

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.

LIVE FOREVER

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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