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A walnut plaque with a miniature hickory-shafted iron was the service award presented to Lee Dieter by Robert McAllister, president of Washington Golf and Country Club.

April 8 Meeting Is Set For Chartwell

The April 8 MAAGCS meeting will be at Chartwell Golf and Country Club in Severna Park, Maryland, with Tom Walsh as our host. Chartwell was built in 1960 and was designed by prominent local golf course architect Eddie Ault; its 18 holes are wooded and rolling and are surrounded by the Chartwell community. The member-owned par-72 course plays to 6,295 yards from the white tees, 6,709 from the blues.

Tom Walsh has been the agronomist and assistant superintendent at Chartwell for the past 5 years. He is a 1983 graduate in turf management from the University of Maryland, and before coming to Chartwell worked at Bay Hills Golf Club for several years. He was awarded the Emmet Gary Scholarship by the Maryland State Golf Association



for studies in turfgrass science in his junior and senior years. Tom is 25 years old and was married this past December.

His bentgrass-poa mix greens are cut five times a week to 3/16", while his perennial rye fairways are mowed three times weekly to 15/16". Primary rough is cut twice a week to 1-3/4" and secondary rough twice weekly to 3". Greens receive 2 1/2# N per year, fairways 3#.

Directions to the club are: From Baltimore, take Exit 4 (Rt. 3) south from the Beltway, go 7 1/2 miles to Ben-

Dieter's 25 Years Are Honored by WG&CC

The country club which he has served as golf course superintendent for more than 25 years recognized that long tenure at the March 11 MAAGCS meeting by praising and then awarding a commemorative plaque to Lee C. Dieter, the association's vice president. In addition to the 127 MAAGCS members present, many of Washington Golf's Green Committee chairmen whom Lee has worked with over the years, including Bill Offutt, Pres Carruthers, Henry Kerfoot, Jr., and Charles Montgomery, were also on hand, along with golf pro Alex McNeil and his staff plus Lee's own crew.

Speaking at the meeting were Dr. Joseph Duich of Penn State University, where Lee studied on a turf scholarship in 1957, and Stan Zontek, director of the USGA Green Section for the Middle Atlantic region. They discussed various aspects of the current trend toward faster putting green speeds, criticizing the two-scale system which provides one speed for daily play, a faster one for tournaments, thereby moving away from the original purpose of the Stimp-meter, which was designed to achieve consistency on a course's greens. Dr. Duich suggested that making greens slicker was a method for compensating for improvements in equipment and skill that have tended to lower scores. The primary method for making greens faster, of course, is height of cut, since nothing else is really different (past attempts to increase speed by not watering or by rolling greens during major championships have been widely criticized).

field Blvd., turn left and go 1.2 miles to St. Ives Dr. on the left; turn there and clubhouse will be 8/10 of a mile on the right at Chartwell Dr. From Washington area, take Exit 19 (Rt. 50) east to Annapolis from Beltway. Go 8 miles to

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