



# TEE<sup>TO</sup> GREEN



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## President's Message

### Giving Credit Where Credit Is Due . . .

*And Simple Ways You Can Show Your Support—to the Met and Fellow Supers*

In this month's message, I'd like to give all those involved in making the association what it is today a very large pat on the back. With the many job-related pressures and demands on our time, it's amazing to see the number of members willing to run for office and volunteer for committees year after year.

Thanks to these people's hard work and dedication, we have many successful programs in place. To name several of our accomplishments:

- Our research program, which is always actively seeking to fund research pertinent to the tri-state area, is currently supporting Dr. Noel Jackson's new moss research.

I, personally, have seen moss on every course that I've played this year, and I don't see it getting any better. Dr. Jackson will be needing volunteers who are willing to allow him to—in his words—"smoke some turf."

- Monthly meetings are very well organized. The various tournaments have been well received by our members, with the two-man team competitions among the most popular. We've had the opportunity during these tourneys to play with people we wouldn't normally select as partners. I applaud the Tournament Committee on this one.

- The *Tee to Green* looks as good as ever, and the informa- (continued on page 2)

## Special Feature

### Turf-Saving Tips From Our Southern Neighbors

*Leon T. Lucas of North Carolina State University Sheds Light on a Bentgrass-killing Syndrome—and Offers Universal Tips for Surviving a Hot, Humid Summer*

Summer decline of bentgrass greens has been a persistent problem in the Southeastern U.S.—a region prone to sustained heat and high humidity. This summer, with our weather closely paralleling our southern kin's, we could all profit from looking at what these golf courses must do to keep their turf alive and well.

Here, in addition to offering insight in summer decline of bentgrass, Leon T. Lucas of North Carolina State University shares turf-saving management techniques that apply to any golf course struggling to survive a hot, humid summer.

#### The Culprits of Summer Decline of Bentgrass Greens

Though such factors as disease, environmental stress, soil properties, and heavy traffic all come into play in bentgrass decline, the prime offenders seem to be high air and soil temperatures combined with humidity. What follows are the series of events and circumstances that

Lucas has found play a key role in the summer decline of bentgrass greens:

**1. Root growth—and regeneration—is seriously impaired by sustained high soil temperatures.** Trouble starts at 77

degrees F and escalates when soil temps rise above that. All it takes is a clear, sunny day with the air temperature above 90, and soil temperatures will likely register above 90 degrees F two inches deep in the soil.

These high temps cause the roots of cool-season grasses, like bentgrass, to seriously decline. Declining roots are more susceptible to root rotting fungi and other stresses, and because new roots cannot grow when soil temps are high, the old roots aren't replaced.

This seems to be the beginning of the end. The roots on individual bentgrass plants suffering from decline are few in number and short. A typical bentgrass plant in the summer in North Carolina, for instance, will have one or two small live roots from 1/4 to 1 inch long attached to a short (continued on page 3)

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tion has been timely. Our managing editor, Pandora Wojick, does her best to keep things on schedule, but then she has to deal with people like me who don't get their material to her on time. Sorry, Pandora; I'll keep trying.

- Our scholarship program is working very well. We are getting more applicants every year, and I think the amounts we award are meaningful to recipients.
- Our winter program is solid and well attended every January.
- We have a high percentage of certified golf course superintendents, particularly when compared to other associations.
- Our professionalism has earned us the respect of other industry groups. I'm proud to be a member—and now president—of such a fine group.

With all this said, now's *not* the time to rest on our laurels. I think we should scrutinize all our programs and committees and find ways to fine-tune and enhance our activities. We don't need to reinvent the wheel—just give it a little grease.

#### A Personal Show of Support

There are also things we, as individuals, could do better:

- Something you've undoubtedly heard before, but bears repeating, is to support to the Tri-State Turf Research Foundation. Though participation has improved, it still could be better. There's no reason we shouldn't get 100-percent participation.

How would you or your club feel if, after the patch disease research was completed and a remedy found, the information was limited to only those who helped fund the project? Of course, this would never happen, but if you or your club don't support the research, aren't you in effect saying that you don't care to have the results?

Interestingly, GCSAA is now consid-

ering supporting Tri-State research by offering matching funds.

- Finally, this has been a very stressful season, and the turf losses have varied from minimal to extreme. In many cases, superintendents have been very supportive of their neighbors. But this, too, is an area where many of us could stand to improve.

We need to reach out in support of those with the heavier losses. If members from other clubs, for instance, compare your course favorably to theirs or to others they've played, it's your responsibility to help these people recognize that turf responds differently—even in seemingly similar circumstances. As we all well know, soils, weather, and environment differ from course to course, and all come into play.

Being willing to share your experiences with other superintendents is also helpful. I, for one, have certainly found all the shortcomings of a poor irrigation system this year. If this isn't the year to sell your club on a new system, than there never will be one.

For me, just talking to other superintendents on the phone who have been experiencing similar problems has been helpful. It *always* helps to know you're not alone—particularly during a season as difficult as this one. Communication—now and always—is key.

#### An Easy Way to Get Involved

As I said earlier, I am proud to serve this association, and I highly recommend that all members somehow get involved. Serving on a committee that interests you is a good way to begin.

For those interested in joining the Board of Directors, give one of the Nominating Committee co-chairmen a call. (See announcement below.)

JOE ALONZI, CGCS  
President

## → Make a Difference . . . C'mon Board ←

If you'd like to join the MetGCSA Board of Directors—and make a difference in your association—be sure to contact Nominating Committee Co-Chairmen Mike Maffei (Back O'Beyond, 914-279-7179) or Peter Rappoccio (Silver Spring CC, 203-438-6720) no later than **October 2**.

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# Turf-Saving Tips From Our Southern Neighbors

live stolon.

Most of the older, longer roots are dead and are attached to rotted and dead portions of stolons. Rotting of stolons may be as much a factor in the summer decline syndrome as is the decline of the roots themselves. The reason: New roots develop on the youngest part of the stolons, so as the stolons die, the roots die.

The small plants are highly susceptible to any type of disease or environmental stress, and as some plants die, the turf becomes thin and the turf quality, naturally, declines.

**2. Wet and poorly drained soils have low levels of oxygen, which causes roots to drown and encourages disease-causing fungi to move in.** Too much water around the plants can occur on high-sand content greens, where thatch layers develop on the surface and cause perched water tables around the stolons and roots.

**3. Greens in low-lying areas surrounded by trees or mounds are generally hard hit because of the lack of air movement.**

Canopy temperatures and humidity are usually higher on these greens than on greens in open spaces with good air movement. Good air movement is also key in removing boundary layers and providing conditions for maximum evapotranspiration, which keeps the grass cooler and drier.

**4. Localized dry spots, which are sometimes the result of take-all patch, are more susceptible to decline.** Lucas has recorded canopy temperatures of 110 to 113 degrees F on bentgrass in localized dry spots when the air temperatures were 90 to 95 degrees F. As mentioned, these temps can kill bentgrass plants or cause severe damage that appears as a decline in these spots for several weeks.

**5. High-soluble salts in the top half-inch of soil and thatch have been detected on some greens that are developing summer decline.** These salts may be from fertilizers—especially those with high amounts of potassium—or from irrigation water with high salt content.

High salts are more prevalent during dry weather when it's often difficult to

irrigate enough to replace water removed by the plants and by evapotranspiration.

Excessive levels of salt can damage the roots and stolons and make these tissues more susceptible to a host of damaging fungi.

**6. Many different fungi have been isolated from roots with summer decline syndrome.** The most frequent culprit: Pythium. In fact, a total of 33 different species of Pythium have been isolated and identified by Dr. Gloria Abad from roots and stolons on bentgrass greens suffering summer decline.

Typical brown patch is often observed on these greens early in the summer, and some of the declining patches in late summer seem to spring up in the same spots as the brown patch was earlier.

Three different species of Rhizoctonia, which cause brown patch, also seem to be behind much of the stolon rot that is observed on declining bentgrass.

**7. Wilt, which we all know occurs during high temperatures, is generally the crowning blow to bentgrass plants with poor root and stolon systems.**

## Managing to Keep Your Bentgrass Out of Harm's Way

Being aware that bentgrass roots and stolons decline during the summer is the first step in preventing serious damage to your greens. The next step: Adopting management practices that encourage new root growth. Here are seven turf-saving practices that Lucas's research has proved effective:

✓ Aerifying in both the spring and early summer to allow better drainage through thatch layers and more oxygen into the soil.

✓ Removing trees or undergrowth from around greens to improve air movement.

✓ Installing fans around greens to help improve growing conditions in areas without good air movement. Tip: Fans should be directed downward to move air across the surface of the green and toward open areas for best efficiency.

✓ Taking care to apply small amounts

of water frequently when root systems are short to prevent drought stress.

✓ Preventing wilt from occurring during the summer months since weakened bentgrass plants cannot recover from wilt.

✓ Applying small amounts of fertilizer ( $\frac{1}{10}$  lb. of N/1000 sq. ft.) with a sprayer every 10 to 14 days during the summer. This has helped to avoid soluble salt problems and to insure adequate nutrients near the soil surface, where the new, short roots are growing.

Fertilizers applied earlier in the year may be deeper in the soil and not available to the newer, short roots. Some new bentgrass growth must continue during the hot weather to provide good turf quality.

✓ Applying fungicides. Using a combination of Aliette plus Fore or Aliette plus Daconil 2787 every 14 days beginning in early summer—about June 13—have improved turf quality in North Carolina State University's test plots.

These fungicide combinations have been effective in combating both Rhizoctonia and Pythium species that have been associated with the summer decline of bentgrass in North Carolina.

When applied at low levels, Aliette plus Fore have also proved effective in controlling brown patch. Tests on bentgrass in 1994 indicated that the Fore formulation gave better brown patch control and better turf quality than other types of mancozeb fungicide formulations.

## More Research to Come

More research is planned to uncover any further causes of summer decline syndrome and to offer superintendents additional control measures for this serious—often devastating—turf problem.

*The information for this article was drawn from "Update on Management of Summer Decline of Bentgrass," which appeared in the May 1995 issue of Turfgrass Matters, a Mid-Atlantic AGCS publication.*



## Metropolis Country Club Super: A Link Between Old and New Regime

**D**rive too fast along Dobbs Ferry Road in White Plains, NY, and you just might pass the inconspicuous sign that marks the entrance to one of the most prestigious golf courses in the county: Metropolis Country Club, the site of the Met's September 12 meeting and final round of the Met Area Team Championship Qualifier.

As you traveled the long driveway, past host Superintendent Tony Grasso's office, you probably noticed the beautiful old white birch specimens on the left, which have survived the course's nearly 100-year history.

Opened in 1898, the site was first home to Century Country Club. Metropolis took over in 1922, when Century's members opted to move their club to its current location on Anderson Hill Road in Purchase, NY.

Before opening its doors, Metropolis had Golf Course Architect Herbert B. Strong redesign the course's original 12 holes. Later, A.W. Tillinghast expanded on Strong's work by completing the course—and rebuilding and repositioning some of the original holes.

Adding to Metropolis's interest is the remarkable longevity of the people who operate the club. Over the past 60 years, there have been only four golf pros, three managers, and three golf course superintendents.

Included in this influential group are the late superintendent Joe Flynn (Brac Burn Superintendent Dennis Flynn's father), and Bruno Vadala, who Tony replaced in 1990, when Bruno (Tony's father-in-law of 15 years, by the way) retired after 40 years of service.

Tony recalls, "I learned more about turf at the dinner table with Bruno and my father—who owned and operated Metro Milorganite for 25 years until retiring in 1990—than I have from any book."

Tony did, however, pursue formal training. In fact, after completing an Associate's at Stockbridge in May 1976, he went on to earn a bachelor's in Plant and Soil Sciences at UMass in December 1979. Tony credits Dr. Joe Troll with

convincing him to go for the four-year degree.

### The Road to Metropolis

After three seasons of student placement work—one at Mt. Kisco and two at Siwanoy—Tony became an assistant at Metropolis, where he stayed until 1981. It was at this point that Tony got his first big break in the industry: the Superintendent's job at Willow Ridge Country Club in Harrison, NY.

"I got tremendous experience at Willow Ridge," says Tony. "I was able to take everything I learned throughout my years in school and under other superintendents and put it all to use."

Tony extols the merits of working for a variety of people as a way of opening your eyes to different practices. "A former boss of mine, Vinny Pentenero, taught me to learn not only from what others do right, but also from their mistakes," says Tony.

As Tony was about to begin his 11th year at Willow Ridge, his second big break came along: His former boss, Bruno Vadala, decided to step down at Metropolis. You might say Tony was a shoe-in for the job: "I knew not only every square inch of that 160-acre golf course," he says, "but also many of the club's members."

### Course Work—Past and Future

Since 1990, there's been plenty to keep Tony busy. One of his more recent—and major—undertakings was the installation of a new, Network 8000 irrigation system. This fall, Tony will also begin year two of what is projected to be a five-year, in-house bunker renovation program.

But Tony's biggest accomplishment was just completed: a brand-new tee and USGA-spec'd chipping green. "We seeded May 5 and opened them to play August 5," he notes.

Tony and his crew also did their share of work on the course's signature hole: the 400-yard, par 4 Number 6. This downhill, dog-leg left allows little room for error, especially down the left side where about forty, 100-plus-foot-

tall oaks overhang the fairway ready to grab your ball.

Ending on a two-tiered green, this hole's backdrop takes a page from Augusta National with its vivid color. Notes Tony, "It was trees galore until we cleared a lot of them. We planted annuals, perennials, and ornamentals in their place, attempting to get alternating blooms and a variety of color all season long."

To sum up this marvelous hole: It is the number one handicap hole on the course. Golfers who allow themselves to get distracted by its beauty, quickly learn to despise it.

### Industry Reflections

When asked what Tony likes best about his job, the first words out his mouth were "the camaraderie." Adds Tony, "I really like the friends I've made in the business and the playful competition amongst sister clubs, trying to get one up on each other. I talk to people in other industries who tell me they rarely socialize with their peers and basically have no camaraderie. In my mind, that does not exist in this industry."

"On the other hand, what does take place in this field—consistently—is club politics," Tony laments. "Sometimes, it seems like growing grass is the easy part of my job."

Tony's other lament, you could say, is the industry's surge in intensity. "Things have changed dramatically over the past 20 years," adds Tony, who says he feels like one of the links between the old regime and the new.

"My dad—like other sales reps at the time—used to be part salesman, part consultant. He'd spend a lot of time helping the superintendent with problems on the course. Now, most superintendents have formal educations in turf—today's 'high education' society requires it—and they rely a lot less on reps for advice."

Tony went on to cite a laundry list of other industry changes—from filling divots and cutting fairways at  $\frac{7}{16}$ " and then collecting clippings to computerized irrigation with double and triple



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rows in fairways—all things the 20-plus-year veterans are well aware of. "Golf has really taken off, which is great for us—on one hand," says Tony, "and not so great on the other: With the industry's success has come a lot more pressure and competition."

### Life's Been Good

Tony's main goal in life, he says with a chuckle, "is to reach retirement." He adds, "So far things have gone exceptionally well for me—and that includes my lovely wife, Lucille, who has put up with me for 15 years. Luckily, she grew up with a father in the business—Bruno Vadala—so she understands my hours. I'm also fortunate to have three great kids—Anthony, 13; Kathryn, 10; and Joseph, 2—and thank God, no pets."

Tony likes to hunt, fish, tailgate at Giants games, and watch the Jets lose. And of course, you never have to twist Tony's arm to join you in a round of golf.

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A new guide titled *Planting and Maintaining Sustainable Landscapes: A Guide for Public Officials and the Green Industry* offers current, research-based information on fertilizing trees, shrubs, and lawns; the fate of applied pesticides; and a rundown of low-maintenance trees, shrubs, and turf-grass species.

Also included are in-depth reviews of proper planting and maintenance of trees and shrubs, integrated pest management, and coastal landscaping, as well as a comprehensive list of recommended plants for a variety of locations.

Published by the University of Massachusetts Extension under the leadership of the Cape Cod Extension, this guide may be worth a gander—particularly for the \$7.50 pricetag.

To order, send a check payable to the UMass Bulletin Center, Cottage A, Thatcher Way, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA 01003. If you'd like further information, contact Kathleen Carroll at 413-545-0895.

### Upcoming Events

#### Met Area Team Championship

Thursday, October 5  
Huntsville Golf Club  
Shavertown, PA  
Host Superintendent: Scott Schukraft

#### Superintendent/Green Chairman Tournament

Tuesday, October 10  
Burning Tree Country Club  
Greenwich, CT  
Host Superintendent: Bill Perlee

#### Professional Turfgrass Field Day

Tuesday, October 17/Rain date: October 18  
Westchester Country Club  
Rye, NY  
Host Superintendent: Joe Alonzi, CGCS

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## Bat Facts

**B**ats have been accused of everything from carrying rabies to getting tangled in hair. The truth is they're a vital resource for controlling pests and pollinating flowers, with less than 3 percent of the bats sampled with rabies found to carry the virus.

There are 40 species of these furred, warmblooded mammals in North America. They eat primarily insects such as cut worms, corn borer moths, potato beetles, and mosquitoes. In fact, a single bat can catch up to 600 mosquitoes in just one hour and consume up to 3,000 insects per night.

Nearly 40 percent of America's bats are on the Federal Endangered Species

List. Destruction or disturbance of bat roosting sites (hollow trees, old buildings, barns, caves) and pesticides targeted at the insects on which bats feed have threatened these creatures. And their populations are slow to recover since most bats raise only one "pup" per year.

You can aid the survival of these beneficial creatures on your course by mounting bat houses a few hundred yards from streams, lakes, or wetlands—bats' favorite roosting sites.

An invitation to bats will be rewarded with many hours of insect control—a win-win for both you and the bats.

*Adapted from Field Notes, an Audubon Cooperation Sanctuary System publication.*

## Deterring Deer

*Tried-and-True Methods for Safeguarding Plants and Shrubs on Your Course*

**A**s we all know, there's no easy way to discourage deer from dining on plants and shrubs. They're intelligent—and very adaptable, developing a resistance to products used for any length of time.

What follows are several deer deterrents that experienced area gardeners have found effective.

**Gardener #1:** To protect evergreens and shrubs, RoPel, Chew-Not, and Hinder can be sprayed on new foliage throughout the growing season. For winter protection, BGR seems to have a longer residual action but should still be reapplied two or three times between October and March, when winter browse is the worst.

**Gardener #2:** To protect tulips, lilies, hostas, and daylilies, sprinkle Milorganite—at deer nose level—every three to four weeks in the spring. In the winter, apply Bobbex once a month to control winter browse damage.

**Gardener #3:** Apply Bobbex, tailoring the solution to the purpose. For instance, for winter protection of shrubs (including yews), spray every two to three months with a 4:1 (4 parts Bobbex to 1 part water). For annuals and perennials, mix a 6:1 or 8:1 solution and spray once a month. For tulips, spray every two to three weeks with an 8:1 solution.

*Note:* The Bobbex label recommends a 1:4 solution. So proceed with caution.

**Gardener #4:** Don't spray so much that the liquid runs off the plant. Spray lightly, with half-strength solutions; they're just as effective in discouraging deer as spraying at full strength. Spray frequency: every 10 to 15 days.

**Gardener #5:** Use plastic bird netting, which works particularly well on woody plants. Hang bars of strong-smelling soap in the netting, staking them at nose height about two to three feet apart. They'll last all season.

**Gardener #6:** Use a combination of Bobbex and Deer Away sachets hung on a stick at nose level.

**Gardener #7:** In the fall, bucks like to rub their antlers on trees and shrubs to remove the "velvet" from their newly hardened antlers, to mark their territory and to release their aggressions. Most at risk are trees one to two inches in diameter with smooth bark and shrubs without thorns. Rather than circle your plantings in five-foot high poultry wire, try surrounding your plants with a circle of wood stakes (1" x 2" x 6') about 12 inches apart. Put them up between mid to late September, and take them down early to mid April.

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## Family Picnic Returns to Woodway Beach Club



Who could ask for anything more than to sip a cold drink on a bright sunny afternoon while enjoying a crisp, cool breeze coming off Long Island Sound? After a month of intense turf pressure, Met area superintendents, assistants, suppliers, and—maybe most important—their spouses, finally had an afternoon of relaxation and fun on August 7.

There was plenty of room on the patio for social mingling, while kids—young and not so young—participated in the annual Family Olympics on the beach. New Social & Welfare Committee Chairman Tony Grasso conducted the games, calling on former committee chairman Jeff Scott to demonstrate each one. May I add, Jeff did an eloquent job.

With four teams competing for beach honors, it was the white team, with Dave Mahoney (Siwanoy CC) at the helm, that racked up the most first place finishes. Afterwards, Dave admitted that his Knute Rockne “win one for the Gipper” speech, as well as his Joe Paterno inspirational “rah-rah” made the difference.

A fierce battle between the Blue Team—led by me (Scott Apgar) and my wife, Jackie, and Mike and Ann Maffei (Back O’Beyond)—and the Yellow Team—led by Earl Millett (Ridgeway CC), Joe Stahl (Metro Milorganite), Don Szymkowicz (Engineers CC), and Greg Wojick (Greenwich CC)—almost turned ugly when Earl said he would do anything in his power to see the Blue Team lose. The best Earl’s teammates

could do was muster a tie as the two teams knotted up for second place overall.

The Green Team, lead by the fearless one, Jeff Scott, finished last. Jeff must have spent too much time demonstrating and too little time prepping his team. Maybe Dave Mahoney will give Jeff a few tips for next year.

Every child who participated was given a ribbon for each event, which made for many happy faces.

Other events of interest: Pat Lucas (Innis Arden GC) traveling up and down the beach with his metal detector, looking for lost treasure, and Scott Stark (Fenway GC) throwing an errant pass, while playing beach football. It crashed in the middle of the table where Bob Alonzi (Winged Foot GC) and family and friends were sitting, missing Bob’s head by inches.

It was a fantastic turnout on a wonderful day. Parents and children alike seemed to have a grand time.

As the water from the incoming tide covered the rocks that the kids and their dads had been climbing just a few short hours before, I couldn’t help but get a great feeling, gazing out at the American flag flying high above the solid, white pole anchored in the rocks. It’s important to stop and reflect on what we have and remember not to get so caught up in our jobs that we forget to enjoy life.

Hope to see everyone next year at Woodway’s Beach Club for the true, MetGCSA family event.

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### Notable Notes

### Newly Certified

**Ernie Steinhofner**, superintendent of The Nevele Hotel & Country Club, has been designated a Certified Golf Course Superintendent by the GCSAA. Congratulations, Ernie!

### Birth

Congratulations to Middle Bay Country Club Superintendent **John Carlone** and his wife, Leslie, on the birth of their son, Daniel John, on August 10.

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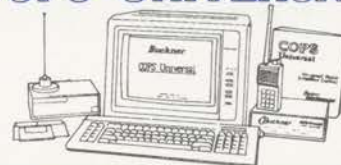
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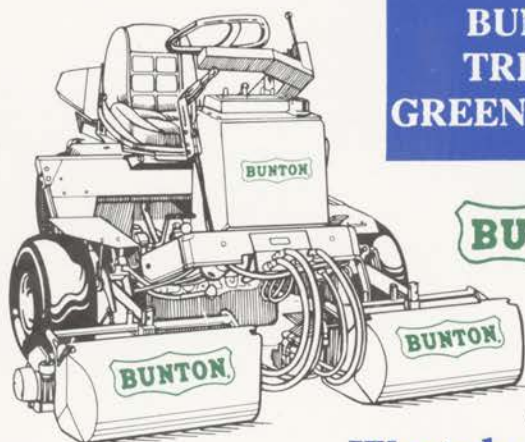


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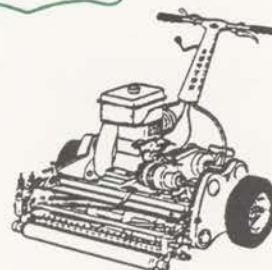
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## The Winning Scores at Salem Golf Club

**S**alem Golf Club, the site of our July meeting is truly a piece of God's country. It couldn't be more appropriate, then, that Preacher Bob Bruce has been the steward of this great golf course. Under extremely hot and humid conditions, Bob and his staff had the course prepped for tournament conditions. Special thanks, also, to Salem Manager Al Antonez for his extra efforts in making a great day and to Kammy Maxwell and the Pro Shop.

Ninety players were not only competing in an individual gross and net tournament, but also posting scores for the two-round Class A Championships and the two qualifying rounds for the Met Area Team Championship.

Here are the results:

### Individual Gross and Net Tournament

#### Low Gross Winners

- 69 Mike Medonis, *Bonnie Briar CC*
- 75 Al Antonez, *Salem GC*
- 75 Tom Watroba, *Quaker Ridge GC*
- 76 Matt Ceplo, *Rockland CC*
- 76 Earl Millett, *Ridgeway CC*

#### Low Net Winners

- 63 Todd Polidor, *Heritage Hills*
- 64 Mark Fuller, *Connecticut GC*
- 68 Charlie Siemers, *Hawthorne Bros.*
- 68 Will Heintz, *Hampshire CC*
- 69 Dennis Petruzzelli, *Lakeover Nat'l*

#### Longest Drive

- #8 Tom Watroba, *Quaker Ridge GC*

#### Closest to the Pin

- #4 Dennis Petruzzelli, *Lakeover Nat'l*
- #12 Tim O'Neill, *CC of Darien*



Within the tournament, we had fun with our Inaugural Alumni Tournament. Three lowest net scores (e.g., Todd Polidor, 63; Mark Fuller, 64; Will Heintz, 68/UMass) were posted from seven schools. The official MetGCSA/UPI rankings are:

1.	UMass	195
2.	URI	207
3.	Rutgers	212
4.	PSU	220
5.	Delhi	222
6.	UConn	226
7.	Cobbleskill	231

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## The Poa Annual Report

**S**eventy-one golfers braved the heat August 21 to play in this year's Poa Annual Golf Tournament. Proceeds from this annual fundraiser—which was again hosted by Superintendent Fred Scheyhing at Mount Kisco Country Club in Mount Kisco, NY—help support the turf program at SUNY-Delhi.

Special thanks to the 25 commercial participants who kindly sponsored 18 tees and seven greens.

What follows are the results of the tourney, a Best Ball of Four format:

### Low Gross Winners

- 68 F. Lamphier, *Aspectuck Valley CC*, J. Strevens, *Aspectuck Valley CC Golf Pro*, D. Hanson & D. Hoffman, *Aspectuck Valley CC members*
- 70 F. Scheyhing, *Mount Kisco CC*, T. Grasso, *Metropolis CC*, E. Millett, *Ridgeway CC*, M. Millett, *Old Oaks CC*

### Low Net Winners

- 56 T. Polidor, *Heritage Hills of West.*, J. Currie, *Currie Landscaping*, D. Delano, *Heritage Hills vice president/general manager*, B. Albanese, *Guest*
- 56 J. Martin, *Shackamaxon CC*, L. Dodge, *Essex Fells CC*, B. Dwyer, *Somerset Hills CC*, V. Bracken, *Fairmont CC*

### Longest Drive

- #9 Tony Grasso, *Metropolis CC*
- #17 Charlie Siemers, *Hawthorne Bros. Tree Service*

### Closest to the Pin

- #4 Joe Alonzi, *Westchester CC*
- #8 Ted James, *Whippoorwill Club member*
- #13 Lance Authelet, *D.P. Golf Assocs.*
- #10 Mike Gesmundo, *Bruedan Corp.*

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