

Long, Long, Ago

Greg Bayor

• 15 yrs. May 1964

The May meeting was held at the course of the Superintendent pictured here? Then President, Thomas A. Doerer, Jr., wrote "None of us should be inactive and sit back and let someone else do all the work. We all have ideas pertaining



to the operation of our association and for the advancement and recognition of the GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENT. The expression of these thoughts is a duty we owe ourselves, our fellow members and to our chosen profession."

Dr. Fred V. Grau wrote, "In spite of severe losses of several bermuda grasses (u-3, 328, common) in the Spring of 1963, many superintendents said — *We haven't given up — we're going to stick with the warm season grasses.* This is sound thinking. Tufcote seems to have the ability to tolerate and survive winter play on dormant grasses...Problem tees in open sun may cease to be problems with Tufcote."

Congressional Country Club was seeking 18 superintendents to guard the greens for their upcoming USGA Open scheduled for June 18, 19, 20.

• 10 yrs. May 1969

The May meeting was held at the Washington Golf and Country Club in Arlington, Va. The monthly Board meeting read a letter submitted by Doug Hawes, explaining his latest experiment of Penncross bent as related to the growth habit of the grass with varying temperatures and fertility levels.

Paul Barefoot reported that Ladies Night this year would be the Jack Benny Show at the Shady Grove Music Fair. Ladies were also to be invited to Woodmont C.C. for the October meeting.

The Board, at this time, consisted of: Lee Dieter, Washington Golf & C.C.; Bob Miller, Suburban Club; George Thompson Columbia C.C.; Paul Barefoot, Old Soldiers Home; Bert Yingling, Beaver Creek C.C.; Denny McCammon, Springfield C.C. and Bob Milligan, Gunpowder Golf Club.

• 5 yrs. May 1974

Ron Hall hosted the May meeting at his Maryland Golf and C.C.; it was the 3rd annual Superintendent — Pro Tournament.

George Thompson wrote an excellent article on golf course benches. He was able to buy a steel form for park type benches for \$110.00. The cost per bench of materials was \$16.50. Seems like quite a bargain; maybe George can tell us how much they cost today (might still be a great bargain).

"*Golf Superintendent Overlooked*", by Herb Heinlein, stated something that may be tempered somewhat in 5 years, but is it really? "The golf course superintendent has been overlooked by the vast majority of amateur golfers and golf professionals, who just take for granted that their round of

golf will be played over a course that has smooth greens and close cut fairways. If it is a national tournament or a club outing, the superintendent is always forgotten. I am hoping that the next time you walk out on the course and look around, you just pause for a second and say a prayer for the golf course superintendent and crew."

Membership Search

Steve Nash

The Board of Directors has asked me to come up with some ideas on how to increase our membership. I started out by getting a mailing list from a local equipment dealer and after checking off the present members I came up with a list of non-members. There are approximately 55 prospective members in Maryland, 5 in D. C. and at least 18 in northern Virginia. This does not include assistants.

My plan is to send each prospective member a packet containing a newsletter, an application and a letter describing the Mid-Atlantic and inviting them to join.

Please contact me if you have any ideas that may be of help or if you know of prospective members. My home address: 19468 Brassie Place, Gaithersburg, Md. 20760.

Golf News

Ken Braun

8th Annual Superintendent Pro Tournament May 8, 1979 Hog's Neck Golf Course

This year we will return to Hog's Neck Golf Course for our Eighth Annual Superintendent/Pro Tournament. Our hosts will be Ben Stagg and John Medved. Everybody's welcome to come down and play a fine course. There will be plenty of prizes for Superintendents, Pro's and Guests. The price for the entire day will be \$22.50 a man, which will include lunch, cart, beer, golf prizes and "dinner". This will be collected in the Pro Shop when you first arrive. See everybody May 8.

