On the Tee...

By now everyone should have received their 1987 Mid-Atlantic Association Golf Course Superintendents Membership Directory and By-Laws. If you haven’t, or you recognize a typo of some nature, please advise a Board member of the correction needed to update this directory. Hopefully this booklet will prove helpful in locating members or those needed suppliers in a hurry. We’d like to thank those suppliers who placed advertising and supported the publication. Hopefully some time will be spent reading the By-Laws of the Association, and reviewing the Code of Ethics. Both are located in the back of the directory.

Some GIANT strides have been taken by most of the membership to RSVP for golf and/or dinner. To those, our thanks for taking time to assist your fellow Superintendent. It’s pretty tough coordinating when some of us can’t take time or can’t plan the time far enough in advance to RSVP. For those who forget once in a while, make a better effort. For those who can’t ever remember — Take a second or two and read the Code of Ethics again.

On September 17, you are invited to an equipment demonstration at Buck Whetsett’s Twin Lakes Golf Course. More information will be made available from Buck at the September 8th meeting. Or you may call Buck at (703) 941-5000. Contributions and donations have made possible the establishment of the Robert Trent Jones Endowment Fund. The $50,000 initial funding level was raised through Mr. Jones’ own personal gift, and those of friends and associates. Jones, now 81 years old, is well renowned for his architectural design of some of the world’s most famous golf courses. Greatly honored by the endowment fund, Mr. Jones commented, “We can build the greatest golf courses in the world, but if they are not properly maintained, they are nothing. To golf course superintendents around the world I owe a great debt, and every architect in America owes a great debt. We can only continue to provide these great facilities with well educated professionals to maintain them. That education does not come easily to all and must be supported by every aspect of this industry.” President Donald E. Hearn, CGCS, made the announcement saying, “We have never before made this kind of commitment with any one person or even any single organization. The Florida GCSA contributed $2,000 to the Jones Endowment, ‘over and above’ their annual scholarship and research donation. It was only fitting and proper to make such announcement during the PGA Championship in Florida.”

It’s too bad the PGA doesn’t heed Mr. Jones words of wisdom. As evidenced in their promo spot televised during the same championship, the “pro’s” do it all, from walking the course every morning for playability, to advising their greens committee of pin and tee placement. Golly gee, I feel like the invisible man! For those of you interested, Bill Neus at Hobbit’s Glen will be demonstrating the Floyd McKay Aerifier beginning August 31st on the course. Bill has also recorded, and is making available, a VHS video demonstrating this machine and the Verti-Drain, which has only been commercially available the past 60 days. Since he is willing to lend this out, other area super’s trying out this equipment later in September might want to get in touch with Bill at (301) 730-5962.

New Members & Reclassifications

John A. Newcomb, Class A
Superintendent
Forest Park G.C.

Terry A. Hill, Class F
Sales Manager
G.L. Cornell Co.

Bill Brown, Class F
Sales
G.L. Cornell Co.

Tom Knoll, Class D to B