

**Benn Staff** (continued from page 6)  
 (Eastern Shore Association of Golf Course Superintendents), which was started in 1976. Ben also served as President of the Eastern Shore Association. Ben has served four years on the Maryland Turfgrass Council, in addition to being its President as well. Another responsibility Ben took care of (a responsibility dear to many of our hearts) was arranging for the crabs for MAAGCS' Annual Picnics—the running total is probably on the order of 200 bushels.

Throughout Ben's career, he has never been afraid to share ideas or thoughts on Turf. Many techniques were developed by Ben through trial and error, and he would always be willing to share the successes or failures, the why's and the why-not's. Ben would always be willing to just sit down and talk Turf. In the early years of the ESAGCS, our monthly meetings consisted mostly of just that: superintendents sitting down, drinking a cold one, and talking Turf. Times have changed for a lot of us over the last 25 years, but I am sure that Ben will continue to be truly professional in his new endeavors and will always be a friend to us in the turf profession! MAAGCS and I would like to wish the very best to Ben and his wife, Hilda.

**Lee Dieter** (continued from page 6)

### Washington Golf

Washington Golf & Country Club had the first tee-to-green cart path system in the area. The irrigation system has been replaced twice, all of the bunkers have been totally rebuilt, all the tees have been renovated at least once—and some even twice—and half of the greens have been rebuilt. The fairways have been re-grassed to different varieties including bluegrass, bermudagrass, and ryegrass. Lee feels that he and George Thompson were instrumental in promoting the acceptance of ryegrass in this area, even though they were told by Dr. Jack Hall that the ryegrass would not persist. Lee has probably planted thousands of trees and shrubs and still knows the botanical name for each one.

### Association Involvement

Lee has served on many committees for the Mid-Atlantic Golf Course Superintendents Association including being newsletter editor and serving as President in 1973 and again in 1987. He is Past President of the Greater Washington Golf Course Superinten-

dents Association and the Virginia Turf Council where he also served as Director of the Virginia Turf Foundation. Lee has received several distinguished service awards from the Virginia Turfgrass Council. He has also served on several GCSAA committees and is presently on the historical committee with such notables as Dr. Joe Duich and Dr. Watson of TORO. Lee is an avid collector and has over 3,000 collectable and out-of-print books related to golfing or turf as well as numerous golf clubs, trophies, and works of art.

### Family

Through all of this Lee and Rita have raised four boys: Mike, Fred, Chris and Mark and have three grandchildren. They are both very active in their church and their community. They even find time to play golf, which Rita has come to enjoy a lot.

### Lee

After 36 Summers in Northern Virginia, 35 club Presidents, 6 General Managers, 4 Golf Professionals, 16 Greens Chairmen, and only Heavens-knows-how-many committee meetings, Lee has more than earned the title: CGCS - RETIRED.

**Bob Miller** (continued from page 6)

spend upwards of \$30,000 just in redoing one green complex. Over these 34 years, Bob has maintained a high degree of professionalism in a business that is known for its challenges both with regards to the business side of golf course care AND golf course member relations.

Dedication is only a word unless one is talking about Bob Miller. Every

day—all year long, year end and year out, one could find Bob at Suburban—planning short and long term golf course maintenance. Over these many years Bob has worked with numerous greens committees as they jointly plotted the direction that has maintained the Suburban Club to hold its position as a top-notch golf course. He has earned the club's consistent respect and gratitude. Since the club was established in 1901, Bob is only the fourth superintendent to serve Suburban—a tribute to his knowledge and professional ability.

At the same time Bob always has time for fellow members of our profession. Many times a telephone call from another superintendent would end with his famous expression, "Come on over, we'll go get a slice of pizza and talk about it."

Over the years, Bob has also maintained his interest in many other areas of activities. Many of you know that he owns B&G Tennis Supply Co. which serves the mid-Atlantic region. With complete assurance, one can truly say that Bob will be directing his attention to ventures and adventures as he leaves his position as superintendent of Suburban.

Bob Miller is a top-notch golf course professional superintendent, and we all can aspire to equal his consistent dedication and expertise. The mid-Atlantic Association of Golf Course Superintendents and his many hundreds of friends and well-wishers know that his future activities will be as rewarding and meaningful as has been these last 34 years.



## Superintendents Speak Out

**After returning from the GCSAA International Conference and Show in Las Vegas what would you consider the most important aspect or helpful bit of information that you will be able to place into your daily work as a professional superintendent?**

Steve Potter, CGCS  
 Woodholme C.C.

*"The innovative superintendent sessions were full of small tidbits of information that are extremely useful in everyday problem solving as well as future planning"*

Jim McHenry  
 Caroline C.C.

*"It gives you flexibility, establishing a*

*network of friends that are a great source of information when you need assistance"*

Don Dietrich, CGCS  
 Maryland Golf & C.C.

*"The availability of expertise in equipment, chemical or irrigation in a close proximity allows me to get the facts and questions answered that might have otherwise have taken me weeks to find out"*

Bob Wren  
 Fawnlake C.C.

*"Going to the national has always set a benchmark for me as the start of the season and sets the tone for the year."*