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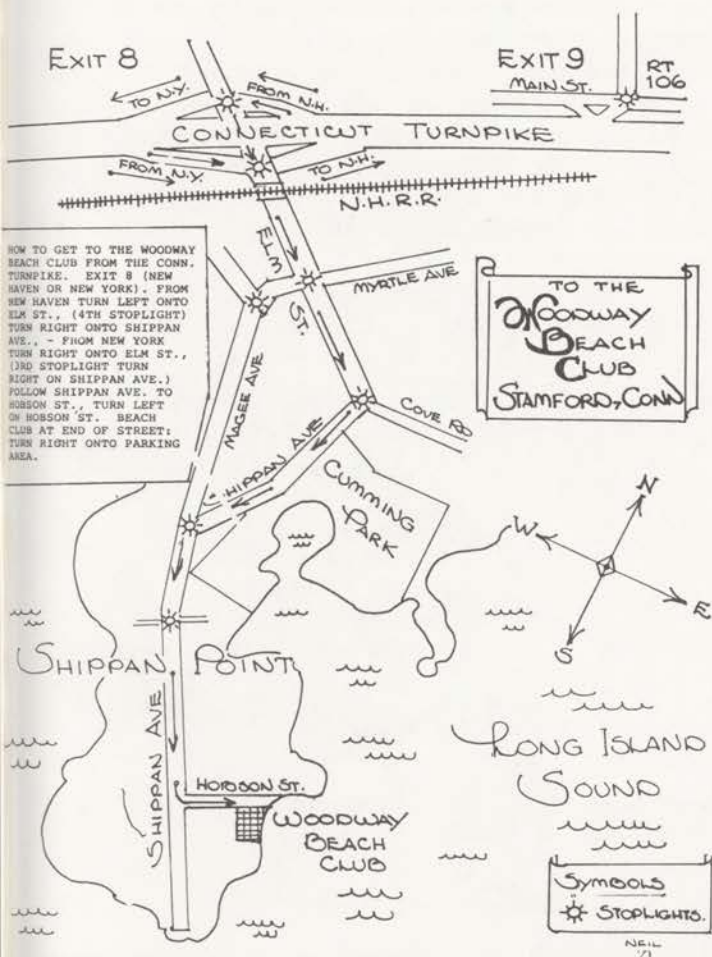
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September 20	MGCSA Meeting - Old Oaks
October 13	MGCSA Meeting, Sleepy Hollow
November 1-3	New York State Turfgrass Association Conference & Trade Show, Rochester
November	MGCSA Annual Meeting
December 10	MGCSA Christmas Party, Ridgeway C.C.
February 28, 29- March 1, 1984	53rd Mass Turfgrass Conf. & Industrial Show Springfield Civic Center, W. Springfield, MA



Results of MGCSA Invitational June 2 - Fairview Country Club

First Place: Wykagyl Country Club	59 Net
Steve Finamore, Superintendent Lloyd Monroe, Professional William Belton, Greens Chairman Marty Connelly, President	
Second Place: Quaker Ridge Golf Club	60 (match of cards)
Tony Savone, Superintendent Jim McLean, Professional Lou Kline, Greens Chairman Bob Judell, President	
Third Place: Willow Ridge Golf Club	60
Anthony Grasso, Jr. Superintendent Bob Moro, Professional Robert Ganz, Co-Green Chairman Rick Carpenter, Greens Chairman	
Chairman - Longest Drive: Bob Heaphy 252 yds.	
Closest to Pin: Steve Green 5'1" (Stanwich Club)	
Thanks to Tony Grasso, Dan Cancellieri and Bob Lippman for their assistance in running the tournament.	
— Jim Fulwider, Golf Chairman	



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Roots

James J. Camerato of Scarborough, who is finishing up his doctorate in soil science at North Carolina State University, wrote this tribute to his parents on the acknowledgement page of his college thesis: "Jim Camerato wishes to thank his mother and father for allowing his mind and body to develop with proper guidance, and in an exceedingly wonderful environment."

Jim is the thoughtful son of Barbara and Joe Camerato. The latter is course super at picturesque Sleepy Hollow Country Club – the man who keeps the green spotlight on the famed Scarborough links.

— Credit: Guido Cribari, *Reporter Dispatch*



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Are You Being Fooled by Anthracnose?

By John Carlone

Assistant Superintendent, The Stanwich Club

After graduating from the University of Rhode Island this spring, I began work as assistant superintendent at The Stanwich Club in mid-May. The weather during my first few weeks of work was quite wet, as you probably remember. But soon the sun returned and temperatures climbed into the 90's. These extreme weather conditions were perfect for disease development, consequently, we watched our turf very closely every day.

In early June when things were finally beginning to dry out, we held back as much as possible with our watering in an effort to harden off the turf for ensuing warm weather. At a point when much of our Annual Bluegrass was beginning to look quite stressed (yellow and thinning), we began irrigating on a regular basis. Much to our surprise, after four days of watering the turf did not improve at all; it actually seemed to look a little worse. This was quite alarming to us as this malady was occurring in various spots on nearly all of our fairways. At this point it was time to take a closer look.

Our observations of the yellow and dying grass plants revealed tiny black spots, referred to as acervuli, which are the fruiting structures of Anthracnose (*Colletotrichum graminicola*). These fruiting structures are large enough that they can be identified with the naked eye, however a hand lense would be helpful.

In an effort to control this beast, we immediately applied the systemic fungicide Bayleton at a rate of 2 oz./1000 ft.². Fortunately this application prompted complete recovery of the Annual Bluegrass plants in roughly 10 days.

Obviously the most important factor in saving our fairways was the correct diagnosis of the disease Anthracnose. It often has been mistaken for water stress or wilt, but the yellowing plants indicate senescence, not wilt, which would be black or purplish grass. As you can see, it is very easy to be fooled by this disease.

When nighttime temperatures remain above 70, and daytime temperatures climb into the 80's, Anthracnose can thin an entire fairway in a very short time if fungicides are not applied. Anthracnose also seems to occur on Annual Bluegrass grown under stress, such as compacted areas where traffic is heavy and soil drainage is poor. It is also more evident on areas where nitrogen levels are low. *C. Graminicola* can overwinter as a saprophyte in thatch or as a pathogen in infected plant tissue.

It has been suggested that a nitrogen program of 1/2 lb./1000 ft.² in June, July and August should help to prevent Anthracnose. Our experience showed that systemic fungicides applied at curative rates will cause complete recovery of the infected grass plants in a relatively short time. Preventative rates will also promote recovery but not nearly as fast. Some systemics that will control Anthracnose are: Bayleton, Tersan 1991, Tersan LSR, Cleary's 3336 and Duosan. Contact fungicides such as Daconil 2787, and Fore, applied every 7 to 10 days will also help prevent and control Anthracnose.

The message I would like to convey to you is not to be fooled by this deceptive disease. If your Annual Bluegrass is yellow and thinning, and water is not helping, take a closer look: it may be Anthracnose.

(Sources: Scott Niven, Superintendent, The Stanwich Club and *Management of Turfgrass Diseases*, by Dr. J.M. Vargas.)



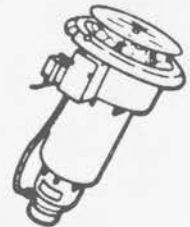
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Biography of Superintend Gene Grady

By Patrick Vetere

Superintendent, Canyon Club

The July meeting of the MGCSA was hosted by Tamarack Country Club of Greenwich, Connecticut. Presiding as host superintendent of this gently rolling layout is Gene Grady.

Gene was born in 1925 and raised in Dobbs Ferry, New York. In 1965 he got his first taste of golf courses working a summer job at Fairview C.C. in Greenwich. Before he knew it, he was on the crew permanently learning golf course management under Ted Jozwich. Gene got a late start in golf course management but it has not hindered him in the least. By 1968 Gene landed the superintendent's job at Tamarack and he has been there ever since.

Since Gene has been at Tamarack many changes have taken place. They include installment of an automatic irrigation system in 1980, construction of a new practice tee area and extensive planting of ornamental trees and shrubs.

This year is no exception. Gene plans to complete widening the par 3 seventh tee by 20 feet to provide more tee marker area and collars cut at 1/2 inch and 44 inches wide are being made around each green. Also, contour mowing of fairways outlined by golf course architect Geoffrey Cornish last fall has begun. The curving lines between fairway and rough will add aesthetic eye appeal to the golfer and hopefully reduce maintenance outlays. Gene feels he will not see the contour mowing effect until the rough areas fill in more and more golfer feedback comes in.

One very interesting project Gene has begun on all his Par 3 tees is leaving a bucket full of a 50, 50 soil mix and Penncross bentgrass seed. After the golfer tees off and a divot is taken, they are to fill the divot from the bucket before proceeding to his ball. So far, results have been to Genes' satisfaction. Gene has also done various tree and shrub plantings to enhance teeing areas, direct cart traffic to more favorable areas and asthetics.

When I asked Gene his opinion on the most important quality needed in becoming a successful superintendent, Gene replied, "hard work and a lot of dedication." When the golf course comes through the summer looking good and Gene feels his hard work and dedication have paid off then this is the only reward he needs.

Gene has an interesting hobby of collecting and restoring old cars. He now owns a '66 Toronado and a '66 Corvair.

Gene and his wife Tina currently reside in Dobbs Ferry, New York.

Many thanks to Gene for this interview!

Protesters Vandalize British Open Course

Vandals who dug holes and daubed paint on the sixth green of the Royal Birkdale golf course failed to halt the third round of the British Open Championship.

Men worked all night to repair the damage. Play began 20 minutes late, with hastily improvised rules to deal with the situation.

Most of the green was designated a "ground under repair" area. But two segments of the green were undamaged, leaving putting channels from the fringe to the hole.

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The damage was done by a group protesting the innocence of Dennis Kelly, who is serving a sentence of life imprisonment for the murder of a Liverpool shopkeeper.

Four boys, walking along the shore beside the golf course, discovered the damage around midnight and reported it. "Free Kelly" slogans were daubed in 15-inch letters on the turf.

Gordon Jeffrey, chairman of the Championship Committee, said: "Anyone who saw the devastation at 1:30 this morning would never have believed that such repairs would have been possible."

Tom O'Brien, head greenkeeper at Birkdale, worked all night supervising the operation. He still had not been to bed when the third round started.

The 468-yard, par four sixth hole is notoriously difficult because of two bunkers that stretch across most of the fairway a little more than 200 yards from the tee.

Officials brought the tee forward 40 yards in the emergency. This helped players to clear the bunkers with their tee shots and made an easier approach to the damaged green.

"They are all knocking it quite happily over the cross bunkers," Jeffrey said when the third round got under way.

Arnold Palmer, one of the early starters, took a bogey five at the hole. But most of the players made par, and Tom Weiskopf got a birdie three.

O'Brien had worked for four years on the greens, getting them in top condition for the Open from the day Birkdale was chosen as the 1983 venue.

The vandals dug up the green in six places, making holes 15 inches long and 15 inches deep.

Divots were chopped up and spread around the green.

The white gloss paint daubed on the green was still not dry at the scheduled tee-off time.

The last incident of this kind in Britain was during a cricket test match between England and Australia at Headingley, Leeds, 10 years ago. Vandals dug up the center of the field during the night to protest the innocence of George Davis, who had been jailed for armed robbery.

The four boys who discovered the damage at Birkdale got their reward.

— Credit: AP Press



Fairview C.C. Greenwich — L. to R.: Edwin M. Appel, President; Walter Campbell, Golf Pro; and Robert Alonzi, Host Supt.

MGA 1983 Rules of Golf Quiz (continued)

18. In stroke play, a player's ball comes to rest on a wrong putting green that is separated from the correct green by a narrow area of fairway. He elects to putt the ball from where it lies and plays it to the correct putting green.

A. Player incurs a two-stroke penalty and the ball is in play.

B. Player incurs a penalty of two strokes, must cancel the shot and drop the ball off the wrong putting green.

C. Player is disqualified for a serious breach of Rule.

19. In a four-ball match, a player played his second shot from a fairway bunker toward the putting green, although it was an opponent's turn to play.

A. Player is required to replay the shot at his opponent's request, without penalty.

B. Player is disqualified from the hole, but the penalty does not apply to his partner.

C. The ball is in play without penalty.

20. In stroke play, a competitor struck his second shot toward a water hazard and sees the ball splash in the hazard. When he gets to the other side of the hazard, he finds his original ball, which must have skipped out of the hazard.

A. The dropped ball is in play and the original ball must be lifted.

B. The original ball is in play and the player incurs no penalty.

C. The original ball is in play and the player incurs a two-stroke penalty for playing the dropped ball.

21. In stroke play, a player hit his second shot out of bounds. He dropped and played another ball to the putting green. Upon retrieving the ball he hit out of bounds, he discovers it is not his ball. He then goes back and finds his first ball about thirty yards in front of where he struck his second shot out of bounds. He plays his original ball to the green.

A. The player incurs a two-stroke penalty for striking a wrong ball and must finish play of the hole with the ball he dropped.

B. The player incurs a two-stroke penalty for striking a wrong ball and must finish play of the hole with his original ball.

C. The player incurs a two-stroke penalty for striking a wrong ball plus a stroke-and-distance penalty for striking the ball out of bounds and must finish the hole with the original ball.

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Turfgrass Research Assisted By The New York State Turfgrass Association

Turfgrass research at Cornell University conducted by Drs. A. Martin Petrovic, Richard Smiley, Haruo Tashiro and Arthur Bing has been aided during the past year through the efforts of the New York State Turfgrass Association and the granting of over \$20,000.

The research extends over all areas of turfgrass management and includes work on diseases and fungicides, insects and insecticides, weed control and herbicides, soil fertility, wetting agents, cultivar evaluations, sewage sludge utilization, renovation and establishment techniques and comparison of liming materials. As a part of this research undertaking, NYSTA is funding a graduate student.

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This conclusion is based on a recently released study that measured the amount of 2,4-D (2,4-dichlorophenoxyacetic acid) in the urine of workers involved in ground or aerial applications, undertaken by R.C. Nash, P.C. Kearney, S.N. Fertig, J.C. Maitlen, and C.R. Sell — all of the USDA.

"The present study gives us an estimate of exposure for a segment of the population in closest contact with 2,4-D," Nash said in a recent press release. Because users of 2,4-D consider the herbicide to have a low order of toxicity, they are less likely to wear protective clothing than when applying other pesticides. Therefore, these amounts can generally be interpreted as the upper limit of exposure.

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Credit: National Coalition for a Reasonable 2,4-D Policy

Answer Sheet — 1983 Rules of Golf Quiz

Question	Answer	Applicable Rule/Decision	Comment
18.	A	Rule 35-1j	The Rules state that a ball on a wrong putting green <i>shall</i> be lifted.
19.	C	Rule 40-1d	A player playing out of turn through the green in Four-Ball Match Play incurs no penalty and the stroke is not replayed
20.	C	Rules 33-3b Dec. 60-32	A ball dropped and played while the original ball is in play is a wrong ball.
21.	B	Rule 21-3a	Strokes played with the wrong ball do not count in a competitor's score.

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Ginny Di Marzo, Superintendent's wife Sunningdale Country Club, Scarsdale

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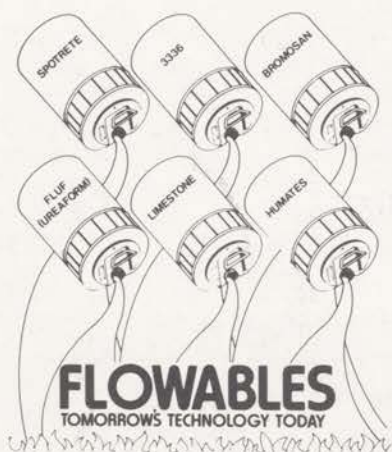
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