A TRIBUTE TO A DEDICATED TURF ENTREPRENEUR

On July 16, 2007, a memorial service of some significance was held at the American Legion Post 60 for MAAGCS member, and Past President, Robert C “Bob” Milligan, who passed away on Father’s Day. For many of the Mid-Atlantic members, there is no recollection of ever meeting or seeing Bob, but for years he was a sustaining member, and a dedicated attendee, who was a Director, and eventually President of the MAAGCS in 1969.

Bob was proud to wear his Green Blazer that was presented to him on the occasion of his Presidency of the Mid-Atlantic Association of Golf Course Superintendents. On one occasion, Bob attended a PGA event in which Arnold Palmer was a contestant, and as he stood along the ropes behind a Tee, Arnie was teeing off, and upon completion, he walked up to Bob and spoke briefly about the Blazer. It was similar to the one worn by Pro’s of that day, and Arnie mistook Bob for someone he thought he recognized.

I am pleased to report that the Mid-Atlantic Association was represented by myself and Kevin Smith from Davisson Golf, as well as retired member from Glen Dale GC, Mr. Bernie Heilig at the memorial service. A very well attended and solemn service was provided, including a Military Honor Guard ceremony for Bob, who was a Marine during WWII, bidding a fitting farewell to a very fine gentleman, whom I am very proud to have known as an associate, and customer, over many years. I’ve never met a more humble, gentle man than Bob, who was so quiet at times, it’s hard to imagine that he had so active a life. There are attributes to Bob that I’ve never known until July 16th, and I’ve known him for over 40 years; he was never one to boast about his accomplishments, which were many, as I’d discovered about him on the occasion of this Memorial. To Bob’s surviving family, I extend our condolences; he will be missed by this writer.............Dave Cammarota, Newsom Seed, Inc.

MAAGCS 2007 SCHEDULE

September 11, Joint Meeting with GWGCSA
Andrews Air Force Base

October 15, Annual Championship
Columbia Country Club