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President's Message

One of the highlights of my year as president most certainly has had to be the opportunity to attend the testimonial dinner for Herb and Joe Graffis.

This event was held in Chicago the end of July, and every segment of the business of golf was well represented.

It was a pleasure to honor these men who have done so much for the business of golf. GCSAA members contributed \$750.00 thus far toward a scholarship fund in the names of Joe and Herb Graffis.

Many many men who are and were notables in the world of golf attended this function and some made comments concerning the work of Herb and Joe. Bob Hope made a telephone call to the assembly which was put over a microphone so all could hear; Mr. Cox of the club managers' association and Deane Beman of the professional golfers made presentation while such notables as Robert Trent Jones and many men who were known in the world of golf thirty years ago could be seen throughout the crowd.

The Mid-Atlantic was represented at the function by Dr. Fred Grau, Eddie Ault, George Cornell, and myself.

The GCSAA was represented by director Ted Woehle, Connie Sheetz and Nick Geanopolis, and fourteen chapter representatives.

Only the female species of the holly tree produces berries.

Turfgrass Field Day Is A Success

Nearly 300 persons from a six-state area and the District of Columbia attended the first Maryland turfgrass research and equipment field day on August 8, according to Dr. David S. Ross, Extension agricultural engineer at the University of Maryland in College Park.

The event was held at the university's Hopkins plant research farm near Calverton (Montgomery County) on Cherry Hill Road, north of College Park.

Turfgrass maintenance professional workers concerned with highways, hospitals, parks, sod farms, gold courses, military bases, educational institutions, governmental agencies and public utilities were among those in attendance.

They saw 23 experiments being conducted to learn more about turfgrass varieties, insect control and disease resistance, fertilization, drought-tolerance, mowing height and other factors affecting the maintenance of good quality turfgrass under Maryland conditions.

In addition, 11 equipment dealers provided a display of machinery needed to maintain established turfgrass. The equipment included mowers—ranging from small, heavy-duty walk-behind units for small areas—to larger turf-type tractors and mowers for parks and highways. Sprayers, fertilizer spreaders, seeders trailers and sweepers were also displayed.

The field day was sponsored by the agronomy and agricultural engineering departments at the University of Maryland, along with the Cooperative Extension Service and the Maryland Turfgrass Council. Co-chairmen were Dr. Ross and Dr. John R. Hall, Extension turf management specialist.

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Dates to Remember

October 8	Suburban Country Club Host: Robert Miller	November 12	Laural Pines Country Club. Host: Gilbert Shapiro
October 25	Ladies Night, Hunt Valley. Plan for guests and baby sitter early. Dinner and Dancing.	December 10	Eagles Nest Country Club. Host: Bill Emerson Annual Election Meeting.
November 6-7	GCSAA Pesticide Seminar "Principles of Chemical Usage" Baltimore, Maryland	February 16-21, 1975	GCSAA Conference and Show. Pre-Conference Seminars. New Orleans, Louisiana.