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MEETING NOTIC	E:	Jill Gaydosh
Date:	Tuesday, September 22	John Bria
Place:	Westchester Hills Golf Club	Larry Grasso
	White Plains, N.Y. 10605	Buddy Altomaro
Host Supt:	Mark A. Millett	Glenn Autorino
Telephone:	914-948-5020	Nancy Grasso
Golf:	12 on	Jeff Fatum
Lunch:	Available	Our thanks to all MGCSA memb
Social Hour:	5:30 p.m.	endeavor and made it a success.
Dinner:	6:30 p.m. buffet	At the MGCSA Board of Direct
Program:	To be announced	Country Club on August 6, the fo
Special Notes:	Jacket and tie for social and dinner	approved:
Directions:	Conn.—I-684 south, to Westchester	Gene Evans Blue Ridge
	Avenue exit, take left onto Bryant	Bill Keohane LESCO
	Avenue, go to top of hill, make left	MGCSA President Mike Maffei has
	onto North Street, go to second light and take a right onto Ridgeway, club is on the left.	Chairman of the Nominating Comm At this writing, our new MGCSA and will be ready for distribution soo The MGCSA was well represented

COMING EVENTS:

September 22 MGCSA Meeting.

October 14	MGCSA Invitational,
	Old Oaks Country Club.
October 28 & 29	GCSAA Disease Seminar,
	Tappan Zee Town House, Nyack, N.Y.
November	MGCSA Annual Meeting
November 16-19	N.Y.S. Turfgrass Asso. Conference &
	Trade Show, Albany, N.Y.
December 12	Christmas Party, Ridgeway C.C.
Jan. 31-Feb. 5	GCSAA Int'l. Turfgrass Conference and

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Show - New Orleans.

The date was August 10th, the place was Woodway Beach Club and over 150 MGCSA members, family, and guests had a ball. Dick and Lucille Allen, along with their committee, did a fine job for all of us. A special thanks to Jim Carriere for the great sausage and cooking expertise!

On August 5, the MGCSA Scholarship Committee consisting of Bill Caputi, Bob Alonzi, Craig Wistrand and Sherwood Moore interviewed scholarship candidates at the Fairview Country Club. The following scholarships have been awarded:

Jill Gaydosh	\$500
John Bria	350
Larry Grasso	350
Buddy Altomaro	250
Glenn Autorino	250
Nancy Grasso	250
Jeff Fatum	250

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Our thanks to all MGCSA members who supported this endeavor and made it a success.

At the MGCSA Board of Directors held at the Wykagyl Country Club on August 6, the following applicants were approved:

Gene Evans	Blue Ridge Peat Farms	Class C
Bill Keohane	LESCO	Class C

MGCSA President Mike Maffei has appointed Bob Alonzi as Chairman of the Nominating Committee.

At this writing, our new MGCSA roster is at the printer's and will be ready for distribution soon.

The MGCSA was well represented at our joint meeting with the Hudson Valley at Al Moore's Wuccabuc Country Club on August 25th. It was like a day in the country and those who played throughly enjoyed the well groomed facilities. MGCSA Golf Chairman Dennis Flynn's report follows. We had over 110 for dinner and program. Our speaker for the evening was Nunzio Ciampi, PGA Professional from the





Left: Nunzio Ciampi, speaker at the Waccabuc C.C. meeting. Right: Our host at that meeting, Al Moore.



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Publication deadline for *Tee to Green* is 21 days before the regular meeting.

Glen Head Country Club in Glen Head, Long Island. Mr. Ciampi, a specialist in USGA rules gave us a fine presentation of the rules and their interpretation alone with preping the course. I think this may be one area where we need to do more work. Our thanks to Mr. Ciampi for sharing his thoughts with us.

Our thanks to Bob Mullane for the unsolicited gifts he donated for the summer social at Fairview.

Just a reminder that the GCSAA has scheduled a Disease Seminar at the Tappan Zee Town House for October 28 and 29th.

GCSAA Annual Golf Tournament will be held January 28 and 29 at Disney World. Anyone interested, please contact Dennis Flynn at 636-0331 or 232-8381.

Our next meeting will be at Mark Millett's Westchester Hills Golf Club on Tuesday, September 22nd.

-Pat Lucas

MGCSA CHAMPIONSHIP RESULTS

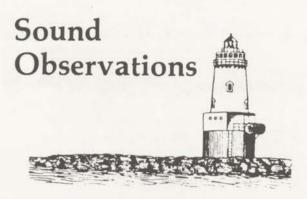
Class A			
1st Flight	Mark Millett	82-82 —	164
2nd Flight	Steve Cadenelli	88-78 —	166
3rd Flight	Al Caravella	96-86 —	182
4th Flight	Terry Mulligan	102-106 —	208
Class B			
Ed Binnsse	low gross	83	
Tony Grasso	low net	68	
Commercial F	light		
Dan Cance	lleri low gross	86-82 —	168
Dennis DeS	Sanctis low net	98-80 —	134

Kicker Winners

Al Tretara	Ray Baudry
Dick Gonyea	Ed Binnsse
Bob Tosh	Bill Barrett
Bob Bruce	Jim Fulwider
Fred Scheyhing	Bill Somers
John Musto	Irv Pallen
Paul Kelly	

Prizes will be awarded at the annual meeting in November.

—Dennis Flynn, Golf Chairman

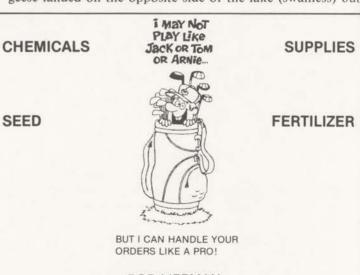


MORE CANADA GEESE CONTROL

by Pat Lucas

In the July issue of *Tee to Green* I reported the possibilities of controlling Canada Geese with artificial swans acting as scarecrows. At this writing I can discuss this in detail based upon actual experience.

After considering making artificial wooden swans, in early July I found rubber inflatable swans, manufactured by Poolmaster, Inc. of Menlo Park, California and sold through pool supply outlets. These inflatables were 28" high, painted, and had an acceptable appearance. We mounted two on oval pieces of 2" thick styrofoam, then anchored them together on one side of our lake. Results were mixed. Many members reported seeing flocks of geese attempting to land but veering off when the swans were spotted. One morning a flock of geese landed on the opposite side of the lake (swanless) but



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kept their distance from our swans. It appeared to be working.

However, I was never fully satisfied with rubber swans; concerned with their leaking air or exploding from air expansion in the July heat. I considered too, neighborhood children using them for BB gun practice.

After further investigation, I discovered styrofoam swans housing a wine display at our local liquor store. These were just what the doctor ordered! Floatable, lifelike, just like the real thing.

After several phone calls, I obtained some. Since their bodies were concave, I altered them so they wouldn't hold rainwater (which really wasn't a problem in July or August).



Our Mechanic, Art Schremeck, drilled a total of eight holes in the bottom of the body, 13/32" large. Art tells me that the holes should be reamed with a hot poker to smooth the walls so the rough surface can't trap debris, eventually plugging the holes.

We then tied wire through the bottom and attached anchors with rope. We placed a pair on either side of our lake. In a couple of hours, one neighbor came over to the lake to "see the beautiful swans living on the lake."

Are they working? Well, they have been on our lake for



Innis Arden swans on patrol.

five weeks. In that time, we observed that three small flocks have landed. Most of these, however, appeared to be young geese, probably not wise to the ways of the world. You know, the first ones to get zapped on opening day of hunting season. The three flocks were easily dispersed with noise bombs.

Now, during this five week period, many members and employees have advised me that they have observed flocks beginning to land and then flying away. That was nice to hear but it was great to finally see it for myself. It was about 6:30 one cloudy Thursday morning when I looked up and saw about a dozen geese heading for the lake. They began dropping at a 45° angle, wings spread like huge delta's. Then all at once they veered off, circled the lake and headed for the Sound. That made it all worthwhile.

For anyone who may decide to try this approach at their course, here are a few points to keep in mind. When anchoring the swans, keep a couple of feet of free rope. This will



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allow the swans to move around in a breeze and appear more real. In researching Canda Geese last winter in several hunting publications, it was repeatedly stressed how intelligent the geese are. All blinds and decoys placed must appear real, natural, and above all, unthreatening. It must appear from the air that all is well, it's O.K. to land. It was reported that if a hunter's setup of decoys looked the least bit suspicious, the older, wiser geese would spot this and not land. Using this rational, we are making our lake look unwelcome for Canada Geese. The swans are one example. We've strung wires across the lake at prime landing areas. We get rid of the ducks whenever they are around. This is very important. The hunting journals stress that the geese look for "signs" telling them everything is O.K. below. Contented ducks swimming around are one of these signs. We scare off the ducks with noise bombs manufactured by Marshall Hyde, Inc. of Port Huron, Michigan. The noise bomb resembles an M-80 firecracker, is shot into the air and explodes about 30 yards out.

If you decide to put out swans or wires, consider the flight paths available to the geese. Any body of water having tall trees near it has a built-in obstacle already. Place the swans or wires on the unprotected side.

What's next? Well, I plan to get one or two more sets of swans to reduce the amount of open area in our lake. We also have a wire strung across the lake which may or may not be needed anymore. I understand that the swans are more vicious when they have young around (I can understand this). So, we may be looking for artificial young swans to sprinkle amongst the mommys and daddys.

Something to think about . . .

FIVE WAYS WE CAN INFLUENCE PEOPLE

Influencing people is something we do without exercise or physical force. It just naturally happens. We influence people around us all day long by various means. For instance:

Our attitudes—We all have a set of attitudes. It may show in

our posture. They could be revealed as we "say what we think." Often it is simply the inflection in our voice—not what we say, but how we say it. It has been well stated, "You can say anything if you're careful how you say it."

Our moods—When we are in a good mood, others tend to become the same. When we are in a bad mood, the same seems to rub off onto others. Wouldn't it be a good thing if someone could come up with a "mood regulator" by which folks could "set" their moods for each day. We could make lots of people happy by always being a good mood.

Our facial expressions—Look at your face from time to time throughout the day. Are you pleasant to look at? Pleasant expressions mean a lot. In consideration of those with whom we work or otherwise associate every day, we might do well to ask ourselves, "Am I easy to look at hour after hour? How is my appearance influencing people who have to look at me?"

Our interests—By their side interests, most people have the time to make the difference between being mediocre or being influential. The way we use little segments of spare time may well tell a great deal about us, and, if properly used, could surely make a great deal of difference in our lives and in the lives of others.

Our behavior—According to top experts in the computer field, we humans have set ways and patterns of doing things. (In fact, the whole computer system idea came from a study of the human brain.) It is said to some persons, "He or she is a gracious person." This characteristic greatly influences those with whom we come in contact. In fact, there is always someone around who is in the position of readiness for something to happen to him or her. And you can make it happen.

—Dr. Bill Murfin GCSAA June Chapter Newsletter

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Further information on the availability of Dacthal in the future will be forthcoming, according to company officials in the agricultural chemicals division.

—Credit: Diamond Shamrock

PLAN NOW FOR CONFERENCE TRAVEL

If you read "GCSAA's New Winter Travel Program" in the August issue of Golf Course Management, you know that travel to GCSAA's International Turfgrass Conference and Show in New Orleans next January has been made simpler and less expensive. The same is true for the association's postconference vacation program, particularly for chapter groups who wish to travel together.

The GCSAA Executive Committee is pleased to announce that Delta Air Lines and Sports Programs International are the two organizations that have been selected to deliver a quality travel program to the GCSAA membership and friends this coming winter.

When possible Chapters should try to arrange Group 10 or Group 40 flights. Depending on the situation, savings of from 15% through 40% can be realized from these group 40 and 10 situations. A Group 40 night flight can realize over a 50% savings in airfare.

Other information available from the two organizations are:

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Post-conference vacationers can choose from 29 resort hotels in eight separate vacation destinations. You can vacation in six Caribbean resorts — Freeport, Montego Bay, Nassau, St. Croix, St. Thomas or San Juan — or two Pacific resorts, Cozumal or Acapulco. You can choose from several firstclass resorts in each area, at rates as much as eight percent below the best rates obtainable through any retail travel

agency. This plan also allows you a choice of standard, superior or deluxe accommodations and an optional meal plan at most of the resorts.

For more information on the travel program and a list of the resort options, refer to the August GCSAA Newsletter. If you wish to make early reservations or ask additional questions, you can do so by calling Laurie Warren at GCSAA Headquarters, (913) 841-2240 or write GCSAA's travel consultant, Sports Programs International, at 230 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10169.

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ROCK SALT vs. CALCIUM CHLORIDE

Q. What's the difference between rock salt and calcium chloride (beside the latter being marginally more expensive)? A. While the two are chemically related, calcium chloride is less harmful to vegetation and works somewhat better in very cold weather.

A word of caution about both products. Don't use calcium chloride on black top. Prolonged use will cause black top to disintegrate. As to rock salt, keep in mind that the following species are *least tolerant* to its use; common privet, red and sugar maples, most dogwoods, and white pine. If your driveway is lined with any of these species, don't use rock salt. And as a general rule, mix whatever deicer you use with sand or cinders.

-Belmont Newsletter

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES OFFERED BY GCSAA

One of the roles of the GCSAA is the collection and dissemination of educational information to its membership. With this in mind and at the request of GCSAA affiliated chapters, four seminars have been scheduled for this fall. They are as follows:

October 20-21, 1981 — Insect 1.D. & Control — Boston, MA October 28-29, 1981 — Disease I.D. & Control — Nyack, NY November 4-5, 1981 — Insect 1.D. & Control — Baltimore November 10-11, 1981 — Disease I.D. & Control — Albany

As in the past, the Disease & Insect seminars are two-day seminars and upon successful completion of the examination, each will be worth two points toward Certification renewal.

In addition, the GCSAA has contracted all states in the Union regarding their acceptance of these seminars as adequate training to satisfy recertification requirements for pesticide applicators. The states in close proximity to the seminar sites who have accepted this training are: Connecticut, Delaware, Maine, Maryland, New York (pending), Pennsylvania, Virginia and West Virginia. As with GCSAA Certification renewal requirements, it will be necessary to successfully complete the examination given at the end of the seminar to receive credit.

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TREAT YOURSELF TO THE BENEFITS OF SOLITUDE

Managers need daily time alone to replenish their forces

Loneliness is the state of mind many people dislike most. But loneliness does not necessarily flow from being alone. A recent study by Drs. Reed Larson and Mihaly Csikszentmihalyi of the University of Chicago, for instance, reveals that when adolescents spend some time alone each day, they then come back to their families and friends feeling more cheerful, involved, alert and stronger.

The same is true of adults. How can you gain the benefits of solitude?

- Schedule time alone each day. When you make your next day's schedule, put one appointment down for yourself and make it for at least a quarter of an hour preferably longer. A good time is first thing in the morning or just before you leave the office at night. But make sure only you are present no paperwork, review of the day's activities or worries should be allowed in. Build time alone into each day's schedule and consider that appointment just as important as any other.
- Look for places that will give you some moments of privacy—a nearby park, an art museum, a house of worship, the reading room of a public or college library. Or, if you drive along a scenic route, leave time to pull over to the side of the road and contemplate the view.
- Learn to clear your mind of constant chatter. This is of primary importance. If all of your solitary moments are taken up with telling yourself what must be done, what should have been done, what's wrong or even what's right, you have a constant companion chattering away in there. If that is the case, get your attention off the static by staring at one spot or closing your eyes, while concentrating on your breathing. When distracting thoughts crowd in, push them gently away. In a short while, you will begin to feel refreshed and rejuvenated.

-Credit: Personal Report



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-Frank Paladino

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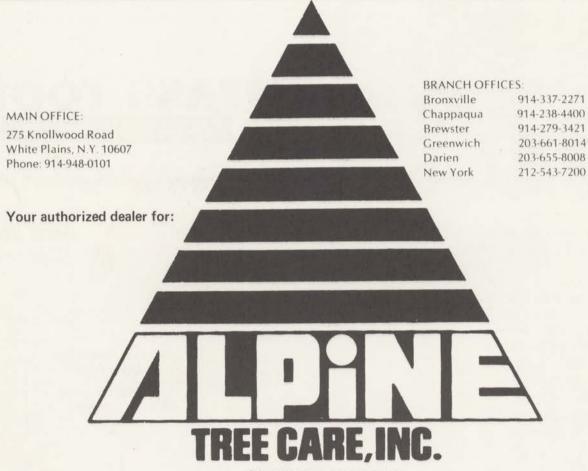




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