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## President's Message

July is here, and with it, our normal hot, humid, and wet weather. This month's meeting is at Mt. Pleasant golf course in Baltimore, where we are going to have an outdoor bull roast and meeting, so dress casually for this one. Also, on July 19, we will be bidding farewell to another Mid-Atlantic member who is leaving us. Alex Watson, superintendent at Sparrows Point Country Club is retiring, and the Middle Atlantic Association CGS will host a cocktail party that night in his honor.

A flyer has already gone out on Alex's party, but if you need more information, call me at 486-2054. It will be at Sparrows Point, and wives and guest are welcome.

We recently received a supply of 25-year pins from the GCSAA, and these will be mailed out shortly. We presented Bert Yingling with his at the June meeting.

*Ken Braun, President*



## Picnic Coming Up!

Mark your calendars now for the annual Mid-Atlantic Picnic to be held at Bretton Woods on August 9.

As in the past, the Mid-Atlantic will provide ribs, hot dogs, crabs, hamburgers, soda, and beer. Each family is asked to bring a covered dish vegetable, salad, or dessert for 15-20 people.

Bring a volleyball or other games if you wish to put forth that much energy, and swimming and golf will be available.

If anybody wants to make a big contribution like a dozen watermelons or a keg of beer, please contact Paul Barefoot at 722-3262 (O) or 291-2095 (H) with your offer. Paul also has one pair of checked socks left, so there might be an auction. Watch the August newsletter for further details.

## Salary Survey Complete

The salary and benefit survey undertaken by Wayne Evans is nearing completion, and the analyzed data, showing averages and ranges will be available next month. Wayne received approximately 68% of the surveys given to Mid-Atlantic superintendents.

## It's Golf, Barbecue At Mt. Pleasant, July 12

The Mt. Pleasant municipal golf course in Baltimore is one of the older public courses in the Mid-Atlantic region, but it retains its reputation as a very playable and busy layout. Designed in 1933 by Charles "Gus" Hook, who built a number of public courses, it has been serving Baltimore golfers for nearly 50 years. And, it will be the scene of the Mid-Atlantic Association's July 12 meeting, with the third round of the match play championship to be completed, plus open golf for the rest of those attending.

The July 12 program is a simple one: golf about 12, after the match play contestants go off, and an open pit barbecue at 6 p.m. The cost will be \$12, which includes beer, although an open bar will be available for those preferring other beverages. The meeting starts at 8 p.m., and because of the informality of the outdoor bullroast, the coat-and-tie requirement is waived for this meeting.

Kevin Pryseski has been the superintendent at Mt. Pleasant for the last four years, having taken over after working at Baltimore Country Club. His course has Penncross bent greens, which he overseeds every Fall, and his fairways are a mixture of bluegrass and Pennfine rye, which he has overseeded the past three seasons. He cuts the greens five times a week to 3/16" and the fairways twice a week to 11/16. He aerifies twice a year and topdresses with a 70/30 mix.

Directions to Mt. Pleasant start with getting on 695, the Baltimore Parkway, and going south at exit 30 onto the Perring Parkway. Four stoplights (about 2½ miles) will take you to the Northern Parkway, where you turn left (heading West). Go to the first stoplight, turn left on Hillen Road, and go a quarter of a mile to the course, whose entrance is on the left.

Mail the enclosed reservation card to let Kevin know if you'll be on hand for golf and/or dinner, or call him at 301-444-4660 (O) or 301-337-9574 (H).



The 1983 Board of Directors sit for their official portrait; front row, left to right, are Ben Stagg, Mike Larsen, Ken Braun, Paul O'Leary, and Gerry Gerard; back row, Paul Barefoot, George Renault, Bob Lambert, Lee Dieter, Wayne Evans, and Walter Montross.

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## Superintendents Watch Daconil Suit Outcome

Golf course superintendents in the Mid-Atlantic and other regions will be watching carefully the outcome of a multimillion dollar suit that has been brought against the Army Navy Country Club in Arlington, Virginia, and Diamond Shamrock Chemical Corporation, Inc., of Dallas, Texas, by the widow of a young U.S. Navy officer whose death last year apparently resulted from a massive allergic reaction that has been attributed by a pathologist and a lawyer to contact with the widely used fungicide Daconil. No one at Army Navy or at the chemical company is commenting on the suit, but the U.S. Government's Environmental Protection Agency has for some years approved the use of the chemical for agricultural, industrial, and backyard use. Despite its very widespread use in all parts of the country, no known deaths have ever been previously attributed to Daconil, whose generic name is chlorothalonil.

### SCHEDULE OF 1983 MEETINGS

July 12 — Mount Pleasant  
August 9 — Annual Picnic  
September 13 — Bonnie View Country Club  
October 11 — Ocean City Yacht & Country Club  
November 8 — Leisure World  
December 13 — Belle Haven Country Club

## Need Summer Color? Try Dwarf Roses

by Paul Barefoot

After the azaleas, dogwoods, and mountain laurel are finished blooming, the availability of summer color other than annuals is very limited — usually to Crepe Myrtle and Abelia. Over the past several years I have been planting dwarf roses, massed in beds, to provide color spots from June through October. In many cases they have served as replacements for azalea beds in full sun situations due to the azaleas' propensity for lace bugs in full sun.

The dwarf roses in the floribunda family are available in various shades of red, orange, and yellow. The names of the varieties always end in "Talk" — as Plain Talk, Town Talk, Happy Talk, Pillow Talk, and several others I can't remember.

These dwarf roses are very resistant to the common fungus and insect ailments of regular roses. Occasional spraying of many of the same materials used on the greens — 1991, dursban, etc., will usually prevent any serious ailments from developing. They require feeding about once a month during the growing season with a low-analysis fertilizer — 7-7-7 or equivalent.

Most weeds can be controlled in these beds by applying Ronstar and mulching. Roundup applied with a wick applicator does a good job on the bermuda grass, and if you don't have time to pull the nutsedge, it will respond to Basogran.

These roses thrive in a fairly heavy soil with plenty of Compro or sludge-type material mixed in, and in most cases addition of lime or calcium is not necessary due to the nature of the sludge. Deficiencies of the minor elements can be corrected by use of commercial rose food.

## Beware of Embark on Your Poa Annua

by Mike Heacock, CGCS, Lakeside Golf Club

As they say, experience is the best teacher. I'm going to share some of my recent experience with you, in the hope that you can avoid the problems we're going through at Lakeside right now.

If you look at the label of 3M's "Embark" growth retardant, you'll see that it's labelled for Kentucky bluegrass and *Poa annua* (annual bluegrass) at between one and two pints per acre in 15 to 150 gallons of water per acre. At that rate it is supposed to act as a growth retardant on those species.

While it may work that way on Kentucky blue, at 1½ pints per acre in 100 gallons of water per acre on *Poa annua* it acted for us as a very effective herbicide. Right now I've got 20 acres of dead *Poa annua* which used to comprise the grass in my front nine fairways. Needless to say, we're seeding bermuda as fast as we can, but the members are a little bit less than thrilled at the sudden change in the lie on those fairways, to say nothing of the sudden deterioration in their appearance.

I called Mike Horniak of 3M, who has been repping "Embark" in this area, and he explained that their research shows that the reaction we got is the correct one, and that that will be noted on the "new label." Unfortunately, I didn't have a new label available to me, and you don't either at this time. It's not out yet. But when it comes out, it will warn you not to use "Embark" on *Poa annua* at rates greater than one-half pint per acre if the *Poa* is the desirable turf. So now we know.

It might also interest you to know that in the agricultural crops, mefluidide ("Embark") is marketed as "Vistar" and labelled as a grass herbicide in soybeans. As with all of our so-called "selective" herbicides, the range of selectivity is extremely narrow, and if you use just a little too much, or conditions are not right, you'll find the "selectivity" will amount to not much more than sparing the trees — all the grasses will be smoked.

I'm not blameless in this — I should have used it on a small area first to check response, though I have used it before and not gotten or not noticed this response. That was in rough, however, and as we are aware, shorter grass behaves differently. I just wish 3M had been a bit more aggressive in getting the word out about the extremely herbicidal properties of "Embark" on *Poa*.

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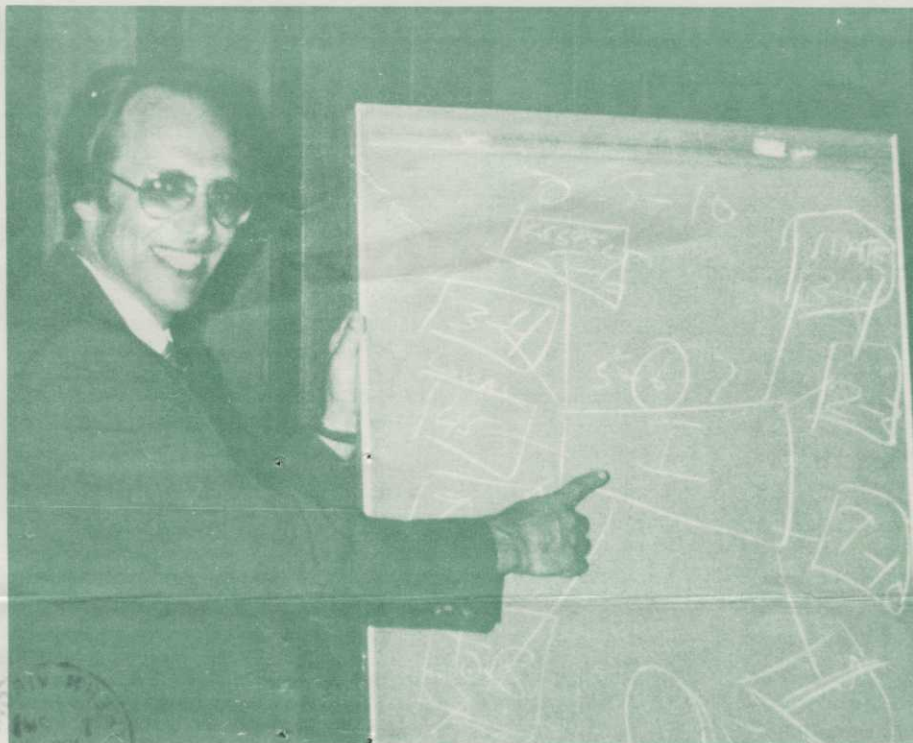
## How Do You Perform As a Manager-Leader?

A host of provocative ideas were tossed at members attending the June meeting at Andrews AFB by Jim Pfafflin, president of the Performance Institute of Washington, D.C., an active consulting firm. In a fast-moving half hour, he discussed the effective art of leadership, citing a Carnegie Foundation study of the operative factors in success which found that it was based 15% on technical competence and 85% on interpersonal skills — how you deal with your members, your Board, and your staff.

He then described a poll in which individuals were asked to rate themselves on a scale of 1 to 10 on their personal and professional roles, with a 5 being considered "average." On identity, how people felt about themselves in comparison to how well they thought they could be doing, most of them placed themselves in the 5-7 range. On relationships with mates, the average was 3-4, with children, 2-3, but personal social relationships were viewed as in the 9-10 range. As for money — measured in terms of financial progress compared to how well they could be doing — people saw themselves as at the 2-3 level . . . not doing too well.

On the professional side, with respect to their jobs (doing what they're supposed to do), people came up with a 9-10 viewpoint, and rated themselves in the same positive way on the contribution they were making to company profits. Loyalty to the company was at the 4-5 level, with people perceiving that they were often being dumped on for those areas in which they did not perform quite as well. As to leadership, those who were polled saw themselves in the 3-4 range and as rating about 5-6 in respect from the people who knew them. Pfafflin pointed out that this last result illustrates Dr. Wayne Dyer's essential point in many of his books on achieving success that we hang our identity on others' feelings about us, not on our own judgments of ourselves.

Wrapping up his remarks, Mr. Pfafflin commented that leaders know how to separate who they are from what they do. Feelings about self must be well established before tasks are tackled, and success depends to a great extent on both attitude and amount of self-esteem. To bat .300 and earn a \$1 million contract from his team, a ballplayer must get a hit only once in three times at bat — not all that imposing a requirement. And, the golfer playing on the



Jim Pfafflin, our June meeting speaker, points to "I" for "identity," which turns out to be what others see in us.

PGA Tour must have enough confidence and self-esteem to go for the flag and to expect to hole every putt he strokes.

## Karl Olson To Be NE Region Agronomist

Karl E. Olson, golf course superintendent at Ft. Douglas-Hidden Valley Country Club in Salt Lake City, has joined the United States Golf Association's Green Section.

Olson replaces Brian M. Silva, who resigned his position in February to pursue a career in golf course architecture. Olson will serve as an agronomist in the USGA Green Section's Northeastern Region, assisting regional director Jim Snow.

Olson, who will join the USGA staff in May, will be based in Worcester, Mass. and will be responsible for visiting USGA members clubs and courses in Maine, Vermont, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Massachusetts and Connecticut.

Olson, 33, is a graduate of New Mexico State University where he earned a bachelor's degree in Agronomy and was a member of the school's golf team.

Olson's turf management experience spans nearly 10 years, including positions at the Orinda Country Club in California and the Four Hills Country Club and University of New Mexico Golf Courses in Albuquerque.

## Match Play Reaches Quarterfinal Round

Our annual match play championship is now in its quarterfinal round, which will see Sam Kessel meeting Bob Orazi, Mike Larsen playing Wayne Evans, Dave Kroll meeting Bill Neus, and Walter Montross taking on Tom Regan. The Kessel-Orazi and Larsen-Evans foursome will tee off at 11:30 on July 12 at Mt. Pleasant, while Kroll-Neus and Montross-Regan foursome will follow at 11:38. Regular meeting-day golf will follow, with a tournament set up for those not still involved in the match play event.

In the second round of match play at Andrews AFB East Course, Sam Kessel defeated Alex Watson, 1 up; Bob Orazi beat Nick Vance 4 and 3; Mike Larsen edged Dick Gieselman 3 and 1; Wayne Evans whipped Gerry Gerard 6 and 5; Dave Kroll won from Ken Braun by default, as did Bill Neus from Earl Mason; Walter Montross defeated Grant Pensinger 4 and 3; and Tom Regan won by default from Craig Rhoderick. Also held at Andrews was a blind bogey, and when the winning number, 74, was drawn, the three winners were Lou White, Jack Hewitt, and Claud Corrigan.

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Superintendent, Mahogany Run Resort, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands. 18-hole resort course with 9 employees; basic salary \$26,000 up; annual budget, \$250,000; must be able to handle multiracial crew. Send resumes immediately to Bobby Pollitt, Mahogany Run Resort, P.O. Box 7517, St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands 00801. 809/775-5678.

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