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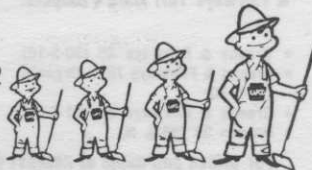
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NEW MEMBERS

New members to be considered for membership are as follows;

PAUL MCKENZIE, the superintendent at Chartwell G. & C.C. in Severna, Md. Paul is applying as a class A member and is sponsored by Bert Yingling and Russ Kerns.

JOHN SHERBAN, course manager at Andrews Air Force Base in Camp Springs, Md. John is applying as a class E member and is sponsored by Bill Peterson and Lee Dieter.

JOHN STRICKLAND, president and general manager of Egypt Farms in Riderwood, Md. John is applying as a class E member and is sponsored by George Cleaver and Russ Kerns.

MEMBERSHIP FREEZE

Also decided at the same board meeting was a freeze on all membership applications except class A and B. The reason for this is so that a study committee can review our membership to determine what percentage makes up each classification. If our membership reaches more than 50% of any other class than A or B, we stand to lose our National affiliation. So until we can review our entire membership, no new applications except for A or B will be accepted.

TENTATIVE MEETING PLACES

The following is a list of tentative meeting places and dates. We will publish the firm list as soon as it is available.

- April 8 —Springfield Golf and Country Club —
Joint meeting with the Central Virginia Turfgrass Assn.
- May 13 —OPEN
- June 3 —Suburban Club (Note this is the first Tuesday)
- July ? —Family picnic — Place to be decided on
- September ? —Joint meeting with Philadelphia chapter
- October 13 —Woodmont C. C. Annual Tournament
- November —OPEN
- December —OPEN

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

HOW TO HIRE A SUPERINTENDENT

The first step, if you are in need of a superintendent, is to contact your local Golf Course Superintendents Association. If you do not know any members of this association, call on a neighboring club and one of the professional people at that club will direct you to a GCSAA member. The only information we require is the name and address of the person to be

contacted, along with the name of the club. This information will be sent at once to all class AA, A & B Superintendents in the section. Interested members will correspond with the club officer. The club, in turn, may inquire into the association for verification of classification and attendance at educational meetings.

It is the duty of all members of the Mid-Atlantic GCSA to pass this information to to Bob Miller; the membership chairman, or Ed Dembnicki; the secretary, to make this system work. If the system is short-cut the club is short-changed by not having a field of candidates from which to choose, or the benefit of the association's classification. They may not get a professional turfgrass man at all. Superintendents chosen not through the system may be hesitant to join or be active in the local association. It is, therefore, important that the system function and provide a healthy and competitive service to both our members and the clubs.

One other aid is forthcoming, in that we plan to assist our members with standard contract forms. Anyone with suggestions on contracts please pass them to a director, or plan to attend the next directors meeting when this will be considered.

This article is intended to be a guideline to employers and to provide information to our members as to the processing of inquiries. The board of directors will not make personal recommendations.

Robert Milligan

REWARD

WANTED: A seal or emblem for the Mid-Atlantic Golf Course Superintendents Association. Draft, sketch, trace or photograph your ideas and submit them to Lee Dieter. The winner will be chosen by the directors by a majority vote at the next directors meeting.

OLDE TYME CORNER

Here are some more thrilling excerpts from Leonard Barron's book "Lawnmaking." Once again, please keep in mind that this book was copyrighted in 1906 and these ideas are 63 years old.

This month we will look at an item of concern to all of us, brought out at the meeting at Indian Spring on the 4th of March. The topic is closing greens in inclement weather.

From Chapter XIII, "The Peculiar Requirements of Putting Greens", Mr; Walter J. Travis, well known world's golf champion, writes thus: Another thing: do not under any circumstances, keep players off the regular greens at any time. The more they are played on, the

better, irrespective of time or weather conditions. Play on them day in and day out, the year round. They will be improved by it, although it is hard to believe this when the frost is coming out of the ground and deep heel marks are left by the players. Rolling will correct this.

Comment: No wonder there is static on some supers at some of the older clubs with information like this having been printed.

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