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### From the Golf World

Few who walked the course would doubt that Winged Foot Golf Club's West Course was in the best shape possible for mid-June. The fairways were close-cropped and immaculate, and the greens were fast without being glassy, as they were in 1974. Considering the amount of contour that Tillinghast built into those greens, it isn't really necessary to make them superfast; the breaks and rolls are torment enough. After 72 holes, Zoeller and Norman were tied at four under par, a considerable improvement over Hale Irwin's winning seven-over when he won 10 years ago.

Incidentally, Winged Foot brought Sherwood Moore back from a short "retirement" (he's now superintendent at the new Captain's Club on Cape Cod) to work with his successor, Bob Alonzi, to prepare the course for the Open. He served the old Mamaroneck club for 16 of the 45 years he has been involved with golf courses. Whether you saw the Open on TV or were there in person, you'd have to call their joint effort an unqualified success.

A lot of rain fell on Winged Foot the week before the Open and in heavy thunderstorms on Wednesday and Thursday evenings, which made things tough for the East Course that served as the parking lot for all those thousands of cars. The turf will come back, most certainly, but it was painful to see all those tire tracks on that bentgrass.

Plenty of GCSAA leaders were on hand for the Open, including President

## A Mid-Summer Turf Quiz . . . By Bill Neus

This short quiz was designed to help us through these dog days. Only one answer per question can be accepted.

1. My Poa Annuua (A) \_\_\_looks super; (B) \_\_\_looks good; (c) \_\_\_looks O.K.; (D) \_\_\_went on vacation.
2. Identify the most prominent grass in the Mid-Atlantic area in the summer: (A) \_\_\_rye; (B) \_\_\_bent; (C) \_\_\_crab; (D) \_\_\_annual blue; (E) \_\_\_occasional.
3. What has a white, cottony, irregular shape and is plainly visible on fairways on hot humid mornings? (A) \_\_\_ misplaced snow; (B) \_\_\_bird droppings; (C) \_\_\_left-overs from last night's party; (D) \_\_\_what fairways?
4. I mow my fairways under 5/8" because: (A) \_\_\_crabgrass can handle it; (B) \_\_\_I'm nuts; (C) \_\_\_my membership says it's necessary; (D) \_\_\_i really don't, but it sound impressive.
5. Why hasn't Ken Braun watered his fairways in the last 10 years? (A) \_\_\_it rains at Bonnie View every third day; (B) \_\_\_Astroturf doesn't need it; (C) \_\_\_he lies; (D) \_\_\_what fairways?
6. Aerification allows us to: (A) \_\_\_get back at the golfers; (B) \_\_\_hear more complaints; (C) \_\_\_buy more aspirin and antacid; (D) \_\_\_cover our mistakes.
7. How fast are my greens on the Stimpmeter? (A) \_\_\_3.1'; (B) \_\_\_8.6'; (C) \_\_\_10.2'; (D) \_\_\_19.7'; (E) \_\_\_who cares?
8. What noxious growth proliferates in the hot, dry summer? (A) \_\_\_Mid-Atlantic bent; (B) \_\_\_cactus; (C) \_\_\_my greens chairman; (D) \_\_\_I have so much I didn't know it was noxious.
9. Superintendents are: (A) \_\_\_in this business for the money; (B) \_\_\_anonymous; (C) \_\_\_better known as greenskeepers; (D) \_\_\_an interesting breed of machochistic tribesmen who love to aggravate people wearing funny clothes with sticks in their hands.



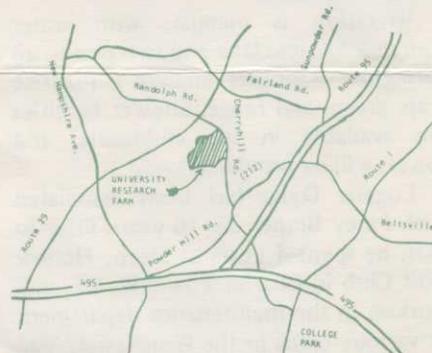
All answers should be sent to Lee Dieter, who will tabulate the results and announce them at Turfgrass '85. Anyone scoring poorly will be awarded a 1-year subscription to the GCSAA employment referral service.

Jim Timmerman, Executive Director John Schilling, Associate Executive Director Jim Prusa, Director of Communications Clayton Loyd, and public relations man Billy Shelton. They hosted a reception at the home of Warner B. Herlyn, which adjoins one of Winged Foot's fairways.

noon, and research plots will be opened and monitored for informal discussions.

### UM Turfgrass Field Day Set For August 2

On Thursday, August 2, the Maryland Turfgrass Research Field Day equipment and products show will be held at the University of Maryland's new research facility next to the Hopkins Plant Research Farm on Cherry Hill Road near Beltsville (see map). Registration is free and begins at 8:30 a.m., with the tour of research plots going from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. A crab feast will be served at 12:30 p.m. (cost, about \$5.50), turf products and equipment will be demonstrated during the after-



Research is being conducted in the areas of fertility, weed control, disease control, plant growth regulators, non-target effects of fungicides, tall fescue seeding rates, zoysia establishment and management, cold-hardiness of bermuda, Kentucky bluegrass and perennial-rye cultivar evaluations, and rooting effects of transplanted sod treated with antitranspirants and wetting agents.