



# TEE<sup>TO</sup> GREEN

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## President's Message

### Reminders You'd Do Well to Forget . . .

*Once in a While*

I get into my truck and feel something beneath me . . . a tee. I saw one on the kitchen counter the other morning. Margaret is constantly giving me freshly laundered ones. No matter where I go or what I do there are always reminders of work: Golf balls on my dresser as I get ready in the morning . . . a bucket of balls in the garage as I leave the house. I'll never forget the one under my brake peddle, as my life flashed before my eyes one day in traffic. I think they breed as I sleep. There always seems to be more of them everywhere. Unfortunately, they're never pure white Titleist; they're always some lame looking range ball that's taken a trip through the woods, not to mention a swim or two.

But they *are* reminders. I see one and I think . . . Did I change the clocks on the irrigation system? . . . Complete my work schedule for tomorrow? . . . Get the time cards done? . . . Schedule in time to write that dreaded next President's Message?

As I ponder this subject further, I start to think about stress. Are we monitoring our stress levels, as well as the stress level of our turf? Let's face it, physical and mental stress are great factors in our lives this time of year. I like to relieve the tension by getting out with friends and enjoying those warm summer nights, but *(continued on page 2)*

## Special Feature

### Practice Tee Turf Savers

*Superintendents Talk About Their Synthetic Turf Solutions to Overused and Undersized Practice Tees*

No longer are synthetic tee surfaces limited to public driving ranges. In a last-ditch effort to keep their undersized and overused practice tees playable through the season, a growing number of private clubs are installing and using—if only on a limited basis—one of the many synthetic tee surfaces on the market today.

To help you wade through the near-dizzying array of alternatives, we canvassed several area superintendents with synthetic tee surfaces in place. In addition to supplying us with essential facts and figures, these superintendents offer a frank assessment of their surface's performance.



**Jon Jennings, CGCS, The  
Patterson Club, Fairfield, CT**

**Surface:** Monster Mat, a synthetic turf with a three-inch foam backing.

**Company:** SafePlay International, Inc., Cedar Hill, TX, 214-230-1493.

**Initial Cost:** Approximately \$4,400 with labor for thirteen 6' x 6' mats (\$285 per mat).

**Year Installed:** Spring 1994

**Maintenance Requirements:** Rotate mats weekly to insure even wear.

**Annual Maintenance Costs:** \$150 for replacement of rubber tees.

**Site Preparation:** Excavated area to a six-inch depth, backfilled with three inches of compacted stone dust, and set mats to grade.

**Comments:** "The practice tee at Patterson is a little more than 12,300 square feet—not nearly large enough to accommodate the 650 families who have access to our range. So, by the end of June every year, we had very little grass left on the tee—even with a pretty rigorous maintenance program, which includes seeding and topdressing twice a week."

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## Reminders You'd Do Well to Forget . . .

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then doesn't that next morning come all too quickly? A good night's sleep is the only practical escape, but I'm finding it more and more difficult to get to bed early. Sometimes I find myself thinking like my kids as that bedtime hour approaches: "Just 10 more minutes . . . please."

Then there's good ol' Mother Nature: She's out to get us one way or another. If she's not making our job tougher by hitting us with a variety of weather extremes, then she's sacking the sun's damaging rays on our skin or making conditions just right for a variety of blood-sucking pests, like mosquitoes and deer ticks. Yes, it's supposed to be a banner year for both.

I guess my best advice—aside from wearing sunscreen or at least those freebie hats we all get and scanning yourself and your pets for ticks—is to

put all those job reminders out of sight . . . so they're out of mind too, even if it's just for an hour a day.

Sure, most of us in this business are conditioned to associate relaxation during the season with laziness and self-indulgence, but if we're to keep ourselves from short-circuiting before the season's out, we've really got to program ourselves to take a time-out each and every day. Maybe it's a lunch break or leaving work at a reasonable hour.

If you're shy about treating yourself to a little well-deserved R & R, just remember: The golf course will still be there when you get back. The only difference: You'll be in a better frame of mind to tackle those inevitable challenges that await you.

JOHN J. O'KEEFE, CGCS  
President

### Upcoming Events

#### Meeting Reminder!

##### Met Area Team Championship Qualifier, Round 1

Monday, August 5

The Tuxedo Club, Tuxedo Park, NY

Host Superintendent: Tim Garceau



#### Social Events

##### MetGCSA Family Picnic

Monday, July 29

Woodway Beach Club, Stamford, CT

Plan to come at 3 p.m. and enjoy the sun and sand at Woodway's beautiful beach club.

This year's event will feature a special appearance from Clarence the Clown. From 5 to 6:30 p.m., Clarence will perform magic, sculpt balloon animals, guide children in musical games, and provide face painting and tattoos.



A sand castle contest is one of the many other activities planned for the day. Be sure to take advantage of this opportunity for family fun.

It's \$30 per adult, which includes hors d'oeuvres, a mixed grill buffet cookout, and an ice cream sundae bar. Children under 18 are free.

### It's Coming! . . .

##### The MetGCSA Summer Social

Sometime in August

Fairview Country Club, Greenwich, CT

Watch for an update—and mailing—on this ever-popular event.



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**Brett Armstrong** is the new superintendent at Green Gables Country Club in Denver, CO. Previous position: Assistant superintendent, Greenwich Country Club, Greenwich, CT.

**Gina Gatto** is the new superintendent at Winding Hills Golf Club in Montgomery, NY. Previous position: Assistant superintendent, Winged Foot Golf Club, Mamaroneck, NY.

### Special Recognition

**Joe Alonzi**, the MetGCSA's past president and Westchester Country Club superintendent, has recently been honored with the Environmental Leadership Award from the Town and Village of Harrison Environmental Advisory Committee.

This annual award recognizes outstanding efforts to protect and enhance the environment. Joe was recognized for his many efforts in safe chemical storage, water conservation, and his pursuit of certification in the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary Program.

Congratulations, Joe!

### Births

Congratulations to . . .

**Scott and Kathy Stark** on the birth of their daughter, Emma, May 16. Scott is superintendent at Fenway Golf Club in Scarsdale, NY.

**Steve and Annette Sweet** on the birth of their daughter, Lindsay Marie, June 26. Steve is superintendent at Mill River Club in Oyster Bay, NY.

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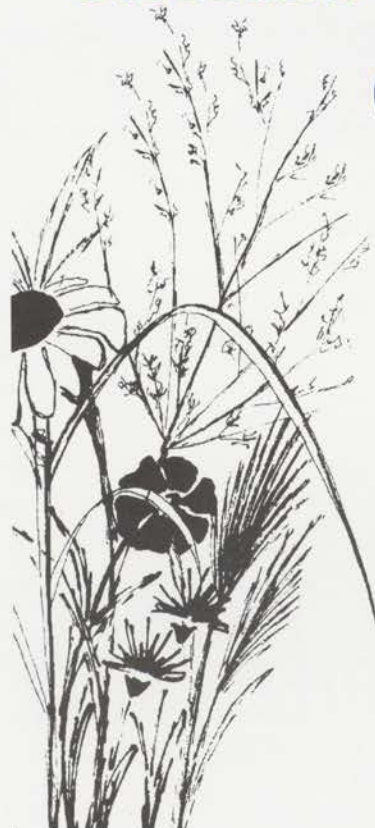
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## Practice Tee Turf Savers

"To spare our tee, we decided at a Greens Committee meeting to install an alternative surface. After some investigation, we settled on the Monster Mats. We bought 13 and laid them side-by-side across the back of our tee. We restrict play to the mats during rainy periods and outings. And when the practice tee begins to show signs of serious wear, we ask that members hit from the mats for about two weeks until the turf has time to recover.

"Of course, there are always those members who refuse to hit from the mats; some place a tee directly in front of them, leaving us with a strip of dirt. But I'd have to say most members don't mind the mats because they enable you to practice during inclement weather, and though not a true test of your swing, the mats do allow you to hit pretty much a perfect shot every time.

"For me, one of the biggest selling points for the mats is that they're

basically maintenance free. We do nothing other than replace the rubber tees—maybe twice a month."



**Peter Bly, Brooklawn Country Club, Fairfield, CT**

**Surface:** Nova Tee, a high-pile synthetic mat that is topdressed with a sand and crumb-rubber mixture.

**Company:** NovaGrass International Inc., Chattanooga, TN, 800-835-0033.

**Initial Cost:** \$4,600 (approximately \$8 per square foot).

**Year Installed:** 1995

**Maintenance Requirements:** Sand and rubber mixture must be raked smooth after each day of use.

**Annual Maintenance Costs:** \$2,200 in labor and \$600 in materials.

**Site Preparation:** Excavated area to a four-inch depth and backfilled with one-half inch of Item #4, four inch compacted. Next, topped area with stone dust, graded the surface to a one-percent pitch, rolled out material, and

topdressed the Nova Tee with a 50:50 mix (by weight) of sand and crumb rubber.

**Comments:** "My Greens Committee had asked me to investigate alternative surfaces that can be used during foul weather and during outings to help preserve the turfgrass on our practice tee. After some pretty thorough research, we settled on Nova Tee.

"Fortunately, we decided to experiment first with a smaller sized tee, because our membership basically refuses to use the surface; it's out-and-out rebellion. Even though this surface is closer than most to the look and feel of real grass, people felt being asked to use the tee was like being relegated to a public driving range.

"One justified gripe with Nova Tee is that it's tough on the elbows and shoulders if you use it for any length of time. And if you hit fat, the surface grabs the ball—kind of like Bermuda grass would down South. Of course,

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that problem could be solved by putting a tee in the ground, which is an option with the Nova Tee.

"I guess I'd have to say this is a great surface to warm up on but not good as a practice medium. And at our course, the driving range gets a lot of use. People will come after work, hit at the range for an hour-and-a-half, and then leave—rather than play a round of golf.

"It's a good thing that our practice tee is a decent size; it's 22,000 square feet. With intensive maintenance—last year, for instance, we applied 40 tons of topdressing and more than 1,000 lbs. of seed—we can generally keep grass on it throughout the season."



**Larry Pakkala, CGCS, Woodway Country Club, Darien, CT**

**Surface #1:** Nova Tee, a high-pile synthetic mat

that is topdressed with a sand and crumb-rubber mixture.

**Company:** NovaGrass International Inc., Chattanooga, TN, 800-835-0033.

**Initial Cost:** \$10,000 (approximately \$8 per square foot).

**Year Installed:** 1994

**Maintenance Requirements:** When tee is in use, it requires about one hour of labor each day to brush topdressing into divots.

**Annual Maintenance Costs:** Under \$500 in labor, under \$500 in materials.

**Site Preparation:** Excavated a 12' x 120' area at the back of the practice tee to a four-inch depth, backfilled with four inches of Item #4, and watered and rolled to settle. Then pitched a one-inch layer of stone dust from the center to the front and back of the excavated area. Then watered and rolled again.

**Surface #2:** Fairway Feel Mat, an all-natural fiber in a thick, deep weave.

**Company:** Reliable Golf Course Supplies, Glen Falls, NY, 800-274-6815.

**Initial Cost:** \$210 for a 39" x 51" mat.

**Year Installed:** Winter of '95/'96

**Maintenance Requirements:** Rotate mat as necessary.

**Annual Maintenance Costs:** Next to nothing.

**Site Preparation:** None because it was laid

on top of a section of the Nova Tee. Normally would require the installation of an asphalt or a concrete pad.

**Surface #3:** Premium Range Mat, an Astro Turf.

**Company:** Reliable Golf Course Supplies, Glen Falls, NY, 800-274-6815.

**Initial Cost:** \$330 for a 5' x 5' mat.

**Year Installed:** Winter of '95/'96

**Maintenance Requirements:** Rotate mat as necessary.

**Annual Maintenance Costs:** Next to nothing.

**Site Preparation:** None because it was laid on top of a section of the Nova Tee. Normally would require the installation of an asphalt or a concrete pad.

**Comments:** "When searching for an alternative practice surface, my Greens Committee and I settled on the Nova Tee, primarily because when it's installed and maintained properly, it looks and plays more like real turf than most other surfaces. You can even stick a tee into it.

"It's hard and firm, though, so after two seasons of use, members began complaining that hitting from the tee bothered their elbow joints. The other slight drawback is that the Nova Tee is more costly and labor-intensive to maintain than most of the other artificial tees.

"This past winter, we decided to experiment with two other surfaces. We laid a Premium Range Mat and a Fairway Feel Mat right on top of a section of the Nova Tee so members could hit from any of the three artificial tees.

"Of the three surfaces, I'd have to say members prefer hitting from the Astro Turf. It's more forgiving on the joints—and on bad swings. In other words, the ball will go a good distance, no matter how bad a shot you take.

"Personally, I still like the Nova Tee, but the Fairway Feel is also a great product. In fact, I'd recommend this mat to anyone who has to rely heavily on an alternative practice surface because it requires little maintenance, and it's right up there in looks to the Nova Tee. It

resembles bentgrass fairway turf, it eliminates the shock and rebound of most mats, and it won't leave marks on club heads. The other nice feature with Fairway Feel is that you can play directly off the mat like a lie on a fairway or use a regular tee for drives.

"But regardless of the surface, these practice tee substitutes aren't meant to be used constantly. We've relied on ours solely to protect our practice tee from excessive damage during the winter, early spring, and for about two weeks in August when we renovate the turf and want to allow the new seed to germinate.

"I guess my final bit of advice to anyone considering an alternative practice surface at their club would be to make sure you have your members select the surface. Search out several suitable surfaces and then suggest that they go to these clubs and try them out. In the end, you'll be sure to get what the majority of members like most—and it will spare you the blame for any dissatisfaction."



**Bill Perlee, Burning Tree Country Club, Greenwich, CT**

**Surface:** Wittek Golf Mat/Asphalt pad

combination.

**Company:** Wittek Golf Supply Co., Inc., Chicago, IL, 800-869-1800.

**Initial Cost:** \$5,600 for 700 square feet (approximately \$8 per square foot for mats; \$2 per square foot for asphalt pad).

**Year Installed:** 1993

**Maintenance Requirements:** Replace rubber tees periodically throughout the season. Rotate mats every three or four weeks to insure even wear. Bring them inside during the winter when the range is closed.

**Annual Maintenance Costs:** Minimal.

**Site Preparation:** Excavated area to a six-inch depth, backfilled with Item #4, three inches compacted, paved area to grade, and placed mats down.

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## Practice Tee Turf Savers

**Comments:** "Because our practice tee is undersized and our membership very active, I suggested to our Greens Committee that we install an alternative surface that would spare our tee from excessive wear—particularly during golf outings—and allow a practice tee to remain open during inclement weather.

"After considering eight or nine different materials, we settled on the Wittek Golf Mat—primarily because it seemed to be the sturdiest. To achieve a level surface and provide a truer feel, we installed an asphalt pad under the matting.

"We try to restrict play to mats during the week—unless there's a ladies' event—and reserve the regular tee for weekend play.

"What we've found after three years of use is that the mats are beginning to show signs of wear—to the point where we're considering replacing them. The other disappointment has been that the mats tend to curl in the heat.

"Members, as you can imagine, aren't crazy about the mats. In fact, some will ignore posted signs requesting that they hit from them. Despite that, we've still found that using the mats periodically has helped preserve our practice tee."



**John Carlone, CGCS, Middle Bay Country Club, Oceanside, NY**

**Surface:** Astro Turf Mats.

**Company:** Wittek Golf Supply Co., Inc., Chicago, IL, 800-869-1800.

**Initial Cost:** \$245 per 5' x 5' mat when you purchase 25 or more/\$265 per mat for quantities under 25.

**Year Installed:** Fall 1993

**Maintenance Requirements:** We blow off the mats daily and rotate them twice a year to insure even wear. We replace the rubber tees (two per mat) first thing in the spring and one more time during the year.

**Annual Maintenance Costs:** About \$200 a year.

**Site Preparation:** Paved back of tee with a 6' x 100' strip of asphalt. Excavated to a six-inch depth, backfilled with four

inches of crushed stone, four inches of asphalt, compacted to six inches final thickness.

**Comments:** "During the course of the year, we would move golfers from back to front of our practice tee five or six times a year, aerifying, overseeding, and fertilizing each hitting zone immediately after we moved players up on the tee.

"We had worked hard at avoiding installing synthetic turf, but it really became a losing battle. At 9,000 square feet, our practice tee just wasn't large enough to make it through the season with grass on it. By August, players were hitting off dirt.

"Despite some initial resistance from the membership, we installed Astro Turf—eleven 5' x 5' mats. After laying the asphalt pad, we covered it with charcoal-colored indoor-outdoor carpeting, which we nailed to the 1" x 2" form surrounding the asphalt pad. Then we laid the mats on top of the carpeting, spacing them three feet apart and anchoring them to the same 1" x 2" form.

"We allow play on the practice tee Friday through Sunday, and then the rest of the week—Monday through Thursday—we restrict play to the mats. We also require that members hit off the mats during inclement weather.

"Aside from allowing the grass time to recover on the practice tee, the mats extend the time members can hit balls. Before, the range wouldn't open before April 1 and would close November 1. Now, with the mats, members can use the range from early March till it snows—usually at least until early December.

"With this schedule, our mats have held up pretty well: We've gotten two seasons out of the first set of mats. To save money up front, we purchased 25 mats. That's basically given us a four-year supply, since we've had to change them only once in two years. With the additional three mats, we created a teaching tee. We located it at the rear of our range—325 yards away from the

regular tee—so that our pros could give lessons free of distractions.

"Even though the mats provide some relief for the practice tee turf, on weekends we still restrict golfers to certain hitting zones, using 2" x 4"s and ropes to control their position on the grass. Still, by the end of a busy weekend, our range is total dirt. The only saving grace is that now we can give the turf four days to recover."

"We probably use the mats more than other clubs who have installed alternative surfaces. And though members were resistant at first, most have actually come to prefer the Astro Turf because it's easier to get the ball airborne. I'm very happy with the mats because they're basically maintenance free, and they've reduced the maintenance requirements on the grass tee."

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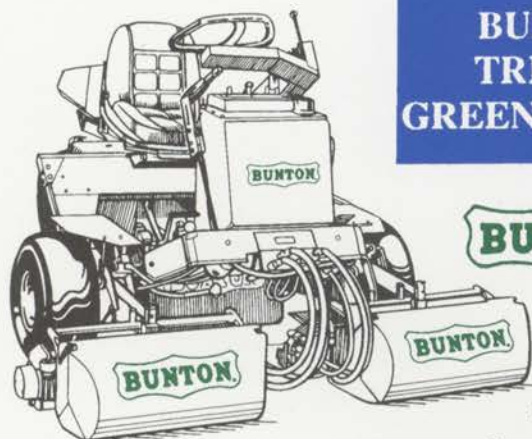
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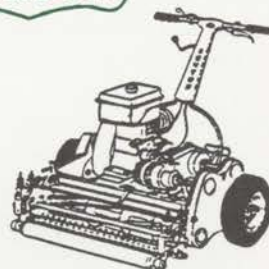
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## Long Island Triumphs Over the Met in Softball Rematch

The Jericho Firehouse in Jericho, NY, was the site of the 1996 softball rematch between the MetGCSA and LIGCSA. Trying to avenge last year's 26-10 loss, the Met fell short again, but this time, by a much more respectable score of 21-16.

Falling behind 8-0 after one inning, the Met—sparked by Dave Polidor's (*St. Andrews GC*) three-run homer in the second—started their tremendous climb back. A five-run fifth inning actually put the Met in the lead, 11-10. "Unfortunately, everything we did right after our first-inning disaster was forgotten in the sixth, as our short-lived lead was lost," recalls first baseman Tom Leahy (*Sleepy Hollow CC*).

Long Island scored 10 runs in this deciding inning and never looked back.

Scott Apgar (*Metro Milorganite*) led the Met with four hits in five times at bat, scoring four runs and driving in another. Phil Anderson (*Old Westbury*

*Golf & CC*) and Lynn O'Neil (*Glen Head CC*) also helped pace the Met, driving in nine of the 16 runs. The two players were gracious enough to play for the Met when another poor turnout left the team shorthanded.

Harry Bahrenburg (*Huntington*

*Crescent*  
Barry  
Hills



*Club*) and Allan  
(*Hampton*  
*Golf & CC*)

led Long Island's attack, combining for six hits, seven RBIs, and five runs scored. Stellar defense between Polidor and Apgar helped keep the game close.

A delectable feast, put on by Doug Heron of Maxwell Turf in conjunction with Mike Oleykowski of CIBA, followed the game.

In the fall, the two associations will play again on Long Island, if and only if the Met can round up a few more participants. Says Dave Polidor: "If the guys would just come one time, they would see how much fun this is and would play again and again." Everyone agreed.

SCOTT C. APGAR  
Metro Milorganite, Inc.

### MetGCSA Spring '96 Softball Team Lineup

Phil Anderson, Old Westbury	SS
Scott Apgar, Metro Milorganite, Inc.	LF
Bryan Bolehala, W.A. Cleary	C/RF
Tim Joyce, The Scotts Company	3B
Tom Leahy, Sleepy Hollow CC	1B
Mike Oleykowski, CIBA	2B
Lynn O'Neil, Glen Head CC	P
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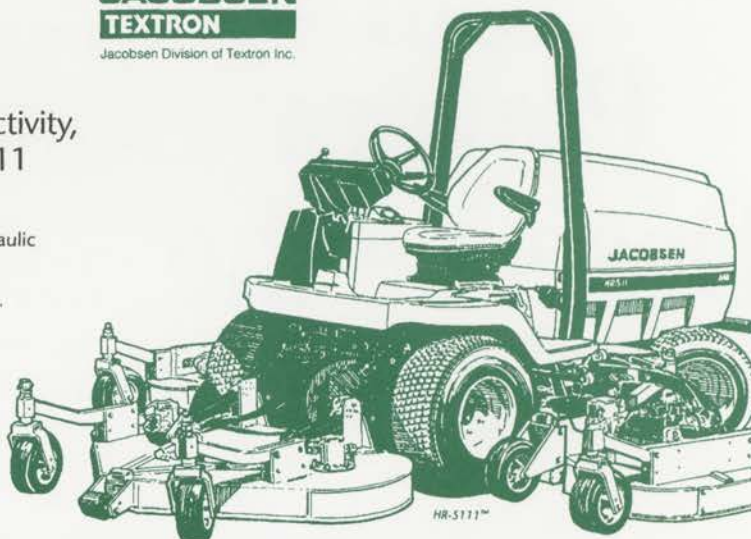
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# The MetGCSA: It's a Family Affair

A "Grand List" of the Met's Many Family Connections

**T**he Met is a complex network of friends—and lots of family. Inspired by the *Golf Course Management* article on the father-son duo GCSAA President Bob Williams and his dad, the senior Bob Williams—who preceded his son as superintendent of Bob O'Link Golf Club in Highland Park, IL—we decided to take a look at the many family connections in our own association. Some of them are so well known they need no introduction. Others are well-kept secrets.

Here's a look at the many surprising—and not-so-surprising—family alliances. How many do *you* know about?

## Father-and-Son Duos—Near and Far

- Sleepy Hollow Superintendent Joe Camberato's father, the late Sam Camberato, was superintendent at Vernon Hills Country Club—now known as Lake Isle.
- Brae Burn Superintendent Dennis Flynn's dad, the late Joe Flynn, was a long-tenured super at Metropolis Country Club.
- Bruno Vadala, the now-retired superintendent who assumed Joe Flynn's position at Metropolis, has a son who followed in his footsteps: Greg Vadala is superintendent at Montclair Golf Club in New Jersey.
- Yardley Golf Club Superintendent Al Caravella's son, Mike, was the superintendent at Apawamis Club and is now the super at Broad Acres Golf Club in Hudson Valley.
- Jim Fulwider and son J.C. Fulwider are the past and present superintendents of Century Country Club.
- Quaker Ridge Superintendent Tony Savone had a dad in the business, the late Tom Savone a former superintendent of Fenway Golf Club.
- Scarsdale Superintendent Herb Waterous has a son, Pete, who is superintendent at Westchester Hills.
- Innis Arden Superintendent Pat Lucas has a superintendent son, Patrick, at Woodcrest Country Club in New Jersey.
- Ardsley Superintendent George

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- Heritage Hills Superintendent Todd Polidor has an assistant superintendent son, David, at St. Andrews.
- Winged Foot Superintendent Bob Alonzi has a Class B son, Rob, at Wykagyl.
- Westchester Country Club Superintendent Joe Alonzi has a Class B son, Chris, at Brae Burn.
- Mt. Kisco Superintendent Fred Scheyhing has an assistant superintendent son, Mike, in Spring Hill, FL, at the Timber Pines Country Club.
- Stanwich Club Superintendent Scott Niven grew up in the business—at The Angus Lea Club in New Hampshire, which Scott's father, Russ, owned and operated.
- Retired Canoe Brook Superintendent Skip Cameron has a son, Gary, who is the superintendent at Gamblers Ridge in New Jersey.
- Mel Lucas Jr. followed in the footsteps of his father, Mel Lucas Sr., as the super at Piping Rock Club on Long Island. Currently running his own turf consulting firm, Links Counsellor, on the Cape, Mel Jr. is a former GCSAA president. Mel Sr. had the pleasure of working under Robert Trent Jones and attending UMass with Sherwood Moore and Bob Williams Sr., father of GCSAA's current president.

## Brothers in the Business

- Bob and Joe Alonzi are two brothers in the business who need little introduction.
- Another infamous pair: Old Oaks Superintendent Mark Millett and Ridgeway Superintendent and current MetGCSA VP Earl Millett.
- Then there's the Grasso duo: Tony, who's at Metropolis, and his younger brother, Larry, at Lake Isle.
- A brother trio—the only we know of—is Metedeconk National Superintendent Steve Cadenelli and former Met members Bruce, who is now superintendent at Caves Valley in Maryland, and Eric, superintendent at Galloway National Golf Club in New Jersey.

- Scott Niven has not only a father in the business, but also a brother. Curt Niven is both the superintendent and golf pro at The Angus Lea Club in New Hampshire.
- Woodway Country Club Superintendent Larry Pakkala has an older brother, D.J., in California who moved from director of golf course operations for the Pebble Beach Company to director for Club Corp. of Asia.

## A-C/C-C Alliances

- A well-known A-C pair are the now retired superintendent legend and former GCSAA president, Sherwood Moore, and his son Glen Moore of Glenmore Landscape Service.
- Then there's Al Tretera of Turf Products Corp. and his superintendent son, Scott Tretera, of Elmwood Country Club. Little-known fact: Al was a superintendent for many years at Fenway Golf Club.

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62 Bob Nielsen/Bill Burke  
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### Open Best Ball

#### Low Net Winners

- 63 Joe Stahl, *Metro Milorganite, Inc.*  
Bill Middleton, *Emerald Isle, Ltd.*  
63 Herb Waterous, *Scarsdale GC*  
Jim Fulwider Sr., *Life member*

### Longest Drive

Gary DeVaux, Superintendent  
*Connecticut Golf Club*  
Scott Burne, Manager, *Old Oaks CC*

### Closest to the Pin

Matt Ceplo, Superintendent  
*Rockland Country Club*  
Dan Vasquez, Manager, *Ridgeway CC*

## It's a Family Affair

- An A-A-C combo is Tony Grasso, brother Larry, and their now retired father Tony Sr., who founded Metro Milorganite nearly 30 years ago.
- Another Metro retiree, John Wistrand, had a son in the business: the late Craig Wistrand, who was a long-tenured superintendent of the Round Hill Club. Craig's son, Jason, a Met scholarship recipient, is now in the landscape business—a close cousin to the golf course turf management industry.
- Several father-son C-C alliances: The Mullanes, Bob and his dad, Neal, of Alpine, the Care of Trees; the Lippmans, Bob Sr. and Bob Jr., of Westchester Turf Supply; the Callahans, the late John Sr. and John Jr. of The Cardinals; the Richichis, Dom and John of Dar Par Sales; the Rizzios, Ernie and Buddy of Turf Products Corp./NJ.
- Then there's the C-C brother-in-law duo: Joe Stahl and Scott Apgar of Metro Milorganite.

### Other Family Connections

- The Millett brothers are cousins to Whipoorwill Superintendent Chuck Martineau.
- Bill Gaydosh, superintendent of Round Hill, is uncle to Paul Gonzalez, superintendent of the Canyon Club.
- Bruno Vadala, formerly of Metropolis, is father-in-law to current Metropolis Superintendent Tony Grasso.
- Dom Richichi of Dar Par Sales is father-in-law to Ridgeway Superintendent Earl Millett.

### Final Note

Though we worked long and hard to compile a complete list of family relations, we no doubt missed a few. If your name didn't make the "grand list," please accept our apologies—and feel free to jot us a line with the history on *your* family relation.

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69 Earl Millett's team, *Ridgeway CC*

#### Longest Drive

Shawn Burke, Golf Professional  
*Round Hill Club*  
Mark Millett, Amateur  
*Old Oaks Country Club*

#### Low Net Winners

- 57 Vin Sharkey's team, *Wheatley Hills*  
59 Mike Medonis's team, *Bonnie Briar*  
59 Bill Perlee's team, *Burning Tree CC*

#### Closest to the Pin

R. Lubas, Golf Pro, *Bonnie Briar CC*  
M. Medonis, Supt., *Bonnie Briar CC*  
D. Cole, Club Official, *Patterson Club*  
S. Frankel, Club Official, *Fenway GC*

### West Course

#### Low Gross Winners

- 64 Les Kennedy's team, *CC of Waterbury*  
66 Jim McNally's team, *Pocantico Hills*  
67 Dennis Flynn's team, *Brae Burn CC*

#### Longest Drive

Tom Gleeton, Golf Professional  
*Country Club of Waterbury*  
Les Kennedy, Amateur  
*Country Club of Waterbury*

#### Low Net Winners

- 56 Joe Alonzi's team, *Westchester CC*  
57 Bert Dickinson's team, *Willow Ridge CC*  
60 Fred Scheyhing's team, *Mt. Kisco*

#### Closest to the Pin

B. Zabriski, Golf Pro, *Westchester CC*  
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