

Extention Energy Management Task Force, states "Maryland is served gas basically by the major oil companies who have the oil and refinery products; while areas like the Mid-West are served largely by independents who do not have adequate oil and refinery products."

"Of course, this is a gross over-simplification of the problem, but a mandatory allocation system would, in principle, take from the 'haves' and give to the 'have nots'. There is a very small chance that this could be done without hurting the 'haves' and with current fuel reserves at such a low announced level; there is a very high probability that Maryland could lose some of its relatively favorable position."

In any event we are to soon experience a second and more severe fuel shortage. When, how sever, and for how long are questions we all must be concerned with now. We will also experience a sharp increase in the cost of gasoline when supplies begin to seriously diminish. Products that deal heavily in energy will show a sharp price increase thru the winter and into 1974. Budget accordingly.

The progressive superintendent of today must look ahead to regressing. Over the past few decades golf course maintenance has been highly intensified and improved. For example, roughs grew naturally with only mature, and not a mower, to determine it's appearance. Sand traps were not raked and were lined with shaggy uncut grass lips that provided a real challenge to golf, not seen now except in Scotland.

If we are to conserve fuel we must also reduce to a minimum all of our management practices. Fairways which were cut four and five times a week will have to be cut maybe only once a week.

Greens which are often cut daily will have to be cut only twice a week. Sand traps will have to be hand raked once again and so on until each conceivable measure has been taken to conserve every gallon of gas.

There remains no question of how the superintendent will comply with our present day energy crisis — he will cut back on all gasoline performed operations. Not many present day golfers will delight in your new management practices, but at least your gates won't be locked like the doors of the clubhouse and golf car building.

Gas will not be our only shortage to face. These fuel shortages we are facing are indirectly causing other complications — natural gas is a major raw material in the manufacture of anhydrous ammonia, from which nitrogen fertilizers are produced. Potash depends on fuel for the ships, trucks and railroad trains which haul it from Canada. Phosphate materials are already in short supply because of greater usage than anticipated both on the domestic scene and in the foreign export market. Electrical power shortages at several of the Florida open pit mines during July and August also aggravated the phosphate shortage.

The fertilizer situation was further complicated by Phase IV price controls imposed by the Federal Cost of Living Council. These price restrictions provided little benefit to golf courses since the price restrictions merely served as an incentive for manufacturers to sell at more lucrative profit margins in the world market. The fertilizer shortage is already here, and it can be expected to continue well into next year. Best order your spring needs of fertilizer early to assure delivery.

Some grass seed prices are expected to more than double in 1974. The combination of two consecutive bad

growing seasons coupled with bans on burning off end-of-season fields will certainly increase the price on certain seeds as well as making some varieties unavailable. The year 1974 will probably be a hard year — budget accordingly.

Craig Spottswood

## CODE OF ETHICS

Our code of Ethics is reprinted here for the benefit of those who might be "looking" this winter — and for the few of us who need to be reminded of our professional GCSAA standards of conduct. The purpose of this guideline for conduct is to permit our group of professional superintendents to live in harmony with one-another and to aspire professionally for mutually sought after goals. This code reflects upon each of us a desire to become a competent and responsible member of a profession with high standards of conduct.

As a member of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America, I pledge myself to:

1. Recognize and discharge all my responsibilities to my employers at all times.
2. Practice and insist on sound business principles in exercising the responsibilities of my position.
3. Utilize every opportunity to extend my professional knowledge in order to increase my value to my employers, my industry and my profession.

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4. Truly assume the responsibility for the physical well-being of my golf course by insisting on and exercising the prerogative of my professional judgment in declaring my golf course playable or unplayable, according to prevailing conditions.

5. Maintain the highest standards of personal conduct to reflect credit and add to the stature of the profession of Golf Course Superintendency.

6. Neither engage in or support any exploitation of my Association, industry or profession.

7. Avoid dissemination of any malicious information concerning other golf courses and/or other Golf Course Superintendents.

8. Lend my support to, and actively participate in, the efforts of my local Chapter and National Association to improve public understanding and recognition of the profession of Golf Course Superintendency.

9. Extend technical help to any golf course when called upon by the Superintendent.

10. Recognize, observe and expect in return the highest standards of integrity in my relationship with other Golf Course Superintendents as follows:

*A. When seeking employment*

(1) I will seek counsel of local GCSAA Chapters when applying for a position in any district.

(2) I will make certain the position is open before making application to any prospective employer.

(3) I will ascertain and uphold the salary level of the district in which I negotiate for a position.

(4) I will, when possible, speak to the man who is leaving or has left the position for which I am considered.

*B. When visiting other golf courses*

(1) I will call on the Superintendent of the golf course.

(2) I will present my GCSAA membership card.

Observance of this code can only elevate the entire profession. Disregarding it will bring discredit not only to the individual, but to all superintendents. Because it is a voluntary code, it can be enforced only by the desire to win and hold the respect of fellow superintendents. Therefore, its enforcement is up to individual members.



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