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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The March meeting at Springfield Country Club was a very interesting one for me. We haven't had a business meeting lately and we thought it was an appropriate time to feel the pulse of the membership.

The main areas of concern seemed to be related to jobs, salaries etc. The only function of our Employment Committee, which is Bob Miller, is to get out a flyer to all Class A and B members on any job openings that come to our attention. We do not recommend a person or persons for a Superintendent's position. I personally feel that we as an association should not endorse anyone for a job. We as an association could present the club officials with a copy of our latest survey, we could also recommend that they contact the applicants, college instructor and previous employers.

It is always surprising to hear how few Clubs do go back to college instructors and previous employers for recommendations. Professor Hawes has been teaching the Turf Course at Maryland for six years and he has had very few prospective employers call him during this time. Some Clubs even run ads in the local newspapers for Superintendents. All Mid-Atlantic members can help us by reporting any job opening to Bob Miller and at least make them aware that there are Professional Golf Course Superintendents and you can't find them in the Yellow Pages.

George B. Thompson, President
Mid-Atlantic

MARCH MEETING - SPRINGFIELD C. C.

Our first Mid-Atlantic meeting of 1972 was held March 14, at Springfield Country Club in Springfield, Virginia. Due to the typical March weather only four members braved the golf course - Stanley Lawson, Jim Cantrell, Russel Bull and Bernie Bornhorn.

Dennis McCammon, our host and Secretary-Treasurer, provided everybody with a fine buffet banquet. Following the dinner George Thompson, our new Mid-Atlantic President, directed a lively group discussion on the activities of our board of directors and GCSAA topics of interest. Lee Dieter, Vice-President and Mid-Atlantic committee delegate, reported on the results of the advisory committee meetings in Cincinnati.

The April meeting of the MAGCSA will be held Tuesday, April 11 at Westwood Country Club in Vienna, Virginia. Our host will be Wally Stedding.

Directions to the Club: Take Tysons Corner exit 11S off the Beltway. Follow Route 123 south towards Vienna for about one mile. The club is on the right.



Dennis McCammon Geo. Thompson Lee Dieter

CERTIFIED SUPERINTENDENTS

Bill Livingston of Norbeck C.C. and Bob Shields of Woodmont C.C. were presented Certification Plaques at the Certification Recognition Ceremony at the 43rd annual Turfgrass Conference in Cincinnati on February 14.

This is the first time a Mid-Atlantic super has been certified and we are doubly proud that both Bob and Bill were honored. Congratulations to you both!

Allan MacCurrach, Chevy Chase C.C., was also certified by taking the certification exam. Allan said next month he would write an article on the subject for the newsletter.



Bill Livingston and Bob Shields

NEWSLETTER MAILBAG

Starting this month the newsletter will reserve space for comments from our readers. Does this suggest anything to anyone?

Comments and opinions from our readers are welcome for publication. Anyone is invited to contribute - agreeing or disagreeing on timely subjects of local or national interest, editorials, or any turf related subject. All that is necessary to do is to jot down your thoughts and send them to:

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The editors reserve the right to comment on all letters published.

Is this newsletter getting to your greens chairman? If not, send us his address promptly!

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS

At the last board meeting on February 25, four new applications were read and are being published here in accordance with our by-laws. Unless written objection is received within 30 days after publication, these men will become active members with their requested classifications.

1. Warren Bidwell
Congressional C.C.
Potomac, Md.

Warren is applying for a class A membership. Angelo Cammarota and George Thompson signed his application.

2. Ramon Donahue
Holiday-Kamp Parks Inc.
Alexandria, Va.

Ramon is applying for a class E membership. His application was signed by Tom Doerer and Russel Kerns.

3. James Duvall
National Capital Toro
Silver Spring, Md.

Jim is applying for a class E membership. Bob Shields and Paul Barefoot signed his form.

4. Mike Koss
Eagle Head G. & C.C.
New Market, Md.

Mike is applying for a class A membership. His application was signed by Tom Doerer and Joe Reposkey.

NEW LABOR PROBLEMS

A serious problem regarding golf course labor is becoming prevalent within the Mid-Atlantic Association. This subject is unfavorably referred to as "employee snatching". Too many well-trained employees are consistently being made job offers by other area superintendents without the consent and knowledge of his present employer. We must not solely rely on our neighbor superintendent to train our labor for us. We should be continually looking for labor from outside sources in order to expand our supply of capable personnel to fulfill our job requirements.

With mechanization rapidly dominating the turf industry our total work force requirements are for thoroughly trained equipment operators. We can upgrade the position of a golf course employee if we continually introduce new people into this exacting science of turf management.

We cannot work together and profit as an organization if we rob employees from one another at every opportunity. We already have enough competition with other industries and unions for our labor needs, let's not give "employee snatching" a new birth in the Mid-Atlantic Association.

Craig Spottswood
Editor

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Jim was Superintendent of the Army-Navy C.C. for fifteen years. He was the National President in 1960 and also the President of The Mid-Atlantic in 1953-54.

JOBS WELL DONE

Congratulations to George Thompson and Bob Shields for the fine job they did on their presentations at the National Conference. George was a member of the Thinking Superintendent Panel and Bob's topic was "Records and Record Keeping."

BEST WISHES

Dr. Halls wife, Lanae, had surgery on March 24. We all wish her a speedy recovery.

NEW MID-ATLANTIC INSIGNIA

Our new Mid-Atlantic insignia, reproduced below, is now available as a blazer patch.

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KEEP TRYING

On December 11, 1970 the following letter was written to the two Sports Columnists in the Washington area:

As superintendents in the Washington area experiencing more rounds of golf each year, we can only realize the misconception by the average golfer of what we do in our never ending fight against humans versus grass. The golf course superintendent is somewhat to blame because some of the education of the golfing public does fall on our shoulders.

We are a professional group, proud of our accomplishments of growing turf under the most adverse conditions, but there are few professions that exist that are as abused as ours through a round of golf.

How can we educate the golfer? Nationally televised golf tournaments over the past few years have given an inroad to make people aware of our job, but more publicity is needed.

You and other sports writers could help through your weekly columns by relating these problems to the golfing public.

The problem confronting us now, however, is the coming of winter. The big question we face is do we keep our courses closed or surrender to the golfer, who, except for exercise, has no true test of the game. Then with the coming of spring, the problem becomes compounded with the need to add water to already hard uneven greens to get them to hold a shot and to keep complaints down.

The following two point program would be a start.

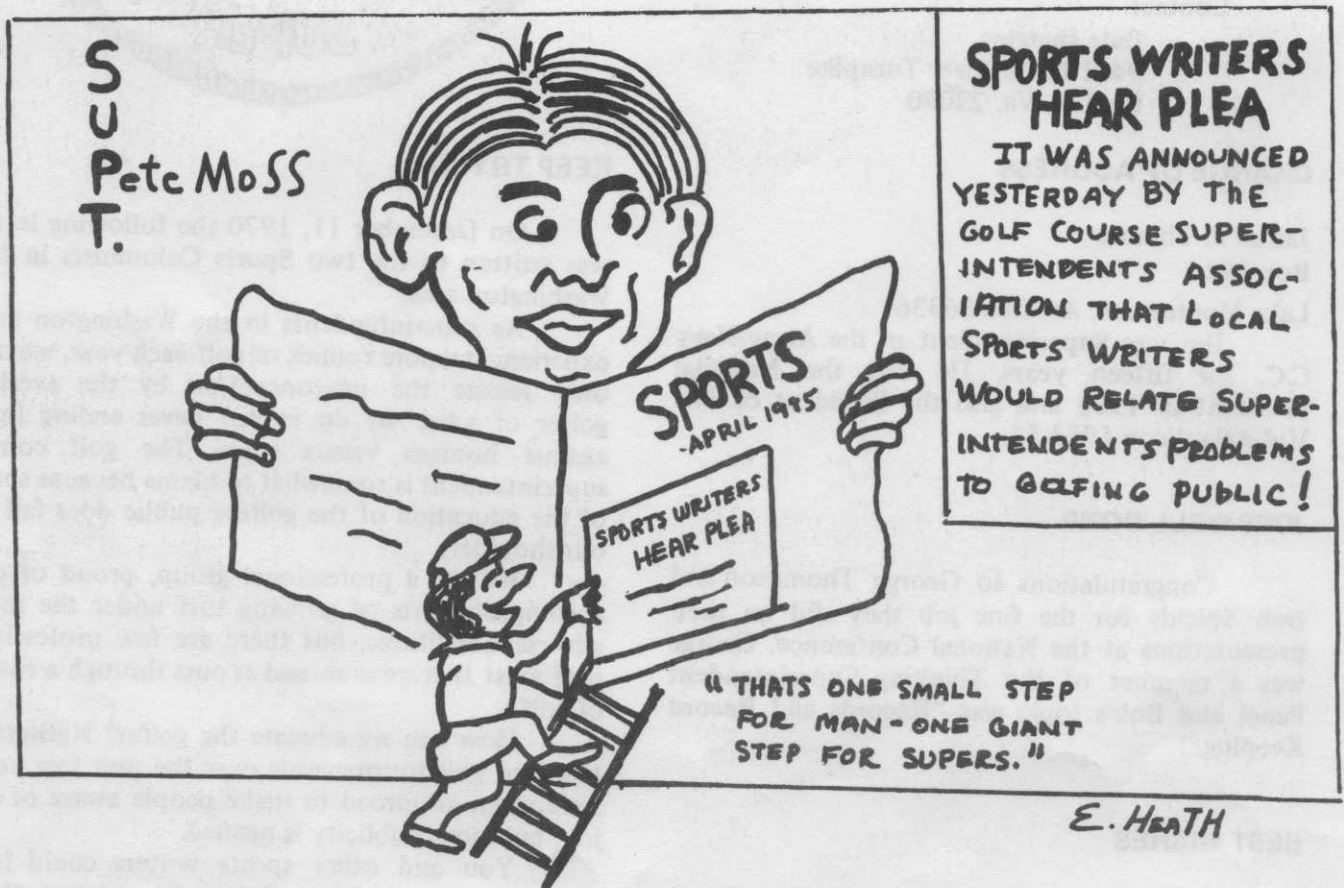
1. Write our professional trade magazines expressing the situation.
2. Write to our national organization and have them contact sports writers over the country asking them to devote some space occasionally to interview with a local superintendent to air some of these problems.

Our job is to please the golfer and give him the best turf to play on that is humanly possible. We believe it is the duty of every voice of the game to relate these problems from all sides, not just one or two, so a better understanding can be achieved.

We, in the Washington area, would certainly be indebted to you for your help and if this idea meets with your approval, we would be more than willing to meet with you.

The letter was ignored by one writer, while the other responded with the mere statement. . .an etiquette program is needed for the golfer. With the coming of another season what can YOU do to remedy the situation? The cooperation of all local and national Superintendents is needed to make the golfing public aware of our side of the game.

THIS COULD BE THE END RESULT



CINCINNATI - WHAT A SUCCESS!!

A record breaking attendance of over 4000 was recorded at our 43rd International Turfgrass Conference and Show in Cincinnati, Ohio, February 13 - 18. (Last year's Denver Registration was 3485.)

The Mid-Atlantic representation of over 80 has made it impractical to show recognition in the newsletter to those attending, but we were proud of our representation. Let's hope the Mid-Atlantic attendance can top 100 next January in Boston.

SCENES FROM CINCINNATI



MORE OF CINCINNATI



BOB MARTINO WINS AGAIN

Bob Martino of Island View Golf and Country Club, Sterling, Virginia, wins his second "Supers" Tourney at Killearn Golf and Country Club, Tallahassee, Florida. Bob put together a pair of 75's for a 5 stroke lead and a first place victory at the fourth annual Golf Course Superintendents of America Tournament. Bob also won the second GCSAA Tournament in 1970 in Houston, Texas. Quite an accomplishment Bob!

BUT THAT'S NOT ALL...

Bob Martino, together with Grafton Lumsden, Bethesda C.C., Gene Banks, Green Castle C.C., and Bert Yingling, Beaver Creek C. C., placed second as the Mid-Atlantic team. Nice going fellows!



George Thompson accepting Trophy for Bob Martino at the GCSAA Banquet.

NEW T.V. PERSONALITY

Joe Baidy, former Superintendent of Manor C.C. Norbeck, Maryland, has received recognition for the fine job he is doing at the Oak Hill C.C. Rochester, New York. Besides appearing on a local T.V. talk show, the President of the club commended Joe after having the most successful and productive year ever.



Judy and Joe in Cincinnati

AIN'T IT THE TRUTH

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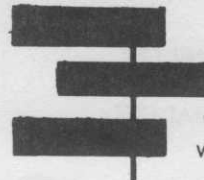
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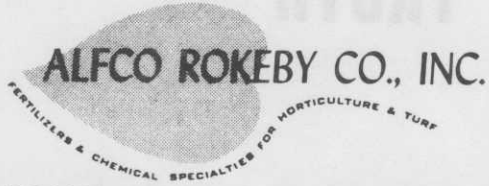
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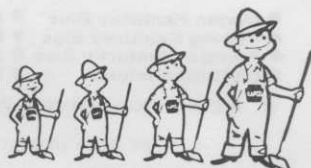
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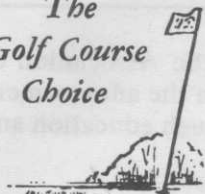


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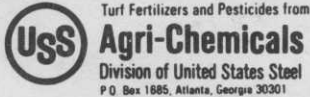
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