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President's Message

Due to the large number of job openings in our area this year, and some of these being under adverse conditions, it may be of benefit to all of us to re-read the golf course superintendents code of ethics.

The code of ethics will be most easily found on page 5 of the 1974 GCSAA Membership directory.

Some of the points well worth considering are:

Extend technical help to any golf course when called upon by the superintendent. If you need help, please call upon another superintendent before the problem becomes so serious that your members consider this move. The combined years of experience of sorts in the Mid-Atlantic will most certainly be able to provide you with an answer to your problem. I do not know of any superintendent who would refuse to help if asked.

When seeking employment:

1. Seek the counsel of the local GCSAA chapter when applying for a position in an area.

2. Make certain the position is open and is known to the incumbent superintendent before making application.

3. Uphold the salary level recommended by the chapter in the area where applying. Currently this is \$17,500 in the Mid-Atlantic area for a class A superintendent on an 18 hole course not including fringe benefits.

4. When possible speak to the superintendent who is leaving before making application for a job.

My congratulations to Bob Orazi and wife who organized a most delightful ladies night. Those who did not attend missed a fine evening of good food, company, and entertainment.

My commendations also to Craig Spottswood, aided by Bill Emerson, and Lee Dieter who compiled a most comprehensive and informative golf course maintenance survey.

Paul Barefoot

November 12, Open Discussion Meeting

Almost every year we devote one of our membership meetings towards an open discussion on any topics related to the activities of our association.

Bill Emerson, educational chairman, headed up the evening's discussion which developed shortly into a full scale debate with many members participating. The biggest topic of the evening was started by Dick Anderson, Burning Tree Country Club, when he stated that the newsletter was all Craig, and that more members should help with the publication. Many suggestions then followed, which will be further discussed at an upcoming board meeting—the results of which will be published in the newsletter.

Gillie Shapiro was our host and as always provided a banquet feast that was so lavish I regretted not having my camera.

Even though the rains came all day, eight "ducks" braved the weather to test the golf links maintained by the new superintendent Del Hamersly. Stanley Lawson and Charlie Johnson led the field and won the prizes for the day. The course was in its best shape ever, and both Gillie and Del are to be commended on their results of over-

coming the destruction from Hurricane Agnes in 1972.

Paul Barefoot had the privilege of presenting a Mid-Atlantic Certification Plaque to Sam Kessel, Country Club of Fairfax. Congratulations Sam, the certification will open your doors to the future. Sam is the second Mid-Atlantic member to receive his certification in 1974. Dick Anderson of Burning Tree became a Certified Golf Course Superintendent earlier this summer.

"In case you find any mistakes in this newsletter, please remember they were put there for a purpose. We try to offer something for everyone in this newsletter. Some people are always looking for mistakes."

Southern California Divot News

"Because American made balls are 1.68 inches in diameter, last year's output would reach (extend) about 4.138 miles, lined up side by side, or cover about 436,800,000 square inches of space—the equivalent of about 68 acres."

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Editor note: These are golf balls.