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TURF NEWS LETTER

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THE CORNELL MEETING

December 2, 1952

The official schedule for 1952 came to a close with the December 2nd meeting of the Mid-Atlantic Association held at the G. L. Cornell Co. (Worthington-Jacobsen dealers in this region.) George Cornell, Leon Brown and Staff did their usual bang-up job of accommodating the 87 members and guests who attended. Among the guests were Adm. Phillips, Green Chairman and Col. Todd, Green Committeeman of the Army-Navy Country Club; Mr. Essex, Green Chairman of Columbia Country Club; Wiffy Cox, Pro., Congressional Country Club; Mr. George Harding of National Capitol Parks; Comdr. Mitchell, Green Committeeman at Patuxent Naval Air Station Golf Course; Dr. Rutkowski, Green Chairman, Fairfax Counthouse Country Club; Mr. Bergdorf, Green Chairman of Bethesda Country Club; and Bill's son Lt. Al Glover, who was on leave prior to departure for service in the Far East... We wish you the best of luck, Al!

The Dinner was superb;- chilled raw oysters, charcoal steaks done to perfection, and all the trimmings sent everyone home feeling glad they came. Refreshments, of course, added to the "Spirits" of things. "Songbirds" Ennis Kidwell of Bolgiano's, Red Hancock of Sligo, and Neil Holmead of National Capital Toro were in good voice - harmonized half the night with the Accordionist. Bob Holmead waved his baton, but the quartet paid no attention - thought they were "chopsticks". A certain popular member lost another scarf at this event, the second one in two weeks, which is par for the course. Reckon that sea-breeze is not as strong as they say - he swears it never happened at sea! It was unanimously agreed that No Constructive Suggestion Report should be submitted for this meeting.

This meeting officially ended Bob Shields' two-year term as Association President. Bob has done an outstanding job in office. The committees working with Bob backed him up 100%, and results can be measured in terms of our National standing, and our stature has been enhanced considerably. A resounding note of thanks is voted Bob and the many working committees which have labored so diligently to put across a straight-forward, progressive program.

Another member of our Association, our capable secretary, Charlie Schalestock, has been nominated as a member of the Board of Directors of the Golf Course Superintendents of America.

IN COMING "PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE"

As your newly elected President, I appreciate the honor that you have bestowed

upon me. I hope to be able to carry on and go forward in the footsteps of my predecessors. To do this, my sincere desire is to have the confidence, support, and cooperation of the entire membership. For the year 1953 let us rally under the slogan, "One for all, and all for one".

The outstanding feature of our Turf News Letter these past two years has been the Constructive Suggestion Report. It has been of great educational value to all. It is my hope that the Education and Policy Committee will continue with Constructive Suggestion Reports of this calibre. While a regular committee is appointed for this activity, Education and Policy meetings are open to all. In fact, this committee would like to have every member consider himself a part of this group, attend Education and Policy meetings, and participate in discussions. By doing so, the Mid-Atlantic can render a superior report to our host clubs.

This is our "SILVER ANNIVERSARY YEAR". Our Association was founded in 1928. Many of the original members are still in this district and are quite active. The coming Baltimore Turf Conference is dedicated to these men who have done so much for us. It is quite fitting therefore, that we have a large attendance at this conference in appreciation of the work that these fine gentlemen have accomplished through their untiring efforts. As he has done in past years, Dr. Cory, to whom we owe so much has arranged an excellent program. We are grateful to Dr. Cory for his sincere and thoughtful considerations.

YOU WILL NOT WANT TO MISS THE MID-ATLANTIC SILVER ANNIVERSARY REUNION ON TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY, JAN. 6th and 7th, 1953, AT THE LORD BALTIMORE HOTEL, BALTIMORE, MD.

Sincerely,
Jim

NEXT MEETING

Annual Baltimore Conference January 6 & 7, 1953 - Make your reservations now at the Lord Baltimore Hotel if you plan to stay overnight.

TENTATIVE PROGRAM
January 6th

Soil Conditioners

Dr. R. B. Alderfer
Pennsylvania State College
State College, Pa.

Poa Annua and Clover control

Dr. Ralph E. Engel
Rutgers University
New Brunswick, New Jersey

Luncheon

Turf Diseases

Dr. J. R. Vaughn
Dept. of Botany & Plant Pathology
Michigan State College
East Lansing, Michigan

The Compatibility of Chemicals Normally
Used on Greens With Inorganic Fertilizers

Dr. Warren C. Shaw
Bureau of Plant Industry
Beltsville, Md.

Dinner - 7:00 P.M.

Moving Picture "Nature's Half Acre"

January 7th

Why Did So Many Greens Go Out This Year

Dr. O. J. Noer
Milwaukee Sewerage Commission
Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Proper Times and Methods of Aerification

Tom Mascaro
West Point Products Corp.
West Point, Pennsylvania

Luncheon

Flowers and Shrubs

Mark M. Shoemaker
University of Maryland
College Park, Md.

Cost of Turf Renovation and Establishment
with Zoysia Grasses

Dr. Fred V. Grau
U.S.G.A. Green Section
Beltsville, Md.

Soil Profiles Will Be On Display

A total of 65 soil profiles have been collected and are permanently mounted, and will be on display at the conference - come and see how yours compares with others! The profile committee consisting of Leon Brown, Chairman, Bob and Neil Holmead, Jack Witcher, Ennis Kidwell and Bob Smith rate orchids for the great job they have done in collecting soil profiles. These profiles will make a fine display at our conference and also at the National in Atlantic City.

YOUR SECRETARY, CHARLIE SCHALESTOCK PLANS TO BE ON HAND AT THE BALTIMORE CONFERENCE WITH HIS RECEIPT BOOK READY FOR THOSE WHO WISH TO PAY THEIR 1953 DUES.

COMING EVENTS

Feb. 16-19, 1953 - Turf Conference, Pennsylvania State College and Pennsylvania Turf Advisory Committee Meeting, State College, Pa.

Feb. 8-13, 1953 - HEAR the latest! LEARN the most! SEE the newest!
Attend the 24th NATIONAL TURF CONFERENCE AND SHOW
The Ambassador - Atlantic City, N. J.
All interested in fine turf should attend this national event to learn of the newest in methods and equipment for efficient maintenance. One thought brought home to better your turf conditions will more than offset the expense of the trip.
MAKE YOUR HOTEL RESERVATIONS NOW!

Attend the National Turf Conference -

The 24th National Turf Conference and show sponsored jointly by the Philadelphia Association of Golf Course Superintendents, New Jersey Association of Golf Course Superintendents and Golf Course Superintendents Association of America, will be held in Atlantic City, February 8 to 13 at the Ambassador Hotel.

This will be one of the largest meetings of golf course superintendents ever to assemble in one place. A thousand or more men interested in the production of fine turf and representing the leaders in turf work from all parts of the nation will be there to hear the latest, learn the most and see the newest in golf course management and maintenance.

The members of the Mid-Atlantic are fortunate in being located as close to Atlantic City as we are and to be able to attend this big turf event without having to make a long expensive trip. It has been said before but, is worth repeating, that it will be a long time before another National Turf Conference is held as close to us as this one is unless, of course, this Association volunteers to sponsor the meeting in Washington sometime after 1954. Four of our members, Bob Shields, Adm. Phillips, Bill Glover, and Charlie Schalestock are slated to appear on the program. This is nice representation.

Those who have not attended a National meeting should make a special effort to attend this one which is practically in our own front yard so as to see and hear what the fellows from other parts of the country are doing to solve your turf problems and just as important, what they are doing to help you advance yourself and your profession.

Start now to make plans to have the week of February 8 to 13 available for your education and information. If your Club officials have not included the expense of this trip in your budget then use a week of your annual leave time and pay your own expenses to Atlantic City. When you return present your Chairman with a complete detailed typewritten report on what you have done, seen, and heard then watch his reaction. If you bring back just one idea that will help the course or add to the pleasure or convenience of the members the Club will have received more than enough to offset the cost of the trip and the Boss will take another look at this man who thinks enough of his job, his education, and the members of his club to finance himself on an educational trip when the benefits of the information obtained eventually revert back to the Club. In all probability when the 1954 meeting rolls around Mr. Chairman will provide the means and insist that you attend the Conference.

Go to Atlantic City, take your questions with you and bring back the answers, turn in a good report to your Chairman on the education program and you have made a big and important step forward for your Club, your profession and yourself.

"ODE TO A SUPERINTENDENT"

By Bob and Phyllis Elder

'Twas the night before Christmas and in one nearby house,
A creature was stirring and it wasn't a mouse;
It was a green superintendent pacing the floor,
Waiting for St. Nicholas to **knock** at his door;
His greens were tucked-in for their long winter's nap,
And he hoped St. Nick would bring tricks in his cap;
For as you all know his greens sure looked fine,
But the chairman still thought them a bit out of line;
So there by the fireplace he plotted and **schemed**,
To get the toughest of tees and trouble-free greens;
When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter,
Aside went his budget to see what was the matter;
When in came Ole' Santa with a laugh and a grin,
Fixing up greens was old stuff to him;
He went right to work filling stockings with care,
And he tucked in a committee that would always be fair;
And gave him a budget to last all the year,
And a chairman that understood, filled with good cheer.
Then Santa left and it was plain as could be,
That our 'keepers worries had vanished completely;
All needed now was a pat on the back and a shake of the hand,
To assure him - that the committee and all thought he was grand.

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

