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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Summer Rules

For me, this has been a dilly of a summer. You noticed the dry spell, the little wet spell, and the hot humid spell? A suffering golfer asked me "what happened to the greens?" At this writing, I have two greens in a fearsome battle with goose grass, one green suffering from draught damage and four greens are thin from flood.

By the first of September I should see my turf situation greatly improved, but my members will recall only that it was another bad summer. As I look back, I have never had a good summer in the past 15. What is my problem? Could it be management, air or water drainage, poor construction, grass variety, what? Maybe I should just close during the summer. None of these offer a good solution, but if I could regulate the weather, at least I wouldn't have to close during the summer.

We won't close and you all are doing a spartan job "Keeping the Green;" it is just that your president has the summer blues. So let me apologize as your president for displaying some patches of brown grass, and whoever has the solution to my Summer Blues, please step forward.

Bob Milligan

Editors note: Don't worry about it Bob. You haven't got a monopoly on having brown grass this summer, believe me! Come over and I'll show you!

NEXT MEETING

The September meeting of the MAGCSA will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 9 at the Cavalier CC in New Castle, Delaware. This will be a joint meeting with the Philadelphia group.

Our host is Arthur Menard, super at the club since 1965. Arthur served five years in the Coast Artillery during WW II. He served his apprenticeship under Paul Weldion Sr. at Rock Manor Club and when Mr. Weldion retired, he took over as super there, spending a total of 15 years at that one club. Arthur has two sons who both work for him.

Cavalier was designed and built by Russel Roberts in 1960.

Golf will be played after noon with the dinner meeting following as usual.

DIRECTIONS TO THE CLUB

Go north on Rt. 95 which is Delaware Turnpike to Churchmans Road. Turn right and cross the cement bridge, turn right again, and go about 500 yards to the clubhouse.

MEETING PLACES

Sept. 9 - Cavalier CC in New Castle, Delaware. Joint meeting with the Liberty Bell Group. Host Arthur Menard.

Oct. 14 - Woodmont CC in Rockville, Md. Ladies will be welcome to attend this meeting. Host Bob Shields.

Nov. 10 - Burning Tree CC. Meal and business meeting will be held elsewhere. Place to be announced. Host Richard Anderson.

Dec. 9 - Indian Spring CC. This will be our annual election meeting. Host Ed Dembnicki.

JOB OPENING

Sparrows Point CC in Baltimore is looking for an assistant superintendent. Good salary plus fringe benefits. All applicants must have college education in turf management or related fields. Marital status can be married or single but military obligation must be fulfilled. For further information, contact Alex Watson, Golf Course Superintendent, Box 6650, Sparrows Point Country Club, Baltimore, Md. 20014.

NEW POSITION

Dick Silvar from Baltimore notifies us that Bob Orazi has resigned as the assistant superintendent at Sparrows Point CC to accept the position as superintendent in charge of construction for the new Valley Hunt and Golf Club in Phoenix, Md. Ground has been broken and the target date for the opening of the 18 holes is set for July 1, 1970. Bob was Al Watson's assistant for 2 1/2 years. Prior to that he was working as superintendent of seeding for the Colonial Gardens Golf Course