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LETTERS . . .

Fellow Members:

Over the past 20 years as a MAAGCS member, I have written many times to the membership, but this is by far the most difficult. To acknowledge to you, my fellow members, my inability to accomplish what I set out to do is very painful.

It is apparent to me, and I'm sure to you, that GCSAA is not ready for my style, methods, or approach, to the future of the golf course superintendent. I must say, truthfully, after being part of the Pre-conference GCSAA Executive Committee meeting held in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, that GCSAA had lost some of its luster to me. I didn't go away from that meeting with the kind of vibes I would call positive, and after the fiasco with the "Coalition of Concerned GCSAA Members" in Atlanta, GCSAA's image became even more tarnished to me.

I am convinced that GCSAA is capable of destroying itself from within before it ever has a chance to prove the true value of the golf course superintendent to the rest of the golf industry. I feel that this is a real possibility.

The Cliff and Bob, dog and pony show, put on by the Coalition prior to and during our Atlanta Conference, coupled with the fact that this Coalition caught our esteemed GCSAA Board with their collective trousers around their ankles, should just about negate the progress GCSAA has made over the



Paul Barefoot presents a service plaque to John T. Lea (r.) of Lea's Green Meadows, Inc., at the March meeting.

New Job Openings

Local

Assistant Superintendent
Country Club of Maryland

Out-of-Town (through GCSAA)

Superintendent, Indian Hills C.C.
Fort Salonga, N.Y.

Superintendent, The Creek
Locust Valley, N.Y.

Assistant Supt., Desert Inn & C.C.
Las Vegas, Nev.

Pro/Supt., St. Marys C.C.
St. Marys, Pa.

Call or write Ben Stagg for details

DIRECTORS' MEETING

The April Board of Directors meeting will be Thursday, April 7, at 1 p.m. at the Woodmont maintenance building; the May meeting will also be there, 1 p.m., Thursday, May 5.

past two or three years. GCSAA continues to take two steps forward and three back.

Sour grapes you say—Yeah, I say—Who's got a better right? My best to GCSAA winners—they'll need it!

Thanks to you, the members of the MAAGCS, for allowing me the privilege of representing you as a candidate to the GCSAA Board these past two years. I'm putting my political aspirations in mothballs and I suggest you find someone electable to endorse.

"I came to the forum twice and I lost," or did I?

Thanks again.

Your Fellow Member,
William J. Emerson

UM Offers Turf Disease Workshop

A turfgrass disease workshop will be held on April 7 at the University of Maryland in Room 1216 H.J. Patterson Hall with Peter Dernoeden of the Department of Agronomy and Ethyl Dutky of the Department of Botany as instructors. The workshop starts at 8:30 a.m., and covers cultural practices and turf disease, diagnosing major turf diseases, and isolation and microscopic identification of causative fungi. The cost is \$20 per person (checks payable to Maryland Turfgrass Council), there is space for 15 persons, and questions should be directed to Dr. Dernoeden at (301) 454-3715.

EVERGREEN MEETING

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sign across Rte. 15). Proceed less than a mile to the first right-hand turn (also with a sign) and follow that road to Berkeley Dr., where you turn left and drive a few blocks until you see the clubhouse on the right. The other route is to stay on 66 until you reach Rte. 15, turn right and follow it until just before the intersection with Rte. 234, turning left at the Evergreen sign and proceeding as above. If coming from Leesburg or the north, take Rte. 15 all the way to the Rte. 234 junction in Haymarket.

MEETING PROGRAM — APRIL 12

Lunch — Before 11, in clubhouse

Golf — 11 a.m.

Cocktails — 6 p.m. (cash bar)

Dinner — 7 p.m. (\$13.50 each)

Meeting — 8 p.m.

(Speaker "Gypsy Moth Update")

