### Check-In From Denny

December 6, 1977

Dear Wayne,

Well, I guess it's time for my annual check-in with you guys in the Mid-Atlantic. Needless to say, play here has slowed considerably with over 48" of snow on the ground already. It looks as though this will be a more "normal" year at least compared to the snowless winter of '76-'77. It was bleak here to say the least.

Summer was good to us however. We had good rains that were well-timed, and the course came of age. Play was up 65% over last year, and next summer is looking up with reservations already. It will be a busy place again.

We are in a new house we built this summer. It is about 10 miles out of town on a mountainside covered with aspen and oak, and our closest neighbors are a herd of deer, a family of 3 bears, a pack of coyotes and a horny bull elk! It sure beats 37 kids on minibikes!

I'm enclosing a little release that I thought you might be interested in. It is self-explanatory, but thought the guys might be interested. Besides—my name is in it! Ha!

We are looking forward to San Antonio in February. Should be a nice drive down and it will be fun to see green grass—or any grass at all—(at least the kind you mow).

Hope to see everyone there-

Best wishes for a good holiday to all the M.A. members.

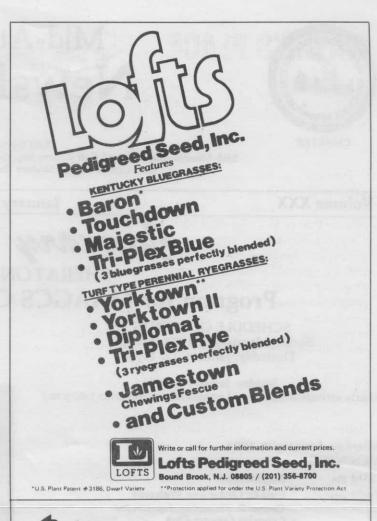
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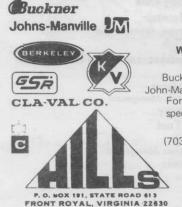
P.S. Tell Sam Kessel if he has trouble finding meeting places, we'll host the fall outing here!

#### **DENNY'S RELEASE:**

This summer saw the formation of the Colorado Western Slope TurfGrass Association. This is the first organized group of its type in the Colorado Rockies and was established primarily due to the "out of the ordinary" problems and general growing conditions experienced in establishing and maintaining ornamental,

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