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## The 1982 Mid-Atlantic/Philadelphia Team Matches at

### Greate Bay Country Club

Somers Point, New Jersey

September 14, 1982

Ed Johnson, Host Superintendent

### Presidents Message

Low Members,

Our dear friend and member has lost his job. It seems unfair that a man who has dedicated his life to developing and maintaining that beautiful golf course, the most economical way possible, be removed from his job for the apparent same reason. That is giving the job to a lower salaried employee. Do all of his years of dedicated service count for nothing? Have we reached a point in this profession where what we have done in the past means nothing and the only thing that keeps our job is what we're going to do tomorrow?

Gentlemen, the practice of getting the most for the least is as old as business itself and we as an association will probably never change that.

This brings me to the point of this message, are any of our jobs safe? Doing the job for less money should not be the only job security we have.

I would like to see an educational session at our annual turf conference that would bring in a specialist in the field of job security. Also people from the Department of Human Resources to discuss and explain any protection we have by law.

Doing the best job we can is certainly no guarantee of job security, but it's probably the best thing going right now.

Our next meeting is with our good friends to the North. Since the meeting is so close to Atlantic City, it could well be that mini break that we're all looking for after a terrible summer.

Hope to see you all there,  
Ben



## Greate Bay Country Club

### GREATE BAY COUNTRY CLUB

The September 14th meeting of the Mid-Atlantic AGCS will be our annual joint meeting with the Philadelphia Association. The meeting will be held at the Greate Bay C.C. in Somers Point, N.J. Our host is Ed Johnson. Ed is completing his second year at Greate Bay. He is a graduate of the University of Maryland. He is married, wife's name is Elsie, and has one daughter, named Lisa.

Greate Bay is owned by the Sands Hotel and Casino Corp. of Atlantic City, N.J. The greens are penncross bent. The tees and fairways are a mixture of rye and bluegrass. The General Manager is Harry McGuire. Willie Maples is the Golf Director and Pro. His brother is Palmer Maples, who was formerly Director of Education for the GCSAA.

#### PROGRAM FOR THE DAY:

Lunch — 11:00 cash

Golf — 11:00

Cocktails — 5:00-6:30

Dinner — 6:30 - \$15.00

Please call Ed at 609-927-6075 to make dinner reservations.

**DIRECTIONS TO THE CLUB** — JFK Highway across the Delaware Memorial Bridge, exit on Rt. 40 to Atlantic City, follow signs to Somers Point, club address is 33 Mays Landing Road, Somers Point, N.J.

Driving time — Approximately 4 hours.

## New Members

The following names have been presented to the Board of Directors for approval as members of the Mid-Atlantic:

Dick Gieselmann, C.C. of Reston — Class A C.G.C.S.  
 Mark Jensen, Washington G. & C.C. — Class D  
 Bob Lynch, TESCO — Class F  
 Barry Gilbert, Bowie G. & C.C. — Class A  
 Phil Mills, Cumberland C.C. — Class A

## University of Maryland Research

Pete Dernoeden is looking for input from any Mid-Atlantic member concerning ideas for research at the University of Maryland. If you have any ideas about the type of research that you would like to see being done, please contact Pete or members of the Mid-Atlantic research committee, Ben Stagg, Lee Dieter or Paul O'Leary.

## Meeting Locations for 1983

MARCH — Open

APRIL — Evergreen C.C.

MAY — Washington G. & C.C.

JUNE — Mt. Pleasant or Pine Ridge

JULY — Open

AUGUST — Picnic

SEPTEMBER — Open

OCTOBER — Ocean City Y. & C.C.

NOVEMBER — Leisure World

DECEMBER — Open

Anyone interested in hosting one of the open dates please contact Ken Braun.

## Percy W. LeDuc, 92

Percy W. LeDuc, 92, a chemist with the Department of Agriculture's bureau of animal industry for 42 years before retiring in 1950, died August 5 at the Kensington Gardens Nursing Home after a stroke. He lived in Silver Spring before moving to Kensington Gardens in 1980.

Mr. LeDuc was a native of Washington and a graduate of McKinley Technical High School. He was a 1922 graduate of George Washington University. He had worked for the Agriculture Department as an assistant during his high school and college years.

He was a past president and chairman of the greens committee of the Argyle Country Club in Layhill, Md., and was the golf course supervisor during the 1950s and 1960s.

Mr. LeDuc was a member of the Agriculture Department and the old Petworth baseball teams in Washington, and of the Middle Atlantic Association of Golf Course Superintendents. He belonged to Marvin Memorial Methodist Church in Silver Spring.

Survivors include his wife, Elsie Mooers LeDuc, and a daughter, Helen Bishop, both of Silver Spring; three grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren.

## Maryland Turfgrass Irrigation Seminar

Wednesday, October 6, 1982  
 Center of Adult Education  
 University of Maryland  
 College Park, Maryland 20742

### Information:

J. Kevin Mathias, (301) 454-3938, Inst. of Appl. Agr.  
 David S. Ross, (301) 454-3901, Ag. Engineering

### PRELIMINARY PROGRAM

8:15—9:00	Registration, Exhibits, Coffee
9:00—9:30	Irrigation Basics — Pressure, Flow and Friction Dr. David S. Ross, Ag. Engineering Dept.
9:30—10:10	Pumps, Valves, and Controllers Mr. Rick Hill, Hills Irrigation
10:15—11:00	Design Considerations Speaker to be announced
11:00—11:30	Break — Coffee, Donuts, Exhibits
11:30—12:00	Installation Techniques Mr. Ed. Goldstein, Precipitation Inc.
12:00—12:30	Troubleshooting A System Speaker to be announced
12:30—1:00	Future Irrigation — What Can We Expect? Mr. Thomas Schlitz, Irrigation Association
1:00—2:00	Lunch and Exhibits
2:00—4:00	Tour — University of Maryland Athletic Fields and Golf Course

FEE: \$5.00 per person *by September 27, 1982 deadline.*  
 \$6.00 per person after September 27, 1982. (Registration limited to 125)

MAKE CHECKS TO: **Maryland Turfgrass Council**

MAIL TO: J. Kevin Mathias, Institute of Applied Agriculture, 2303 Animal Science Annex, University of Maryland College Park, Maryland 20742

## Letter to the Membership

August 2, 1982

Mr. J. Ben Stagg  
President  
Mid-Atlantic Golf Course Superintendents Association  
Route 2, Box 113  
Easton, Maryland 21601

Dear Mr. Stagg:

I have been a member of the Mid-Atlantic GCSA for nine years and am sincerely concerned for the future of our organization. It was my belief that the goals of our Association were to promote the role of Golf Course Superintendent as a professional position by providing continual education and instilling high ethical standards in our membership. While the Association's by-laws imply this purpose, I find myself wondering if there is any concerted effort to insure that these by-laws are properly enforced.

This letter is prompted by the situation that occurred at our July meeting. While I find it appalling that the Superintendent of that club was terminated after 23 years service with but one week's notice, I recognize that our organization is not yet strong enough to even attempt to dictate to our employers. Perhaps with a dedicated effort we can with time achieve the same working relationship with our employers that the PGA enjoys and insists upon.

While occurrences such as above have long been the topic of discussion during the social segment of our meetings, they have yet to be brought up during the business part. Why? Must we wait for the Board to take action? Or, since they are elected by the membership and function on behalf of the membership, do we the membership direct them to take action. This situation is one that could happen to any one of us and therefore, a problem to be aggressively addressed. Our inability to influence situations such as this points to a weak association.

We must take some giant steps forward if we are to improve ourselves, our image and our profession. Simply playing golf and dressing in a coat and tie for meetings does not do the trick. We are creeping when we should be attempting to run. There are many areas of growth that I believe the membership would appreciate the Board's pursuing. One area is to objectively identify the serious problems inherent in our profession and ways in which these problems can be improved or resolved. Perhaps this can be achieved by the appointment of a committee comprised of members with a true interest in this area. Another area open to progress is the superintendent's concept of the function of his assis-

tant. The assistant's position is similar enough to that of an intern that we might consider it an internship program, a learning process designed to interface with his formal education, promoting the professionalism we all strive for. The educational part of our meetings should reflect the pulling power that the Mid-Atlantic GCSA has to attract a wide variety of outstanding speakers.

I believe that the difference between our continuing as we are or moving forward lies in our acquiring a paid staff (one secretary, perhaps even part-time could handle our needs at present) and a permanent, long term MAGCSA office telephone number. This staff could handle all paperwork, including distributing of employment notices and the mechanics involved in arranging our meetings, etc.; time consuming efforts the Board must now handle in whatever spare time each can manage. A permanent telephone number would provide our organization an increased measure of continuity and improve the communication flow between the Board and its members, a necessity if the Association is to develop, commit to long range plans and achieve its potential.

Of crucial importance is the enforcement of our Code of Ethics. We must instill in our membership a code of ethics that becomes a creed. A creed that bonds each of us to the other and creates a cohesive influential Association. An association that cannot by some means insure adherence to its own Code of Ethics cannot effectively influence those outside of its organization. An association with "clout" had to first bind its own members to it before it could hope to succeed in binding others to its wishes, policies, or directives.

I believe that with the full support of its membership the Mid-Atlantic Board of Directors is capable of such a challenge. However, again it must be stressed that any group is only as effective as its members. If we wish the Board to move our association forward in resolving the various problems that are universal to our profession then we must back them 110%.

Sincerely,

G. E. Renault III  
C.G.C.S.

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