

Turfgrass Matters



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Mid-Atlantic Golf Course Superintendents Newsletter

Michael Larsen to host October 2 meeting at Woodmont Country Club

Woodmont Country Club began at the turn of the century when the Progressive and Hexagon Clubs merged. In 1913, they formed the Washington Suburban Club which was located in Bethesda on the site now occupied by the National Institutes of Health. In 1930, the Club took the name Woodmont. With the purchase of 515 acres in 1948, the club moved to Rockville. Woodmont has a large active membership of 3800 individuals.

Michael Larsen has been the Superintendent of Woodmont Country Club for seven years. He has held all the offices of the Mid-Atlantic Association and was President in 1984 and 1985. Mike has also been active on the national level serving on both the Nominating and Scholarship/Research Committees. Mike and Assistant Superintendent Lenn Weidenhammer are both graduates of the University of Maryland's

Institute of Applied Agriculture.

In addition to maintaining 36 holes of golf, Mike and his staff are responsible for the extensive Clubhouse grounds, 22 Har-Tru courts, maintenance of the golf car fleet and the maintenance, inflation and disassembly of a four-court tennis bubble.

The full-time staff consists of 17 employees. During the summer the staff totals 26. A separate four-man crew works on the tennis component's, also under Mike's supervision.

The North Course, where our tournament will be played, was designed by Alfred Tull and measures 6496 yards from the white tees. The North Course has been the site of numerous Maryland State Golf Tournaments and has been host to the U.S. Open Qualifier the last four years.

Michael and his wife Peggy, who is Director of Alumnae Programs at Hood College, live in Sykesville, Maryland.



Directions to Club:

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Take Capital Beltway (495) to exit 34, Route 355 Rockville Pike. Go north on Route 355 3.8 miles. Entrance to Club is on your left, directly across from Tom Hatton Pontiac.

From Northern Virginia
Take Route 270 to exit 4, Montrose Road. Go east on Montrose 1.8 miles to Route 355 (Rockville Pike). Go left on Rockville Pike. Go 1.3 miles and Club is on your left directly across from Tom Hatton Pontiac.

Golf Notes

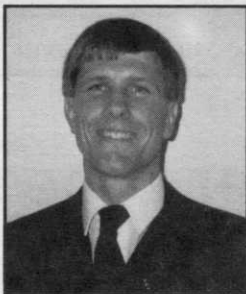
Our October golf outing will be a 12:30 Shotgun Start. Please call the golf shop at 301-424-7200 ext. 167 with your paring.

Lunch will be available at 11:30 on a charge-to-your-Club basis only. Cocktails will begin at 6:00 p.m. Dinner will be served at 7:00 p.m. at a cost of \$30.00.

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President's Message

Recently, all the Class A, B & D Superintendents in the Mid-Atlantic received a poster promoting them as an



integral part of the management team at their respective clubs. The purpose of this program is to demonstrate to the membership that we are professional managers in the golf industry and part of a larger organization that is a benefit to everyone in the field. The ultimate result, hopefully, is a heightened awareness and perception by the golf as to what you represent.

Our hope is that you will display this poster in a prominent location at your club. Many thanks go to the board members who worked on this project, especially Donn Dietrich who devoted many hours to produce a quality product. Our gratitude also goes to the Maryland Turfgrass Council who contributed almost 50 per cent of the cost and ensured the program's success.

Bill Neus, C.G.C.S. President

Bits and Pieces

○ Dr. Joe Duich will speak at the October 2 meeting at the Woodmont Country Club. Dr. Duich is an eminent professor at the Pennsylvania State University. Dr. Joe will speak about his work in bringing many varieties of fine turfgrass from the field to the golf course and his continued interest in the performance and integrity of these turfgrasses.

○ The schedule for meetings in 1991 is complete and will be in next month's newsletter.

○ Ladies' Night is scheduled for November 9 at Indian Spring Country Club. Rhys Authur will be sending out more information in the coming days.

○ The Board of Directors is hard at work lining up speakers for next year's educational sessions. If you have any suggestions or possible candidates for speakers, let one of the directors know about it.

○ Rhys Authur, Social and Benevolence Chairman, asks that those of you with information regarding births, deaths, or illness

of current or past association members contact him at 871-0365.

○ This year's annual tournament is set for Woodmont Country Club's North Course. The low net memorial trophy will be dedicated to the memory of J. E. Thomas. Mr. Thomas was the golf course superintendent at the Army-Navy Country Club during the early years of the club's history. Some other people who have been honored with the dedication of the memorial trophy include Bob Shields, Vince Triplett, and Thomas Doerer.

○ Thanks to Donn Dietrich for his efforts in producing the association's first advertising poster. The poster boldly states that "This golf course is managed by a member of the Mid-Atlantic Association of Golf Course Superintendents, Your Silent Partner."

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3. Our dogs and cats are tired of being kicked every night.
4. We'll get a chance to see our house in the daylight again.
5. Our liquor bill should go down.
6. We need the extra time to brush up our resume.
7. The grubs seem to have more generation's than the family tree of a Chinaman.
8. We don't know whether to spray the fungicide and drink the liquor or spray the liquor and drink the fungicide.
9. We're ready to shoot the next person who says, "This has been an easy year because of the good weather."
10. Being a Domino's delivery person looks better all the time.

Bill Neus

Congress passes Wetlands Conservation Act

Legislation aimed at preserving North American wetlands and waterfowl populations was passed by Congress. The North American Wetlands Conservation Act would establish an international council to carry out the provisions of the bill, including protection of 5.6 million acres of wetlands in the United States and Canada. The act provides more than \$10 million annually for acquisition, restoration and enhancement of wetlands. GCSAA plans to share with the council details of wetlands preservation activities at various golf courses.

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Right-to-Know Laws Apply to Golf Courses

Government Relations Briefing is a publication of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America to help superintendents stay informed about regulations and laws that affect our profession. In the December issue was an excellent article concerning Right-to-Know laws. Writes Tom Atkins, "Although compliance requires thorough record-keeping and a certain amount of paper shuffling, if there were a fire in your pesticide storage area, the instant availability of that information could minimize property damage and save the lives of you, your crew and the firefighters themselves." For golf course superintendents, the Right-to-Know Act, enacted by Congress in 1986, means providing detailed information to local authorities about the type, amount, location and disposal of certain chemicals used on courses. Among these are: • Material safety data sheets

or a list of the chemicals for which the facility is required to keep MSDSs must be submitted to state emergency response commissions and in some cases, to local emergency planning committees and fire departments. • Updates are due within three months of receiving a new chemical for which an MSDS must be submitted. • Golf courses must submit a chemical inventory form annually by March 1 listing an estimate of the maximum amount of hazardous chemicals present at the course during the previous year and the location of these chemicals at the course. • Other requirements may be developed by your state emergency response commission or local emergency planning committee.

To find out more, your best source is your local fire department or local emergency planning committee.

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