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The April meeting of Mid-Atlantic Association of Golf Course Superintendents will be held April 12, 1977 at the Ocean City Golf and Yacht Club in Ocean City, Maryland. Our host Superintendent will be George Murphy.

George Murphy has been at the Ocean City Golf and Yacht Club for the past three seasons. Prior to coming to the Ocean City club George was superintendent of the Tavistock Country Club in Hadenfield, New Jersey for 22 years.

George and his wife Gerry have two married sons.

The Ocean City Golf and Yacht Club opened May 30, 1959 with 18 holes and a new nine was incorporated into the old 18, seven years ago. It is operated on a semiprivate basis with a membership of 732 families and a non-resident type of membership of 100 to 125 members.

The club was started by a group of Berlin and Ocean City men who formed three corporations and is still operated by officials of the corporations.

Directions to the Club: Rt. 50 East to Rt. 611. Turn right on Rt. 611 to the club on the right.

GOLF - Anytime COCKTAILS & DINNER - 5:30 p.m., \$12.00 SPEAKER - Dr. Charles Elsrodt



Postcards must be returned. If you don't send a card, and you show up, you *will* be at the end of the chow line. (See page 8 for Map to Club)

> PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Golf Business, formerly Golfdom magazine, published in its "Feedback" section in the January issue, a letter from a California-based superintendent who had given up on G.C.S.A.A. He resigned his membership and told Golf Business why. Far be it for me to criticize a man for stating his views, but with all respect to the gentleman from California, I have yet to see anything accomplished by this type of tactic.

I am sure that every association member would like to see a particular change in the G.C.S.A.A. and in his own local chapter. Change should lead to progress. However, if each of us used resignation as a tool to institute change, no one would be left to benefit from its effect.

It is my opinion that G.C.S.A.A. has concluded that it does have organizational differences of opinion within its membership. G.C.S.A.A. has taken a step to recognize these differences by forming the Organizational Study Committee. This committee is chaired by Charles Baskin of Connecticut, and is formed for the purpose of blazing a path that G.C.S.A.A. will follow in the future.

It is my suggestion to M.A.A.G.C.S. members to support this committee by providing the "Feedback" this committee will need to blaze the proper path for G.C.S.A.A.'s future.

Quitters never win, and winners never quit! Yours for finer turf, for better Golf,

Bill Emerson

**GEORGE MURPHY**