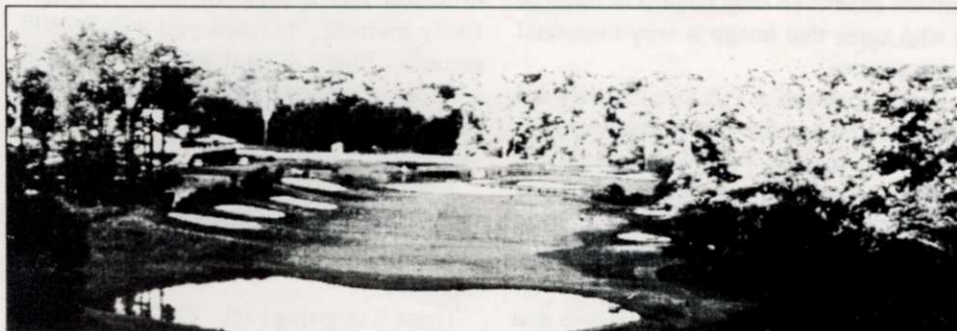


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Mid-Atlantic to Host Annual Fundraising Event August 28th "Stewards of the Chesapeake Golf Tournament"



On August 28th, The Mid-Atlantic Association of Golf Course Superintendents will host its first-ever "Stewards of the Chesapeake Golf Tournament," an annual fundraising golf event to benefit both Government Relations and Research throughout the Mid-Atlantic region. John Newcomb, CGCS, and the Birney family at South River Golf Links, in Edgewater, Maryland, will host the outing style golf event. Proceeds from the event will be used to establish a separate interest-bearing fund to support regional research and government relations that will benefit all Mid-Atlantic Golf Course Superintendents and their respective facilities.

A tournament committee was appointed and is comprised of current MAAGCS Vice-President and Tournament Chairman, Chris Ayers, CGCS, host Superintendent John Newcomb, CGCS, Golf Director, David Burkhart and Media / Public Relations Director David Nehila. Executive Secretary Charlotte Norris and the student chapter at the University of Maryland will assist in the organization and set-up of this important event. All other members interested in volunteering their time and efforts to help insure success are asked to contact the MAAGCS office.

The format for the day will be a "Shamble" where each player hits a tee shot and the best drive is used by the entire team (two drives required from each player through 18 holes). The remainder of the hole is played out by each player playing his or her own ball from the spot of the selected drive and the two best balls Net will be counted as the score for that hole. Net scores will be based on 80% of an individual's handicap. Teams of five will be comprised of at least two and not more than four representatives of an individual golf facility and one Class F member or special guest of the Association. The reasoning behind fivesomes is both the inclusion of our class F members and the reliance primarily on golf facilities to support research and government relations that benefit them. The field will be filled on a first come, first served basis. Watch your mail for further information regarding this important undertaking and clear August 28th on your calendars for a very worthy cause.

The MAAGCS Board of Directors recognized the increase in outside pressures and public awareness, the negative public perception of golf course management practices, as well as the constant changing nature of our business and saw fit to create

both Government Relations and Media / Public Relations director slots on the Board of Directors. These new Board positions, coupled with an annual fundraising tournament will greatly enhance the Association's ability to respond to future situations similar to last summer's mandatory drought restrictions in Maryland. The Board will also have the means and support to initiate relationships with local and state decision makers and media outlets throughout the region. A proactive educational program and Media Day like event(s) may help us overcome some of the negative public perception surrounding golf and highlight the benefits golf courses do provide for the environment. Beneficial programs such, as these will be funded by proceeds from the Stewards of the Chesapeake Tournament.

The very name of the tournament, Stewards of the Chesapeake, is meant to highlight the beneficial aspects of golf maintenance and is purposely meant to be inclusive of all courses that makes up the Mid-Atlantic and surround one of the region's best known natural resources - the Chesapeake Bay. Regardless of their location,

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President's Message

Nick Vance, CGCS

I would like to start by thanking our good friends Bill Neus, CGCS at Hobbits Glen Golf Club and Tom Lipscomb from P.B.Dye Golf Club for hosting our April and May meetings.

Bill and his staff, on pretty short notice, did a great job in setting up the golf course for us and the choice for dinner was great. Our Education Chairman, Jim Halley, made a great choice in securing Geoff Lewis to speak. He was very entertaining and his suggestions should be very helpful to those of us who agree that image is very important to our careers.

Tom Lipscomb at P.B.Dye not only did a great job having the golf course ready for us, but he and the Professional won the event. Tom said he was just along for the ride, but some of us heard the whole story. Congratulations to all the winners and especially to Tom Lipscomb and Jeff Rosenberg, low net, and Dean Graves and Jim Fitzgerald, low gross. Both were great rounds on a golf course that ate most of our lunches.

I know that the people that are reading this message are very aware of the spring we have been having and the possibilities that we face for the next few months. Because of those possibilities I would like to close my message with something that was forwarded to me by my daughter. Maybe in reading it we can all look at life in a healthier way.

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To realize the value of ONE YEAR, ask a student who failed a grade.
To realize the value of ONE MONTH, ask a mother who gave birth to a premature baby.
To realize the value of ONE WEEK, ask the editor of a weekly newspaper.
To realize the value of ONE HOUR, ask

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Bullets from the Boardroom

MAAGCS Secretary - Mike Evans



Government Relations Director, Mr. Dean Graves, has been appointed to the Maryland Statewide Water Conservation Advisory Committee. The committee is entrusted with establishing guidelines and recommendations in the event of a water shortage, as much of the region experienced last year. Dean's appointment will ensure that the water needs of golf courses will be considered in the formulation of future drought emergency plans.



The Board of Directors voted to conduct the affiliate (Class F) elections for the Industrial Advisory Committee at the November membership meeting, rather than in conjunction with the MAAGCS Annual Election Meeting in December. The rationale for splitting the elections was to put the spotlight on our affiliate members who do so much for our Association.



The Board of Directors unanimously approved a motion to help fund a research project being conducted by Dr. Peter Dernoeden at the University of Maryland. The project will evaluate the use of the herbicide Quinclorac (Drive) on creeping bentgrass fairways.



A motion to allow golf course crew workers wishing to join the MAAGCS was approved by the Board. An individual interested in such membership would be classified as a "F" member.

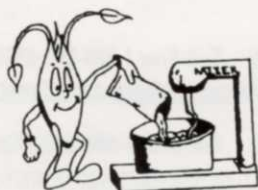


I think the Board of Directors shares my disappointment with the lack of response from our membership for monthly articles to be published in the Chesapeake Golfer magazine. We all took great offense, last fall, to an article by one of the magazine's writers. While Chesapeake Golfer would offer no apology, they have given us a monthly forum to help educate our golfing clientele on a variety of topics relating to golf course management. It is highly inequitable to lay the burden of writing these monthly articles on one or two individuals. If you would like to author an article for publication, please contact Dave Nehila, Media and Public Relations Director, or Executive Secretary, Charlotte Norris, at the Association office. Dave would be most appreciative!

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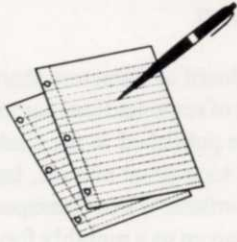
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Editor's Letter

Ken Ingram, CGCS

Holy Cow! People actually read this stuff. I thought you all just looked at the pictures and read the golf results. I knew I was in trouble as editor early on but I figured Charlotte would bail me out. Now I'm busy out-you and I'm wor- newsletter again. I load can Charlotte than Ed Gasper to writing this thing. I committee mem- blame, please wel- from Virginia Na- Necker from Hunt letter committee.



side like the rest of ried about the mean how big a carry? I'm luckier have Charlotte wisely added two bers to spread the come David Finney tional and Alex Valley to the news-

As always we welcome articles submitted by the members. Any subject will suffice. If you can help out a fellow superintendent by writing an article by all means do so. I'm still determined to put news in the newsletter so pass along anything newsworthy. We may not win any national awards with this publication but if we keep the chapter educated and informed I'll be happy.

Fundraising Tournament

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Superintendents and facility decision-makers need to recognize the importance of supporting a proactive approach towards decreasing the negative public perception of golf. Golf and golf courses in general stand to benefit from the success of an annual fundraising tournament. It is essential for everyone and all golf facilities to respond positively and support a proactive approach. It was a hard lesson to learn and required a terrible drought to highlight the need to be proactive, not reactive.

Both Government Relations and Research benefit us, the Golf Course Superintendent, and the facility that employs us. It is only fitting the onus of support for this new endeavor is placed squarely upon the shoulders of all golf facilities and businesses that share similar climatic conditions, elected officials, as well as rules and regulations. The need for this tournament to succeed and prosper in future years is greater than regional or state-line differences. The intent is to gather like-minded individuals who are passionate about their business and chosen careers to show support for the great game of golf in the Mid-Atlantic region. Strength is in numbers, please answer the call and support the Stewards of the Chesapeake Tournament, on August 28th at South River Golf Links. For further information contact Charlotte Norris, MAAGCS Executive Secretary @ (888) MID-TURF.

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Maryland Student Chapter News

by Steve Evans

Student Chapter activities for the month of April far exceeded our expectations! On April 4th panel discussion with the topic of job interviewing was held at the University of Maryland Golf Course Clubhouse. Participating on the panel were MAAGCS members Mr. Chris Ayers, CGCS, Mr. Dave Nehila, and Mr. Dean Graves. Also on the panel was Mr. Bill Reinohl, Coordinator Intercollegiate Athletics, at the University of Maryland. More than thirty students attended the panel discussion which included a social with light refreshments, an opportunity to talk with the panel speakers, the introduction of the new director of the Institute of Applied Agriculture, Dr. Hartsock, and a chapter meeting. The range of topics covered were; interviewing for assistant and superintendent positions, the review committee process, and suggestions on how to make more professional presentations. But the most important information was what these superintendents looked for in their in-

terviewing process and their personal experiences interviewing for superintendent positions. As always, these MAAGCS members were very professional and generous in providing the students with insight on the do's and don'ts of job interviewing.

On April 15th and 16th, seven turf students and Dr. Kevin Mathias went to the Homestead to compete in the inaugural Middle Atlantic Challenge Cup with seven turf students and Dr. David Chalmers from Virginia Tech. The weekend started with an educational presentation by Mr. Fred Reese, Director of Golf at the Homestead, and superintendents from the Old and the Lower Cascades courses. We received an education on corporate golf maintenance at this resort in the mountains of Virginia, including the intricacies of maintaining such old and historic courses for a demanding group of golfers. Dr. Chalmers, MAAGCS Class D member, proved to be a formidable opponent, carding low rounds both days and

leading his team to victory. We were all impressed with the history and beauty of this resort and our opportunity to play at these highly rated golf courses. We also got a great opportunity to network with the Virginia Tech students, many of whom will intern in the Mid Atlantic area this summer. Plans are being made for the 2001 match to be held in our area and hosted by the U of MD Student Chapter. We need support and any interested superintendents are encouraged to contact Dr. Mathias for more details.

Elections of new officers will be announced in the next edition of the newsletter as well details about the year-end outing held May 25th at Indian Spring Country Club, hosted by Mr. Rhys Arthur. The Student Chapter also plans to support the MAAGCS outing on August 28th, the fundraiser for Government Relations and Research.

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Around the Mid-Atlantic

Lighthouse Sound Open

Arguably the most scenic course in the area opened April 27th near Ocean City, MD. Bordered by Assawoman Bay and the St. Martin River, Lighthouse Sound has water views on ten holes. Designed by Art Hills and built by McDonald & Sons, the course is owned by Tom Ruark, who's portfolio includes Rum Point and Nutters Crossing. Butch Howard, formerly the assistant at River Run is the Superintendent. Butch describes Lighthouse as a scenic but difficult layout especially when the wind blows. There are four forced carries over 175 yards and a 622 yard par 5. Greens are L-93, fairways L-93/Southshore, Penncross tees, and Bluegrass roughs. It has Toro Site Pro LTC irrigation and 1,450 sprinklers.

Waterworks

Several MAAGCS members are starting up new irrigation systems this spring. At our November meeting at Bretton Bay many of us saw Bernie Beaven's new system going in the ground. It is a Rainbird Stratus II sys-

tem installed by TEBCO. His new pumphouse is a Childers Vertical Turbine.

Course improvements continue at River Bend. Tom Kessell has a new Rainbird Nimbus II installed by Jeff Mack's ISI. Because of the narrow fairways Tom has part circle fairway and rough heads.

Norbeck also installed Nimbus II with Scott Robinson and Organics Unlimited doing the work. Bruce Zickafoose now has two and three rows of heads.

Rockville residents will probably get a tax increase because Ray Evans at Redgate has a new Rainbird Nimbus double row system installed by A&F Irrigation.

Whiskey Creek Opens June 17th

Kemper Sports Management will own and operate the new Whiskey Creek Golf Course near Ijamsville, MD. The course was designed by J.M. Poellot, with Ernie Els as a design consultant. The contractor is Ryan Central and the Superintendent is Bart Miller, who comes to our area after years as a Superintendent in South Carolina. Bart

won't be growing Bermudagrass here but plans on having L-93 greens, tees and fairways. He describes Whiskey Creek as three courses in one with several links type holes, others being tree lined with mountain views, and the rest with hills and bluffs in play. He has Rainbird Nimbus irrigation and complete coverage with a double and triple row design.

Uplands Underway

Superintendent Jim McHenry says "you can't miss us" driving to the beach on Rt. 404. The new course is being built by McDonald & Sons and will be the first complete project for Chip's new designer Joel Wieman. The course is privately owned and will be an upscale daily fee operation. A tremendous amount of earth is being moved to convert a relatively flat site into a very interesting layout with water on eleven holes. Jim says it will be bentgrass from tee to green with Rainbird Stratus irrigation. It should open the spring of 2001.

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MAAGCS Golf Notes

April Points Tournament

The points tournament was held at Hobbits Glenn on April 11th. The day's winners were:

Low Net

1st	Keith Williams	+2
2nd	Gary Angell	+1
3rd	Steve Potter	+1
4th	Barton Bullock	0
5th	Bob Orazi	-1

Low Gross

1st	Scott Robinson	28
2nd	Dean Graves	27
3rd	Tom Clark	26

Long Drive

Dave Horton

Closest to Line

John Newcomb

Closest to Pin

Mike Augustine, Paul Tideman,
Gary Angell, Bill Neus

Superintendent/Pro Tournament

The Superintendent/Pro tournament at P.B. Dye fielded forty-four teams in ninety degree weather. The only thing tougher than the heat was the course itself. What a stunning layout! The course was in prime condition thanks to Tom Lipscomb and his staff. A few stellar performances of note, Jeff Rosenberg, the host Pro shot a 28 on the front nine (two eagles and four birdies) and our own Ed Gasper had a hole-in-one on number fourteen. Congratulations Ed!

Tom Lipscomb and Jeff Rosenberg from P.B. Dye won the President's cup with a low net score of 64. The day's winners were:

Low Net

1st	Tom Lipscomb/Jeff Rosenberg	64
2nd	Jim Halley/Steve Cramer	65
3rd	Dave Nehila/Scott Jones	65
4th	Tom Ritter/David Dorn	65
5th	Ed Gasper/Frank Mantua	66
6th	Walter Montross/Glenn Brown	68
7th	Scott Wagner/Alex Lively	68
8th	Fred Heinlen/Bob Baldassari	69
9th	Ken Ingram/Jim Napier	69
10th	Chris Ayers/Steve Madsen	69

Low Gross

1st	Dean Graves/Jim Fitzgerald	71
2nd	Rick Wakefield/Tom Melidio	72
3rd	Scott Reeside/Ed Coyle	73

Long Drives

Superintendent	Charlie Poole
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Closest to Pin

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 To Ryland & Lisa Chapman upon the arrival of a son, Ian Elliott
 To Bryan & Lawan McFerren upon the arrival of a son, Ethan Desmond
 To Todd & Denise Vanderwerken upon the arrival of a son, Mitchell Kenyon

Get Well Wishes

To the mother of Carmen Giannini who recently had a stroke
 To Jerry Hasbargen after recent knee surgery
 To Gayle Hukkala, wife Jon Hukala, after recent surgery
 To Charlie Mock after recent neck surgery
 To Kathryn Newcomb, mother of John Newcomb, after a fall
 To Tom Wojcik after a recent appendectomy

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 To the family and friends of Louis White

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Rough Matters

by Ken Ingram, CGCS

Stanley Zontek's article "Smoothing Out The Rough" in the March/April issue of the USGA Green Section Reporter is a must read for Superintendents and really made me reflect on the changes we have seen in our management of roughs the last few years. Stanley's well written article suggests changing the name of the rough because "after all, they certainly aren't rough anymore." Perhaps he's right, because of our increased responsibilities with roughs and every other facet of the course we aren't just "greenkeepers" today.

Clearly many courses today are trying to improve turf quality in rough. Stanley's article lists several reasons for this, the most important being economics. Golfers today demand quality and are willing to pay for good lies in the fairway and the rough. Just keeping the rough mowed is no longer sufficient. For many Superintendents fertilizing rough is something we tried once with some old, leftover fertilizer and swore we

would never do it again, but alas, many courses routinely fertilize rough today.

Maintenance practices change with the attitudes and perceptions of our golfers. Improving roughs sends us back to basic turf management. Accurate measurements are needed and it is shocking, often four times the area of fairways and close to one hundred acres for some clubs. This is a tremendous problem. If soil testing shows lime and nutrient deficiencies, corrective treatments for such a large area could be cost prohibitive. Weed control really shouldn't be considered if the fertility requirements aren't met. Grub control will probably be required regardless.

Without question the limiting factor in rough maintenance is irrigation. If drought stress weakens the stand every summer all other programs are futile. There were no double row irrigation systems in the Mid-Atlantic until the 1980's. Now double row is standard and many courses have triple row

or some form of perimeter irrigation. But every course has some limitation to water supply. In 1999 that limitation was the government. It was illegal to irrigate rough in Maryland.

The old reel type gang-mowers were standard equipment on every course until the 1980's. The big deck rotaries have replaced many of them and do a fine job. It's no surprise, the patent dates on those old Blitzers were stamped on the side-plates and dated back to the 1920's. Most courses today do not mow fence-line to fence-line with gang units. Trees start to form "woods" and frequently there are some areas not mowed and reserved for native plantings, or wildflowers. Depending on the layout, these areas can significantly reduce mowed rough. Many Superintendents remember the "contour mowing" craze of the 1970's when mowed fairway area greatly decreased. At my club there were sixty acres of fairway at one time, today there are twenty four acres.

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Another change has been an increase in intermediate rough surrounding the fairway. It makes perfect sense in theory, missing the fairway by inches should not be penal, but mowing this strip provides a real challenge to Superintendents. Finding the right width, height of cut, frequency, equipment, and turf type is not easy. Our friend Stan needs to find a name for this too. Intermediate Rough, First Cut, Primary Rough, what is best? My staff calls it the "Once Arounds!"

Grass selections have changed as well. Heaven help the courses with roughs seeded to K-31 Tall Fescue. I had a college professor that called K-31 "60 mile per hour grass." It only looked good, Dr. Troll said, if you were driving past it at 60mph! The

improved Turf Type Tall Fescues are much better. Bluegrasses seem to be the answer for new courses but introducing them into existing turf can be difficult. Ryegrass was great before Grey Leaf Spot. Don't you just love the Mid-Atlantic, there is no perfect grass.

The diversity of courses and conditions help make golf a great game. Just look at last year's Open Championships. No rough at Pinehurst and punishing rough at Carnoustie, and how about that new 1 3/8" second cut at Augusta. Rough comprises so much of the course and there is so much play out of the rough we should have some management plan for it, even if the plan is for low maintenance.

President*continued from page 2*

ask the Superintendent who's whole crew was an hour late on Saturday morning. To realize the value of ONE MINUTE, ask the operator that just made five passes on a green with a hydraulic leak on his mower.

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Blame It On The Committee

David Finney, CGCS

We as Superintendents have our jobs to do, and sometimes our operations can be disruptive to the golfers. Aerification comes to mind immediately as the #1 irritant to golfers, but we also take a lot of heat unnecessarily for construction projects, and sometimes-even leaf removal in the fall tends to get in the way of a friendly four-ball event. Members and golfing guests always want to know -- *What are you doing, Why do you have to do it today (my day to play golf), and When is it going to be finished?* However, I can't think of a single maintenance function we perform, where the golfer doesn't get relief either under the Rules of Golf, or by local rule.

Let's take a look first at aerification. If a ball in play comes to rest in an aerification hole, is there free relief under the Rules of Golf? Unfortunately, no. However the Committee may write a temporary local rule granting relief from aerification holes, as outlined in Appendix I, page 95 of the 2000-

01 Rule Book. Aerification plugs are considered to be loose impediments, consisting of compacted soil, and the rules do permit a player to move aerification plugs away from the ball, before making a shot.

Next let's consider Abnormal Ground Conditions (Rule 25); in particular let's focus on *ground under repair*. The *ground under repair* rule is one of the more generous rules in the game. Whether the lie of a ball, a player's stance, or his swing is interfered with by *ground under repair*, or a ball is actually lost in *ground under repair*, the player is entitled to free relief. There is no penalty stroke, and no loss of distance involved with the application of this rule. What happens however, if a ball comes to rest in a bunker that you and your crew are renovating? Does the player get free relief outside the bunker from *ground under repair* inside the bunker? Once again the answer is no, unless the Committee gets involved. It is recommended that the Com-

mittee should, during the renovation period define the bunker as *ground under repair* and classify it as *through the green*. Only by doing **both** of these things is the player going to get relief outside of the bunker under repair.

Our final example involves the seasonal accumulation of leaves. Does the fabled leaf rule exist, is a player allowed to drop another ball where his original ball entered a pile of leaves that your staff has created or hasn't cleaned up yet? Once again the answer is no, unless the Committee takes action. The Committee must write temporary local rules declaring the seasonal accumulation of leaves to be *ground under repair* (Decisions 13-4/33, & 33-8/31). Without these local rules written by the Committee, a ball lost in a pile of leaves is simply a lost ball (Rule 27-1: stroke and distance), and touching leaves in a bunker on your backswing invokes the *general penalty* for touching a loose impediment in a bunker (Rule 13-4).

It is our responsibility as Golf Course Superintendents to relay pertinent information to the Committee, informing them about conditions such as aerification, construction projects, or leaf accumulations on the golf course. The Rules of Golf define the Committee as the Committee in charge of the competition, or if the matter does not arise in a competition, the Committee in charge of the golf course. This definition might apply to a Championship Committee, a Tournament Committee, or simply a Green Committee. It is the Committee's responsibility to write the local rules that will apply to your golf course. So when a player encounters scenarios similar to those we've outlined, if the Committee has **not** written the local rules granting relief from aerification holes, granting relief from a bunker totally under repair, or granting relief from the seasonal accumulation of leaves, don't blame the Golf Course Superintendent, we're simply doing our jobs. **Blame it on the Committee.**

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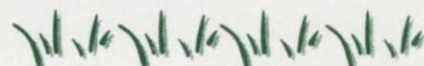
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Petersan Honored in Nebraska

On May 15th, Doug Petersan, former MAAGCS member and Superintendent at Baltimore Country Club, was inducted into the Nebraska Golf Hall of Fame. Doug was one of five of this year's honorees and only the second Superintendent to be honored out of two thousand inductees in the Nebraska Golf Hall of Fame. Doug, a native of Stanton, Nebraska, was joined by a large gathering of past assistants, peers, friends and family.

With more than 35 years of experience, Doug was recognized for the ability he has shown to solve complex turfgrass problems and his involvement in the professional development of at least twenty-two individuals who later became course superintendents throughout the country. He was also recognized as being a past Superintendent of the Year and President of both the Nebraska and Kansas Golf Course Superintendents Associations.

Baltimore Courses Win Awards

In the May edition of *Golf Course Digest* two Baltimore area courses won awards in the biennial "Places to Play" survey of 20,000 subscribers. Worthington Valley Golf Course in Owings Mills was the "most improved golf course" in the survey. Richard Isaac should certainly be proud. Awards continue for Bulle Rock north of Baltimore. After receiving the best new course award in 1998 the year 2000 survey has Bulle Rock tied for fourth place in "conditioning" and second place in the nation for "service to players." A job well done by Scott Chaffee.

Lou White Remembered

by Bob Collins, CGCS

On Easter Sunday morning, the ESAGCS lost a founding member and one of its finest gentlemen with the passing of Lou White. Lou's life was Eastern Shore golf; he was born at Green Hill Yacht and Country Club, where his dad was Superintendent. He was an avid golfer, supporter of junior golf, and a friend and mentor to many current Superintendents.

Lou did spend some time away from the 'Shore. He was a World War II veteran, and was wounded in action on Iwo Jima. After that, he spent almost two years recovering from his wounds at Bethesda Naval Hospital (no wonder he never did like that side of the Chesapeake). He returned to the 'Shore, sold farm equipment for some time before returning to Green Hill as Superintendent. He held that position for some twenty years before retiring in 1985. After that, he spent quite a bit of time playing golf, helping out around Green Hill and dispensing advice and wisdom to all who new him.

I will remember Lou's advice when I asked him what a young guy getting his first Superintendent's job should do. "Get a hose and learn how to use it" he said. Others will remember him for his game, straight down the middle and one putt. Jim Kelley, who followed Lou at Green Hill, told me he was never critical of another Superintendent's course, but was always willing to help with advice.

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