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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

participate in, the efforts of my local Chapter and National Association to improve public understanding and recognition of the profession of Golf Course Superintendency.

i. Extend technical help to any golf course when called upon by the Superintendent.

j. Recognize, observe and expect in return the highest standards of integrity in my relationship with other Golf Course Superintendents as follows:

When seeking employment

a. I will seek counsel of local GCSAA Chapters when applying for a position in any district.

b. I will make certain the position is open before making application to any prospective employer.

c. I will ascertain and uphold the salary of the district in which I negotiate for a position.

d. I will, when possible, speak to the man who is leaving or has left the position for which I am considered.

When visiting other golf courses

a. I will call on the Superintendent of the golf course.

b. I will present my GCSAA membership card.

PREVIEW

At the meeting at Bethesda, the nominating committee chairman, Bob Milligan, released the following slate of nominees for the annual election next month;

President - George Thompson - Columbia C.C.

Vice President - Lee Dieter - Washington Golf and C.C.

Secretary-Treasurer - Denny McCammon - Springfield Golf and C.C.

Three director nominees, two to be elected
Bob Martino - Island View C.C.

Louis White - Green Hills Yacht and C.C.

Bill Emerson - Eagles Nest G.C.

Nominations will be taken from the floor at the time of election activities and don't forget - only class A and B members are eligible to vote! But the elections can't go if you don't.

EAGER BEAVER

Well the Mid Atlantic will be on the map again this year. We have one of our members running as a National director. George Cleaver of Chestnut Ridge will be representing the M.A. this

year in Cincinnati. We have got to muster all the voting power we can get and at this particular time, it looks as though we have some pretty good support! Lots of luck, George.

RANDOM THOUGHTS

The price freeze is off now and maybe we had better give a really close look at the salaries of our help and make sure they get all the new Council of Economic's 5.5% ceiling. It still burns me up to see a "Live Better - Work Union" sticker on the back of a truck on the beltway.

Sure seemed like summer would never end this year. What about that 85 degree day the third of November? It was the highest temperature for that date in history for Washington. Maybe the world is really getting warmer. One thing for sure - we've seen the last 80 degree day for a long time, you can bet on that!

As you all know, the meeting this month will be the annual elections. It is for your own good as well as for the good of the group that you show up and vote! Too many members show up to play golf at the annual tournament each year and just chuck the rest of the meetings. A lot of these guys are the ones who bitch the loudest when things don't go the way they think they should. So get to the elections and put in the man you think will do the job the way you want it done.

Tom Doerer from Ft. Belvoir G.C. is on the program for the USGA meetings in New York City on January 28. Tom's topic will be on effective management on the golf course. Further information will be forthcoming but if you want any poop sooner, call Tom about it.

Tom Comalli from Crofton G.C. and his wife have a new baby. Heard there were a few minor complications but everyone is doing fine. Our best to the new addition and the parents.

We need volunteers for meeting places for the coming year. If you would like to commit your club for a monthly meeting, contact Lee Dieter by letter or phone (703-538-6800) and let him know you are interested. Lee said May and June are already taken, so that still leaves 10 months to choose from.

Coming events include the following:

Dec. 7	New Jersey GCSA Conference
Jan. 10-11	Mid Atlantic GCSA Conference
Jan 19-20	Rutgers U. Golf & Fine Turf Conf.
Feb. 13-18	GCSAA Nat'l Conf. Cincinnati, Ohio