

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.



Denny

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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not help in anyway possible for the betterment of the Association. It does mean that the action on my part was not generated by the "sour grapes" syndrome. That I was not elected to a higher office was a not a factor in my decision. When approached by the nominating committee to be placed on a slate as Vice-President, my first question was, "Have you asked the Secretary of our organization who is a hard-working and qualified individual?" I was assured that he had been contacted and declined. I put forth other names to no avail.

It was brought to my attention the day after the election meeting that the 1977 Mid-Atlantic Board was comprised of 7 or 8 members who also are members of the Greater Washington Golf Course Superintendents Association. This fact seemed to explain the debacle that occurred the night before. Again, BIG WHOOP!!! I for one enjoy the meetings of each group and have for a number of years. I have never seen an attempt by GWGCSA to interfere in, or ramrod the affairs of the Mid-Atlantic. I have never seen a Golf Course Superintendent not welcomed to a GWGCSA meeting whether he be from Baltimore or Washington. Sorry gentlemen, that excuse will not fly. I will continue to attend meetings of each association.

Lest I be misunderstood, I fault no single individual for what has happened. We are to blame as an Association for allowing this type of split to occur; we are responsible as an Association to correct it. Either we bury the hatchets of each faction and go forth as the MAAGCS unified, strong (nationally), and respected, or we split into two area groups divided, weak (nationally), and stained. I prefer the former.

We have elected a highly qualified *Mid-Atlantic* President and *Mid-Atlantic* Board. All we need now is a *Mid-Atlantic Association!*

Virgil Robinson, CGCS

Denny's Release

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Vice President - Jim Ledonne, Golf course superintendent, Rifle Gap G.C., Rifle, Colo.

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