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Season Closes Dec. 11

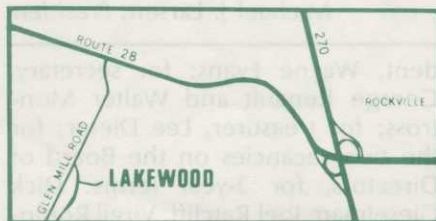
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Jerome Robine, a Penn State graduate in agronomy, has been superintendent for 12 years; he previously served for 1 year as assistant to Dave Fairbank. His greens are cut six times a week to 5/32" in the spring, to 3/16" in summer, and to 1/8" in fall. Fairways are cut three times a week to 3/4", and rough is cut twice a week to 2". Fertilizing is 4# of N per thousand each year on greens, 2½# per thousand on fairways.

Directions to Lakewood are as follows: from Baltimore, 695 to I-95 to 495, right to 270N to Rt. 28, Rockville exit, go west on Rt. 28 1.4 miles to Glen Mill Road, turn left at light, club entrance a quarter-mile on the left; from Washington, 495 to 270N to Rt. 28, then as above. (See map)

The program for December 11 is as follows:

- Lunch — After 11 (no cash - charge to your club)
- Golf — Anytime after 11 - net & gross prizes
- Cocktails — 6 p.m. (cash bar)
- Dinner — 7 p.m. (\$20 - coat & tie required)
- Meeting — 8 p.m. (call 301-964-0070 to register)



This year's net winners in the Musser Turfgrass Tournament at Suburban Country Club, left to right, George Renault, Gary Ferdyn, Sean Remington, and Norman Norman hold their individual plaques while Dr. Fred V. Grau, center, holds the Grau Trophy.

Musser Musings — At 6th Annual Tourney

by Fred V. Grau

October 12 was a dream day, 83° at 3 p.m., and Bob Miller had his Suburban Club course in fine shape. The many trees on the course stand as a memorial to the late Jim Reid, the former superintendent, and the acres of fairways cry out to me for conversion to seeded zoysia and tall fescue. In this area it seems the ultimate combination for low-cost maintenance and conservation of

water, fertilizer, chemicals, and labor, while still providing a quality playing surface.

At the meeting following a perfect dinner, the beginning and operation of the Musser Foundation were traced, including the \$4,000 grant to the University of Maryland for research on wetting agents for turfgrasses. The annual Musser Tournament is one of several ways money is raised to sponsor research of universal value to all who grow turf.

Ex-President Thomas Doerer Dies at 72

Thomas Doerer, an honorary life member of the MAAGCS and president of the association in 1964-65, died in Tappahannock, Va., on Nov. 10, at the age of 72. He had retired as an active superintendent in 1976 after serving in that capacity at the Ft. Belvoir Golf Club for 19 years. Previously he had been superintendent and manager at the Fredericksburg Country Club, was at Riverside Golf Club near Tappahannock in a similar capacity, worked for the Loeffler Brothers at East Potomac and Rock Creek Park, and represented



the Wilson Sporting Goods Co. He is survived by his wife, Margaret, and daughters Barbara Garland and Jeanne Davis, plus a number of grandchildren, all of Tappahannock. Members of the MAAGCS Board of Directors represented the association at the funeral on November 13.

Maryland Turfgrass '85 Set for January 7-9

Maryland Turfgrass '85, for which MAAGCS is a sponsor, will again be held at the Baltimore Convention Center, and the program features an excellent mix of national figures, local researchers, and Mid-Atlantic superintendents. Registration mailings will be going out shortly to all MAAGCS members, including details on the morning general sessions and the afternoon golf course sessions.