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NEWS FROM BALTIMORE

Bob Miller, our membership chairman, gathered a little information from his area in and around Baltimore after the Houston trip.

We find Dave Cammarota has "migrated" to Sparrows Point to be Al Watson's assistant, Dave moved from his previous job at Five Farms in Baltimore.

Dick Silvar, super at Baltimore C.C. in Baltimore, did a fine job as moderator in the educational session Thursday afternoon in Houston.

Bob reports he is finishing up plans for an additional maintenance building at the Suburban Club. The new building will be 30' x 75' and should really be a big help to the total operation.

Jim Reid, Bob's predecessor at Suburban Club is in good health and high spirits, according to Bob. Any of Jim's friends can drop him a card at 4100 Colonial Road, Pikesville, Md. 21208.

FOUR FOR TEXAS

Well, considerably more than four from the MAGCSA showed in the Lone Star state. NOT counting wives, of which there were many, 63 of our members registered. The general consensus of opinion was that the program, exhibits and all the facilities were excellent.

This plus the weather being on our side made the week a very refreshing break in the middle of the winter doldrums. As for the world travelers, George and Sue Cleaver and Ed and Kay Dembnicki went on to Mexico after the conference with the post conference tour. Russel and Dodie Roberts went south of the border too, but they flew down in Russel's own plane. The only way to go!

VIRGINIA BOY MAKES GOOD

The Old Dominion's own Bob Martino, the swinger from Island View in Herndon, took prizes for the whole shabaz in the golf tournament in Houston. Bob slammed a 156 to take low gross first place, no less! He really brought home the bacon. Way to play, stick.

Bob said the two courses they played in Houston, the Westwood and River Bend, were in fine condition and played very well (except in the rain.) They must have played alright because another of our members, Joe Baidy from Manor Club, took 4th low net in the tourney. We can't overlook Joe for helping to get the Mid-Atlantic on the map with Bob. Nice work, guys!!

EAT YOUR HEART OUT!

Dick Silvar from Baltimore C.C. sends the following crown jewel — don't you wish you could do this when you are under stress?

TINY ORGANISM DRINKS ALCOHOL

Riverside Calif. — A specialist in research into habits of the nomatode, a tiny soil organism, says he's found one species that has learned to make and consume its own alcohol.

The result: Apparently a longer life span.

Alan Forbes Cooper, Jr., a research assistant at the University of California at Riverside, said this nomatode — called *Alphelenchus Avanae* — manufactures alcohol when it is under stress due to lack of oxygen.

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It then goes into a state of suspended animation and can, seemingly, live forever.

Upon coming out of this state, it consumes the alcohol.

The nomatode is less than a hair wide and one-sixteenth of a millimeter long.

Cooper hopes to use the nomatode in further studies of aging as it relates to oxygen.

SPRING MUST BE HERE

Ed Heath opened the golf course at Needwood on the 21st of March and Buck Whetsell opened the Twin Lakes operation on the 14th. Can spring be far behind?

Ed said he is very pleased with his crew at Needwood and says they are a bunch of the best. It's good to see a boss who is able to really compliment his men. He's fortunate to have a crew worth giving good mention.

MONEY

One interesting side note that came out at the National was the fact that two magazines, the Golf Superintendent and Golfdom, are paying for articles written by superintendents. The theme in all the talks seemed to be "get involved" this year, and what better way is there to do this than by writing a short article for one of these publications? In talking to the editors of both these publications, they said the articles need not be lengthy, but should deal with a subject that is within the scope of the turf management area. This is much more than just a way to earn a few bucks. Publicity is one thing that no amount of money can buy and you'll be amazed with the reaction your club officials will have.

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Lest we forget — our own Bob Shields and his lovely voice at the annual banquet.

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