

WAYNE'S PLACE



The University of Maryland has been awarded another "Butter Fingers of the Year Award" for letting another fine agronomy professor slip through their fingers. I'm speaking of Dr. Hawes from the Institute of Applied Agriculture. Dr. Hawes has accepted a position with the U.S.G.A. green section and will be leaving for Texas in late May. Dr. Hawes has been a respected member of the local turf community since 1966. To see one of Doctor Hawes' accomplishments one only has to open a Mid-Atlantic directory and count superintendents and assistants (I stopped at 25) that he has given to our profession. Dr. Hawes also has students in many other east coast states. He will be sorely missed.

The University has had trouble in the past keeping good educators (i.e. Dr. A. J. Powell and Dr. Jack Hall). Evidently this situation of losing professors to other Universities and private industry is happening all through the University and is not just an agronomy department problem. I'd say the "Ole U of M" better get competitive or the quality of students will drop. Turf students should, at least, know how to lay sod, you know green side up.

So, what now Agronomy Department? You've got two, new, young, fine professors in Drs.' Darrah and Wehner. Dr. Darrah has showed us just how hard a worker he was while making Turfgrass 78 a success. We're sure that Dr. Wehner will be just as hard a worker if given a chance. Come on Agronomy Department, let's keep these guys around awhile. You've lost two good men in two years, three in a row and you can keep the "Butter Fingers Award" for good. That's a rather dubious distinction, wouldn't you say?

C.D. III, may the force be with you!



Sam Kessel, our Vice President, has lined up a real fine schedule of meeting places for the year. Some of the later months have not been confirmed yet, so here is the schedule for the first six months. In March we're going to Twin Shields with Edwin Wilson as our host. I don't know if many of you have seen Edwin's course, but I have and it's super. Pray for good weather and try to make it out to play. April will find us going back down to sample Ralph MacNeal's eastern shore hospitality and his golf course at Talbot Country Club in Easton, Maryland. Our Pro-Superintendent Tournament will be at the Washington Golf and Country Club with Virginia's "Godfather" of Superintendents, Lee Dieter, as host. With Lee in residence we know the WGCC will be in super shape. June is usually great golf weather, so we're going to celebrate this at a great golf course, Indian Springs. Herb Hienlien will be our host. I hope that ornery Dutchman doesn't pick the pin placements, he's tough enough on his own turf. In July we'll be traveling out to God's country to visit Tony Goodly at Loudon Golf and Country Club in Purcellville, Virginia. Loudon is one of my personal favorites. August and September are automatic. August is our family picnic and September is our tournament with Philadelphia. This year "Philly" is the host and knowing them they're going to try to win that "trophy" back. Let's get a good team together and keep that trophy where it belongs.

Sam tells me that our November and December

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meetings are open. Let's give him some help and if you can book a meeting, please do!



On March 10th Moody Irrigation Inc. will be having a seminar on their irrigation systems. This seminar will be held at Hunt Valley Golf Club with Bob Orazi as host. Mr. Steve Pasquini and Mr. Steve Selerio will be doing the presentation for Moody and it will be a 4- to 5-hour class. Lunch will be available on a pay-as-you-go basis. For additional information contact Bob Orazi at the club.

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