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Our Marlboro Man

Most often, when the undertaking is of major proportions - like the PGA senior Marlboro Classic - it takes a community effort to ensure a successful event.

Glen Ackley goes one step further.

"Everybody pitches in here," the enterprising Marlboro Country Club superintendent described the fanning of the work load for the big tournament. "But the cooperation I get from other supers is just that - super. They offer help,

labor - any form of assistance they can lend. That's what I call an association."

Ackley is a member of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of New England and a 25-year veteran of the profession. He'll be spiffing up the sporty Marlboro layout for the second presentation of the Classic this month. The tournament proper dates run June 10-13.

"It's demanding but I enjoy it," he disclosed. "However, there are only nine men in my crew, including myself. That's why I really appreciate anything guys from the association do to make the job a little easier."

Glen comes out of the school of hard knocks. He took a job as a laborer under Al Sanders at Juniper Hill in 1954. Except for a three-year turn in private industry ("when I was raising six kids and needed more money"), he's been at it ever since.

Although his vocational direction has been a solid one, Ackley once thought of giving up what he calls "the wacky-hours life of a superintendent."

"I had been scraping out a living, went into a factory where the money was better and thought my golf course days were behind me," he explained. "But I got a full-time job offer, sat down and made the big decision. Sure, it was the right one. Like most of the people in the business, I'm married to it."

Ackley accepted his first head superintendent's position at Westboro after taking the winter course at Stockbridge. He stayed there seven years and figured it was a lifetime job when the owners sold Westboro to the town.

This triggered some more decision-making but it ended abruptly when Marlboro sent out a call for his expertise. That was in 1973. Nowadays, he's considered one of the course's fixtures.

Preparing for the Classic constitutes one of Glen's pet projects. However, it boggled his mind for a while.

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NEXT MEETING

GCSANE Superintendent -
Greens Chairman Tournament
June 14, 1982

Ledgemont Country Club
Seekonk, Mass.

Host Supt - Tony Caranci

Tony is in his 26th year at Ledgemont as Superintendent. He has been very active over the years in our Association, having served as President. He is considered a leader by his peers and currently serves on various committees.



We all look forward to June 14 at Ledgemont.

Format

Shotgun - 1 p.m.

Full Handicap, Net tournament

Cost

\$75.00 per team

\$38.00 per commercial member

Includes Golf Tournament, cart and dinner.

Directions

From route 95 south take Newport Ave. exit south. This will bring you to Armistice Blvd. (rt. 15). Take left at the end of road (rt. 152) Newman Ave. Go about 1 mile you will see the Seekonk Alliance Church, take left on to Brown St. which will lead you into the club.

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With the tournament near, Glen Ackley, supervising his crew in the rain.

Spring Madness

Each year as winter draws to an end and spring nears, we superintendents get that itchy feeling of wanting to get things going. A short time later the itch turns into reality and off we go. A typical early spring day might go as follows: let's get the water system on today, get some clean up done, put the pins, cups, tee markers, ballwashers, baskets and benches out, fix some washed out sand bunkers, edge and clean them while we're at it and then you remember you have four men to do it with.

A week or two later the grass begins to grow so it's time to begin mowing. No problem. Now that the water is on you still have a half dozen or so breaks to fix, plus you have a number of greens with winterkill that need some cultural attention, but what the hell, it's just the normal spring overload or madness. I believe a good definition of spring madness would be as time goes on your list of tasks grows.

Madness continues as another week passes and it's time to begin your fungicide program and your preemergent for Mr. Crab. The poa is seeding and the golfers believe you haven't cut fairways in a week, but don't get uptight because you remember the tennis nets and windscreens must be up by Friday, not to mention the pool will be opening next week. As your taking care of the tennis and pool the rough now becomes a jungle. But have faith the summer crew is coming soon. I hope.

It's at this juncture that you can see the light at the end of the tunnel. Somehow, everything gets done and you're looking good. Madness is now past history and you're now ready for July and August. A piece of cake, right?

But through it all I love it as we all must. Can you imagine what a bore life would be without spring madness.

Doug Johnson

May Meeting - Hampden C.C.

We had a turn out of about sixty for lunch and golf. The weatherman cooperated with a bright sunny day in the mid eighties. The course was in excellent shape.

The low gross winner was Steve Chiavoli of Tatnuck and the low net winner was Dave Barber of Blue Hill.



Dave Sylvester of Tuco explaining his slide presentation.



Five of the prize winners (L-R) Norman Mucciarone, Leroy Allen, Dave Barber, Bobby Mucciarone and Pete Coste.

Divot Drift.....

Our thanks to Dave Sylvester from Tuco for speaking to our group on some of the new chemical products on the market for pythium control..... When Steve Murphy announced the winners of the golf tournament at Hampden he presented a special award (a bag of tees) to Joel McKoan of Sawtelle Bros. for "wiffing" with a three wood from the middle of the fourteenth fairway. Joel caught all air, no grass or ball, then explained that he needs longer clubs (about two inches longer)..... Richard "Scratch" Petty longtime Framingham C.C. grounds foreman, will be having a reunion of sorts coming up during the Marlboro Seniors Classic. Scratch used to caddy for Arnold Palmer many years ago on the winter circuit in Arizona, while he was going to school in that area. The two will be a team again during the upcoming tournament. Scratch's only concern is that the bag may be too heavy..... Finally, thanks to Bobby Johnston and the entire staff at Hampden C.C. for the enjoyable day of food and golf. What a meal.

Univ. of Mass. 8th Annual Turfgrass Field Day

June 23, 1982

Rain Date June 24, 1982

SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES

9:30-10:00 a.m.	Registration	
10:00-10:15	Welcome - Dr. Daniel I. Padberg, Dean, College of Food and Natural Resources	
10:15-12:00	Field Tour of Turfgrass Research	
12:00-1:30 p.m.	Box Luncheon on Mt. Sugarloaf	
1:30-3:00	Guest Speakers:	
	Mr. James Snow, Agronomist USGA Green Section	
	Mr. Charles Mruk, Agronomist B.F.C. Chemicals, Inc.	

STOP	SUBJECTS	SPEAKERS
1	I Sod Strength of K-31 Tall Fescue	J.M. Zak
	II Fairway and Tee Conversion Study	D. Bell
2	I Crabgrass Control in Turf	P. Bhowmik
	II Growth Retardant Evaluation	A. Symington
3	I Fertilization Timing and Material	J. Troll
	II Turfgrass Variety Evaluation	J. Troll
4	I Kentucky Bluegrass-Red Fescue Salt Tolerance Study	W. Torello
	II N:K Effects on Quality, Growth and Stress Tolerance of Perennial Ryegrass	W. Torello
5	I Fairway Grass Management and Succession	J. Troll
	II N:K Influence on Summer Stress of Creeping Bentgrass	S. Rackliffe
6	I Results of 1981 Insect Field Trial	P. Vittum
	II Nitrogen Leaching Results of 1981 Fungicide Trial	C. Mancino

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Dickinson Winners



(L-R) Michael McNally and Glenn Anderson, students at Stockbridge (U Mass), were winners of the Professor Lawrence S. Dickinson Memorial Trust Award. GCSANE congratulates both students for a job well done.

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"I only had two months notice to get things into PGA shape when they decided to hold the Classic for the first time last year," he revealed. "Frankly, I was scared to death. But after I got over the shock, I put things together. I think it was OK, too, because I haven't heard one complaint."

Obviously, Marlboro lived up the expectations of the PGA seniors group. The fact that the Classic is returning is testimony to the course's condition and the credibility built by Ackley's input.

"Actually, the seniors aren't as demanding as the regular PGA Tour," Glen told. "I have to take down the cut of the fairways and greens. But that's good for everybody here. The members seem to like the tournament height, so keeping it in shape for them is just a carryover from the Classic."

Marlboro gets heavy traffic, so much so that Ackley wouldn't guess how many rounds are recorded each season.

"We're a private club of 355 members and we're also open to the public," Glen added. "We get a lot of outings - things like that. So, it keeps me hopping. I have to admit that my crew is small but, somehow, we get the job done."

Two of Ackley's sons have followed dear old dad into golf. Tom serves as his assistant and Brian is an assistant professional at the Wannamoisett Country Club in Rhode Island.

"Tom's a funny guy," Glen quipped. "He keeps telling me that he doesn't like superintendent's work but he shows up every day. As for Brian, I don't know where he gets his golfing talent. Certainly not from me. I'm a hacker."

Because he has to put in so much time on the job, Glen isn't as active in the NEGCSA as he'd like to be. And he regrets it.

"I try to make as many winter meetings as I can," he said. "However, when they ring the bell to start play here, I go into my around-the-clock act. But the association is great, especially the people in it. Many of them have been great to me."

So, Glen Ackley stands as an exemplary addition to the superintendent's profession. For that reason, the site of the Marlboro Classic remains golden and in good hands.

Gerry Finn

Congratulations to the following new members

Don Marrone Jr. of Wachusett C.C., John Streeter of Alpine C.C., Kip Tyler of Salem C.C. and Mike Legere of Holden Hills.

To Be Voted On

Charles Zeh of Sandy Burr
John Lensing of Norfolk
Phil Dirico of Shaker Farms
Douglas Stachura of Springfield C.C.

To: Golf Course and Other Turf Managers in Massachusetts

Re: Registration of isofenphos (Oftanol*, Scotts Insecticide 4*)

On 28 April, a sub-committee of the Pesticide Regulatory Board conducted a second hearing concerning a possible state label for isofenphos. At an earlier meeting (19 March) two companies had submitted proposals for state labels for the material - Mobay for Oftanol* and O.M. Scott for Insecticide 4*. Both requests were denied at that time, primarily because the sub-committee was concerned about use of isofenphos on home lawns. The sub-committee voted in March to require a statement requiring watering in and a "For Restricted Use Only" statement on the label. Neither company was willing to accept the "restricted use" statement, because such a statement could conceivably jeopardize efforts for a future federal registration. O.M. Scott subsequently submitted a second request for Insecticide 4*, "for use on golf course turf only," by certified pesticide applicators. This proposal was approved at the 28 April meeting.

Therefore, Scott's Insecticide 4* which is a 2% granular formulation of isofenphos (same active ingredient as Oftanol*) has been cleared for use on golf course turf (but only golf course turf) in Massachusetts. Each user must have a copy of the state label in his possession when applying the material, but Jeff Carlson of the Pesticide Regulatory Board assured me that the bags marked "for use in Massachusetts" would in fact have the necessary label on them.

The Scotts representatives said they would try to make Insecticide 4* available as soon as possible, but logistically, they probably will not be able to supply every interested course until early July.

Incidentally, the Scotts label does specify that the material is to be watered in. This is one reason the sub-committee was willing to accept the Scotts formulation. (Watering in may or may not improve the efficacy of the material, but it reduces the likelihood of harm to non-target organisms.) Therefore, to be in compliance with the law, the user must water in the material immediately after application.

Meanwhile, Mobay's Oftanol* was not cleared for use in Massachusetts for 1982. Once again, even if the material has been purchased legally in another state and has been watered in, any use of Mobay's Oftanol* in Massachusetts is in violation of the law.

So, for those of you who wish to apply isofenphos to your golf courses, Scotts Insecticide 4* is the only formulation which will be legal in Massachusetts in 1982. We are still hoping that Mobay will be able to clear the paperwork for a federal registration for 1983.

Good luck in the current season!

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