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November 9 — Suburban Club

Presidents Message

In the past several months there has been a lot of discussion about our code of ethics. By reading and rereading the Mid-Atlantic Associations code of ethics, I find it very similar to the code of ethics published by our National organization on page three of our 1982-1983 membership directory. We as superintendents and members of our National organization pledged to agree and abide by this code of ethics. Take time to read the code of ethics and get our assistant to read it also.

As good as our ehtics code is, it falls short of solving the problem being discussed. How can you expect a person to respect our code of ethics if he isn't aware of our association? Such a person cannot even apply for membership in the National or Mid-Atlantic until he has a job in a turf related field or is a student in turf management. By the time this person, who may have just walked off the street with no special training in turf management and accepted a job, has even seen a code of ethics some superintendent may have gotten the axe. This situation can and does happen.

One possible solution is, working in conjunction with our National organization to develop an educational program to assist and advise our employers on the merits of hiring members of our association. I have already relayed is thought to National Director John Hayden, who has pressed an interest in this problem.

Suburban Country Club is the site of our November meeting. Let's come and enjoy to the fullest the fellowship our organization has to offer.

Suburban Club

Suburban Club is an 18 hole golf course that was founded in 1901. In the past 6 years many changes have been made. Holes 13, 14 and 16 are new, many bunkers and tees have been changed. The tees and greens are automatic irrigation. 5 fairways are automatic, the rest are manual. The tees have been seeded to bent and the fairways — 85% ryegrass, 15% bluegrass. This past year Rubigan has been used on 9 greens at .2 oz./1000 sq.ft.

Hosts - Bob Miller, Don Beach Golf Pro, David Halle chairman

Program for the day:

Golf — After 11 a.m. Lunch — Cash after 12 noon Cocktails — 6 p.m. Dinner — 7 p.m. - \$15.00 Speaker — Tom Turner

Directions to the club — From Washington and points south - come North on Baltimore Beltway to exit 21 (Park Heights Ave). Go south on Park Heights past the first traffic light. Turn righ into driveway to clubhouse.

From points north - come south on Baltimore Beltway to exit 21 (Stevenson Rd.) at top of tamp turn left onto Stevenson Rd. Proceed to intersection of Park Heights Ave. Turn left at traffic light, proceed south on Park Heights to first driveway on right.

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1982 Match Play Results

The results of the 1982 Mid-Atlantic Match Play tournament are as follows:

1st flight - Harry Allen

2nd flight - Virgil Robinson

3rd flight - Walter Montross

4th flight — Bill Neus

5th flight - Wayne Evans

1982 Memorial Golf Tournament

The 1982 Mid-Atlantic Memorial Golf torunament was held at the Prince Georges Country Club. Sixty Mid-Atlantic members and guests enjoyed their day of golf. The results of the tournament are as follows:

Class A & B — Bill Glover Trophy

Low Gross — 1. Tom Regan - 79

2. Paul O'Leary - 79

3. Bill Shirk - 79

4. Ed Porterfield - 81

5. Ron Hall - 81

6. Dave Kroll - 86

Low Net - Reuben Hines Trophy

1. Mike Larsen - 65

2. Joel Ratcliff - 67

3. Jack Montecalvo - 69

4. Ken Braun - 69

5. Ray Midkiff - 69

6. Virgil Robinson - 70

Class C, D, E, F & G

Low Gross — 1. Jeff Yingling

2. Carl Schoening

Low Net — 1. Dick Doyle

2. Tom Harris

Guest - Low Gross - 1. Bob Drucker

2. Bob Latshaw

Guest - Low Net - 1. Frank Sanzaro

2. Paul Clark

Long Drive — Tom Regan

Closest to the Pin - Ray Midkiff

Meeting Dates and Locations

December 6-9 New Jersey Turfgrass Expo, Atlantic City, N.J.

December 14 - Mid-Atlantic A.G.C.S. meeting, Twin Lakes G.C., Buck Whetsell - Host.

1982 Election of Officers

The nominating committee nominates the followig slate of candidates for election:

Office, Term

Directors - Two to be elected for 3 year terms; one for a one year term:

Harry Allen

Bill Neus

Harold Parr

Walter Montross

George Renault

Voting members are reminded that Article VI, Section B of our By-Laws makes provisions for nominations from the floor.

1983 Candidates for GCSAA Election

Directors......William Emerson - Maryland
Donald Hearn - Massachusett
James Lindblad - Minneson
Richard Slivinski - Arizona

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L.R. (Bob) Shields, CGCS

Bob died "with his boots on" in the true pioneer tradition, on September 8, 1982. Characteristically, he was active right to the end. He and I had talked about the late Dr. Ernest N. Cory only a few days earlier. He had searched his files for items about Dr. Cory. Bob had just placed an order for a load of topdressing from John Strickland.

As the 29th president (1965) of the G.C.S.A.A. Bob gave stature and dignity to the National. His leadership and his popularity has been evidenced by his four-time presidency of the Mid-Atlantic Association of Golf Course Superintendents.

As superintendent of Woodmont C.C., Rockville, MD, for many years Bob was not afraid to try something new. He was one of the first to give U-3 bermudagrass a thorough workout. Together we planted half of No. 6 fairway to U-3. He established a tee that was half U-3, half Merion Ky. Bluegrass, for all-seasons play. He and his crew sprayed greens with powdered ureaform using a proportioner. I took many samples of warm season grasses to him which he planted and observed. In 1950 he was one of the leaders in planting a fairway as Fairfax C.C. to oysiagrasses.

As a friend Bob's loyalty knew no bounds. We had many confidential talks, often over lunch at the clubhouse with mutual friends Leopold Freudberg and Chips Cantor, leaders at Woodmont C.C.

When the proposal for a "Musser Tournament" in the Mid-Atlantic region was proposed Bob supported it enthusiastically. One of our last conversations dealt with the proposed 1983 tournament at Woodmont C.C. which has Chips Cantor's blessing. The event will be dedicated to Bob's memory.

The Maryland Turfgrass Council has been favored by Bob's counsel and attendance at meetings. The M.A.A.G.C.A. was well represented by him.

Bob's geniality, experience, friendship and professionalism has left an indelible mark on the world of turf which, with his family, was his life. May God rest his soul.

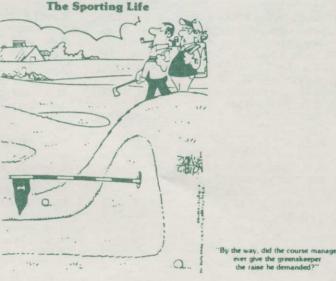
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To the Mid-Atlantic members

Please express my appreciation of the most generous check from the members of the Mid-Atlantic. It will be used to place a bronze memorial plaque at the grave site at Parklawn Cemetery.

I am most grateful for all the wonderful friends and their kindness.

Bernice Shields



* * Wanted to Trade * *

Used Jacobsen 7 gang blitzer mower FOR Jacobson 7 gang pull behind fairway mower.

Contact - Ron Hall, Work - 879-2025, Home - 836-2615

Members Encouraged to Write

GCSAA is always on the lookout for ideas and articles for publication in GOLF COURSE MANAGEMENT. There are several sections in the magazine where input from members can be used. Of course, we always are very pleased to receive articles written by superintendents, but the Thinking Superintendent and Ideas to Share are areas in which shorter less detailed written pieces are valuable.

Any member who submits copy for the magazine that is used as an article or in the Thinking Superintendent or Ideas to Share sections will receive an honorarium of \$150, \$50 or \$25 respectively.

Any questions or written copy should be directed to Zahid Iqbal at the GCSAA Headquarters office.

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