

(717) 427-4256

HUMIX®
BLUE RIDGE INDUSTRIES

-- PROCESSORS OF --
PEAT HUMUS SOIL MIXTURES

LEONARD A. O'HARA
President

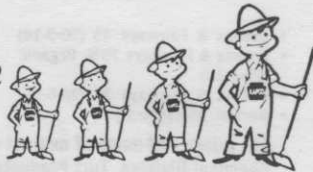
P.O. Box 128
White Haven, Pa. 18661

YOUR COURSE DESERVES QUALITY

KAPCO CUSTOM MIXING IS QUALITY

For Best Results Contact —

John Gross
620 Register Ave.
Baltimore, Md. 21212
Phone 377-6172



You Know You'll Grow with KAPCO



Cornell Chemical and Equipment Co., Inc.

TURF MAINTENANCE PRODUCTS

CLIFFORD S. CASE
RESIDENCE PHONE
WINDSOR 4-1348

1115 N. ROLLING ROAD
BALTIMORE 28, MARYLAND
RIDGWAY 7-1042

**Miller Chemical & Fertilizer
Corporation**

- ★ FERTILIZERS
- ★ INSECTICIDES
- ★ FUNGICIDES
- ★ WEED KILLERS
and
- ★ NEW BLACK WONDER
(H.A.D.) FERTILIZER

Hanover, Penna. ----- 717-637-8921
Met. Washington ----- Wallie Miller 559-1648

agree with me when I say monstrous. To back up my description. I'll offer a few examples; 1½ miles of paved paths and roads, two new shelters with running water in the bathrooms, sand traps which carry a total load of 4200 tons of sand (now the Sahara Desert has competition), five new bridges at a total cost of \$30,000, greens averaging 14,000 sq.ft. Buel plans on having three triplex greens mowers by the end of the season. The whole 18 holes are now open, the first nine having opened in June of 1968.

George Thompson over at Columbia Country Club had a busy off season. The road that borders the No. 6 hole was widened, tightening the width of the hole. George screened the fence with 37 mixed Red and White Pines ranging from 3 to 5 inch caliper. The trees were all taken from the course nursery using a hydraulic tree spade. George has also planted flowering crabs and cherries, bald cypress, and metasequoia to go with the old established club. I took another look at his greenhouse and not only saw a lot of seedling flowers, but tomatoes and peppers as well. I asked George which bed he was going to plant them in, but I never did get an answer. While driving around in the rain, I saw his new Fylking tee and his U.S.G.A. C-1 bent tee which both looked very good. We stopped and watched his Massachusetts placement student sprigging sedum in a bank for erosion control. George is trying a variety of plants to see which works best. Even though I did get wet, there was a bright side to the day. I came home with a few flats of petunias and marigold seedlings to plant around my clubhouse. Just couldn't get any of those tomatoes or peppers away from George.

Here at Lakewood Country Club, we're working on our ground maintenance, trying to keep us with the grass on the new holes and waiting for the new parking lot - can't wait for that!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

"Support the N.C.A."

This is a very busy time of the year in the Mid-Atlantic States for the superintendent. All the spring chores are demanding our attention and the availability of good labor is severely restricted.

Let us stop for a moment in this budding season and consider a project that needs our support. I am speaking of the National Club Association and their assistance to the clubs that are being harassed by various government agencies and others imposing themselves upon these clubs. One of the threats involves revoking state licenses to compel clubs to become public facilities and thereby serve the general public.

Our association is comprised of 90% club-employed superintendents (92 of 109). Allow an erosion of the club system and if golf is to survive it will be on government reservations, which are not favorable to superintendents. As an example: Our association lists

seventeen government-employed superintendents. A quick count shows 513 tax-free government owned golf holes in this area, at 29 different locations. One might assume from these statistics that only half of the public facilities require professional superintendents.

Clubs are entirely in service for our members. Since forced servitude is not proper or legal, the clubs must remain selective in determining the make-up of their membership. Our moral support is needed by the club system and the N.C.A. in this battle of survival.

Robert C. Milligan

DIRECTIONS TO THE CLUB

The May meeting of the Mid Atlantic Golf Course Superintendents will be held on May 13 at Washington Golf and Country Club in Arlington, Va. To reach the club, turn north off Route 95 onto Glebe Road and proceed through Arlington to the Club on the right hand side of the road.

FROM THE EDITOR

Lately we've heard a lot of talk about the so-called "generation gap." The literature and ideas that have been written and spoken on this phrase are sometimes interesting as well as informative. Often they are quite questionable and controversial. But none the less, there does seem to be a void between the youth and the older people of today's society. This appears to be wide spread all over the country and we are made aware of this fact every day.

But in our association, it is interesting to note that there does not seem to be a generation gap between the two age groups. Now, more than ever before, there are many young superintendents showing up at courses all over the country. The majority of these fellows are able to work hand in hand with the older and more experienced supers in their area and are able to communicate and get along well with them.

There are still grudges between young and old supers in isolated areas, to be sure. But here in the Mid-Atlantic, the rule of thumb that is becoming more and more obvious is that we CAN and DO work together.

And believe me, for these younger men taking on the job of a golf course superintendent in this area, cooperation means a lot. Cooperation between supers, however, is not the entire answer to our problem. The cooperation that is needed to some degree in many instances and is often lacking is between the clubs and their own superintendents.

Whose fault is this? It is hard to assess any one particular problem without details. But the fact that is often overlooked is that our job is not always a 50-50 proposition. No job really is. Sometimes it takes a little

Office Phone
WHITE HAVEN 443-9596

Certified & Cultivated

HUMIL

STILLER'S BLUE RIDGE PEAT FARMS
White Haven, Pa.

Alfred Stiller

Gene Evans
Professional Engineer

THE LOGICAL CHOICE

Golf course superintendents everywhere are turning to Borden Greens & Fairways Turf Care Products.



- Greens & Fairways 45 (30-5-10)
- Greens & Fairways 75% Organic (25-5-10)
- Greens & Fairways 36 (24-6-6)
- Borden 38 (38% N)
- Greens & Fairways 16-8-8
- Greens & Fairways Greenskeeper (13-3-9)
- Greens & Fairways Turfgrass Food (16-5-11)

For prices and name of nearest distributor, write BORDEN INC / Chemical Division, Turf Products, Box G, Columbus, Ohio 43203.
Contact: G.W. "Junior" Ruckman, Jr. - 2407 Lewisdale Drive Hyattsville, Md, 20783 - Phone (301) 422-9075

Arnold Palmer on Vertagreen

"It doesn't take a professional golfer to appreciate professional turf, but it does take a professional fertilizer to grow it! Vertagreen has the complete line of golf course fertilizers and protection products that make for professional turf."

Vertagreen Tee-Green, Tournament, and Vertanite fertilizers plus Vertigard Turf Protection products can team up to put your course in championship form.



Every product in the Vertagreen Professional Turf Program is made especially for golf turf.

And every product is backed by the expert services of your local Vertagreen representative.

"One professional to another, why not give him a call."



Vertagreen Professional Turf Products from
Uss Agri-Chemicals, Inc.

a Subsidiary of United States Steel Corporation
P.O. Box 1685 Atlanta, Georgia 30301

AQUA-GRO QUALITY BLENDED WETTING AGENT

AQUA-T LOW COST BLENDED WETTING AGENT

STOMA-SEAL CHEMICAL CONTROL OF WILT

AQUA-GRO GRANULAR

CONVENIENCE OF APPLICATION