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Lee Dieter, host superintendent for the May 10 Superintendent-Pro Tournament, flanks one side of the Clare Emery Memorial Trophy, while winners Mike Fischer and Tom List are on the right; next in line are second place winners Mike McKenzie and Joe LeFavor, followed by Wheeler Stewart and Wayne Evans, who took third.

61 by List-Fischer Wins Supt.-Pro

Superintendent Tom List and professional Mike Fischer of Rehoboth Beach Country Club fired a net 61 to edge Mike McKenzie and Joe LeFavor of the U.S. Naval Academy golf course by one stroke and win the annual Superintendent-Pro tournament at Washington Golf and Country Club on May 10. Theirs will be the first names inscribed on the Clare Emery Memorial Trophy, which honors the late head professional at the host club. Wayne Evans and Wheeler Stewart of Indian Spring Country Club were third with 63, matching out George Renault and Ward Burgess of Chevy Chase who also had 63.

Other low scores included the 65's posted by Bob Lambert and Fred King of Andrews AFB, Steve Potter and Barry Furman of Woodholme, Sam Kessel and Melvin Rowe of Country Club of Fairfax, and Mike Burkholder and Jerry Klos of Spotswood Country Club. At 66 were Grant Pensinger and Curtis Mabry of Green Spring Valley Hunt Club and Craig Rhoderick and Rich Loy of River Bend, while three teams just missed the prize list with 67's — Virgil Robinson and Bruce

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Clarence Rhoades Emery 1925-1980

The man whose memory is honored by the new perpetual trophy for our annual Superintendent-Pro Tournament, Clarence Rhoades "Clare" Emery, was head professional at Washington Golf and Country Club from 1954 until his untimely death from a heart attack as he prepared to tee off in the Charles Town Golf Classic in West Virginia. Born in Salt Lake City, a son of golfing parents, he began playing competitive golf at the age of 10. He started his professional career in Idaho, became an assistant to George Fazio at Woodmont Country Club in Rockville, and before moving on to Washington Golf was a teaching assistant to Wiffy Cox at Congressional Country Club.

Clare's professional career was marked by numerous competitive successes, including winning the D.C. Open in 1951 and 1961, the Middle Atlantic PGA championship in 1961, and the Middle Atlantic PGA Senior Championship from 1975 through 1980. He competed in the U.S. Open twice and the PGA five times.

Sid Carroll, a WG&CC member and former president of the D.C. Golf

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June 14 Meeting Set For Andrews AFB GC

The June meeting of the Association is scheduled for the 14th at the Andrews Air Force Base Golf Club, where Bob Lambert is course superintendent. The second round of our match play championship will be played that day, but all other golfers are welcome, and a medal tournament will be staged for them.

Andrews has 36 holes, the East Course having been started in 1951 with Russell Roberts as architect. He later became a partner of Frank Murray, who designed the West Course in 1961 and also built Norbeck, Westbriar (now Westwood), and Brooke Manor before moving to Florida, where he designed a number of other courses. On June 14, we will be playing the East Course, a par 72, 6,850-yard layout.

Bob Lambert's two courses have fairways that are overseeded with Manhattan perennial rye and greens that are primarily bent along with the ever-present poa annua. Greens are mowed to 3/16" four times a week, and tees, collars, and fairways are mowed three times a week to 5/8". Fertilizing, with urea and ammonia nitrates, is on a Fall schedule, with a light application in late May or early June. The soil is some 18

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A Line from the Editor

At the April get-together of the Golf Writers Association at the Dunes in Myrtle Beach, I had the chance to meet and talk with Ron Whitten, who wrote that definitive book, *The Golf Course*, in collaboration with course architect Geoffrey Cornish. Whitten and Cornish are already at work updating their research, aided by a large number of letters from people who made suggestions, supplied information, or corrected what they believed were errors.

Whitten, who is now on the staff of *Golf Course Management*, the GCSA magazine, talked about the research that went into the book, the first complete compilation of information on golf course architects and their products. Although he and Cornish are now using computers and word processors, their initial research for the first edition was done primitive fashion, using index cards. When they finished, they had 11 feet of cards, which they discovered — when they began to work on the revision — had been tossed out by Mrs. Cornish, who thought the work was all over and done with. (The cards were probably cluttering up the study, all 11 feet of them.) After getting over the initial shock, the authors realized they could input their existing data into the computer and make the updating much easier.

The GWAA tournament in Myrtle Beach involved playing the tough Dunes layout three days running, which didn't leave much time for other courses

Letter . . .

To the Mid-Atlantic Association of GCS:

I will be retiring as golf course superintendent of the Bethlehem Steel Sparrows Point Country Club on July 31, 1983. My association with you, the membership, has been one of true joy and lasting fellowship. I will take with me many fond memories of old friends and associates in our humbling turf progression. These past 20 plus years have been for me a rewarding, continuous learning experience through association with you in the Mid-Atlantic Association of Golf Course Superintendents.

I have been blest to have known and befriended many, many of our peers who have passed on. Who of us can ever forget Bob Shields, Rueben Hines, Jim Reid, Jim Thomas, Marshall Farnham, and so on, ad infinitum. These gentlemen were "all heart." I was fortunate to have served our group in many capacities since coming to the area in 1960, and the topping on the dessert was serving as your president in 1975. Then you threw me another bouquet as "Superintendent of the Year" in 1977. I would like to quote a few of George Thompson's words, if I may: "Our Association is one of genuineness, and the concern we have for our fellow superintendents can't be matched anywhere."

Vi and I will miss the many happy times we shared with you at the conferences, ladies' nights, and family picnics. Hopefully, we will visit with some of you from time to time, the Good Lord willing we remain healthy and able. We have a nice home in Tidewater Virginia, to which we will retire, and once we're settled in we would like to travel some. We also have many interests which we hope to pursue as time permits. Please visit with us if you happen down our way; the address is 883 Harpersville Rd., Newport News, Va., phone 1-894-596-2080.

You have all touched our lives in many ways, and we count you as treasured friends.

"May God Bless,"
Al Watson

Schedule of 1983 Meetings

June 14 — Andrews AFB Golf Club
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

All 1983 monthly meetings will be on the second Tuesday of the month with the exception of the July meeting, which will be on the first Tuesday.

JUNE DIRECTORS' MEETING

The June meeting of the Board of Directors will be held at 1 p.m. on Thursday, June 9, at the Woodmont Country Club maintenance building.

before going on to The Masters, but I did get a chance to visit Oyster Bay, the new course built by Larry Young, who also built and owns Marsh Harbor, some 4 miles closer to South Carolina. Playing either course is an experience not to be missed.

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inches of sandy loam over impermeable blue clay.

Association members will be guests of the club on the 14th, but guests must pay the \$7.50 green fee; golf car rental is \$11.

Starting times for the match play tournament are: 11:30 - Alex Watson vs. Sam Kessel, Bob Orazi vs. winner, Vance-Robinson match; 11:38 - Dick Gieselman vs. Mike Larsen, Gerry Gerard vs. Wayne Evans; 11:46 - Dave Kroll vs. Ken Braun, Bill Neus vs. Stagg-Mason winner; 11:54 - Grant Pensinger vs. Walt Montross, Tom Regan vs. Craig Rhoderick.

Directions to the AFB golf club are: Take Exit 7A from the Beltway, Branch Ave. (Rte. 5) south to third traffic light, turning left at Alexander Ferry Road (Denny's restaurant is on the left) which brings you to the Virginia Avenue gate to the Base on the left; clubhouse is on the left when you come through the gate.

The program includes: 11:30 on - Golf; 6 p.m. - Cocktails, in the clubhouse; 7 p.m. - Prime rib dinner (cost: \$10); 8 p.m. - Meeting.

Return cards should be mailed to Bob Lambert or call him at (301) 981-4208 during the day or at home, (301) 736-8320, to make dinner reservations as early as possible.

A Guest Editorial — Why We Should Re-Locate

In closing, let us not forget that any organization is made up of members. Your ninety dollars a year buys you voice. Use it — to the Executive Committee members, to the national magazine, to the director, to this publication. A voice from the hitherlands may not be heard in Lawrence, but a chorus may be. Our opinions, whether positive or negative, should be and must be heard.

The Bonnie Greensward, April 1982

And, so, that chorus has been heard. The Coalition has made their point and the National leadership theirs. We all know that the nuts and the bolts of the issue (if Kansas or Florida has a better business environment, if Kansas or Florida has jobs available for wives and husbands, for example) are rather hazy. One could argue with another for years over them. The point, however, of last year's editorial, the point that needs repeating, is still plain. The National should re-locate to Florida for no other reason than the fact when one goes out they wear their best. **IMAGE**

This observer is not happy with this profession. In the golf world we are at the bottom. **That is wrong.** How often have you been asked the question, "What do you do in the winter?" I am insulted by that question; I think you should be too. We are extremely important to the operation of any country club, public golf course, or municipal operation. We know that, and in some, but too few cases, others know it. However, in far too many situations, the people directly involved do not know it. The grass will get cut because it always has. The job will get done or we will get someone else. What this profession lacks in too many situations is simple respect for the challenges, inherent problems, and complexities of being a golf course superintendent . . .

What this current argument, the National re-location, needs is simple honesty. What it does not need is a continual debate over Kansas vs. Florida. In this observer's eyes the move is a first step, putting our national organization in the center of the golf world. It is, of course, only a symbol. If the National re-locates to Florida and does nothing to promote the profession, we have lost. But symbol is important. It is important because it creates perception. And whether one likes it or not, perception affects our daily lives. For someone to perceive that a golf course superinten-

dent has all winter off is foolish. But it happens. We must change that and the National can help.

America's golf courses have bright, gifted, and dedicated superintendents. The point is that too many people do not know it. Moving the headquarters will not make it happen overnight but will put us in a position to begin to make it happen. It is a process that will be long, but change is necessary and we, as individuals and a group, must not be fearful.

Mark G. Curtin, CGCS
Editor, The Bonnie Greensward
The Philadelphia Association of Golf Course Superintendents

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Herman of Burning Tree, Jeff Granger and Bobby Kennedy of Fauquier Springs, and Joe Ratcliff and Ed Lorenz of Bryce Resort.

A total of 40 teams competed over the hilly Arlington, Virginia layout, which Lee Dieter had brought to a peak of early season perfection. In the closest to the pin contest, professional Don Baxter put his tee shot 19 inches from the pin on No. 14, while Superintendent Tom Regan of Bethesda got his to 32 inches. The long drivers on No. 18 were Ed Lorenz for the pros and Craig Rhoderick for the superintendents.

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Association and Middle Atlantic Golf Association, wrote of Clare:

"Mr. Emery was many things to many people . . . a good story teller who had time to listen to jokes by members . . . a lover of life who enjoyed each day and its experiences . . . an honorable man, unassuming . . . a noncorrector who taught his students patience and the knack of playing within their ability . . . his handsome features rivaled his golf expertise . . . a father-like image to his employees . . . former assistants Jim Bellizzi, Jim Clarke, Bill Pearl, and Dennis O'Leary became head professionals . . . he was never too busy to expand a member threesome into a fun foursome . . . he could go anywhere with his members and never be embarrassed or an embarrassment."

President's Message

At our December meeting, the membership asked the Board of Directors to look into the possibility or feasibility of hiring an executive director, either full-time or part-time, for our organization.

A committee was appointed and research was started into all phases of what an executive director would do, how much time would be required of him, what meetings the association would ask this individual to attend, how much money would he (or she) be paid, and how this salary would be funded (that is, where would the money come from). At this time, despite the many hours of research and discussion, we are still unable to report back to the membership on whether or not the idea is feasible. It appears that more work will be required before we can make a determination.

We had a great turnout for the Superintendent-Pro tournament, and it was a good chance to get together with our fellow professionals, the men who run the pro shops. Our thanks to Washington Golf and Country Club for hosting the tournament and for joining us in establishing the Clare Emery memorial trophy.

Ken Braun, *President*



NEW MEMBERS

William Messett, Class D
Manor Country Club
Assistant Superintendent

Change from Class D to Class B
Steve Cohoon
Penderbrook Golf Club
Superintendent

It's a Girl!

Congratulations are in order for Walter and Linda Montross, who on May 11 (early in the morning of the night after the superintendent-pro tournament) became the proud parents of a 7-pound, 8 ounce Tracy Elizabeth Montross, their first-born.

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