President’s Message

Many thanks to Bob Miller and the Suburban Country Club for hosting the September meeting. As per the norm everything was perfect. In reading about Bob before the meeting, I was impressed to hear that he has been with the same club for over 25 years. Of course we all know others who have spent their entire careers at one club, but I wonder if this will continue. It seems that after 7 to 10 years the club or the Superintendent grow tired of one another. How often do we hear the lament from the Superintendent: “If they would only give me the resources, I could fix the problem,” or “after so many years you would think I wouldn’t have to keep answering the same dumb questions,” or “this job should be getting easier but every year seems more difficult.” Now look at it from the club’s perspectives: “He doesn’t seem to be giving us the dedication that he did when he started with us,” or “how is it with all the money we are spending, XYZ Country Club (which is naturally spending less) is so much better than we are,” or “with the amount of money we are spending, you should never inconvenience us with maintenance or closing the course, after all they don’t do it at XYZ Country Club. There are no pat answers or solutions to these situations but, just like marriage, once the honeymoon is over you better start communicating. All of us at one time or another think the turf is greener on the other side of the fence, but is it really? Many times a change is needed and can be a positive step but, before you do, reflect on your situation and make the change for the right reasons.

Please join me October 10th at Bonnie View Country Club with our host Ken Braun. This is our annual golf tournament and promises to be an enjoyable day.

Walter Montross, President

Congratulations!

Terry Hill and his wife Belinda are the proud parents of a baby girl born on August 31. Emily Elizabeth is their third daughter. She weighed in at 8 lb. 3 oz. and was a big 21 inches long.

NEW MEMBERS

Timothy Sage, Class A
Superintendent, Cove Creek Club

Robert Dale, Class A
Superintendent, Placid Harbour Ed. Ctr.

Frank Deardorff, Class F
Sales Rep., Hoechst-Roussel Company

Timothy Hudlow, Class F
Sales Rep., STH, Inc.

James Prekop, Class D
Assistant Superintendent, Baltimore C.C.

Jeffery Blind, Class B
Assistant Superintendent, Baltimore C.C.

RELOCATIONS

Bob Wilbur, Dave Fairbanks’ assistant at Army Navy Country Club (10 years) has been named the Superintendent of the Arlington facility. Congratulations Bob. Our best to Steve Wilson. He has just accepted the Superintendent’s position at the Perry Hollow Country Club now under construction in Concord, New Hampshire.

Kirk Intermill, a recent graduate of Horey - Boston Technical College, is now working at Springfield Country Club as Walter Montross’ assistant.