

Education Notes

by Steve Cohoon

The educational program for the May 10th Superintendent-Club Professional meeting will be a departure from what has been done in the past. This year Bill Mayhugh of WMAL radio will serve as our master of ceremonies and guest speaker.

Mr. Mayhugh, himself an avid golfer, will relate various stories and experiences (from his viewpoint) of the golf world. He will also assist in the presentation of the awards given to the winning teams for the days tournament. Mr. Mayhugh has a reputation as an entertaining and interesting speaker, I'm sure everyone will enjoy his lighter look at the game of golf and ourselves.

In other educational matters, the MAAGCS is looking into securing a GCSAA seminar for presentation in conjunction with the Maryland Turfgrass Conference next January. The tentative seminar would be a one day program on financial management. Also being prepared for the near future is another one day seminar on safe pesticide use and handling. This program is being coordinated by Kevin Mathias of the Institute of Applied Agriculture. The seminar would be geared to the assistant superintendent and spray foreman, although it would be of interest to the Superintendent also. More details of these seminars and other education programs will follow in later NEWSLETTERS.

1988 MAAGCS Schedule

Date	Location/Host	Speaker/Topic
May 10	Green Spring Valley Grant Pensinger	Supt./Pro Tournament William Mayhugh
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	Rehobeth CC Thomas List	John Segui, GCSAA President, Certification
November 8	Bethesda CC Thomas Regan	Stanley Zontec, USGA Winter Play

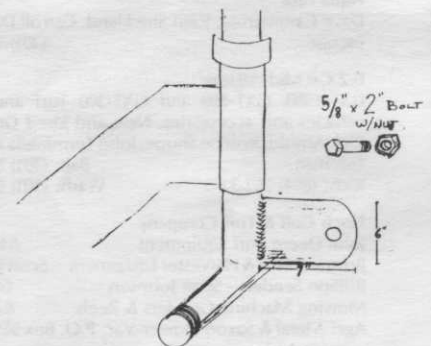
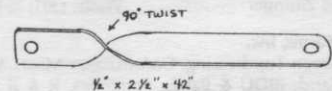
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puller, gas can, grease gun, rags, socket wrench, extra tines, etc. 5. Enables one person to operate independently in aerating. 6. Ease of machine maintenance. 7. Equipped for cleanup operations.

Her directions are the following and are accompanied with this diagram: The front tires should be removed from the aerifier for ease of installation. A steel plate measuring 3/8" x 7" is welded to the front axle assembly approximately 1-1/2" from the bottom and 1/2" from the top. The steel plate should have a hole located approximately 1-1/2" from the front and centered from top to bottom. A 5/8" x 2" fine threaded bolt with a nut (or a hitch pin) is used to attach a draw bar, which measures 1/2" x 2-1/2" x 42" with a 90 degree twist 6" from the steel plate. The other end of the draw bar is then attached to the maintenance vehicle with a hitch pin, or a 1-7/8" trailer hitch ball. Editors note: Don't forget to put the tires back on.

Thanks again to Carol for her tip. If you have any questions, give her a ring.



What Do You Do For A Living?

by Bill Neus

How many times have you been asked, "What do you do for a living?" When you reply, "I'm a golf course superintendent," the questioner usually will give you a quizzical look and then make one of several comments like; 'what's that,' or 'so you're the pro,' or 'you use the lawn mowers,' or you're lucky you get to play a lot of golf.'

At this point you feel compelled to explain. Do you take the easy way out by saying something like, 'Oh I take care of the place,' or do you use it as an opportunity to extol the virtues of our profession. We are more than managers. There is an art to our work. We create and beautify while facing tough challenges every day. Our motivation to be suc-

cessful and excel comes from within those challenges. Try to think of anyone else at your club who could do what you do.

People in general don't understand the complexities of our profession because we've never really done a very good job of communicating it. On the individual club level with our own golfers I feel that many times we go out of our way to oversimplify the complexities for the benefit of laymen who generally don't care to understand anyway. They only know that their putt didn't drop in the hole.

How do we oversimplify? Terms like; brown patch, dollar spot, leaf spot, etc. I'll bet somebody stayed up all night thinking of those terms. Let's face it, brown patch

isn't a disease, it's the result of 20 kids playing in your backyard for a week. Rhizoctonia, now that's a name for a pathogen. It even had an intimidating ring to it. The absolute worst term has to be 'Fairy Ring.' Mention that to a group of golfers and see if they keep a straight face. Fairy ring isn't a turf problem, it's Tinkerbell flying in circles.

The point is that we need to let people know that the green industry is an incredibly diverse and complex universe, that it is held together by hard working, educated people. So the next time someone asks you what you do for a living, really put it to 'em. Make it so that when you get done talking they say, 'Boy that sounds like a great job.' But we all know it's more than a job, it's part of a lifestyle.