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NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the MAGCSA will be held at the Bethesda Country Club on November 9th. Our host will be Grafton Lumsden.

DIRECTIONS TO THE CLUB

Take 495 to River Road Exit. Turn west on River Road. Turn Right at the first stop light onto Seven Locks Road. Turn Right on Bradley Blvd. at light. The Club is one mile on the left.

GOOD MEETING

The meeting at Woodmont was just great. There were 110+ in attendance and it was well worth the trip to Rockville.

Those who got to play golf said they have never seen a prettier golf course. Those who got to eat said they never had a better meal. So add it all up and you've got a great meeting. It does seem a shame though that we can't have a turnout like that for all our meetings, but that's the way it goes.

The following letter was received from Fred V. Grau, Executive Director of the Pennsylvania Turfgrass Council, Inc.

Dear Mid-Atlantic Members:

The meeting on 12 October at Woodmont Country Club was thoroughly enjoyable. It was my first meeting since Tantallon. I couldn't help but be deeply impressed with the business-like appearance of the members and their professional conduct.

I am grateful for the courtesies shown me, especially having me at dinner as guest of the Association. The short tour of the course with Bob Shields was most enjoyable and enlightening. On several occasions I was reminded of the very first time that I appeared before your Association in 1931. We met in a wooden building in Wheaton near the intersection of Vier's Mill Road and

University Blvd. where "Joe's Diner" now stands. I tried to give a learned lecture on Chemistry but I don't think that I was too successful.

I wish all of you continued progress and success in all your endeavors.

Sincerely yours,
FOR BETTER TURF
Fred V. Grau

TOURNAMENT RESULTS

CLASS A-B:

Low Gross: 1 - Tony Arch; 2 - Tom Comalli; 3- Grafton Lumsden; 4 - Bob Martino; 5 - Bill Emerson

Low Net: 1 - Ron Hall; 2 - Bob Miller; 3 - Ernie Stanley; 4 - Lee Dieter; 5 - Stanley Lawson

CLASS D-E:

Low Gross: 1 - Roy Walker; 2 - Carl Schoening

Low Net: 1st Mike McKenzie

COMMERCIAL:

Low Gross: 1st - Ford Vedery; Low Net: - 1st George Wingo

GUESTS:

Low Gross: 1 - Col. Ike Elliott; 1 - Bill Mattingly; Low Net: 1 - Dr. Jack Hall; 2 - Bill Matthews

There were 56 players in the tournament and four trophies were awarded this year. The Ruben Heinze Trophy was given to the 1st and 2nd low net and the Bill Glover Trophy was given to the 1st and 2nd low gross.

The presentation of these trophies will be an annual thing and will no doubt be a big incentive for more people than ever to play in the tournament.

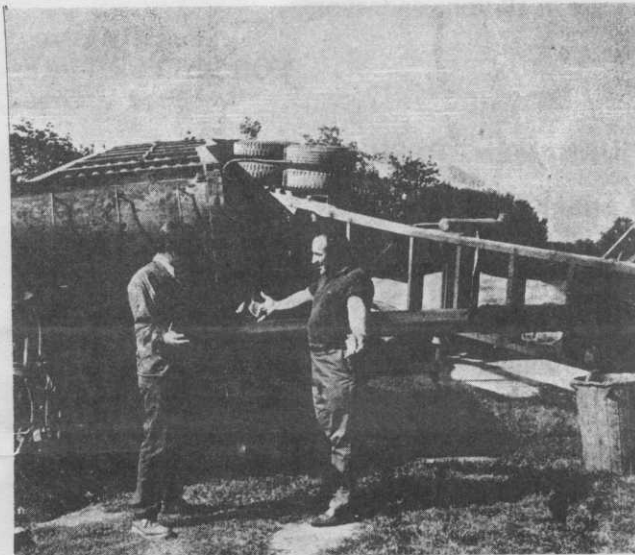
IT TAKES GUTS -

to do what Harry Nichol from Elmwood C.C. in the Metropolitan GCSA in New York did this summer. At 6 p.m. on Labor Day night, he closed the entire golf course and was closed until Saturday a.m., 4 days later! During this time, using two crews, they accomplished their entire fall

aeration, fertilizing and overseeding. Of course they had prior approval from the Board and the membership had been alerted in advance. Harry said they had good weather and everything went exceptionally well. What a great idea! All it takes is cooperation and understanding from the membership plus a terrific selling job on the part of the super.

OOPS

Please note the following picture, taken at a club in the Metro GCSA area in New York. Maybe now you'll all be a little more careful around those 18 wheelers when they start to put that long bed up in the air.



EDITORIAL

About a year ago, there was a column in the Newsletter listing all the directors by name and explaining what their duties consisted of. Sam Kessel's name was in there — he is, among other things, in charge of sending cards, flowers and other items to members and/or their dependents who have had sickness, births, deaths or whatever in their immediate families.

Well, Sam isn't exactly a prophet, a fortune teller or a tea leaf reader and this brings us face to face with the subject.

Within the past two months, we have had several occurrences which have most definitely called for flowers from our group.

In case you didn't know about it, Dr. George Langford suffered a broken vertebrae in a fall and was in the hospital a couple of weeks.

Dr. Felix Juska from the USDA was also in

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the hospital suffering from some ailment, from what Dr. Grau told me the other night.

Bob Martino was "ulcerized" for about three weeks and Sheldon Betterly's mother passed away. We are especially sorry about Sheldon's mom.

We must apologize to all the people involved that we overlooked these things and we are embarrassed that our own members didn't even tell us of these people and the things that happened to them.

These items are four that we know about. How many others are there that we didn't know of? Don't you people want to relay information? Of course we don't expect you to call from the hospital bed and say "guess where I am?" But we do expect your friends to at least do as much.

If you don't know who call, call me! My number is on every newsletter and so is Sam's. If you can't take five minutes to let us know something like this, then you sure are some friend! Call us!

NEW FACE IN TOWN

At the Woodmont meeting, our old friend Dr. Deal introduced the new turfgrass specialist at the University of Maryland. He is Dr. Jack Hall, a former mid-westerner who has come east. He will also have research and teaching responsibilities in the agronomy department on the campus.

Dr. Hall has his BS & MS degrees in horticulture from the University of Illinois and his PhD in agronomy from Ohio State.

His father, John R. Hall, Jr. is a retired golf pro and former golf course superintendent at the Pekin (Illinois) Country Club. His grandfather, the late John R. Hall, was a former president of the Ohio PGA and served as pro at two clubs in Toledo.

The new Maryland resident lives with his wife and two daughters in Silver Spring.

JOB OPEN

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NEWS FROM THE VIRGINIA AREA

Sam Kessel at C.C. of Fairfax has overseeded his tees and fairways. He used a mix of 80% bluegrass and 20% Manhattan ryegrass. It is all up now and looks good. And, as if they don't need it, they are making plans for a new maintenance building.

Washington Golf and Country now has C-1 and C-19 making up the grass on their new No. 4 green. Lee Dieter sent a truck clear to Detroit to get the stolons but he says it was more than worth the trip from the looks of the green.

Pepco's peppy Bob Martino was in the hospital with ULCERS, no less! The doc told him he really couldn't understand why he had ulcers. Couldn't be the job - of course not!! Glad you're feeling better, Bob.

Twin Lakes G.C., Fairfax County's course has had all the aerifying done since the middle of October. Buck Whetsell, the overseer of all the county courses said they all looked good all year but seasonal help was hard to find. Buck also says there will be a bond referendum hearing in November to see about getting funds to build a new 18 hole course near Rose Hill in Alexandria.

And good old vandalized Springfield was robbed of nearly \$1500 worth of tools and mechanical equipment. We didn't have a wrench or a screwdriver to even pry the doors back into place. Naturally, the police have no leads as it's nearly impossible to find stuff like that, but luckily we have good insurance.

Tom Doerer at Ft. Belvoir G.C. had a good summer except for some traffic injury in July.

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Tom missed the last meeting because he was up to his old tricks with the ladies at their annual awards luncheon at the post. Seems Tom had to give a little speech and present the goodies.

And Virgil Robinson at Chantilly National has hit a gold mine! At least we all hope so. Plans there are to pave part if not all the parking lot, and there are definite things in the fire for a new maintenance building. They really need these two things there in the worst way and Virge really has his fingers crossed.



Cartoon from So. Cal. Newsletter



"That's not exactly a long drive, but at least you got a first down."

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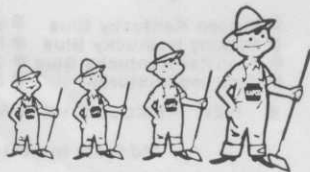
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