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### From the Golf World

Congratulations are in order for a number of MAAGCS superintendents whose courses were picked on GOLF DIGEST's latest list of best courses in each state in October. The courses in Maryland included Congressional Country Club (Bill Black), Baltimore Country Club (Merrill Frank), Chevy Chase Club (George Renault), Columbia Country Club (Ken Ingram), and Woodmont Country Club North Course (Mike Larsen); in Delaware, they were Wilmington Country Club, both South and North courses (Dave Kroll) and Rehoboth Beach Country Club (Tom List); in Virginia, Farmington Country Club (Dick Fisher), and in North Carolina, The Country Club of North Carolina (George Thompson). All in all, quite an impressive list, if not quite in the "Top Ten" category, which was headed by Pine Valley and included Augusta National, Cypress Point, Pebble Beach, Winged Foot (West), Muirfield Village, Oakmont, Seminole, Merion, and Olympic Club (Lakeside), in that order and to no one's great surprise.

The GCSAA has announced that it will soon be providing to member superintendents a public relations manual designed specifically to meet their needs. It takes the how-to-do-it approach to gaining favorable publicity for the superintendent as an individual and as a member of the profession. The manual will cover such subjects as relations with news media, how to write news releases, public speaking, preparation and presen-



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Dear Class A&B Golf Course Superintendents:

We at the American Golf Corporation are proud of our association with the GCSAA and affiliated regional superintendents associations. We now have more than 70 superintendents and assistants on our staff. We employ more professional golf course superintendents than anyone in the United States.

We believe that American Golf will continue to grow and provide new opportunities for professional golf course superintendents. We now operate more than 60 golf courses throughout the nation and are expanding at a rate of about fifteen courses per year.

Opportunities at American Golf also extend beyond the course level. We seek professional golf course superintendents on the management level as Regional Superintendents to review our course operations and also as specialists in our corporate offices. There are opportunities to bring professional golf course superintendents into American Golf at all levels, depending on previous experience, capabilities, and career goals.

We believe that our compensation program is competitive with other companies in the golf industry. In addition to attractive salary and benefits schedules, we pay all professional association dues for our employees, and encourage and support participation in professional activities.

Because of American Golf's continued and rapid growth, we have openings occurring regularly which must be filled on short notice. We invite those professional golf course superintendents interested in being a part of this growth to discuss these opportunities and submit their resumes, in confidence, to Joan Stewart, Vice President for Organizational Development, at our corporate office. We would like to hear of your capabilities and career goals.

Sincerely,

AMERICAN GOLF CORPORATION

Bob Orazi, CGCS  
Regional Golf Course Superintendent

tation of reports, and other subjects that promote our professional image.

The 19th annual Clemson Turfgrass Conference will be held Nov. 12-13 at the Ramada Inn in Clemson, S.C., with the Carolinas Golf Course Superintendents Association as a co-sponsor along with the university's Cooperative Extension Program and Department of Horticulture. Write to Dr. Landon C. Miller at Clemson for more information.

A University of Rhode Island plant scientist has been named Man of the Year by the Oregon Seed Trade Association; he is Dr. Richard C. Skogley, who has worked closely with the seed trade in the production of seed varieties. Skogley and URI have been instrumental in the production and marketing of four turfgrass varieties — Exeter, Colonial

Bent, Kingstown Velvet Bent, and Jamestown Chewings Fescue.

If you're at all interested in the Rules of Golf, the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St. Andrews has published a very fine little booklet entitled "Help in the interpretation of the Rules of Golf." Not intended to compete with the voluminous Decisions on the Rules, it provides a lot of practical examples from the Decisions and, being pocket size, is a lot easier to carry around. It's available through the USGA for \$4.

Two active country clubs in town are in the process of rebuilding a number of holes — it's four holes being rebuilt out at Manor Country Club and another four torn up for reconstruction at the Country Club of Fairfax. These are signs of progress, but they can be tough on member and superintendent alike.