

Education Notes

by Steve Cohoon

As the spring begins to approach and the days begin to warm up, all of God's creatures begin to stir. Not the least of which are the insects.

Insects can cause severe damage on fine turfgrass areas when not held in check. To help the turf manager in his war on insects, the MAAGCS presents Dr. Lee Helman as our guest speaker for the April 12th meeting at Brooke Manor.

Dr. Helman is an entomologist with the University of Maryland at College Park. He has given many lectures to local associations like ours, and is a very entertaining speaker. This month he will concentrate on nematodes, a problem that seems to have come into the limelight recently. Dr. Helman will show us how to identify the symptoms, and control the pest, to help us achieve our goal of beautiful turf.

The meeting promises to be interesting and informative so make your reservations today by calling (301) 381-0030.

1988 MAAGCS Schedule

| Date | Location/Host | Speaker/Topic |
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| April 12 | Brooke Manor CC John Johns | Dr. Lee Hellman Nematodes |
| May 10 | Green Spring Valley Grant Pensinger | Supt./Pro Tournament TBA |
| June 14 | Pine Ridge GC Thomas Cassat | Dr. Joseph Vargas |
| July 12 | Kenwood CC Dean Graves | EPA Official EPA Regulations & Operations |
| August 9 | Hobbits Glen GC William Neus | Picnic |
| September 13-15 | VPI Field Days Drs. Schmidt, Hall & Chalmers | Tournament, Research, Category 2 Recertification |
| September 13 | Penderbrook GC Steven Cohoon | Kenneth Wagner Pond Water Management |
| October 11 | Tentative | John Segui, GCSAA President, Certification |
| November 8 | Bethesda CC Thomas Regan | Stanley Zontec, USGA Winter Play |

New Members

| Name | Business | Title | Class |
|----------------------|-------------------------|----------------------|-------|
| Mark Douglas | Montclair CC | Superintendent | B |
| Andrew J. Coz | Chantilly CC | Assistant Supt. | D |
| Ronald D. Hawkins | East Potomac Park GC | Superintendent | A |
| Jay Greenstone | Hillendale CC | Assistant Supt. | D |
| Michael Layle | O.M. Scotts | Executive Tech. Rep. | F |
| Mark Waltz | Towson Golf & CC | Assistant Supt. | D |
| Robert Earl DeHaven | Millwood CC | Superintendent | D |
| Steven R. Wilson | Springfield CC | Assistant Supt. | D |
| Paul Brandon | Mid-Atlantic Equip. Co. | Sales Manager | F |
| Thomas A. Tuttle | Penderbrook GC | Student | C |
| James F. Adams | Hobbits Glen GC | Student | C |
| Robert Clark Collins | Manor CC | Assistant Supt. | D |
| Michael A. Weinmann | Cripple Creek Golf & CC | Assistant Supt. | D |
| Tod Cowling | T.E.S.C.O. | Sales Rep. Irrig. | F |
| Wayne Brisse | Cheasapeake Hill CC | Superintendent | B |
| James Darrel Owens | Sterling Park GC | Superintendent | D |
| Thomas Mynaugh | Turf Valley CC | Grounds Technician | D |
| Ray Finch | Finch Golf & Turf Co. | Vice President | F |
| Peter Furey | Twin Lakes GC | Park Manager-Supt. | B |
| John Gleason | Germantown CC | Superintendent | B |
| Jay Shideler | Germantown CC | Assistant Supt. | D |

Our Sympathy . . .

Is extended to the family of Vince Triplett who passed away on the fifteenth of February after a long battle with cancer. Please remember him and his family in your prayers. Vince had worked at the Elkridge Club for Bill Wright from the age of fifteen. When Bill retired, Vince became the Superintendent. He was thirty-eight when he died. All of his friends in the Mid-Atlantic will miss him.

April's Alluring Allusions

by Walter C. Montross

Now that spring is right around the corner, I sit and reflect on last year with an eye towards the next few months. The following are a few observations:

1) The national GCSAA conference was excellent; the educational sessions and trade show were well done. One thought to the National: I cannot see or do it all in 9-10 days now; how much bigger do we need to be? I had a chance to serve our association as a voting delegate this year (first time and last, not my cup of tea!). Politics is fascinating at any level and I have a higher respect for the system than before. Congratulations to the winners.

2) Maintaining a poorly installed and designed tennis bubble is equivalent to combatting a pythium outbreak over the 4th of July weekend. How did I get conned into this and what's next, the pool?

3) Two agronomic notes: The performances of Apron-treated seed can be lessened significantly if you have 4" of rain after seeding, coupled with high temperatures and humidity. If you are on a Prograss program and skip a year following drill seeding, a lot of Poa annua will come back. Yes, Mr. Green Chairman, it was a tough summer.

4) How do we compete for quality help when the unemployment levels are below 2% and pizza delivery personnel make \$10.00 per hour?

5) I sincerely hope attendance at our monthly meetings increases. There is no doubt that, besides the comradie, I have learned more new and innovative ideas from you, my peers, than all the data gleaned at regional and national meetings combined. To quote a friend and mentor, "You only get out of an association what you put into it." For those who do not regularly attend, come see what it's all about.

6) I wonder what the new turf devastator will be this year. The region has seen June Beetle Grubs, nematodes, resistant diseases, black layer, etc. It really makes you look forward to another normal summer in Washington, D.C.