

NEW MEMBERS

At the last board meeting, applications for 2 new members were read. They are as follows.

Charles F. Brandstetter
Robindale Golf and C.C.

The application is for a class B membership and was signed by Joe Reposky and James Brock.

Robert C. Smith
Westwood C.C.

The application is for a Class D membership and was signed by Jack McClenahan and Wally Stedding.

Two members asked for a change in classification. They were:

Walter Elseroad
Diamond Ridge Golf Club
Baltimore
Change from B to A

Mike Wilkins
Argyle C.C.
Change from E to B

Both changes were reviewed and approved. For the new membership applications, if no written objection is received within 30 days from receipt of this publication, the memberships will be approved as published.

COMMENT

Well, ol dad has been reading the Ladies' Home Journal again and in the July issue, there is a real mind-blower of an ad on pages 146 and 147. It is from the makers of d-Con and shows a picture taken by a member of the National Audobon staff showing a pile (literally) of 210 dead birds that were supposed to have been wiped out by the application of some terrible death spreading "hard" pesticide. Usually in such an item you would think there would be data to back up the claim. But there isn't. Nothing says what killed them or where they were killed, just how many and what kind there were.

It seems funny that a company that markets a "non-selective" mouse killer which would kill a scavenger bird if he ate the dying mouse would resort to this kind of a scare technique, making it just that much tougher for the good guys to score. As Houston Couch said at the conference in Baltimore last year - "If a spray of insecticide put on to save a tree, saves the tree but kills a bird, then it's bye-bye birdie!" All I can add to that is HOORAY!!

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Did you receive the color brochure on "Trapmaster" trap rake? It is a really good looking piece of equipment and it might be just the thing for these traps with silica sand in them. Wally Stedding from Westwood loaned me his I-H tractor with the trap rake on the back to try at Springfield. He has been very pleased with the job it does for him but we hadn't driven it over 2 feet in one of our traps and it sank to the frame in some of our 8" deep sand. After we pushed it out of the trap and were loading it back on the truck, consensus of opinion was it wasn't the answer for us.

The machine in the folder is described as having 4 wheel drive, being hinged in the middle, having a short turning radius and a hydrostatic transmission. Wonder if that tough blonde on the front drives it up from Florida?

And Jacobsen-Rogers has also introduced a trap raker — wonder how far IT will go before it gets stuck in my sand?

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Yay — the National finally got a survey sent out to find out what its members are doing on their jobs as far as salaries and benefits. It has taken them long enough and it seems that the majority of the local associations have been conducting their own surveys for several years. The Mid-Atlantic started ours in 1967 and we're still going.

The questions on the form from the National may produce rather vague results similar to the surveys taken from time to time by Golfdom but hopefully there will be some explanation offered to show how these figures and final results were arrived at. Without some kind of explanation, the figures will no doubt be misleading and murky water is one thing we don't need in the puddle of salaries and wages.

Hopefully too, the National will have a higher percentage of response than our survey had. Fifty percent is hardly a good cross section but maybe any more than that is too much to hope for.

SUPERSTAR

Paul Barefoot, super at the U.S. Soldiers home was elected the national President of the Professional Grounds Management Society. The organization was formerly the National Association of Gardeners but changed their name at their election in August.