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NEXT MEETING

The next monthly meeting of the MAGCSA will be the joint meeting with the Philadelphia group. The date will be Tuesday, September 14 at the Kennet Square Country Club in Kennet Square, Pennsylvania outside Philadelphia and our host will be Paul Weldin, Jr.

DIRECTIONS TO THE CLUB

To get to Kennet Square via Route 1, get off at Route 82 exit, go ½ mile north on 82 and the club is on the right.

OCTOBER MEETING (NOTE DATE CHANGE)

October 12th 2nd Tuesday, Golf Tournament, Woodmont C.C. Host – Bob Shields.

FUNGUS HEAD SEZ

You know it's going to be a rough season when you start envying the old wino who works for you.

You know it's going to be a rough season when a fellow superintendent calls your wife to ask why you weren't at the monthly meeting last night. . .

You know it's going to be a rough season when the kid who shags balls on the driving range got a bigger Christmas bonus than you did.

RANDOM THOUGHTS

Talk about a weird summer! The grass grew in July and August like it grew in April. And wet? You better believe it. Courses in the area are the greenest for this time of year ever the veterans can remember. Green, lush, wet and growing – now we'll get wiped out by disease, insects, flood, plagues or something – who knows?

But everyone sure has the grass to cut, that's for sure.

Now is the time to really get on the good side of your membership when they call or drop by the shop to ask what's wrong with their lawn. It's easy to tell them since you only have two sources – bugs or disease. But HOW you tell them can make you look like you really know your stuff if it's done right.

Fusarium has really taken its toll in the bluegrass this year. All the rain and lush growth has been just right for the growth and spread of this fast moving messer-upper.

POSITION AVAILABLE

The position of golf course superintendent is now open at Andrews A.F.B. The job has a few interesting benefits which will be explained in more detail by contacting:

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EDITORIAL

Well gang, we're almost over the hump. September is here!. There's a magical sound to "September". It means the summer's gone and so's the help. The chemicals are gone and so's the budget. But the grass - well, the grass is still there and it's gonna keep right on growing for a few more weeks with a little help from its friends like YOU.

The grass is going to be dormant in a short time. It's going to really slow down from the rush and demands on it during the summer. But what about the friends who look out for it?

What are you going to do when YOU slow down for the winter? You will be reaching a state of comparative "dormancy" with the onset of cold weather and short days, but are you going to take advantage of it?

The grass gets a vacation – what about you? From the tentative results of this year's survey which will be published next month, almost every super in the area gets SOME vacation, most of them paid.

What do YOU do with it? Do you take the