

President's Message

The annual Superintendent/Professional Tournament held at Green Spring Valley Hunt Club was a terrific success. Many thanks to the many who contributed their time and efforts toward making this a most enjoyable event . . . Tom Regan, our Golf Chairman, who coordinated the day . . . our host, Grant Pensinger, who helped refine the tournament events . . . his Professional, Curtis Mabry, and the remainder of the GSVHC staff for their fine contributions.

A special thanks to our very special guest speaker, Bill Mayhue of WMAL Radio fame, for helping us to appreciate ourselves, our fellow colleagues — professionals — and just how important it is to feel "wanted!"

And not to be forgotten, a sincere thank you to those unsung contributors behind the lines, our tournament sponsors, who are always there with whatever support they can provide — G.L. Cornell, Lea Green Meadows, T.E.S.C.O., and E.Z. Gro.

To those who waited too late to sign up for this event — mark your calendar for '89, the second Tuesday in May. The MAAGCS is proud of the fact that our events are increasingly booked well in advance. So, don't wait till the last minute or you may find yourself "teed off" instead of "teeing off."

George Renault, *President*



RELOCATIONS

Good luck to Wayne Evans as he begins a new career in irrigation sales with the G.L. Cornell Company. Taking over the duties of Golf Course Superintendent at Indian Spring when Wayne leaves on June 1 is Joel Ratcliff, CGCS, formerly of Bryce Resort. The new Superintendent at Tantallon Country Club is Steve Cohoon. He leaves an opening at Penderbrook Golf Course, which was recently advertised in our employment referral service. Tom Walsh is working with Ralph Jones as his assistant at Fort Mead Golf Course. Tom will be taking over when Ralph retires. Greg Borzok, Colonial Country Club, Harrisburg, has gone to work with the Lawn and Golf Co., the Jacobson distributor in Phoenixville, PA.

EDUCATION

by Steve Cohoon

The education program for the June meeting of our association will be one of the year's highlights. Dr. Joseph Vargas of Michigan State University will be on hand to relate his findings on the work he has been conducting on BLACK LAYER. The black layer topic is one which has been the subject of a great deal of controversy recently. Dr. Vargas is nationally recognized as a leader in researching the potentially devastating problem. The management of black layer, its possible causes and effects, is something every turf manager should be aware of. Plan on attending this important meeting!

Coming soon will be an educational seminar on pesticide use and safety. Kevin Mathias, in conjunction with the MAAGCS, will present a program geared to educate pesticide handlers and applicators. The safe use of equipment, protective gear, and materials commonly used on golf courses will be covered. The cost of the program will be kept low and will be a one day affair. We encourage every one to attend. Further details on the program will be mailed later.

1988 MAAGCS Schedule

Date	Location/Host	Speaker/Topic
June 14	Pine Ridge G.C. Tom Cassat	Dr. Joseph Vargas Black Layer
July 12	Kenwood C.C. Dean Graves	EPA Regulations & Operations
July 21	University of Maryland Drs. Dernoedin & Turner	Field Day - Research, Equipment & Products Show
August 9	Hobbitts Glen C.C. Bill Neus, CGCS	Annual Picnic
September 13-15	VPI, Blacksburg Drs. Schmidt, Hall & Chalmers	Field Days - Tournament, Reserach & Pesticide Cert.
October 11	Rehobeth C.C. Thomas List, CGCS	John Segui, GCSAA President, Certification
November 8	Bethesda C.C. Thomas Regan, CGCS	Stanley Zontec, USGA Winter Play
December 13	Turf Valley C.C. William Blackert	Election Meeting

IS IT POSSIBLE TO HAVE A PROPER BALANCE?

by Lester Tanner, CGCS

The profession of Golf Course Superintendent is one that requires long hours and an unreliable work schedule. This catch 22 situation requires a difficult balance of job and family responsibilities.

The typical Superintendent has a feeling of guilt if he is at work when he should be with his family. Conversely, when he is with his family, he feel guilty spending the time with them, especially when personnel or turf conditions are stressed. His personal feelings tell him that his family should be first, but remember that loyalty to our courses is also beneficial to our families. Our families must realize this aspect of the problem, we are responsible for the income it takes to maintain their lifestyle.

Golf clubs too must recognize that we need to have family time and should have the understanding to know that our families need us as much or more during the summer as during the winter when we do have more time. Our budgets should be large enough to allow for trained personnel to assist us during these difficult and trying times. We should not be expected to work every weekend and late every day to keep our courses in good condition. This type of situation can lead to job burn out and many other related problems. This problem will certainly not go away easily, it is part of every profession.

We will continue to feel guilty when we feel our work and family life seem to be out of proper balance. A family and a club that understand is the start, the rest is up to us as individuals. We must find and make the proper balance.