

Mid-Atlantic Association of Golf Course Superintendents NEWSLETTER

Published by this Association to aid the advancement of the Golf Course Superintendent through education and merit.

Lee Dieter, C.G.C.S.
Editor

1988 Officers and Directors

President George Renault
Vice President Walter Montross
Secretary Bill Neus
Treasurer Nick Vance
President Emeritus Lee Dieter
Educational Steve Cohoon
Membership Steve Nash
Golf Tom Regan
Social & Benevolence Ken Ingram
Editorial & Publicity Lester Tanner
Finance Steve Potter

A SPECIAL THANKS

by Ron Hawkins

It was one year ago June when I came to Washington, D.C. from Oklahoma. There Bermudagrass grows fast, Bentgrass grows great, Poa, well Roundup takes care of that. The humidity is not as bad in Oklahoma but the wind blows a lot harder and more often. I have found this area to be a challenging area to grow and maintain a golf course. The 1988 season was a dandy to put it mildly.

A special thanks goes from me to all the Washington area Mid-Atlantic superintendents and distributors for your helping hand, warm greetings and acceptance into this truly professional chapter of the GCSAA. Thanks everyone!

Welcome New Members

by Steven Nash, CGCS

The following persons have been accepted for membership in our association. Please make them feel welcome the next time you see them.

Christopher Ayres, Class D
Assistant Supt., Bethesda Country Club

Gerald Hasbargen, Class A
Supt., Marlborough Country Club

Marty Haske, Class F
Irrigation Sales, TESCO

Andrew Donelson, Class B
Assistant Supt., Woodholme Country Club

Kenneth Pepple, Class D "NR"
Assistant Supt., Lanerch Country Club

Robert Ruff Jr., Class A-CGCS
Supt., Wintergreen Country Club

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

by Wayne Evans, CGCS

Last night my wife Carol and I attended a 25th anniversary. I was so impressed by the affair that I wanted to write this article for the newsletter immediately. We attended the affair with a dozen other area superintendents and their wives and 200 or so other friends, family, and Country Club of Fairfax members who had gathered to honor Sam Kessel. The Country Club of Fairfax was honoring him for this twenty-five years of dedicated service to the club.

When we superintendents get together these days and we talk a lot about how we are unappreciated. We speculate that after twenty-five years the only thing we might get is a thanks but what will you do for us tomorrow. Last night we were witnesses to a genuine outpouring of thanks to Sam from some very appreciative people. Sam was brought up to the front of the room by the President of the club. A brief talk about Sam told of his boyhood days when he caddied for President Eisenhower in Gettysburg. A few stories were told about Sam's years at Fairfax and about how they asked Sam to be Superintendent when Charlie Schalestock left. The Club then presented Sam and Sue with a beautiful crystal lamp, a quail hunting trip, and a check.

When Sam was asked to say a few words he was his same unassuming self as always. He recognized his Mom and Dad and other members of this family. He thanked his wife Sue and his children Beth and Tom for putting up with the many years sharing him with the golf course. The long hours, vacationless summers, and the times when he brought his troubles home to them. I don't know about the other people in the room but I had a lump in my throat as big as a tennis ball.

Superintendents young and old can take a lesson from a man like Sam. Sam like us all has had good years and bad. His golf course like all others has had its ups and downs. Sam has been through it all and has remained consistent with his goal, a great golf course. He has the admiration and respect of his club members. Sam has achieved what we all desire, the respect of our members, our employers, and our fellow professionals.

In addition to his success at his profession, he has a great family. Behind every successful man there is a close knit supportive family. So here's to you Sam. Congratulations on twenty-five years of a job well done. You are indeed an example we can all learn from, a quality superintendent, a great husband and father, and most important of all, a friend to all of us.

