MID-ATLANTIC CONFERENCE SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

George Cleaver, superintendent of the Chestnut Ridge Country Club at Lutherville, Maryland, and national director of our national association, presented two scholarship awards to turfgrass students within the College of Agriculture at the University of Maryland in College Park.

One scholarship went to J. Kevin Mathias of Takoma Park, an agronomy department graduate student with an urban background. The second scholarship winner was David A. Buesch of College Park, a second year student in turfgrass and golf course management at the Institute of Applied Agriculture. Buesch is a native of Belleville, Illinois. George Cleaver noted that 517 such scholarships have been presented since the GCSAA scholarship and research fund was established in 1956.

Assistant Position Wanted

John Tanner
5020 26th Avenue
Hillcrest Heights, Maryland 20031
Received Associate's Degree in history in 1971.
Attending Institute of Applied Agriculture at the University of Maryland — will graduate in May 1974.
Course Experience — 6 summers on three golf courses: Henson Creek Golf Course, Oxon Hill, Md.; Tantallon Country Club, Tantallon, Md.; Brandywine Country Club, Upper Marlboro, Md.

THOMAS DOERER - SUPERINTENDENT OF THE YEAR 1973

This March Newsletter is dedicated to Thomas Doerer in appreciation of his devotion and advice on all matters related to turf management. Our sincere wish for his continued success go with Tommy wherever he goes.

Tom is recognized throughout the turf industry as highly competent with the management of turf and people — the two prerequisites of our profession. His abilities extend beyond this as Tom is also a leader within our association, serving as Secretary Treasurer for two years, Vice President for one year and President of our organization for two terms. Tom has been a member of the Mid-Atlantic for twenty years.

Fort Belvoir is Tom’s golf course; for over sixteen years Tom has manicured, constructed and reconstructed this Alexandria, Virginia, golf course. Fort Belvoir is widely recognized as one of the best maintained golf courses in the metropolitan area. Tom has worked closely with extension agents, USGA green section agronomists, and surrounding universities with extensive testing of grass varieties, chemicals and fertilizers. Tom is now noted to have a unique strand of Bermuda which survives our unpredictable winters and is relatively free of spring dead spot.

None of Tom’s success has come by accident, for Tom has been involved in virtually every aspect of golf since age 12. Tom has served in every country club supervisory capacity ranging from his present job as golf course superintendent which followed his careers as a golf professional, club general manager, and pro-superintendent. During these years Tom even found time to build a golf course. To add to all this experience, Tom worked for a chemical firm, in an advisory capacity, during World War II.

In recognition of Tom’s professional excellence, the Mid-Atlantic Golf Course Superintendents Association has presented its highest honor, superintendent of the year plaque, to Tom at the Virginia Turfgrass Council’s Conference banquet on January 29, 1974.

Sincerest congratulations are extended to Thomas Doerer on this honor. Best of luck from the Mid-Atlantic.

Floyd Landgram, famous leading golf money winner in the late 1940’s, made less as leading money winner during 1951 than a second place winner made in one tournament during 1973.

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