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LETTERS . . .

Sorry to have missed your visit but glad Mike Claffey was able to talk to you. I'll be happy to pass along some newsletter items from time to time, for what they are worth. The experience I gained as superintendent at Columbia for 18 years gave me valuable tools to carry anywhere in the country. Washington-Baltimore growing conditions can be difficult, and I don't think there will ever be a fairway grass for that area.

I have always been impressed with the long tenure of the Mid-Atlantic people. I think it's because we were never happy with the conditions of our courses, and we felt compelled to stay until we got them in outstanding playing condition. The growing seasons were normally against us, with an exception every 5 or 6 years. After the cool summer of 1981, I said, "That's it. Mother Nature won't be this kind to us for another 10 years, if ever." It was a good opportunity to leave with a beautiful, well-conditioned golf course. As luck would have it, 1982 was another exceptional year, which certainly helped those of us who were starting new jobs.

As you become acquainted with the Superintendents in the Mid-Atlantic, you will be impressed with their abilities and their genuine concern for each other. Give them all my best—I miss them and their families. Hope to see you next time you come to the Sandhills.

Sincerely yours,
George B. Thompson

Ladies Night Features Pirates of Penzance

Members and their wives who attend Ladies Night this year — March 23 at the Harlequin Dinner Theater in Rockville — will not only enjoy a cocktail hour and a buffet dinner but a performance of the Gilbert and Sullivan favorite, "Pirates of Penzance" as well. The total price is \$50 per couple, and reservations should be made by calling Paul Barefoot at either 722-3262 (office) or 291-2095 or by sending your check directly to Paul at Box 161, U.S. Soldiers Home, Washington, D.C. 20317, by March 4.

As stated, the price includes unlimited bar, except for wine by the bottle and specialty orders. Cocktails begin at 6 p.m., dinner at 7, and the show starts at 8:30. To get to the Harlequin, follow the Beltway to 270 (toward Frederick), which you leave at the Shady Grove/Gaithersburg exit. Then, turn right on Shady Grove Road, right again on Frederick Ave. (Rte. 355), and left on Gude Dr., proceeding one mile to the theater, which is on your left.

New Membership Applications

Michael J. Doetzer,
Superintendent
Rolling Road Golf Club
Class D

Bernard I. Beavan,
Superintendent
Chesapeake Country Club
Class D

Thomas E. Cassat,
Assistant Superintendent
Towson Golf & Country Club
Class D

John D. Parisien,
Assistant Superintendent
Bonnie View Country Club
Class D

Ronald C. Tumiski,
Superintendent
Forest Park Golf Course
Class B

John W. Hoover,
Superintendent
Hillendale Country Club
Class B

(ed. note: On a November visit to Pinehurst, I stopped by the Country Club of North Carolina to meet George and see if I could pick up some material. As it turned out, he was away on a duck hunt, but this fine letter resulted.)

MARCH MEETING (Cont. from Page 1)

City; the address is 3535 Chain Bridge Road (turn right at the first stoplight on Route 123 after turning left off Route 50/29-211 coming from Penderbrook; if coming from Route 66, Fairfax exit to Route 123, turn left at the stoplight just before reaching the one at 50/29-211). Return your reservations cards or call George Renault (278-8740 or 385-8121) as soon as possible.

Directions to Penderbrook

From the Washington Beltway, take either Route 66 exit (just past Tysons Corner) or Route 50 exit (next one after Route 66 if heading toward Alexandria). If you go via 66, switch over to Route 50 where they intersect, go through the underpass to the Fair Oaks Mall and turn right immediately after that on to Route 1554, which leads to the clubhouse. If using Route 50, which has more traffic and many more stop lights, just go through the underpass and turn right on 1554.

STRAY DIVOTS . . .

Headed down to the national tournament at Myrtle Beach as a stop on their way to Atlanta are Ken Braun, Paul O'Leary, Ron Hall, Dave Kroll, Bill Emerson, and Bob Orazi; all scores will be reported in due course. . . . Ken, Paul, and Tom Turner will man the hospitality suite at the national meeting, while working for Bill's election; Cornell will sponsor its annual cocktail party. . . . In case you missed it, Paul O'Leary has an excellent article on the superintendent's view of winter golf in the November-December issue of *USGA Green Section Record*.

Donald Ross Award Goes to Al Radko

The Donald Ross Award for 1983 will be presented to Alexander M. Radko, former national director of the Green Section of the USGA, by the American Society of Golf Course Architects, who annually present the award to a person who has made significant contributions to golf course architecture.

Radko was primary editor for the USGA book *Turf Management for Golf Courses*; he joined the USGA Green Section in 1947 as a Research Assistant, became Eastern Regional Director in 1953, and from 1968 until his retirement in 1981 was the National Research Director. He was editor of the *Green Section Record* and wrote more than 100 articles on turfgrass maintenance and golf course management.