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'84 Season Closes Dec. 11 at Lakewood

Lakewood Country Club, where Jerome Robine is golf course superintendent, will be the site of the Mid-Atlantic's final meeting of 1984 on December 11. The club's golf course, designed by Edmund Ault, was dedicated in September 1960 by a match between Sam Snead and Arnold Palmer that was ended by a vicious thunderstorm. That storm was a forerunner of things to come, as the members battled the promoters for 3 years in the courts before obtaining control of their club.

Ever since then, Lakewood has annually hosted a major tournament for either the Maryland State, Middle Atlantic, or Washington Metropolitan Golf Associations. Its biggest tournament, the National Challenge Match in 1965 featured three top pros, Nicklaus, Palmer, and Player, and three leading amateurs, Deane Beman, Bill Campbell, and Dale Morey. Gary Player's back-to-back 64 and 63 are still Lakewood's greatest rounds.

As a golf course, Lakewood has fine natural features: partially wooded, rolling terrain with two streams and six lakes, all making for a variety of scenic golf holes that total 6,375 yards from white tees, 6,835 from the blues. For many years, it has followed a golf course master plan, which is updated every five years. After inputs from the Green, Golf, and Women's Golf Committees, various landscape and golf course architects, golf course superintendents, and pros are consulted. Russell Roberts currently serves as the club's consulting architect.

Over the past 20 years, Lakewood has added some 2,500 trees to the course, built new women's and championship tees, added or changed bunkers, rebuilt greens, realigned fairways, and added asphalt



Tom Meeks, USGA Director of Rules and Competitions, illustrates a point on how the Rules affect bunker play, as Les Barker, (chin in hand), USGA section chairman for this area, watches. More than 30 superintendents were on hand at Columbia Country Club on October 29, as Tom Meeks lectured and gave practical demonstrations for more than 5 hours on the Rules and course marking. Anyone who missed it, shouldn't have.

cart paths as part of the overall improvement program. The master plan is currently being reviewed to locate the more than 3,000 young white pines now in nurseries that will be transplanted to the course in coming years.

Turfwise, Lakewood started with bluegrass fairways and bent (C-1 and C-19) greens. Initially lacking a complete watering system, the club experimented with various Bermuda strains on fairways and tees, but these did not survive winter cold. A complete watering system was installed in 1969-70, and since then, new strains of ryegrass have been overseeded to fairways and tees.

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Nominating Committee Picks the Slate for 1985

New MAAGCS officers will be elected at the December 11 meeting at Lakewood, and the Nominating Committee under the chairmanship of past president Ken Braun has presented the following slate: for president, Gerry Gerard; for vice presi-

The President's Message

This month's newsletter is my last as President of the Mid-Atlantic Association of Golf Course Superintendents, and looking back, I feel that we had a good year. Our monthly meetings, Ladies Night, and the family picnic were all very successful due to the efforts of the Board of Directors and many interested members.

Personally, I appreciate the confidence and support the membership was shown throughout the past year. I'll always be proud to have been President of the Mid-Atlantic, an association that has survived good times and bad since 1922.

Winter usually is the time of year that job opportunities become available in our profession, and in that connection, it's a good idea for all of us to review the association's Code of Ethics, which is printed on the back inside cover of our membership directory. Observing this Code of Ethics can only serve to elevate our association and profession.

The final meeting of 1984 on December 11 is at Lakewood Country Club, where Jerome Robine will be our host. Because this is our annual election meeting, all of us should attend and vote. Remember to register by calling the office at 964-0070.

Michael J. Larsen, *President*

dent, Wayne Evans; for secretary, George Renault and Walter Montross; for treasurer, Lee Dieter; for the two vacancies on the Board of Directors, for 3-year terms: Dick Gieselman, Joel Ratcliff, Virgil Robinson, and Nick Vance.



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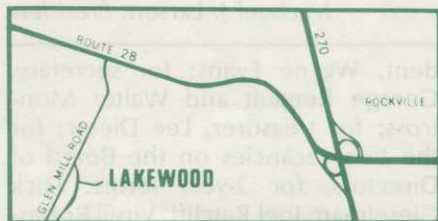
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Jerome Robine, a Penn State graduate in agronomy, has been superintendent for 12 years; he previously served for 1 year as assistant to Dave Fairbank. His greens are cut six times a week to 5/32" in the spring, to 3/16" in summer, and to 1/8" in fall. Fairways are cut three times a week to 3/4", and rough is cut twice a week to 2". Fertilizing is 4# of N per thousand each year on greens, 2½# per thousand on fairways.

Directions to Lakewood are as follows: from Baltimore, 695 to I-95 to 495, right to 270N to Rt. 28, Rockville exit, go west on Rt. 28 1.4 miles to Glen Mill Road, turn left at light, club entrance a quarter-mile on the left; from Washington, 495 to 270N to Rt. 28, then as above. (See map)

The program for December 11 is as follows:

- Lunch — After 11 (no cash - charge to your club)
- Golf — Anytime after 11 - net & gross prizes
- Cocktails — 6 p.m. (cash bar)
- Dinner — 7 p.m. (\$20 - coat & tie required)
- Meeting — 8 p.m. (call 301-964-0070 to register)



This year's net winners in the Musser Turfgrass Tournament at Suburban Country Club, left to right, George Renault, Gary Ferdyn, Sean Remington, and Norman Norman hold their individual plaques while Dr. Fred V. Grau, center, holds the Grau Trophy.

Musser Musings — At 6th Annual Tourney

by Fred V. Grau

October 12 was a dream day, 83° at 3 p.m., and Bob Miller had his Suburban Club course in fine shape. The many trees on the course stand as a memorial to the late Jim Reid, the former superintendent, and the acres of fairways cry out to me for conversion to seeded zoysia and tall fescue. In this area it seems the ultimate combination for low-cost maintenance and conservation of

water, fertilizer, chemicals, and labor, while still providing a quality playing surface.

At the meeting following a perfect dinner, the beginning and operation of the Musser Foundation were traced, including the \$4,000 grant to the University of Maryland for research on wetting agents for turfgrasses. The annual Musser Tournament is one of several ways money is raised to sponsor research of universal value to all who grow turf.

Ex-President Thomas Doerer Dies at 72

Thomas Doerer, an honorary life member of the MAAGCS and president of the association in 1964-65, died in Tappahannock, Va., on Nov. 10, at the age of 72. He had retired as an active superintendent in 1976 after serving in that capacity at the Ft. Belvoir Golf Club for 19 years. Previously he had been superintendent and manager at the Fredericksburg Country Club, was at Riverside Golf Club near Tappahannock in a similar capacity, worked for the Loeffler Brothers at East Potomac and Rock Creek Park, and represented



the Wilson Sporting Goods Co. He is survived by his wife, Margaret, and daughters Barbara Garland and Jeanne Davis, plus a number of grandchildren, all of Tappahannock. Members of the MAAGCS Board of Directors represented the association at the funeral on November 13.

Maryland Turfgrass '85 Set for January 7-9

Maryland Turfgrass '85, for which MAAGCS is a sponsor, will again be held at the Baltimore Convention Center, and the program features an excellent mix of national figures, local researchers, and Mid-Atlantic superintendents. Registration mailings will be going out shortly to all MAAGCS members, including details on the morning general sessions and the afternoon golf course sessions.