



# Mid-Atlantic Association of Golf Course Superintendents NEWSLETTER

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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.

