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## From The Golf World

Some 400 miles to the South, they continue to build new golf courses in the Myrtle Beach area (or Grand Strand, as they like to call it). Wachesaw Plantation is a splendid new Tom Fazio course, as is the nearby Heritage Club at Pawley's Island. At Litchfield, the new River Club is in its second year and doing splendidly. And, up north, just over the North Carolina border, another Dan Maples-designed golf course has opened — Sea Trail Golf Links. It's very close to Dan's other two masterpieces, Marsh Harbor and Oyster Bay, and promises to be just as popular. Visitors on golf packages are finding they already have to pay a premium fee just to get on any of the three. During the first week in February, the new Tournament Players Association played its first tour event on those links.

Speaking of designers, the golf world lost one in January when George Cobb died at 71 after a long illness. Cobb was most active in his native South Carolina, designing the first six golf courses on Hilton Head Island, including Shipyard, Port Royal, and both Sea Pines layouts, Ocean and Sea Marsh. He also built Green Valley C.C. in Greenville, Quail Hollow in Charlotte, Sharon Club in Akron, Linville Ridge C.C. in Linville, N.C., and the par-three course at Augusta National. George Cobb, who had been a landscape architect for the National Park Service until World War II came along, got his introduction to golf course design while in the Marine Corps, building courses at Camp LeJeune and

## President's Message

As I write this month's president's message, I think about the fact that another golf season is almost upon us. Hopefully, all your equipment and spirits have been sharpened and made ready for another Spring.

I look forward to those beautiful Spring mornings on the course, before the golfers arrive, when all of Nature seems to awake. It is those moments, when we find ourselves so in tune with Nature's splendors, that make our jobs so rewarding.

For those of you who missed the March MAAGCS meeting at Washington Golf and Country Club, we started off the new year in grand style. A record number of 127 superintendents and assistants turned out for this first meeting. Congratulations are in order for Lee Dieter, who was honored by his club for his 25 years of service. Washington Golf members presented Lee with a beautiful plaque, and served champagne and cake with the presentation.

Our April meeting will be held at Chartwell Golf and Country Club and will see the beginning of our annual match play competition. Let's everyone make an effort to come up with another record turnout. Once again, please remember to call our office at 301-964-0070 to make reservations for golf and/or dinner.

Jerry Gerard, *President*



Cherry Point.

Among recent awards of interest was the 1986 USGA Green Section Award, which went to James B. Moncrief at the GCSAA's San Francisco meeting. Moncrief served for 22 years as director of the Southeastern Region of the USGA Green Section before retiring in 1982. In addition to countless turfgrass consultations, he developed the Tifdwarf strain of Bermuda grass. And then in March was the presentation of the 1986 Donald Ross Award to PGA Tour Commissioner Deane Beman by the American Society of Golf Course Architects. His citation read for raising the awareness level of golf course architecture through the development of spectator-oriented golf courses such as the new TPC layouts. Reportedly, Mac O'Grady has not yet commented on the award.

## Meeting Schedule 1986

April 8 — Chartwell C.C., Tom Walsh, host  
May 13 — Springfield Golf & C.C., Walter Montross, host  
June 10 — C.C. of Swan Creek, Daniel Rozinak, host  
July 8 — Eisenhower G.C., Louis Rudinski, host  
August 12 — Bretton Woods, Jerry Gerard, host  
September 9 — Columbia C.C. (Tent.), Ken Ingram, host  
October 14 — Hidden Creek C.C., Dick Gieselman, host  
November 11 — Diamond Ridge, G.C., Howard Gaskill, host  
December 9 — Open

## Strickland Works For Turfgrass Council

John Strickland, an MAAGCS member who represents the Maryland Turfgrass Council on Maryland's Agricultural Commission, reported to the Commission that the Council is supporting the Secretary's efforts to improve seed standards, exemplified by the new regulations that went into effect on February 15. The Commission then passed a unanimous resolution supporting Secretary of Agriculture Wayne A. Cawley, Jr., in his efforts to introduce the new seed regulations.

John has also been working to have funds for the University of Maryland's new turf research center reinstated as part of the supplemental budget. This money was deleted in the Governor's original budget sent to the legislature this session, and it is essential to the operation of the center. Its buildings and fences have been completed, roads and irrigation systems are under construction, and the facilities are much needed for research.

### SWEATERS AVAILABLE

You can be prepared for cool Spring weather by calling Steve Nash at 968-7090; he has Mid-Atlantic sweaters available in green, white, blue, and brown at \$24; many of them with the combination Mid-Atlantic-Washington, D.C. logo. MAAGCS shirts are also available in a variety of colors at \$16.