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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

It all comes at once, regardless of how much winter planning I do, it still hits me all at one time - Training Seasonal Help, Mowing Program, Application of Pre-emergence & Post-emergence Herbicides, Grub Proofing, Topdressing, Spot Seeding and how about all the new wet areas that developed the past two years.

The preceding projects may help to explain the shortest president's message on record.

George B. Thompson
President
Mid-Atlantic GCSAA

APRIL MEETING - WESTWOOD COUNTRY CLUB

Our April meeting at Westwood brought out all our winter hibernating golfers. Some forty members played golf as compared to only four at last month's Springfield meeting. Bob Martino and Bernie Bornhorn walked away with best ball with Bert Yingling and Craig Spottswood winning 2nd best ball.

Dave Fairbanks, tournament chairman, has requested all participating golfers to be sure to turn their signed score cards in at each meeting. Dave will compile our scores and establish a handicap system after our fifth round this year. All handicaps will derive from our monthly meeting golf rounds and not from established handicaps from home clubs.

Walley Stedding, our host superintendent, provided us with an equipment display from three area suppliers - Jacobsen, International Harvester, and Hahn-Westpoint.

Those of you who played golf probably noticed the extensive drain work Walley recently installed. Walley, using a combination of tile and french stone drains, is nearing the completion of

his drainage program. Also evident was the complete overseeding of all fairways and tees.

Years ago Westwood was a municipal, small budget course without much sophistication. Walley and his greens chairman, Stewart Lauer, are working on a full "face lifting" on the whole grounds starting with a sound realistic budget.

Dr. A. J. Powell of V.P.I., Blacksburg, Va., presented an excellent, informative talk on the use and values of non-ionic soil surfactants and wetting agents in general. One point of interest was that some surfactants can become absorbed in the clay and become ineffective thus providing only temporary relief from compaction. Dr. Powell also stated that broad applications of uniform rates were not beneficial where soils and water tables differ. Individual areas should be tested for reaction to wetting agents. Considerable field testing of surfactants is needed and results will become available in the next few years.

One highlight of the evening was the presentation of a certification plaque to Allen MacCurrach of Chevy Chase Club. Bob Shields made the presentation.

MAY MEETING

The May meeting will be held at Crofton Country Club - Host Tom Comalli - Guest Speaker - Dr. Fred Grau.

Directions to Club: From Washington Beltway take Rt. 50 east. Turn off Md. Rt. 3 north six miles to Crofton on right. From Baltimore, Rt. 3 south - Crofton on left 21 miles from Baltimore.

INSTITUTE OF APPLIED AGRICULTURE

The Institute of Applied Agriculture at the University of Maryland has a record size freshman class enrollment for the fall of 1972. As of this early date, 23 students are presently enrolled for