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MARCH MEETING

Our first meeting of the year was held at Manor Country club in Rockville, Maryland. Graig Spottswood, your Newsletter editor, was your host. Twenty golfers took advantage of the unseasonably warm weather and enjoyed a round of golf with no threat of rain. Tom Comalli took first prize with a 76 low gross followed by Lou Rudenski and Ron Hall who tied for low net.

Our business meeting featured George Cleaver, our newly elected Director of the GCSAA, who spoke on the multitude of goals, objectives, and benefits of our National Association. George pointed out three areas of responsibility we have as golf course superintendents.

1. **Turf Management.** Take care of your own golf course. While this may appear obvious to most of us I don't think we all are able to honestly state we are doing all we can on the home front. By and large we often get too tied up in major projects of improvements, renovation, etc., and often oversee the minor jobs of continuous "house cleaning." Housecleaning is what the members see; hand trimming, edging, and trash pick-up are tops on this list. Keeping up with the little things projects the image of quality maintenance.

2. **Administration.** A superintendent of operations is an administrator, the term is self explanatory. We are efficient administrators if we keep on top of all operations, plan ahead, and keep organized.

3. **Keeping up to Date.** George's third prerequisite of an efficient superintendent was to keep up to date on new advancements within our industry. Read your publications, attend local and national meetings, and exchange your ideas with other superintendents.

After George's presentation Lee Dieter, our Mid-Atlantic President, presented Dr. Fred Grau with a 25 year pin, signifying his twenty-five years active membership with our National GCSAA. Dr. Grau has been active in turf research for over 33 years. Without Dr. Grau's complete devotion and untiring assistance to our need of improved grass varieties and maintenance practices we would not have progressed as far as we have in the past three decades.

A presentation was made of two certification plaques by Herb Hinelein to Lou Rudinsky and Ron Hall which brings our total of certified superintendents up to nine for the Mid-Atlantic Assn. Ron and Lou have commented that the tests required for certification are every bit as difficult as rumored to be. "Cramming for the exams" and burning the midnight oil over text books are necessary to last through the full six hour exam period. Congratulations for your new achievement and contribution of professional status to our association.

Our events of the evening were capped off with the presentation of two silver trophies to our 1972 Tournament winners-1st prize to Tom Comalli and 2nd prize to runner-up Craig Rhoderick who was defeated by Tom in a play off match at Crofton Country Club.



Left Lee Dieter and right Dr. Fred Grau.