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## NEW FORMAT

The costs of production and the time involved before circulation have tempted us to try a far cheaper and more immediate method of membership communication. Granted our "face" won't be as polished and our content per issue will definitely be less, but we hope to be far more regular and timely. Your comments will be appreciated, but even more, articles and industry information about people and developments are required for success.

Don Marshall, Editor

## BOARD ACTION 10/23/73

The Executive Committee met at 2:30 PM on the above date. Present were: Camaron, President; Boizelle; Flaherty; Marshall; Martin; and Scott. The first item considered was the annual "ad" in the Golf Superintendent. In view of the trend toward donations to the National Scholarship and Research Fund in lieu of the "ad", and with an added desire to express appreciation for our Annual Field Day Exhibitors the Board unanimously voted to: Do both - Contribute \$50 to the National Fund and take an "ad" expressing our appreciation to the participants in our Field Day. Total cost: \$135.

President Camaron announced the appointment of Don Marshall as Delegate and Ed Nickelsen as Alternate to the National Conference. The fact that both are from the same club was explained by the fact that the President indicated he had given Marshall an "open ticket" in appointing an Alternate. Marshall appointed President Camaron. Camaron cried "Foul". Marshall then requested Nickelsen and will drop the job next year.

The Board also discussed at length a requested increase in the fee charged by Association Management. It was the sense of the meeting that while no hasty severance should be made, all other avenues of management resources should be fully investigated prior to the contract termination at year end '73.

## '74 NATIONAL SLATE OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

President - Charles Baskin - Conn.  
V.P. - Richard Malpass - Oregon  
Palmer Maples - Georgia  
Ted Woehrle - Michigan

Directors (3 of 5)  
Mike Bavier - Illinois  
Carl Beer - Kansas  
Louis Haines - Colorado  
Melvin Lucas, Jr. - New York  
Charles Tadge - Ohio

The nomination of three candidates for Vice-President seems unusual and perhaps without precedent. Our chapter's nominee for Director was not accepted without stated reason, however, with a candidate of the quality of Mel Lucas, Jr. from this area no reason has to be given.

ANNUAL MEETING - NOVEMBER 6, 1973 MOUNTAINSIDE INN 1:30 PM

Election of Officers and Directors as per slate presented by the Nominating Committee, plus floor nominations, if any. Reports of all Committees and future planning. Get there!

## FIELD DAY

The October 2nd Annual Field Day was a great success even though the hosts felt the weather forecasts indicated a postponement. Two hundred and seventy two people showed up for exhibits by 34 firms, including 24 live demonstrations. Rough estimates reveal that over \$125,000 worth of business was consummated at the Show. Ed Nickelsen, Supt. of Montclair Golf Club deserves much of the credit, and the Association certainly appreciates the use of the Club's facilities.

CHRISTMAS PARTY - FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1973, SHACKAMAXON C.C.

Get your checks in now! Slight increase in price was required by state of the economy. Chances are you don't remember last year's price anyway - if so, you're one of the causes of the increase!

## FELLOW SUPERINTENDENTS

A very unfortunate happening occurred this past summer, and because of it we must review our role as an Association of Superintendents. As our name indicates: we are a group associated together for the betterment of all; helping each other; elevating ourselves; promoting goodwill; learning together; and just plain having a good time together. As with any group we must have rules and regulations so that we can live together in harmony and avoid animalistic bickering and fighting amongst ourselves. I wish each and every member would review the "Code of Ethics" put forth by the National GCSAA.

The Code of Ethics better reflects the golf course superintendents as a competent and responsible member of a profession with high standards of conduct.

As a member of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America, I pledge myself to:

1. Recognize and discharge all my responsibilities to my employers at all times.
2. Practice and insist on sound business principles in exercising the responsibilities of my position.
3. Utilize every opportunity to extend my professional knowledge in order to increase my value to my employers, my industry and my profession.
4. Truly assume the responsibility for the physical well-being of my golf course by insisting on and exercising the prerogative of my professional judgment in declaring my golf course playable or unplayable, according to prevailing conditions.
5. Maintain the highest standards of personal conduct to reflect credit and add to the stature of the profession of Golf Course Superintendency.
6. Neither engage in or support any exploitation of my Association, industry or profession.
7. Avoid dissemination of any malicious information concerning other golf courses and/or other Golf Course Superintendents.
8. Lend my support to, and actively participate in, the efforts of my local Chapter and National Association to improve public understanding and recognition of the profession of Golf Course Superintendency.
9. Extend technical help to any golf course when called upon by the Superintendent.
10. Recognize, observe and expect in return the highest standards of integrity in my relationship with other Golf Course Superintendents as follows:
  - A. When seeking employment
    - (1) I will seek counsel of local GCSAA Chapters when applying for a position in any district.
    - (2) I will make certain the position is open before making application to any prospective employer.
    - (3) I will ascertain and uphold the salary level of the district in which I negotiate for a position.
    - (4) I will, when possible, speak to the man who is leaving or has left the position for which I am considered.
  - B. When visiting other golf courses
    - (1) I will call on the Superintendent of the golf course.
    - (2) I will present my GCSAA membership card.

This past summer a rumor started that a fellow member superintendent was fired from his job. On the basis of this rumor seven member superintendents applied for the position. These people did not have the common decency to confirm the rumor by simply calling the Superintendent. The Superintendent was put in a bad position with the club by them thinking he was leaving the job, and as the situation developed the Association's position was just as bad.

Observance of this code can only elevate the entire profession. Disregarding it will bring discredit not only to the individual, but to all superintendents. Because it is a voluntary code, it can be enforced only by the desire to win and hold the respect of fellow superintendents. Therefore, its enforcement is up to individual members. Please consider your Association a vehicle to the success of all rather than feeling it exists only because you are a member.

Skip Camaron, President NJGCSA