

COHOON'S CORNER

- Our thoughts are with long-time member Bert Yingling who is recovering after having problems with blood clots in his legs.
- Congratulations are in order for Bud Sweeney CGCS, of Montgomery Country Club, on having recently achieved the status of certified golf course superintendent.
- The Shields Memorial Scholarships have been awarded to Jim Hansen-Black and Frank V. Sterbak, III, both students at the University of Maryland's Institute of Applied Agriculture. Both are second-year students majoring in golf course management and currently employed at courses in the MAAGCS region. Hansen-Black is at Old South CC in Lothian, Md., and Sterbak is at Winters Run GC in Bel Air, Md. The scholarships are made possible by the annual Ray Shields Memorial Golf Tournament sponsored by Glenn Dale CC.
- Speaking of students, the GCSAA student essay contest is open now until December 31, 1993. Essay topics should relate to the interrelationship between golf courses and the environment and be between seven and 12 pages double spaced. Last year's winner was MAAGCS member Gary Harshman. If you have a turf student on your staff, encourage him to enter.

Environmental Seminar

The GCSAA and MAAGCS will present a seminar, *Environmental Considerations in Golf Course Management*, on December 13-14 at the Turf Valley Hotel and CC in Ellicott City. Objectives of the course include:

- ✓ Understand regulatory requirements for protecting water resources, wetlands and other sensitive areas.
- ✓ Learn to educate golfers and the public about the environmental benefits of golf courses and how to deal with the press and consumers.
- ✓ Learn to prepare health and environmental emergency management plans with an understanding of associated legal liabilities.
- ✓ Be able to develop pesticide management strategies for worker protection, storage, disposal and environmental protection.

Instructors for the course are Dr. Winand K. Hock of Penn State University and Dr. William A. Thomas of Oak Ridge Associated Universities. Earlybird (discounted tuition) deadline is October 14. For further information call 913-832-4444 or call Dean Graves at 301-365-0100.

Change proposed to MAAGCS by-laws

At its August meeting the MAAGCS board of directors accepted a proposed change in the current by-laws of the Association. This minor change basically reflects a clerical correction in regards to the location of our office. The proposed change is as follows:

Current by-law: "The office and mailing address for the Association shall be located at the Mid-Atlantic PGA Office."

Proposed by-law: "The office and mailing address for the Association shall be determined by the Board of Directors."

As many of you remember, the Association used the Mid-Atlantic PGA for our office for many years. Because we have grown, and now have our own office, our by-laws need to reflect this. Omitting the actual location gives the Association flexibility should a change in office location again be necessary.



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