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MEETING NOTICE:

Date: Thursday, May 29, 1980
Supt.—Greens Chairman Tourn.
Place: Fairview Country Club
 King St., Greenwich, Ct. 06830

Hosts—
Superintendent: Bob Alonzi
Club Manager: Drew Campbell
Golf Professional: Craig Shankland
Greens Chairman: Roy Benjamin
Club President: Kenneth Weiser
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 Golf Shop: 531-6207

Golf: Shotgun—12:30 p.m. Carts: \$13.00
 Caddies: \$10.00 plus tip

Lunch: Buffett 11:00 a.m.

Social Hour: 6:00–7:00 p.m.

Dinner: 7:30 p.m.

Program: To be announced

Special Notes: Golf is open to all classes, however Superintendents and their Green Chairmen will have priority, limited to 36 foursomes. All persons playing golf will be charged for dinner.

Directions: Merritt Parkway to King Street Exit (Route 120). Go north about 3 mi. Club entrance is on right. Rte. 684—take Westchester County Airport Exit to Rte. 120 South. Club entrance on left (Just beyond Bruce Golf Course.)

June 19 CAGCS Meeting, Silver Springs C.C.,
 MGCSA Members invited.

June 26-29 First U.S. Senior Open Championship,
 Winged Foot Golf Club

July 24 Long Island Field Day

July 31 MGCSA Meeting, Bedford Golf & Tennis

August MGCSA Picnic

Aug. 14-17 Westchester Classic, Westchester C.C.

Sept. 15 MGCSA Meeting, Spook Rock Golf Club

Sept. 30 MGCSA Invitational, Fenway Golf Club

November MGCSA Annual Meeting



Guest speaker at our April meeting, Ray Delewski, Department of Environmental Conservation and Mike Maffei, Program Chairman.

MGCSA NEWS

Please note on your calendars the new date and place for the 1980 MGCSA Invitational Tournament. The new date is Tuesday, September 30 at Al Tretera's Fenway Golf Club. This change was necessary due to conflicting schedules.

At the monthly Board of Directors meeting held on April 17th at the Fairview Country Club, the following applications were acted upon:

Alex Praslick, Knollwood Country Club, classification changed to A
 Peter DiRollo, Leewood Country Club, classification changed to A

COMING EVENTS

May 27- Golden Lights Tournament,
 June 1 Wykagyl Country Club
 May 29 MGCSA Greens Chairmen Meeting,
 Fairview Country Club

June 12-15 U.S. Open, Baltusrol G.C.,
 Springfield, N.J.

June 12 Cornell Field Day

June 17 MGCSA Meeting, Wykagyl C.C.



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John C. Lensing, University of Rhode Island, Class D
Gary R. Mullane, Hawthorne Bros. Tree Service, Inc., Class C

WELCOME TO THE MGCSA!

Another reminder, we still have not received our information cards for the roster update. If you haven't sent yours in, why not do it now!

Congratulations to Bob Laird, retired MGCSA Class A member who has just received his 25th year anniversary membership pin from the GCSAA.

As you all know, advertising plays a big role in making *Tee To Green* a success each year and we would like to take this opportunity to remind our membership of the importance of patronizing our advertisers whenever possible.

As of this writing (May 2) we still have some advertising space available for the June, July and October issues.

—Pat Lucas

FIRST CALL FOR NOMINATIONS — GCSAA OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

This notice marks the first call to chapters requesting nominations for the offices of President, Vice-President and Director of GCSAA. All nominations must be received by the Nominating Committee Chairman *no later than* September 1, 1980. The Nominating Committee Chairman is:

Mr. George Cleaver, CGCS
Box 121-A, Falls Road
Lutherville, Maryland 21093

Other committee members are James A. Bertoni, California; Gary T. Grigg, CGCS, New Mexico; Robert T. Heron, CGCS, Ontario, Canada; and David Stone, Tennessee.

We encourage you to nominate members with the leadership qualities necessary to insure the continued success of GCSAA.

NOMINATIONS FOR GCSAA'S DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD NOW BEING ACCEPTED

The GCSAA Executive Committee is now accepting nominations for the Distinguished Service Award. Nominees will be considered at the Fall Board Meeting; therefore, all nominations must be received by the Chairman of the Public Relations and Awards Committee by August 15, 1980.

To be accepted for the Distinguished Service Award, a nominee must meet the following qualifications:

(1) Must have made an outstanding contribution to the advancement of the profession of Golf Course Superintendency.

2) The outstanding contribution may be, or have been, regional in nature as long as it can be judged to have significantly advanced the profession nationally or internationally.

3) The nominee must not have been a recipient of this award during the preceeding ten (10) years.

Please send all nominations to:

Mr. Ed Dembnicki, CGCS
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Admission to the Field Day is open to anyone interested in turf and is free of charge. Pinelawn Memorial Park is located on Pinelawn Road between Exit 49 of the L.I.E. and Exit 35 of the Southern State Parkway. Enter the Park from the north side and the turfgrass plots will be on your left side.

For more information, contact the N.Y. State Turfgrass Association at 516-541-9034 or the Cooperative Extension Association at 516-454-0901.

GCSAA SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR 1980-81

In accordance with our procedures to make scholarships available to students at the beginning of the school year, the due date for scholarship applications this year is June 15. The applications are reviewed, and the awards will be made in September.

Each year more and more students are seeking financial aid. For these reasons the competition for assistance will be great and we urge you to screen your applicants carefully.

Please note all applications must be postmarked no later than June 15. Those received after that date, as well as those that are incomplete, will not be considered. Because of the time involved in processing the application, we cannot make exceptions to the foregoing.

Photographs need not be sent in with the applications. These will be requested later of the scholarship applicants.

If there are other instructors at your institution advising students who might qualify for a scholarship, please share this material with them. If you need additional copies of the application, please feel free to reproduce the form or to request additional copies from GCSAA.

Please return all applications to: Director of Education, GCSAA, 1617 St. Andrews Drive, Lawrence, KS 66044.

—Palmer Maples, CGCS Director of Education

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Bob Alonzi, President MGCSA and Mike Caravella, Host Superintendent. Speaking is Ralph Hubbard, Green Chairman of Apawamis Club. To his right, Harry Moore, Golf Chairman and William Vanneck, President, Apawamis Club, at our April meeting.

NUISANCE CANADA GOOSE CONTROL PROCEDURES

Effective immediately in New York State, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will drive-trap and relocate nuisance geese only when requested in writing on Form 3-1923.

At these locations the quest should be initiated by the following individuals:

<i>Location</i>	<i>Individual</i>
A. Private land	the landowner
B. Joint private land	both landowners
C. Private lake association	association president
D. Municipal lake or pond	mayor or town supervisor

Note: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will not remove geese from public lands unless requested to do so by an elected official or representative of the municipality such as the mayor or town supervisor.

I. To obtain Form 3-1923: Write U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, P.O. Box 150, Albany, N.Y. 12201.

II. To complete Form 3-1923:

Section 1: Enter A: "Canada Geese."

B: The approximate number of birds present.

Section 2: Enter the following:

A. Method: drive trapping.

B. The location of the geese and where the trap is to be erected; including *name, address, city or town, county and telephone number.*

Note: We can remove geese only if we can locate the problem area—if necessary attach a map to Form 3-1923.

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In such situations the Form 3-1923 should be countersigned by the landowner upon whose land the trap is to be located.

Sign and date Form 3-1923 below Section 4, and be sure to read the Privacy Act notice on the reverse side.

III. Mail completed Form 3-1923 to: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, P.O. Box 150, Albany, N.Y. 12201.

IV. By return mail you will receive the signed pink copy of Form 3-1923 acknowledging receipt of your request.

Additional Information

1. Requests for goose removal will not be accepted before April 1st in any calendar year. Requests should be mailed during the period April 1st to May 31st.

2. Our crew is not equipped to remove geese from salt water areas. Geese will be removed only from *fresh water* areas.

3. Because of the logistics involved and the short time period when geese can be drive trapped, it is impossible for the crew to telephone ahead. Once your request has been mailed, you can expect the crew any time during the last two weeks of June. Geese will be removed regardless of whether the landowner is home.

4. Geese will only be captured and removed from Westchester, Rockland and Putnam Counties.

5. Most goose problems in municipal parks and salt water marinas result from the public "feeding the birds." Such feeding is actually detrimental to the health of the geese; causes health and sanitation problems and should be discouraged.

6. Flightless Canada geese can be captured by drive-trapping only during the last two weeks of June. Therefore,

all completed Forms 3-1923 requests must reach our office no later than the close of business May 31st.

—U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Revised October 1979

Note: Our thanks to Chubby Autorino of The Blind Brook Club for providing us with this timely information regarding Canada geese.

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GOLF TIPS

Editor's Note: Thank you to The Gateway Green, Mississippi Valley Golf Course Superintendents Association Newsletter, Bob Mitchell, Jr., Editor.
—Pat Lucas

Close Lie—Play back slightly. Weight on left leg. Hit down and thru. Do not try to scoop ball. Let loft of clubface do lifting.

Sidehill Lie—Ball lower than feet. Aim to left of target. Grip at end of shaft and stand closer to ball to accommodate a more upright swing.

Sidehill Lie—Ball above feet. Aim further right to allow for difference. Grip farther down shaft for flatter, baseball like swing plane.

Flip Shot—Wide open Clubface. Maximum wrist action. Open stance. Hands counter clockwise. Never try off hard ground.

Uphill Lie—Stance closed. Play ball towards center of stance. Aim ball to right to allow for hook. Use at least one club longer than normal lie.

Sand Trap—Imbed feet deeply. Open stance. Open face club. Weight forward on left foot. Break wrists.

Against Wind For Distance—Play ball further back. Shut face slightly. Shorter, stiff wrist action. More weight on left foot. Hit down and through.

Sand Trap Buried Ball—Closed club face. Ball played back. Hit through with smooth unhurried stroke.

Crosswind—Use one less lofted club than usual. Tee ball on side from which wind is blowing and play that side of fairway.

Chip Shot—Shot swing. Play ball towards center of stance. Hands close to body. Knees bent. Use shoulders and fingertips. Avoid flipping the wrists.

Uphill Slope—Wide open club face. Open stance and swing far outside-in. The ball must be played to clear the top of the mound.

Downhill Lie—Open Stance. Ball back from left foot. Aim

to left to allow for slice. Use at least one club longer than normal lie.

Wet Grounds—Be certain to hit ball first, just below center. Club must hit ground after the ball is in flight.

High Grass—Firm up your grip. Very upright swing. Strike ball as vertical as possible. Open clubface wide so that it becomes square on impact. Hit ball before ground.

Putting—Putts will run faster with grain, slower against. Crossgrain putts will break with the grain just as on a sidehill slope. Never move head or body during stoke.

With Wind for Distance—Play ball forward. Open face slightly. Hands over clubhead. Hit ball a low point of swing. Increase wrist action. More weight on right foot.

PEST CONTROL PROGRAMS THREATENED BY PETITIONS FOR NEW SPRAYING REGULATIONS

Editor's Note: Our thanks to Dick Allen for sending us this important article.
—Pat Lucas

A petition to the Federal Aviation Administration proposes important changes in regulations. They would essentially require that a pilot of a spray plane would have to obtain written permission before spraying from each person and property owner within 1,000 feet who was not included in the spray contract. Under this rule, only 0.17 acre could be sprayed in the center of a 100 acre tract without such permission. This could wipe out aerial application in many sections of the country. However, the proposed rule changes also affect ground application. Field and shade tree sprayers would be required to follow the same rules within a 250 foot border, and ground mist or airblast equipment would be under the same rules as air, that is, 1,000 feet.

A petition to the Environmental Protection Agency requests warnings on the labels of the conditions set forth above. It would supply a Citizen Enforcement and Monitoring Packet wherein lay persons would put out cards to catch and report spray drift.

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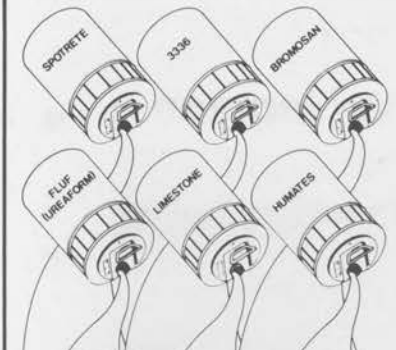
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—Pat Lucas

NIGHT LIGHTING MAY BE HARMFUL TO TREES

The energy crunch may provide a hidden blessing for trees sensitive to night lighting. After the introduction of high-pressure sodium lighting in the 1960s, architects and designers rushed to include bright exterior lighting in new building designs. However, the rising cost of electricity is forcing a trend toward fewer lights or the use of more energy-efficient lighting systems.

USDA research horticulturist H. Marc Cathey surveyed 54 species of trees and shrubs for their response to all-night lighting. He found that continuous light forces sensitive trees into continuous growth, which causes stress and makes them more susceptible to air-pollution damage. It also delays dormancy in the fall, exposing new growth to a killing frost. These effects are dependent on several factors, including light intensity, color and night temperature, Cathey reported.

Elms and sycamores are the most sensitive. A single foot-candle of incandescent or sodium light on the leaves of dogwoods, birches and some maples also interferes with the natural dark-light cycle of those trees. Oaks, evergreens and many fruit trees are sensitive to night lighting, and holly, rhododendron, linden and most maples are only moderately sensitive.

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