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### McLoughlin Appointed GCSAA Executive Director

LAWRENCE, KAN.—James E. Mc-Loughlin has been named Executive Director of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America. The announcement was made by GCSAA President Melvin B. Lucas Jr., CGCS. McLoughlin is well known in the national golf community, having served as Executive Director of the prestigious Metropolitan Golf Association since 1966. He will begin his duties with GCSAA this September.

In making the announcement, Lucas stated, "GCSAA recognizes there are many new challenges facing the golf club industry in the 1980's and the Association's continued goal is to be a responsible contributor within this forum. The future welfare of the golf, club, and turf industries will require greater communications among all golf related organizations in the years ahead, and, often, a common effort. Jim McLoughlin's diversified background will facilitate GCSAA's support of this concept."

The Metropolitan Golf Association is the nation's oldest and largest district golf association and serves more than 225 private and public clubs within the tri-state metropolitan New York area providing programs and services to member clubs and the local golf community. These services include a computerized handicapping service, a course rating and measuring program, an active tournament program, rules service and tournament counseling, junior golf program, and numerous programs designed to help individual clubs in areas of taxation, finance, management and liaison among club officials.

McLoughlin is a graduate of Holy Cross College. He holds a law degree from Fordham University and a Master's in physics from Syracuse University. He was a high school physics teacher and coach for six years before taking over as Executive Director for the Metropolitan Golf Association in 1966.

The club industry has benefited from Mc-(continued on next page)

### **GCSAA Highlights**

GCSAA's Insect Identification Seminar, formerly Pesticide III, has been scheduled for November 17 & 18 at the Marriott Hotel in Springfield, MA. Dr. Harry Niemczyk of Ohio State University will be the instructor. This seminar has been very popular in the past as insect problems increase yearly. Be sure to return your reservations early once these forms are received. GCSAA seminars are open to non-members at an increased rate.

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GCSAA's Management Manual entitled "Managing Human Resources—Getting Things Done Through People," written by Ronald C. Frame, is now available. The manual provides a concise, practical explanation of modern personnel management techniques and organizational dynamics, specifically adapted to golf course management.

The manual is available through headquarters at \$3.25 for members and \$5.25 for non-members.



### **President's Message**

"Gypsy moth pesticide may pose harm to pregnant women, panel warns EPA"; "Additional information from manufacturers on 2,4-D has been requested by the EPA"; "The National Club Association is urging rejection of a proposal that would limit pesticide use on golf courses."

For many years those of us in the green industry have been hearing of the threat to our industry by the loss of needed chemicals. Headlines, such as those above, have become commonplace to the point where the "what can we do about it" attitude now dominates. It is apparent that this attitude must change. The needed tools that are required in the green industry must not be removed on the emotional whim of government bureaucrats who succumb to the pressures of environmentalist groups. It is imperative that the positive uses of chemicals be made known to those in decision making positions, as well as to the public. Such evidence should come from groups other than chemical manufacturers for obvious reasons. Sound, judicious use of chemicals is necessary to insure the quality of life as we know it. There is no doubt that some chemicals create greater risk than the benefits they provide. Eliminate them. But let's be sure that thorough scientific studies are completed and all evidence is in before any chemical is banned.

Professional groups such as CAGCS need to take an active role in combating the tendency to ban chemicals on emotional criteria rather than scientific research. Affiliated groups within the green industry must become active at every level of government to offset the growing tide against the use of chemicals. If we continue to remain dormant the standards of our profession and indeed, our lifestyles, will be but a fraction of what they once were.

Steve Cadenelli

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The object of this association is to encourage increased knowledge of golf course management and greater professionalism through education, research, exchange of practical experience and the well being of each individual member.

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### McLoughlin

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Loughlin's active involvement. He has served on the board of governors and is currently a member of the National Club Association's long range planning committee. He is a past president of the International Association of Golf Administrators and is chairman of its national liaison planning committee. He cofounded and served on the faculty of the Manhattanville College Club Management Program, a continuing education program designed specifically for the golf club community, which has been attended by many golf course superintendents. He is an honorary member of the Metropolitan Golf Course Superintendents Association and also serves on the handicap procedure committee of the United States Golf Association. He is an active member of the Whippoorwill Club in Armonk, N.Y.

### **Grass Catcher**

Fifteen teams competed in the first Superintendent/Green Chairman Tournament held at Wethersfield C.C. This is an excellent beginning to what, hopefully, will be a yearly event. The thrust behind this event is aimed at allowing the green chairman the opportunity to experience a regular monthly meeting. In so doing the real strengths of the association will be viewed by him resulting in greater support and understanding of the superintendent's profession.

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Mike and Karney Ovian hosted the first Tallwood Invitational at their Tallwood Country Club on July 17 celebrating ten years of operation there. These two brothers, who have served the association well in the past, are to be congratulated for their success at Tallwood. The appreciation demonstrated to them by members of the Men's Club there should serve as a real source of pride to Mike and Karney. CAGCS thanks the two of you for your continued support and wishes you the best of luck during the next ten years!

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Judging from those in attendance at Silver Spring C.C. for the June meeting, many superintendents never knew much about this fine club. Superintendent Peter Rappoccio had the course in super shape for the first round of the championship. Club officials were generous in their hospitality making for a great day. Mel Lucas, GCSAA President, capped off the day with a somewhat different talk aimed at awakening the interests of superintendents toward affiliated groups such as the National Golf Foundation, National Club Association, as well as the USGA. Mel hit on many points that most of us would not be aware of. He certainly made a good case for joining or at least supporting these associations.

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So many superlatives could be used to describe the job that Fred Bachand does at Wethersfield C.C. that one should simply say that Fred is one of the finest Golf Course Superintendents in the country. Year in and year out, Fred provides the touring pros with one of the best maintained layouts on the tour. Given weather conditions prior to the 1980 GHO (several 100+degree days plus very little rainfall) Fred's performance is just that much more impressive. This year Fred hosted the July meeting of CAGCS just prior to the GHO and admitted to those in attendance that he found having his fellow superintendents coming for a day was more stimulating than preparing for the GHO. Certainly, the course couldn't have been in better condition. Speaker for the evening was John LaPoint of the National Golf Foundation. John presented an overview of just what NGF sets out to accomplish and also presented a fairly optimistic view of golf for the future. No doubt, he states, there will be changes and some clubs will not survive but by and large, golf should enjoy a sound tomorrow.

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Ted Horton, superintendent at Westchester C.C. has made arrangements for CAGCS members and wives to attend the Westchester Classic. Simply present your cards at the Will Call Booth for daily passes. Thanks Ted!!!

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Francis Vituoso, Green Chairman at Silver Spring C.C. addressing those in attendance at the June meeting. Others seated at the head table, 1 to r, Mel Lucas, Peter Rappoccio, Stephen Cadenelli, and John Tower, President of Silver Spring.

# GCSAA Highlights

Plans are well underway for GCSAA's 52nd International Conference and Show to be held January 24 – 30 in Anaheim, CA. Themed "Meeting Golf's Challenges Efficiently" the 1981 Conference promises those in attendance a week of varied doings. From the pre-conference seminars to the popular golf course tour on closing day, attendees will have numerous choices of educational programs.

Besides the usual social functions GCSAA has arranged for a Special Fun Day at Disneyland and a Special Ticket Offer for the Harlem Globe Trotters game.

The 1981 Tournament will also be in conjunction with this year's conference. This annual 36 hole event will once again be a preconference affair being scheduled for Thursday and Friday January 22 & 23 at the Industry Hills Golf Course located twenty minutes outside of Anaheim. The Industry Hills complex is itself unique in that the entire 60 acre complex was constructed on a reclaimed landfill at a cost of some 60 million dollars.

Again, for those interested, plans should be made early once registration forms are received.

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GCSAA is seeking logo design ideas for the Scholarship & Research Fund, Inc. The winning design carries a \$100 prize. Members should submit proposed designs to Headquarters for judging by the Executive Committee by October 1.

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### **Meet Your Hosts**

The August meeting will see members returning to the H.B. Brownson club after a three year hiatus. Host Superintendent Jim Medeiros obviously enjoys inviting his fellow superintendents to the club for a monthly meeting. Since the last meeting at Brownson, much has changed. A devestating fire in February of '79 destroyed the clubhouse there. Jim reports the new facility is just about complete and is proving very pleasing to the membership.

Since our visit in '77 Jim has also completed the automation of the irrigation system having installed a double row system on the back nine. He reports a considerable difference between the single row on the front side and the double row on the back. Better water distribution and greater efficiency of the double row are most noted.

Jim has also become one of the dozen or so Certified Golf Course Superintendents in the state having passed the certification exam in 1979. He feels that certification is another step in developing oneself as a professional as well as a step in upgrading the superintendent profession. Jim states, "Certification allows a superintendent to become a better manager and in so doing makes himself more valuable to the club where he is employed."

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Shennecossett Golf Club will be the site of the September meeting hosted by everyone's good friend Bob Chalifour. Shenny, as the course is referred to by those in the area, is one of the oldest courses in the state. This Donald Ross layout, constructed in 1898, was purchased by the Town of Groton in the late sixties. Bob has been at the course since just after the purchase by the town. During that time he has guided its neglected state to a facility that will handle some 35,000 rounds of golf in 1980. His many accomplishments include a new maintenance facility, an automatic system for tees and greens, several new tees, and a complete upgrading of the equipment.

Bob is a graduate of Stockbridge and holds a Bachelor's Degree in Agronomy from the University of Rhode Island.



Fred Bachand chatting with Fran Rogers and Mike Wallace at the July Meeting at Wethersfield.



John LaPoint addressing the group at Wethersfield.

### Conn. Ag Station News

The gypsy moth defoliated 372,216 acres in Connecticut during 1980, John F. Anderson, chief entomologist at The Connecticut Agricultural Experiment Station announced today.

The total is considerably more than the 8,600 acres defoliated last year, but about half the amount experienced in 1971, when a record of 654,000 acres were defoliated by the gypsy moth and elm spanworm.

There were more acres in the most heavily defoliated category (75-100%) in 1980 than in any previous year.

The figures are based on an aerial survey of the state conducted by George Scheussler, Robert Moore and Peter Trenchard of the Experiment Station staff.

Dr. Anderson said that many caterpillars blew into Connecticut in 1979 from a heavy infestation in New York State, but these caterpillars did not cause noticeable defoliation last year. The eggs they produced, which hatched this spring, set the stage for the large amount of defoliation experienced this year. Anderson said, however, that gypsy moth populations were already increasing in some areas of Connecticut before the caterpillars blew in.

In parts of New Haven and Fairfield counties another insect, the fall cankerworm, caused some defoliation. Anderson said, however, the majority of the defoliation, even in these areas, was caused by the gypsy moth.

Dr. Anderson said there is no indication that disease, lack of food or other natural factors will reduce the populations dramatically next year.

"We seem to be facing more defoliation, or at least an equal amount, next year, unless some natural control intervenes," Dr. Anderson said. Natural controls will eventually end the infestations, but they generally take two to three years to become effective, he said.

A recently released study by the Experiment Station shows that over a 20-year period defoliation caused by the gypsy moth and other insects had no significant impact on the average amount of mortality of trees in the forest.

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## Tournament Results

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	M. Millet 80
Low Net	— P. Rappoccio
	E. Johnson 69
	J. Tower
Seniors	R. Cook
Kickers	R. Tosh
	B. Johnson
	C. Baskin
	D. Cancelleri
	D. Flynn
	K. Kelliher
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	July - Wethersfield C.C.
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	B. Barnes
	Duncan
	N. Carlo 79
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	S. Kristoff
	Withey
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	Engler
	R. Holcomb
	R. Viera
	T. Watroba
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### **Future Happenings**

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	AUG. 7-10	PGA CHAMPIONSHIP
		Oak Hills Country Club
	10000000000000	Rochester, NY
	AUG. 12	CAGCS MONTHLY
		MEETING
		H.B. Brownson C.C.
		Shelton, CT
		James Medeioros CGCS,
		Host Superintendent
	AUG. 14-17	WESTCHESTER
		CLASSIC
		Westchester Country Club
		Rye, NY
	AUG. 20	URI FIELD DAY
		Turf Plots
		Kingston, R.I.
	SEPT. 9	CAGCS MONTHLY
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		Shennecossett Golf Club
		Groton, CT
		Robert Chalifour,
		Host Superintendent
	SEPT. 30	CAGCS ANNUAL
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		RESEARCH
		TOURNAMENT
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