

## Around the Mid-Atlantic

Attendance at Mid-Atlantic Meetings has been quite good. Just check these attendance figures –

March – 70

April – 69

May – 119

Congratulations to Ray Midkiff, Supt. at Annapolis Roads C.C. on the birth of a daughter.

On a recent visit to Congressional C.C., we found Bill Black “resting comfortably”. He said that he actually enjoyed having the Kemper and that working now is a breeze compared to the week of the Kemper.

To anyone thinking about putting Bermuda in their fairways, take a trip over to Burning Tree and take a look at Virgil Robinson’s beautiful P-16 fairway.

There was an interesting article in the May Finger Lakes News & Notes entitled Super Wives. The superintendent’s wives have formed an association of their own complete with president, vice president, secretary and treasurer. The wives, girl-friends or daughters over 18 meet once a month from April to October at different homes where they conduct a short business meeting and then get into some type of project from Disco dancing to Plants to Gourmet cooking. They hope to promote good fellowship and aid the men’s association when they need it.

The GCSAA has sent out a second notice to all chapters calling for nominations for GCSAA office. There has also been a second call for nominations for the Distinguished Service Award. If you have any nominations, please contact any Mid-Atlantic officer or director.



Mark Herrman – Ben Stagg are winners of Pro/Supt. Tournament

## Cooperation – How Nice It Is

By Greg Bayor

One of the very special things about being a member of the Mid-Atlantic is the excellent cooperation I’ve received from other Mid-Atlantic Members. Most of the time, a small verbal “thanks” is the most any member superintendent receives, but I thought it would be nice to give a THANK YOU in print; as they say, this and 50¢ will get you a cup of coffee, so its only real value is sincerity, and to me that’s worth a lot.

There were numerous times this past year when we “lowly” public courses (specifically, Mt. Pleasant, Clifton Park and Pine Ridge) have, at times, been without necessary equipment, supplies or manpower. It’s been during these times that the call for help to the private clubs has been wonderfully responsive.

True, it’s probably expected of all Mid-Atlantic members to lend a helping hand, but when everyone is working at their maximum capability, it’s especially amazing to see this maximum stretched further in the interest of goodwill. A fine example of this was during last year’s LPGA event at Pine Ridge. The fairways were “blitzed” by dollar spot. Under the pressure and expediency of a national tournament, the City’s crew was unable to act on this problem: to the rescue came Bonnie View C.C. with their fairway sprayer and operator. This act of cooperation really was a life saver that kept the tournament a success and was very appreciated by all parties.

Another good example of this great cooperation is that my courses do not have an abundance of specialized equipment. When we’ve had the need, we’ve borrowed items such as a Cushman aerator from Eisenhower G.C., a tractor powered hole digger from Surburban Club, a topdresser from Green Spring V.H.C. and a Howard rotivator from Bonnie View C.C. This may not seem like a big deal to a lot of you, but by these clubs generosity I was able to get a lot of work done, and very importantly, I was able to show the benefits of these machines and now proudly own a Cushman aerator and Howard rotivator. This really proves cooperation pays off.

Additionally, I feel I owe a lot to the Mid-Atlantic members from whom I borrowed their expertise. I’m not ashamed to admit that I don’t know all of the answers, but by calling around I’ve received great advice that’s been very productive.

Again, I suppose all of these types of cooperation is expected of us, but every time it happens I find it especially rewarding. So to all of you Mid-Atlantic helpers – THANKS.