

Our Loss Is South Georgia's Gain . . .



Pictured above, left to right; Mr. R. T. Jones, Mrs. Jones, Dorris Burton, Past Association President Tom Burton and Mrs. Eileene Goodman, General Manager, Coral Ridge.

South Florida Turf and our Association is better for the six active years Tom Burton has worked among us.

Tom has been associated with Coral Ridge Country Club and Robert Trent Jones, world-renowned golf course architect.

To wish the Burtons well Mr. and Mrs. Jones invited the entire membership to a Club Reception on November 24, 1978.

We join in wishing Tom well in his new position with the famous Sea Island Golf Club, St. Simons Island, Georgia.



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Construction and Reconstruction - According to the GCSAA Organizational Job Description, the superintendent is an expert in this area. The question is; Where does he acquire this expertise? It certainly isn't as routine as mowing or spraying. Most generally, the average superintendent never gets the opportunity to gain the experience necessary. He may, in a career, become involved in actual supervision or construction of various phases but not the complete picture.

It would seem that the aspiring professional would make the extra effort to learn accepted fundamentals of good construction. Visit the course being built in your area and ask questions. Observe methods and results. Do not accept all that you see or hear at face value. Try to glean information from the architect, contractor and superintendent. Question your USGA representative. This type of investigation is what will raise you above the mist and enable you to see it altogether.

Conclusions - This writer hopes that these words will encourage you to consider your role as a member of this profession. The word professional denotes one who has explored all aspects of his profession and has prepared himself for problems which he will face and be required to make an intelligent decision.

The fact that a club hires someone to take care of its golf course and calls him a superintendent, greenkeeper, etc. has no meaning unless the individual knows what he is and what his capabilities are to accomplish the myriad of tasks which he shall face. Joining an organization does not change your status unless you have accepted the responsibility to prepare yourself for the profession you have chosen. Make the most of your association with fellow superintendents. It will help broaden your professional horizons.

Remember! You will never be a professional Golf Course Superintendent until your fellow superintendents, your membership and the general public recognize and accept you as one.

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