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Memorial Tournament October 11th - Rehobeth Beach Country Club

Thomas List, CGCS, our host, became Superintendent at Rehobeth in May of 1982. He had previously served as Superintendent at Ocean Pines in Ocean City for six years and as Bill Emerson's assistant at Eagles Nest for two years. A native of Reisterstown, Maryland, Tom graduated from the University of Maryland's Institute of Applied Agriculture with honors. Tom attained his CGCS status in December of 1982. He and his wife Debbie have been married for seventeen years and have two daughters, Kelly 12 and Robin 9. Debbie is a teacher in the Westchester County school system and now is in her ninth year of teaching. She received her B.S. at the College Park Campus of the U. of M. and a Masters from Salisbury State University. The Lists' are moving into a new home next month. Congratulations Tom and Debbie! Tom is a good golfer (past winner of our Supt.-Pro Tournament) so watch out for him on his home course.

Rehobeth Beach Country Club was founded in 1925 with a nine hole golf course in the town limits of Rehobeth Beach. The club was moved to its present location in 1960. Russel Roberts was the architect and builder of the course.

In 1962 a storm flooded the golf course with up to five feet of salt water. To help solve this problem, a series of tidal flood gates were installed. Flooding is still a minor problem. The effects of flooding three years ago are still seen in the soils on number twelve and fourteen fairways.

The course is open twelve months of the year, with virtually no play in January and February. The Bent-Poa greens are mowed at 9/64 of an inch. A Poa control program is underway on the greens, a combination of T.G.R. in the spring and fall and very low watering rates is Tom's answer to the problem. He says that the greens are usually not watered until wilt occurs. The fairways and tees are a mixture of Ryegrass, Bermuda, and Bentgrass. Maintenance programs in these areas promote the blending of these different turf grasses. The crabgrass control for the entire course is Scott's Bensulide-Ronstar product. Tom is spraying his fairways for disease control. He's spraying about eight times a year using 26019, Bayleton, Banner, and Subdue.



Tom is in the middle of a couple of rather ambitious projects at the present. The club is installing an automatic irrigation system (Toro), and Tom's crew is doing the work. The other project involves bulkheading several lakes for bank control and aesthetics. Let's go to the meeting and see what he's doing.

Starting times will be from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and will be taken at the pro shop (302) 227-3616. A luncheon buffet will be available at noon (cash only). Cocktails will be served at a cash bar starting at 6 p.m. The dinner meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. The cost of the buffet dinner will be \$20.00.

DIRECTIONS: Follow Route 50 east to Route 404. Turn left on Route 16 off Route 404 to Route 1. Take Route 1 south to Rehobeth Beach. Turn right off Route 1 onto County Route 273 at the water slide called "Sports Complex." Follow this road to the clubhouse at the end.

NOTE: Anyone wishing to stay for a long weekend or to stay over after the meeting can get a special rate at the Commodore Motel in Rehobeth Beach. Call (302) 227-9446 for reservations and mention that you are with the Golf Course Superintendents for a special discount.



Tom & Debbie List & friend

1988 Musser Foundation Tournament

The Maryland Turfgrass Council is again holding its annual Musser Foundation Tournament. It will be held at Woodmont Country Club on Friday, October 21st. Your host will be our own MAAGCS past president Mike Larsen, who urges your support.

The day promises to be a lot of fun and you can be sure you will be treated with the courtesy and respect your profession deserves. The cost is \$250 for a team of four and will include the following: greens and cart fees, team and individual prizes, gross and net perpetual trophies, and longest drive and closest to the pin prizes.

A cash lunch and bar will be available starting at 11:30 a.m. with a shotgun start at 12:30 p.m. A cocktail hour with cash bar will start at 5:30 p.m. with dinner (included) to start at 6:30 p.m.

If you are unable to send a full team, pairings can be made through Mike at a cost of \$62.50 each. All entries are on a first come/first served basis. The field is limited to 25 teams. If you wish to participate and have not received an entry form, contact Mike Larsen at Woodmont. If you do not wish to participate, but would like to support turf research, Mike will be happy to accept donations at the club. Please make your checks payable to the Maryland Turfgrass Council.