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NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Mid-Atlantic GCSAA will be held on December 15 at Hobbit's Glen C.C. at Columbia, Md. Our host will be John "Chips" McDonald. This will be our annual election and membership meeting. Since the entire meal will be catered, it is especially important that you send the return cards back to Chip or call him to let him know you are coming. If you want to call him, his number is 301-730-6100 ext. 52. You will be able to play golf on either of the two courses at Columbia. If you go for just the meal, watch for signs along route 29 coming from either way.

DIRECTIONS TO THE CLUB

Come to Columbia on Route 29 from either Washington or Baltimore. Turn left on 108 South coming from Washington or right on 108 coming from Baltimore and the first to the left takes you to Allview, one of the two courses. To get to the Hobbit's Glen course, turn left off 108 onto Harper's Farm Road and right onto Willow Bottom road to the course. Signs will be posted from the courses to the meeting place as well as on 29. Send the cards back!!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The October meeting at Woodmont C.C. had a good attendance by supers as well as several guests. Those who golfed played on a beautifully manicured course and those who ate had superb food, service and hospitality.

There was, however, something lacking. It was not on the part of our host or his club, but on the part of a few of our members. The thing that was lacking was respect and it was quite evident by some excessive drinking, and of all things, mimicking some of the speakers.

In case you weren't aware of it, we DO have a code of ethics. Section E of this code states we should "maintain the highest standards of personal conduct to reflect credit and add to the stature of the profession of Golf Course Superintendency." I

would like to think that those individuals to whom I am referring will be men enough to apologize. It would also be great to see our attendance stay on a high level so as to help and benefit the purposes and goals of the association.

Bert

FOR THE RECORD

The code of ethics that Bert referred to above is printed below. They were published in the Golf Superintendent in January and it might not be a bad idea for ALL of us to read and absorb it.

CODE OF ETHICS

As a member of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America, I pledge myself to:

- a. Recognize and discharge all my responsibilities to my employers at all times.
- b. Practice and insist on sound business principles in exercising the responsibilities of my position.
- c. Utilize every opportunity to extend my professional knowledge in order to increase my value to my employers, my industry and my profession.
- d. Truly assume the responsibility for the physical well-being of my golf course by insisting on and exercising the prerogative of my professional judgment in declaring my golf course playable or unplayable, according to prevailing conditions.
- e. Maintain the highest standards of personal conduct to reflect credit and add to the stature of the profession of Golf Course Superintendency.
- f. Neither engage in or support any exploitation of my Association, industry or profession.
- g. Avoid dissemination of any malicious information concerning other golf courses and/or other Golf Course Superintendents.
- h. Lend my support to, and actively