there is a fire in the building. As soon as you reach the lobby, notify the desk.

7. If the fire breaks out elsewhere, follow the posted instructions and/or the tips below . . .

- *To learn if it is safe to leave the room*, take your key, go to the door, and use your hand to check the temperature of the door. If it is hot, do not open it. Instead, assume that you are trapped in the room.

- *If the door is cool*, open it a crack. But be ready to close it immediately if there is hot air, smoke, or flames. If there are none of these, but the hall is hazy, crawl down the hall,

counting the doors to the nearest fire exit. If you can't reach that one, crawl back toward the other. Should that be impossible, count the doors back to your room and go inside.

- *Once in your room*, fill the tub with cold water and use it to wet towels and clothes. Stuff these under and around the door.

- *Close as many doors as possible* between you and the fire—but be sure to stay in a room with windows. If the fire is on the floor below, or there are clouds of smoke outside, you are better off leaving the windows closed. Otherwise, open one and hang out a light colored bedspread or sheet as a signal.

- *If smoke gets into your room*, hold a wet towel to your face, and stay low, close to the floor, as near to an open window as possible.

- *Do not jump*, no matter how panicky you feel, unless you are not too high above the ground. Professional fire fighters will tell you what to do. Wait for their help.

Credit: Research Institute Personal Report

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