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COMING EVENTS

- June 24 University of Massachusetts, Field Day
South Deerfield, Mass.
- July 6 Summer Social, Fairview Country Club
- July 16 MGCSA Meeting, Edgewood C.C.
- August 10 MGCSA Family Picnic, Woodway C.C.
- August 25 MGCSA Joint Meeting with Hudson
Valley, Waccabuc Country Club
- August 26 Univ. Of R.I. Field Day, Kingston
- September 24 MGCSA Invitational, Elmwood C.C.
- October 14 Pro/Superintendent Tournament
Old Oaks
- November MGCSA Annual Meeting
- November 16-19 N.Y.S. Turfgrass Assoc. Conference &
Trade Show, Albany, N.Y.
- December 12 Christmas Party, Ridgeway C.C.
- Jan. 31-Feb. 5 GCSAA Int'l. Turfgrass Conference and
Show — New Orleans.

SPECIAL EVENT — SUMMER SOCIAL

- Date: Monday, July 6
- Place: Fairview Country Club
- Hosts: Robert Alonzi, Superintendent
Drew Campbell, Manager

- Poolside Hors d'Oeuvres
and Cocktails 7:00 to 7:30 p.m.
- Followed by: Barbecue — Steak Dinner
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M.G.C.S.A. NEWS

The M.G.C.S.A. Green Chairman/Superintendent Tournament held at Tony Savone's Quaker Ridge Golf Club was a huge success. The course was in impeccable condition, the food and service excellent and we were given an informative presentation on golf course architecture by Jeff Cornish.

The tournament results are as follows:

- 1st Place — Fenway Golf Club 59
Al Tretera — Superintendent
Bill Hallenbeck, Chairman
- 2nd Place (Match of Cards) — 63
Blue Hill Golf Club
Frank Bevelacqua, Superintendent
Joe Clarke, Parks & Recreation Department
- 3rd Place — Whippoorwill Club — 63
Chuck Martineau, Supt.
David Caldrock, Chairman

Our thanks to Tony Savone and everyone at Quaker Ridge.



MGCSA Program Chairman Chuck Martineau addressing MGCSA meeting. At table with him, left to right, are Architect Jeff Cornish, speaker; Mike Maffei, MGCSA President; Chuck Martineau; and Robert Judell, Quaker Ridge Golf Club President.

The month of May has provided us more than enough rainfall, and in some cases too much at one time. Let's hope that we can see some easing of the restrictions.

The rain along with a hot and humid beginning of June is bring out some dollar spot. A few Hyperodes have come out which were missed by the spray pattern. —Pat Lucas

WELFARE: Please contact Bob Alonzi, 203-531-8910 (office), or 203-531-1930 (home) regarding any hospitalizations, etc. of members of the MGCSA.



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WATSON LEADS NELSON CLASSIC

Spectator is killed by fallen tree limb

by Denne H. Freeman, Associated Press

Tom Watson's roller-coaster, even-par 70 withstood a day-long challenge Friday and the defending champion clung to a 1-shot lead after 36 holes of the \$300,000 Byron Nelson Classic, which was marred by tragedy when a falling tree limb killed a spectator.

Watson played 11 holes before he reached the 585-yard Par

5 No. 3 where the spectator was killed and three others seriously enough injured to be hospitalized by the tumbling limb from a storm-weakened oak tree.

"That's like being struck by lightning. It just rips your guts out . . . there's no rhyme or reason for it," said Watson, who played in the morning.

Watson said it was hard to concentrate from that point on.

"You just keep thinking about it," said Watson, who is hoping to win the tournament for the fourth straight year and join the legendary Walter Hagen as the only golfer to win an event four consecutive times.

Watson said, "That was a giant limb that fell . . . it was huge . . . it was worse than lightning because if a storm is coming you can at least get off the course. My sympathy goes out to the families involved."

It was the first time a spectator had been killed on a course during a PGA tournament since the mid-1960s when lightning killed a spectator in the Buick Open at Detroit.

Editor's Note:

Hearing news of this tragedy one can not help to think of his own club.

What if this happened at *my* club? How would I feel and what would be the ramifications?

In today's age of frequent law suits, litigations, and in some cases huge awards, one cannot help to think of what position he would be in if this type of tragedy should happen at his club.

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—Pat Lucas

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Left:
Quaker Ridge Golf Club President Robert Judell addressing MGCSA meeting. MGCSA President Mike Maffei, looks on.



Right:
Host Superintendent Tony Savone of Quaker Ridge Golf Club, welcoming us at the MGCSA May meeting.



Left:
Dick Livingston, Green Chairman of Quaker Ridge Golf Club.



Right:
MGCSA President Mike Maffei presenting Past President's jacket to Bob Alonzi.

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WHO'S PRONE TO HEART ATTACKS?

Every fifth male executive and every seventeenth woman executive will suffer a heart attack in his or her forties or fifties.

"Even though doctors usually can identify who those individuals will be, and even though there are many ways to reduce the likelihood of a heart attack, many people prefer to ignore the problem," observes Dr. William Castelli, director of the federally sponsored Framingham Heart Study in Framingham, MA, which has researched the epidemic of cardiovascular disease for more than 30 years.

"Unfortunately, the only thing that rings many people's bell is that crushing chest pain or \$20,000 coronary bypass surgery," says Castelli. "But before that happens, there are usually very clear signals that can point to who's a high risk candidate for a heart attack."

Some early warning signs:

1. If you have high blood pressure, particularly higher than 140/90.
2. If you have high cholesterol levels, notably if the ratio of total cholesterol divided by the HDL (high-density lipoprotein) cholesterol exceeds 4.5.
3. If you have diabetes or high blood sugar levels.
4. If you are overweight. For example, if you weigh 20% more than the ideal weight listed for your height in standard insurance tables, the chances of having a heart attack triple.
5. If you seldom exercise and always choose the elevator over the stairs.
6. If you smoke.

7. If you fit the "Type A" personality, the individual with the "White knuckle syndrome" who is usually highly competitive, aggressive, and constantly under stress.

"Many 'Type A' executives know before they visit a doctor that their lifestyles are unhealthy," says Castelli. "Regrettably, the evidence we have now suggests that most of these men and women are unwilling to alter their stressful, often overindulgent and destructive lifestyles. The executive sees his or her behavior as the reason for success and doesn't want to start tampering with that success."

Even so, according to Castelli, such high-risk, hard-driving executives aren't necessarily destined to have heart attacks. A proper low-fat, low-cholesterol diet, no smoking, and proper exercise can make all the difference.

—Credit: Turf Marketing, Spring, 1981

Our thanks to Mike Maffei for forwarding this to us.

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26-YEAR-OLD TEXAN HAS 38 HOLES-IN-ONE

"On par-3's," says Pro Macil Davis of Dallas, "I have an ultimate sense of confidence."

The texan has good reason to feel that way. Davis is only 26, yet already in his golfing life he has had 38 holes-in-one, according to a recent wire story in the Associated Press.

Davis got his first ace when he was 12, and he recorded 12 more within a year of that. Number 38 came in February on a 379-yard hole, his first on a par-4.

Providence even lends a hand at times. Davis once bounced a ball off a tree and a sprinkler before it went into the hole.

"I feel subconsciously when I set up on a par-3, generally I'm trying to knock it in the hole," explains Davis. "I aim for it."

Davis still has a way to go before catching the all-time holes-in-one leader, Norman Manley of Long Beach, CA. Manley, 57, upped his career mark to 47 with two more in 1980, according to *Golf Digest*.

—Credit: National Golf Foundation Market Report
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REDUCING FOAMING DURING AGITATION

One tablespoon of kerosene added to 100 gallons of solution will effectively reduce foaming in spray tanks during agitation, according to Jeff McKinney, regional agronomist for ChemLawn Corp., Columbus, Ohio.

McKinney, speaking at the Pennsylvania Turfgrass Conference, said, "There are many products you can put into a tank mixture that will decrease foaming, but we found plain old kerosene to be very effective."

Excessive foaming is one characteristic of chemical incompatibility, but it certainly isn't the only characteristic. Others include sludge formation, salting out and unstable mixtures.

The first step in preventing incompatibility, according to McKinney, is to read product labels carefully. Secondly, lawn care operators should label all products clearly, particularly when buying in bulk.

"I don't know how many times I have been called in on a situation where an applicator has filled his vehicle with the wrong products," McKinney said. "So please label these products very clearly and precisely."

Yet another suggestion for preventing incompatibility concerns mixing products in the proper sequence. McKinney said if products are mixed out of sequence they may not go into solution correctly. Therefore, he suggested the following mixing sequence:

- Add water and liquid fertilizer.
- Start agitation.
- Add wettable powders.
- Add flowables.
- Add water solubles.
- Add emulsifiable concentrates.

Regarding mixing flowable lime in tank formulations, McKinney said, "You have to keep in mind that lime has an extremely high pH, so you should think twice before mixing it with a pesticide. If not, you could run into some serious problems with degradation of the active ingredient."

—Credit: Lawn Care Industry

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To convince them, to genuinely agree; —
That we're as important as industry;*

Fight! Fight!

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With bold-strokes — and they'll genuinely agree;
That we're as important as industry;*

Fight! Fight!
Until the last drop.

—Frank Paladino

Think About It . . .

Nothing is opened by mistake more often than the mouth.

DOCUMENTATION — THE BASIC STEP

by Palmer Maples, Jr., CGCS
GCSAA Director of Education

Water use is more likely to be restricted in many parts of the country during the next decade. Total water use may also be affected by weather conditions and the cost of purchasing water and power to pump. Documentation of prior water use will play an important part in reaction to any water restrictions.

A very basic ingredient in any water use plan is a record of how much was used in the past and under what conditions. This calls for a review of purchases if water is received from a municipality or company or a review of use if water is received from wells, ponds, or rivers. You must know how much water was used.

Equally important are records of weather data and maintenance procedures. Weather data will indicate if conditions were normal or if supplemental water had to be applied. Maintenance records will indicate establishment or maintaining conditions. These records should indicate changes in the level of maintenance, such as preparations for a special tournament. Maintenance records also will indicate management programs, including irrigation system check and repair, pond and stream management, conservation methods, agronomic procedures and other information comprising a respectable, documented folder of information that will be the base on which presentations can be made and changes calculated.

You will then be prepared to meet any restriction of water use, whether it comes voluntarily or through a rationing or prohibiting order, if you have prepared and maintained adequate records. —Credit: Fore Front

Editor's Note: Our thanks to Byron Johnson for forwarding this to us.

IN THE YEAR 1923 — DO YOU KNOW WHO WAS* * *

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1. The President of the "largest" steel company, Charles Schwab, died a pauper.
2. The President of the "largest" gas company, Howard Hopson, is now insane.
3. The President of the New York Stock Exchange, Richard Whitney, was released from prison to die at home.
4. The President of the Bank of International Settlement, shot himself.
5. The greatest wheat speculator, Arthur Cooken, died abroad, insolvent.
6. The Great Bear of Wall Street, Goasbee Rivermoore, passed away while reading the *Wall Street Journal*.

In the same year, 1923, the winner of the most important golf championships, Gene Sarazan, won the U.S. Open and the P.G.A. tournaments. Today he is still playing an excellent game of golf and is solvent.

CONCLUSION: STOP WORRYING ABOUT BUSINESS AND PLAY GOLF!

—Author Unknown

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Fortune magazine estimates that U.S. industry is confronted by a minimum of 33 million fresh rumors every working day. If valid, that startling statistic emphasizes a major problem facing everyone who manages people.

Rumors come in all shapes and sizes, from the big ones which created a climate of fear around Three Miles Island and DC-10s to the little ones which are passed along the grapevine in every office or factory. Once started, they are almost impossible to stamp out, even in a small organization.

Experts say that rumors depend on the importance of the subject matter multiplied by the ambiguity of the existing facts. They flourish because of uncertainty, social strain or plain boredom, and internal rumors can be as damaging as external ones.

When you are faced with a rumor in your organization, you have three choices. You can tackle it head-on; you can outflank it by introducing new facts or findings that make it irrelevant and ridiculous, or you can postpone comment indefinitely. Repressive measures are not really an alternative, because when normal sources of information are shut off, the grapevine flourishes.

Of course, it is possible to turn the grapevine to your advantage. Once you know how the rumors are spread, you can pass along accurate information and obtain feedback from your employees. In some organizations, it is actually a morale builder both as a form of entertainment and as an underground communications network that creates a "we're all in this together" feeling. —Credit: GCSAA Fore Front

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