

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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