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SUPERINTENDENT RECOGNITION GAINING

Two ideas crowd my thoughts as I sit at my desk and look at my back-yard display of brilliant azaleas.

First, the golf course superintendent is being recognized. I was the speaker at the recent monthly meeting of the Mid-Atlantic GCSA at Crofton, Md. A copy of the USGA Journal had just arrived and I showed the article on Richie Valentine and said a few words about how I worked with his father, Joseph Valentine. Recognition can come not only to the famous or to those who are kin to the famous, but to all who are diligent, successful and who can capture the fancy of the public and press.

An excellent case in point is the recognition that has been given to George Thompson of Columbia CC in Washington. He is Mid-Atlantic president and presided effectively at the meeting where I spoke. The next morning’s mail brought the May Golf Superintendent, and who should grace the cover but George Thompson!

Another fine recognition for a superintendent appeared on the cover of Grounds Maintenance for April. Ted Woehrle, director of GCSAA and superintendent at Oakland Hills CC in Michigan, is pictured on the job. A fine story is carried inside on his irrigation system.

Recognition of this kind is the best public relations that can be found. The stories are not only reaching other superintendents, but the general public, who now better appreciate the superintendent’s job.

Q—Our greens last fall (November) were treated with tri-calcium arsenate at two pounds and again in March at the same rate. The results were so good that we have bare areas where the Poa annua disappeared. The bentgrasses are vigorous and healthy. We’ve been on a “no-phosphorus” program for five years. The thin and bare areas will be reseeded at once with Penncross on the greens and Manhattan rye-grass on the approaches. Do we have enough toxicity to act as a pre-emergence for goosegrass (Elusine indica) or should we apply some kind of preventive chemical when we reseed? (Virginia)

A—Under the circumstances I would use a small amount of phosphorus with the seeding and avoid the use of any more preemergent chemicals at this time. Give the grass a chance to grow and fill in. You have at least a full month before you can expect goosegrass to germinate.

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