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NEXT MEETING

The Next meeting of the MAGCSA will be held at Tantallon C.C., Tantallon, Md on November 10. Our host is Jim Estep who is in charge of the Tantallon operation plus overseeing the construction of Country Club Lake development out in Virginia country.

DIRECTIONS TO THE CLUB

To reach Tantallon, from 495 take exit 37 which is Indian Head Highway south to the signs marking the development. That is Old Fort Washington Road. Turn west or right and go approximately 4 miles. The club is on the right.

PASS OUT THE CIGARS

Well, we have another potential grass grower in the area thanks to Sue and Sam Kessel. Sam, the super at the C.C. of Fairfax and wife presented the world with an 8 lb. 6 oz baby boy named Thomas William on the 26th of September. As big as he was when he was born, he ought to chuck growing grass and play defensive end for the Lions or something.

BOARD MEETING

After Ed Dembnicki leaves for North Carolina, the job of secretary - treasurer will be filled temporarily by George Cleaver. Until the elections in December, George will handle the position again until an elected replacement can be arranged. George will also be our voting delegate and advisory committee representative at the National in February. Lee Dieter will be the alternate and since this will be their second year in this capacity, things should go quite smoothly for them. Bob Miller, membership chairman, reported two membership reclassifications. The first was Ed Schmidt from the U of Md. Golf Course from Class B to Class A. The second was that of Chip McDonald from Hobbit's Glen Golf Club also requesting change from Class B to Class A. Both men had met the requirements and the changes were officially made. One membership application was received and read. It was from Bob Dean, sales representative from Krauser Equipment. Bob requested a Class E membership and if no written opposition is

received within 30 days after this publication, he will become an active member.

FROM CANADA

The August 1970 issue of the Canadian GCSA yielded the following article. Anyone who has had the rare treat of worrying about night watermen (and who hasn't) will get a great deal of enjoyment out of it.

NIGHT WATERING - CALGARY STYLE

Upon his return home after attending the Executive Committee meeting in Toronto in late June, Norm McKinley decided to check the shop to see if the night water boys were on the job. "The phone was busy at 9:30, still busy at 9:40 and again at 9:45. Finally at about 9:50 one of the boys answered. I asked him if it had been a pleasant conversation; he said it sounded O.K. but it was the other boy talking to his girl friend. I asked who was moving the sprinklers while he was talking on the phone and he replied that they were on their first break. I suggested that maybe they should give me a schedule so I might have some idea of what to expect. The next morning the following was pinned to my door written on a long section of a roller paper towel."

NIGHT WATER SCHEDULE Arrive Promptly at 8:00 P.M.

SET UP

(1st move) 8:00 P.M. - 9:30 P.M. (includes putting clothes and gloves on, starting cushmans and putting pump on)

1st BREAK 9:30 P.m. - 10:00 P.M. (includes taking off clothes, failing to start heater. Terry phoning Louisa, Mike practicing putting, eating lunch and a short nap)

Re set

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2nd MOVE 10:00 p.m. - 11:14½ — (1st complete change)

2nd BREAK 11:14½ - 11:30 p.m. — (includes drying off, failings to start heater again, Terry phoning Louisa again if necessary, and a short nap)

3rd MOVE 11:30 p.m. - 12:46 a.m. — (2nd complete change, includes unplugging 331 sprinkler nozzles)

3rd BREAK 12:46 a.m.- 1:00.01 a.m. — (includes drying off, making a third vain attempt to get heater going, Terry phoning Louisa, Mike hitting drives off No. 15 Tee and a long nap)

4th MOVE 1:00.01 a.m. - 2:15 a.m. — (includes bailing out about 8 - 10 greens per night which are usually under water, restaking trees knocked over, and mowing a few greens)

4th BREAK 2:15 a.m. - 2:30 a.m. — (includes throwing heater out the window, a short game of gin (without mix) up to 300,000 points)

TAKE OFF HOSES 2:30 a.m. - 3:00 a.m. — (includes green and tee hoses being moved away from greens and plugging in those greens forgotten)

3:00 a.m. - 3:00.0001 - Shut off pump

OVERTIME 3:00.001 - 002 - Close doors and leave

4:00 a.m. Come back to close garage doors and lock gate.

P.S. No. 1 Pease note this list was written out after 3:00 a.m.

P.S. No. 2 Please note superior job done whenever Oregon skies prevail and it pours,

P.S. No. 3 PLEASE FIX THAT +%*&/+†@!†*/%&*†& HEATER!

Thank you,
your former night watermen,
Mike Zichy & Terry Langdrige

P.S. Have mercy upon our wet souls

Norm concludes with the satement, "Probably the funniest part is the fact that the schedule is closer to the truth than I should like to admit."

IT'S HAPPENING IN GOLF

by Harry C. Eckhoff

Golf course construction costs have more than doubled in the past decade. Ten years ago a lot of fine golf courses were built for \$10,000 per hole; some for even less. Today the minimum cost is usually around \$20,000 per hole and many 18 hole layouts are running \$600,000 or more. This does not include land costs or clubhouse facilities; just the golf course - ready for play.

Despite high costs and the prolonged tight money situation, golf facility development continues. During the five year period prior to 1970, the Farmers Home Administration, U.S. Department of Agriculture, provided a tremendous assist to golf course development through its program of guaranteeing loans for recreation centers for rural communities with less than 5,500 population. From 500 to 600 golf courses were built in the nation by nonprofit associations in rural areas prior to the discontinuance of the program late in 1969.

Although not all of these facilities are prospering (lack of members and unrealistic dues schedules plague about 9% of them), the vast majority are successful and are serving their intended purpose: a rural community family recreation center providing golf, swimming and tennis — among other things.

Presently about 40% of all new golf course counstruction is in conjunction with real estate ventures such as high rise apartments and condominiums, housing developments, mobile home sites and vacation or second home projects. Current trends indicate that by the end of the 1970's millions of Americans may get to a golf course by merely stepping out of their back door.

Planners and developers of new communities consider a golf course one of their most effective sales weapons. They contend that people are more willing to commute if they can look forward to a relaxing golf game near their homes.

Resort areas too, continue to build golf courses. Many famous ski operations - particularly in New England and certain mid-Atlantic area states - are adding golf facilities in order to have all year operations.

Many resorts, and real estate developers too, are building a complex of courses offering different types of facilities which will appeal to golfers of varying playing capabilities. Frequently 36 holes, with 18 regulation length and 18 par-3 or executive type (some par 4 holes) are provided.

Golf courses for use of men only occasionally appear on the scene. One such got its start, according to rumor, one day when Larry Wein of New York City was playing a course in Connecticut. He asked two lady players if he and his partner might play through. The ladies refused, allegedly saying, "If you don't like the policies of this club, why not build your own?" Wein accepted the challenge; built an exclusive 18 hole layout at a cost of \$2 million; opened it in 1968 and called it The Golf Club at Aspetuck (Conn.). Financial requirements for membership are \$8,000.

Other men-only golf courses in the nation are Burning Tree Country Club, Bethesda, Md.; Bob O'Link Golf Club, Highland Park, Ill.; Preston Trail Golf Club, Dallas, Texas; Pepper Pike, Cleveland, Ohio; Sharon Hills, Akron, Ohio; Hidden Hills Country Club, Jacksonville, Fla.; Squires Golf Club, Amber, Pa.; and the Laurel Valley Golf Club, Ligonier, Pa.

The exclusive new Charter Oaks Club (costs \$16,500 to join) on Long Island, New York, where Ken Venturi was named golf director is a men-only type. When asked about themen-only policy, Venturi allegedly replied, "Most men I know take their women and their golf seriously - they just don't like to mix them."

Some groups, of course, feel differently. An excerpt from a recent to NGF reads: "We, Naked City, are the largest and first multi-million dollar nudist resort - just 60 miles south of Chicago. We are planning an 18 hole golf course. Please send appropriate aids."

However divergent opinions may be as to the conditions under which the game should be played, golf seems to be a strong unifying force in a world that needs all of this we can get!

Helping the effort along is a going international golf match by mail. The Chelmsford Country Club Golf Association at South Chelmsford, Mass has an arrangement to play an annual golf match with the Lawson Golf Club of Sydney, Australia. Twenty members of the two clubs play the same type event on their own golf courses on the same date in June and then inform each other by mail of the results. An attractive shield is being transported between the clubs and is presently displayed by Chelmsford, the winner of the first annual event held in June, 1969.

Lawson golf literature regarding the event says in part, "It is our intention to take film of the day's play to show our Yankee counterparts just what occurred on the actual day at Lawson. The film will not be devoted entirely to golf but will also show spectators, the clubhouse, and surrounding area."

The 75 year old Duke of Windsor in a television interview early this year said, "I like going to the United States for the golf. America is one big golf course today ... and it's one of its big industries."

It is indeed. And golf facility development in the U.S. continues to boom. In 1960 the national population average per golf course was 28,000, today it is 20,300.

Keeping the nation's golf facility growth at an intelligent and stable level is a major concern of the National Golf Foundation. NGF trained consultants located in strategic areas of the country are available to golf course planning groups at no cost. NGF Information Sheet, Guide Lines for Planning a Golf Course, is available gratis from the National Golf Foundation, 707 Merchandise Mart, Chicago, Ill. 60654, or from NGF's eastern office, 1500 Arlington Blvd., Arlington, Va. 22209.

EDITORIAL

Science fiction - ah yes! Read a lot of it as a youth. Some of it was very good and it is odd how many of these wild ideas that Aisimov and other sci-fi writers of 10 or 15 years ago came up with are now a part of our everyday lives.

Going back much farther, Jules Verne in the 1870's, predicted things like helicopters, submarines, spaceships and many other visions many years before men ever even considered them as being anything but the ideas of a madman. Verne's prediction of a space ship launching area in the U.S. missed the actual location of Cape Kennedy by some 30 odd miles and many other ideas and theories of his are now in practice.

A few years later, however, in the 1880's, Robert Louis Stevenson, the famous Scottish author, wrote a different type of "science-fiction" if you will, in the form of "The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde." For those of you who are not familiar with this particular work, it is the story of a kindly physician, Henry Jekyll, who discovers a drug that will allow him to change into a monstrous dwarf named Hyde. But another dose enables him to regain his former appearance and personality. The novel's insight into the conflict between man's civilized nature and his primitive impulses distinguishes it from most tales of this type.

But one does not have to go to the bookshelves to find evidence of this conflict. At least those of us in our profession, for we see this every day of our work week on the golf course. There are many varieties of these Jekyll and Hyde characters around and we run into them all, some with just one or two traits, others with the full complement. Among them are own breed of monsters which develop immediately on setting foot on club property, such as the club tosser, the greens stomper, the flag thrower, mud hole mangler, sign bender, bag beater, ground pounder, cup kicker, cart crasher and worst of all, the employee cusser.

ALL these people have this J & H complex only with a slightly different twist. During their working hours, they are Jekylls with occupations running the full list from A to Z. As a rule, they are successful (they must be or they couldn't afford the dues) and are in a rather responsible position within their organization. They also usually have people working under them to a degree, some having more than others.

While on the job, they are expected by the norms of our society to control their emotions, use common sense when making decisions, treat their subordinates, their peers and their bosses all with friendliness and respect and maintain good relationships with all the people they associate with. And it goes without saying if the people who work under these men aren't treated with some consideration, they aren't going to be on the job too long at their own choosing.

But put some of these respected, influential community leaders on the links and Oh Baby, watch out!!! These guys turn into wild-eyed, foaming at the

mouth mad dog monsters and to cross their path means verbal rabies as well as all other kinds of terrible things. Understand now, that by no means are these people the rule, rather they are the exception. But it is a shame that a few members can and usually do make it hard for the rest of the club. We should count our blessings and give thanks that 98% of our members are really great people who have the best interests of the club as a whole operation at heart and take into consideration that the grill cook, the waitresses, the locker room man, the groundsman, the manager, pro and superintendent are all human and do make errors and are subject to mistakes. A piece of onion on a hamburger or a badly placed cup in a green is hardly an excuse for a burning oratory which leaves the recipient ready to cry and/or kill. And this is exactly the feeling many times.

Real people can do more to stimulate the mind and to raise the question "why" or "why not" than ones who are thought up. These people create a real challenge and being able to deal with them diplomatically and more importantly, successfully and still maintain a good relationship with them is a real credit to ourselves and our profession.

ADDRESS CHANGE

Received a nice letter from Gay and Wayne Jerome and Wayne has changed jobs. He is now superintendent at Inverrary Golf and C.C. at Lauderdale, Florida. It is a new development like

Montgomery Village and the first 18 will open around the first of December, the second 18 around January first and the Third 18 by next fall. Sounds as tho he is really busy but the thing he likes most is the winter weather. They both sent their best and their new address which is 6611 NW 21st St., Maggate, Florida 33063.

GOLF TOURNAMENT

The annual golf tournament was held at the last meeting at Turf Valley and there were 42 entrants. The winners were as follows:

Class A and B Superintendents: Low Gross, 1st Bob Martino 73, 2nd Tom Commalli 80; Low Net, 1st Lou Rudinski 71, 2nd Joe Baidy 72, 3rd Virgil Robinson 72.

Guest Category: Low Gross, William Mattingly 77, Low Net, 1st Carl Schoening 72, 2nd K. McGroft 73, 3rd Lou Padula 73.

Commercial Category: Low Gross, Jack Hurley, 81; Low Net George Wingo.

Highest Score Category: Booby Prize, Lee Dieter 126,

NOMINEES

Also at the last meeting, the nominating committee drew up its slate of candidates for the election to be held at the December meeting. The names and respective officers are as follows. For President: Bert Yingling; For Vice-President, Paul Barefoot, George

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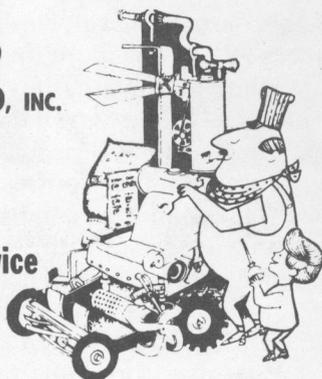
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Thompson; For Secretary-Treasurer, George Cleaver, Dennis McCammon; For Directors, Joe Baidy, Sam Kessel, Al Watson, Lew White.



Please remember these are just from the nominating committee and that nominations for any office may be made from the floor. This is the most important meeting of the year for you A and B members to attend, so be thinking about who would do the best job for the association and be there to vote for him.

BY-LAWS CHANGES

The following changes in our by-laws are being published within the 15 day period before the meeting at which they are to be considered and are to be voted on at the election meeting.



According to Article XII of the by-laws for the Mid-Atlantic Association of Golf Course Superintendents any proposed amendments to the by-laws shall be posted at least fifteen days prior to the meeting at which they are to be considered. These must be passed by a two-thirds majority vote of the voting members represented.

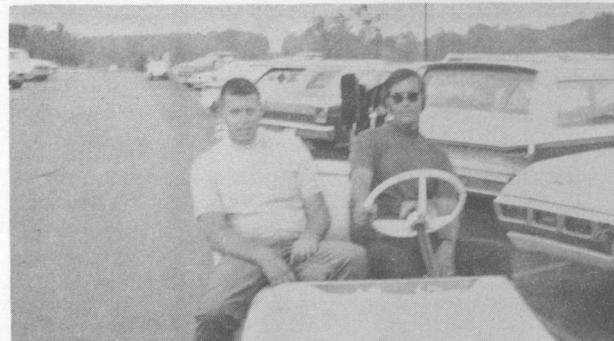
In accordance with this provision the Board of Directors presents the following changes for consideration by the membership.



1. DELETE section D. Article VI which reads as follows:

“A retiring director may not succeed himself as director for a period of one year. He may, however, run for a position of an officer of the association.”

2. To article V, section A – CLASSES; add “Class H – Student”.



Further, to article V add a new section as follows:

“Section L – Class H – Student

Any student above the high school level enrolled in a Turf Management, Agronomy, Horticulture, or other related full time college program shall be eligible to apply for a free membership in the association.

Further, upon completion of the approved course he may retain this student membership for two years following graduation provided he is working on a golf course and pays the Mid-Atlantic dues. He shall not be required to be a member of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America. He shall not have the right to vote or hold office.”



A note of explanation: Presently, in order to qualify for an assistant, Class D membership, a man must be employed as an assistant for two years. There is no provision for this man to be in any membership class but E - associate, during this two years. This class requires national membership which a new man may not be able to afford. It is felt that these two years following school is a critical time for these people and that they need the assistance that we can offer, thus a Mid-Atlantic student membership should close this gap.

3. To article V, section H - CLASSES: delete “not” in the last sentence.



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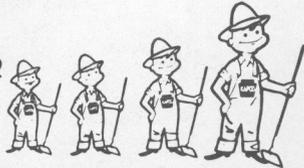
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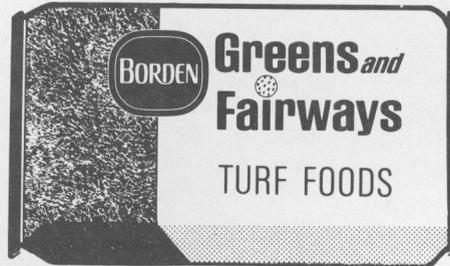
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