Election Highlights
Dec. 9 Meeting At
Green Spring Valley

Highlight of the December 9 MAAGCS meeting at Green Spring Valley Hunt Club in Garrison, Md., on December 9 will be the election of 1987 officers and two new directors for three-year terms. The nominee for president is Lee Dieter and for vice president, George Renault. Bill Neus and Ken Ingram will contest the secretary's position, Walter Montross is the nominee for treasurer, and Steve Cohoon, Howard Gaskill, and Tom Regan are running for the director spots.

Green Spring Valley Hunt Club, where Grant Pensinger CGCS is superintendent, is an older course, its first nine having been built in 1912. Those nine holes were rebuilt and another nine added in 1955 by Robert Trent Jones. (Continued on page 2)

"Killer Courses" - An Unnecessary Attempt to Frighten Golfers

That, of course, is very true, however unrealistic. Chemicals and fertilizers cost a lot of money. But, given the preference of today's U.S. golfers for lush green fairways and soft, well-watered greens, it seems safe to say that most superintendents couldn't get along without their chemicals, whatever the cost. If fashions were to turn around and firm, dry, brownish-green golf courses that resemble those in the British Isles were to come into favor, it would be a different story. It's the watered, verdant golf course that makes a prime target for fungus and insects.

What the editors of GOLF plainly never considered is that scaring golfers away from their courses by referring to one unproven fatality blamed on a commonly used, EPA-approved fungicide, out of the millions of rounds played by American golfers each year, is not exactly in the best interests of a magazine for golfers. If there were a more solid basis for such dire warnings, it would be a different matter, but to point to rare allergic reactions, which are highly individualistic in any case, as something likely to be encountered by anyone, anytime, is doing the golf industry and golf course superintendents in particular not just a disservice but grave potential harm as well. The article was sketchy, not well researched, and slanted to raise unwarranted fears. Clearly, it should never have been written or published. — C.C.