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Match Play Ends . . . November

Match Play tournament was suspended to permit play of our Annual Memorial Tournament, October 13. Results of this competition were as follows:

Tom Regan, CGCS — Low Gross and Bill Glover trophy
Bob Orazi, CGCS — 2nd Gross
Joel Ratcliff, CGCS — 3rd Gross
John Tutich — 4th Gross
Jeff Yingling — 5th Gross
Ken Braun — Low Net & Frank Haske trophy
Steve Cohoon — 2nd Net
Dick Gieselman, CGCS — 3rd Net
George Renault, CGCS — 4th Net
Bob Miller, CGCS — 5th Net

Long Drive and a chip was won by William Neus, who fasted on steaks and wheaties. It was a well struck ball.

Closest to the pin: #6 - 4 inches: Bob Orazi, CGCS; #10 - 19 feet, 4 inches: Tom Cassat.

Again, a thank you to G.L. Cornell Co. and T.E.S.C.O. for contributing the Bill Glover and Frank Haske memorial trophies.

The following "points" standing in the match play are being reprinted to refresh the memories and choke those your editor is trying to catch: 1. Nick Vance, 25; 2. Tom Regan, 19; 3. Bob Orazi, 18; 4. Grant Pensinger, 15½; 5. George Renault, 15; 6. Steve Potter, 14½; 7. Wally Whetzel, 12; 8. Howard Gaskil, 10; 9. Ken Ingram, 10; 10. Jim Kelly, 9.

A Talk with the Candidate

The MAAGCS has submitted the name of Lee Dieter as a possible candidate for election to the GCSAA Board of Directors. As President of the MAAGCS, we are fortunate to have access to Mr. Dieter and learn first hand his views as a potential candidate. Following is an interview with the candidate held Oct. 13th in which he sets forth his qualifications and discusses his goals should he be elected. Needless to say, there are many questions that could have been asked of the candidate. This is a starting point. This newsletter has one more issue to run in 1987. 1988 issues will resume in March, well after GSCAA elections. If you have a particular question, send it in and we'll include it as we continue to explore the local candidate's stand on the issues.

Lee Dieter has been a superintendent for the past 27 years. During that time he has been affiliated with the same club — Washington Golf and Country Club. Such an accomplishment in an industry renowned for its lack of job security and stress speaks for itself.

Lee is a 1959 graduate of the Penn State two year turf program and, in addition to being our current president, served as MAAGCS President in 1973. He has also contributed 15 years on the MAAGCS Board of Directors. His community involvement includes 18 years service with the Boy Scouts and various parish activities with St. Agnes Catholic Church in Arlington, VA.

- Q.** What prompted you to seek nomination to the National Board of Directors?
- A.** I've always tried to further this profession and have done as much as I can toward that end — involvement with MAAGCS on the local level and various committees on the national level. This seems to be the next natural step.
- Q.** What special qualifications do you bring to the job?
- A.** Experience within the profession itself and direct involvement with national committees — 1 year with Conference & Show, 4 years with Certification, 2 years with Government Relations, and 1 year with Nomination. Also, I've attended 24 of the 26 Conferences held since beginning in this industry. In addition, I've served 4 years with the U.S.G.A. Greens Section Committee and have been involved with local & regional turfgrass associations.
- Q.** How would you respond to the voters' question "Why should I give you my vote instead of giving it to another candidate?"
- A.** I love this profession and enjoy putting more of myself into it. I don't see this as just a job. In terms of casting a vote for me as opposed to another candidate, look at my record. See what I've done and what I would like to do. I certainly wouldn't expect anyone to give me their vote if they didn't think I was the better qualified candidate.
- Q.** We've come a long way from being "greenskeepers." Do you think we've come far enough?
- A.** There needs to be another step beyond certification. This would mean implementing Phase II and would certainly have to be a coordinated effort on the parts of both the Education and Certification Committees. We need more courses designed to make us better superintendents. And, for those interested, possibly an educational management program that leads toward a general manager's function.
- Q.** Often individuals run for office because they are dissatisfied with current leadership and want to effect a change. What do you think could be improved upon within the National?
- A.** As to improvement, I would like to see more committee involvement. Also, in terms of allied associations at the national level, I believe there could be better cooperation from them. They could do more to help advance our profession. On the subject of Headquarters' personnel, I've been impressed with the staff — they're easy to work with.
- Q.** It has often been said that the whole is only as strong as its parts. Do you believe the National is responsive to the need and wants of its regional associations?
- A.** While I have believed it could be better, I've recently been encouraged that it is becoming more responsive. However, I also think that the national could do more at the local level to promote and strengthen the local associations.
- Q.** What benefits would the MAAGCS derive should you be elected?
- A.** You asked earlier about responsiveness — keeping in touch. My election would provide that — better updated information. A voice at the national level.
- Q.** Most candidates run on a platform. What is your platform?
- A.** I will work hard for a stronger association. GCSAA for GCSAA. This is not a turfgrass association. Anything that strains this, I will oppose. I will also work toward better chapter involvement and increased committee involvement at the Board level.