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NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Mid-Atlantic Golf Course Superintendents Association will be a joint meeting with the Philadelphia Association of Golf Course Superintendents on September 12 at Wilmington Country Club, Wilmington, Delaware. If you wish to play golf, you may do so after 11:30 a.m. Club rule is no golf cart unless required by your physician. Lunch will be available. Social hour at 6:00 p.m. (Dutch treat), followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m. The guest speaker will be Dr. Joseph Duich, Penn State University.

PROGRAM NOTE

Wilmington C. C. plans to have some "wet lime" spread with a 10-ton load on a truck that has very wide tires. This will be done on September 12 so interested superintendents can observe. The same people may have a 12-ton fertilizer bin on hand, same containing bagless plant feed. The operator just backs under and leads through a chute--no handling.



OUR HOST

Harry J. McSloy, a native of Chicago, Ill., was educated at DePaul University, majoring in Business Administration, and at Colorado State University, in Agriculture. After serving his apprenticeship under Jim Haines of the Denver C. C., Denver, Colorado, he became superintendent and station horticulturist at Oceana Naval Air Station, Oceana, Va. Mr. McSloy then took the position of superintendent at the Country Club of Virginia in Richmond. He serves on the editorial committee of The Superintendent.

DIRECTIONS

Travel Kennedy Turnpike from Baltimore to Delaware Turnpike. Proceed Delaware Turnpike past the Service Center (Hot Shoppe). Keep to the left for approximately 5-1/4 miles. One will see that Interstate #95 goes left and #495 goes right to Delaware Bridge. Interstate #95 will say Wilmington - Md. Ave. only. Follow Interstate #95 to Wilmington Exit - Front St. traffic light. Go thru 2 more lights to 2nd St. Turn left at 2nd St. (marked Routes 41-141) 13 blocks. Turn right on North Lincoln St. Proceed to almost dead end - Pennsylvania Ave. Sunoco Station on corner. Turn left on Pennsylvania Ave. and follow 3-1/2 miles to Wilmington C. C. on right. (From small town near club named Greenville, 1.3 miles to Club.)

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We regret to inform you that we were not able to schedule a picnic for the children this year. The Ladies Nite and the Beltsville Field Day, both scheduled for August, made it impractical to have this annual affair in August without interfering with our heavy work schedule prior to the Labor Day weekend. Your directors decided to cancel this event for this year, but definitely plan to keep it on our annual schedule. Any suggestions you may have for an affair for the children next year will be appreciated.

Our Employment Committee has completed the survey of our area. The results are published in this Newsletter and made available to each member. Our thanks to all who helped by their cooperation in this important project.

At this writing we have just had all the rainfall we were denied for the past two summers. I hope we can repair all the damage and get things in shape for the coming holiday. We will all be ready for a well deserved rest, or a good vacation for a few days after this mess is over. I hope you all plan to attend our joint meeting on September 12th at Wilmington C. C. Give yourself a break, take a day off, play golf, and meet some old friends and exchange some stories. Come tell us how many greens were under water. Please don't forget to mail the reservation card to our host.

THE COURSES AT WILMINGTON C. C.

	<u>SOUTH COURSE</u>	<u>NORTH COURSE</u>
Construction Dates	1957-59	1961
Architects	Robert Trent Jones	Dick Wilson
Water System	Manual	Manual
Greens	C-1 & C-19 (av size 9,000 sq. ft.)	Penncross (av size 8,000 sq. ft.)
Tees	Highland, Astoria, Seaside	Highland, Astoria, Seaside
Fairways	Highland, Astoria, Seaside	Ky Blue, Pennlawn, Seaside, Ast., Highland
Roughs	Bent & Ky Blue mixed	Ky Blue, Pennlawn
Sand Traps	74	102
Putting Green	C-1 & C-19 (9,000 sq. ft.)	

Driving Range	4-1/2 acres of seaside, highland, astoria	
Practice Tee	24,000 sq. ft. - half (front) meyer zoysia, half Ky Blue-seaside, astoria, highland	
Tennis	4 grass courts, 7 Har-Tru courts, 2 All-Weather courts, 2 cork-surface Indoor courts	
Plant Food-Greens	3.8# N in fall from Ureaform; 3# N from activated sewage sludge; 1.2# N from two topdressings (all material applied spring or fall) 7# actual K annually.	
" " -Tees	3.8# N in fall from Ureaform; 1# N & 4# K fr inorganic.	
" " -Fairways	2-1/2# N, 1-1/4# P & K annually from inorganic.	
" " -Roughs	None this year except weak areas.	
Chemicals used-Fairways	Apr 20 - 1/2# actual dicambe & 3/4# actual 2,4D/acre	
	May 3 - 12# actual Tupersan/acre - N. C. 10 fwy	
	May 4-5 - 10# actual Dacthal/acre certain areas	
" " -Tees	Oct 24 - 1/2# 2,4D & 1/2# 2,45TP/acre	
" " - "	July 25 - 2 oz. Crab-E-Rad/1000 sq. ft.	
" " -Roughs	July - 1# actual MCPP in roughs having heavy clover	
" " -Fairway	Apr 15 - N. C. #1 fwy - 6# Chip-Cal/1000 sq. ft.	

IN MEMORIAM

John L. Milan, director-owner of a specialty turf chemical company and member of the Mid-Atlantic since 1948, died July 26 at Sinai Hospital of a heart attack.

John will be missed by his many friends in this area. He loved golf and turf and enjoyed associating with those in the golf field. Flowers were sent from the Association and the following superintendents were pallbearers: Angelo Cammarota, Al Watson, Cliff Case, Russ Kerns, Bill Emerson, and Wally Stedding.

The Mid-Atlantic Association of Golf Course Superintendents extends to his family their deepest sympathy.

PATRONIZE YOUR LOCAL DISTRIBUTOR

by Bob Shields

Our local golf course supply dealers are in business to serve us. They take a personal interest in us and our problems and are always ready to assist in solving them. Call on any one of them at any time and you will find them courteous and considerate and eager to help you. Due to their contacts with other golf courses and other superintendents, they can help you by explaining how others have overcome your same problem. They are also in contact with factory representatives who know your machines and what it takes to keep them in operation. They are all ready to help you with service or parts for any machine they sell.

If you are looking for a piece of equipment to do a certain job, then explain the job to your dealer and he will recommend and demonstrate the machine he thinks will meet your requirements. There is no cost or obligation for this service.

Our local suppliers are backers and boosters of this association and contribute much in time, money and enthusiasm to every project we undertake. Their generosity at meetings and special events is overwhelming but on top of that, they are real good men and their fellowship is most enjoyable. They are all top men in their field and are held in high esteem by the top officials of the factories they represent. They are worthy of our cooperation, support and respect. They create employment for local people and feed many tax dollars into local governments for schools and roads.

In the Mid-Atlantic area we have many golf course supply dealers and for the good of our clubs, we hope it stays that way. Competition between dealers can only result in better service to the customers, and that's us. Support your local distributors.

COOPERATIVE AERIFICATION

by Bill Emerson

This past winter three Baltimore area golf course superintendents - Angelo Commarato, Bonnie View C. C., Bob Miller, Suburban Club, and Bill Emerson, Green Spring Valley Hunt Club, were having lunch together. They were discussing the coming golf season. The usual programs and problems were discussed and spring aerification of greens was one of the topics.

They agreed that spring aerification was beneficial and necessary for good greens. They also agreed that it was most time consuming and that labor and weather were going to dictate its getting done at his respective club. During the ensuing discussion someone suggested, "Let's combine work forces and equipment and help each other." All agreed, "great idea" but each had his share of skepticism.

For the next few weeks each meeting was spent discussing the pros and cons of the cooperative plan. Finally it was decided that they would give it a try pending their respective club's approval. Having obtained this approval, the groundwork was prepared for the job, and the following was agreed upon:

- A. What each man was going to contribute to the project.
- B. All equipment would be put in good working condition and shipped to Suburban Club (first club to be done).
- C. A basic program was laid out on a time schedule, but it was agreed that each superintendent would do his club the way he thought best. The basic schedule went as follows:

- 7:00 a. m. - 5 men start aerifying
- 10:00 a. m. - 4 men start Verti-cutting dry area
- 11:00 a. m. - 2 men start drag matting greens
- 12:30 p. m. - 4 men start blowing debris from greens
- 1:00 p. m. - 4 men start picking up piles of debris.

Due to heavy play at Suburban and Vonnies View, Monday was the day decided on for their clubs to do their aerifying. So on Monday, May 1st, Suburban Club was started at 7:00 a. m. and by 1:30 p. m. nine holes were back in play and at 5:00 p. m. the entire job was complete and the course completely back in play.

The equipment was serviced at Suburban and shipped the next day to Green Spring Valley where on Thursday, May 4th, at 7:00 a. m. the operation started all over again. However, because of a heavy dew the greens had to be poled first and completion was delayed until 6:15 p. m.

Again the equipment was serviced and on Friday it was shipped to the last stop, Bonnie View. Bad weather finally caught up to the men here and instead of starting on Monday, May 8th, the aerifying was postponed until Monday, May 15th. The 15th also turned out to be bad but the operation was started at 7:00 a. m. Work was halted several times during the day by showers and at 5:00 p. m. a heavy storm washed the job out with three greens to go. On Wednesday, May 17, these three greens were completed.

Reaction from the Greenchairmen, Club Professionals, and golfers was very good. However, the most outstanding reaction came from the groundcrews. They seemed to enjoy seeing the other courses and working with men who had the same jobs at other clubs. Many of the most

experienced men were overjoyed at the fact that in one day the job they disliked most was done at their club.

The superintendents were pleased with the project. Each agreed that getting their big job out of the way in one day enabled them to do more of the "little" things that normally have to be set aside for lack of time. Each was quick to point out that while he and a few men were away helping the other two, a skeleton crew was able to keep his respective course in playable condition.

A list of equipment used on this project is as follows:

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|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| a. 2 - Cushman Trucksters | f. 4 Lo-Blo Air Brooms |
| b. 5 Ryan Greensaires | g. 2 Tractors |
| c. 2 West Point Verticuts | h. 2 Pull-type Trailers |
| d. 2 Ryan Ren-o-Thin | i. 1 1-1/2 ton rack bodied truck |
| e. 2 West Point Power Drag Mats | |

Miscellaneous

- A. It took approximately 110 labor hours per golf course.
- B. No major breakdowns during project.
- C. Eleven pieces of equipment were operating at one time.
- D. Fifteen men were the most involved at any one club.

NEWS FROM THE VIRGINIA AREA GOLF CLUBS

by Dennis McCammon

Pepco Recreation Center - Bob Martino, Superintendent

Bob is planning to rework all the tees. All existing sod will be stripped, surfaces torn up and leveled and reseeded with Penncross. Sounds to me like Bob has a few players going off the tees over there.

Washington Golf and Country Club - Lee Dieter, Superintendent

The Dieters have moved to a new home in Arlington. The address is 5106 33rd St., North, Arlington 22207. The phone at home is the same. Lee has a new Safari gas-cooled water cooler. It runs on a tank of propane which costs \$2.50 and is supposed to last from 4 to 6 weeks. Cost to the golf courses is \$400.00.

Country Club of Fairfax - Sam Kessel, Superintendent

Sam says he is thinking quite seriously of using Beta-san on his greens and approaches this coming spring for crabgrass and goose grass control. Like everyone else this summer, they gave him a lot of problems and the plants all had to be dug out by hand. Also the #10 green has to be moved and rebuilt this fall. It will go from a par 4 to par 3 and will be built closely following U. S. G. A. specifications.

Springfield Golf and Country Club - Denny McCammon, Superintendent

Vandalism ran so high and was so frequent last month that the entire clubhouse had an alarm system installed throughout. Break-ins occurred five times during the month and each time a nice take was made. Hopes are that the alarm system will eliminate this, at least to some degree.

Twin Lakes Golf Course - Charles Croley, Superintendent

Tentative opening date is for the first week in September. A lot of sod has been put down and the rain has helped a lot. The clubhouse should also be ready for opening. Charles moved into Fairfax City. The address: Apt. B-309, 10570 Main St., Fairfax, Va.

Ft. Belvoir Golf Course - Tom Doerer, Superintendent

Fairway overseeding was started this month. Bermuda and winter grasses were both put down after preparation by an aero-blade. Tees on 11, 12, and 13 will all be enlarged to approximately 10,000 ft. and #6 green will be rebuilt and enlarged to about 9,000 sq. ft. Tom recently has heard from our old friend Jim Thomas. Things are going well for Jim in Texas and he wants to be remembered to his former associates in the Mid-Atlantic.

RESULTS OF MID-ATLANTIC EMPLOYMENT QUESTIONNAIRE

by Frank Haske

I am happy to enclose the results of the survey compiled by the Mid-Atlantic Association of Golf Course Superintendents employment committee. The purpose of this survey is to familiarize each superintendent with the average salaries, wages, budgets, etc., in the Mid-Atlantic area.

In figuring the superintendent's salary the following benefits were included. Base salary plus bonus, house and utilities were estimated at \$2,500. Transportation with gasoline and oil, \$1,000. Conference expenses \$400. Mid-Atlantic monthly meetings \$50. Hospitalization insurance, \$150.

Out of the 76 questionnaires sent out, 51 were completed and returned, for an average of 67%.

Are you a member of the Mid-Atlantic.	100%
Are you a member of the National.	99%
Are you a Superintendent.	100%
What classification.	A - 34, B - 11, D - 2, E - 2
Age.	Average 39
What is your educational background. Number of years of education.	10% finished grade school; 48% finished high school; 10% didn't finish college; 32% finished college.
What is your basic salary. (*) SEE BELOW.	
Do you have a house furnished.	25%
Do you have transportation furnished.	65%
Do you receive any Christmas bonus.	70%
Do you have Hospitalization.	70%
Does the Club furnish a Life Insurance policy.	25%
How much.	\$1,000.00 up to \$10,000.00
Does the Club have any Disability or Sick benefits.	50%
Does the Club have any Retirement Plan.	35%
How much vacation do you get.	2 to 4 weeks
Do you get paid for your vacation.	80%
Do you get any Sick leave.	80%
Does the Club pay your Mid-Atlantic dues.	75%
Does the Club pay your National dues.	75%
Does the Club pay all your expenses to the monthly meetings.	75%
Does the Club pay all your expenses to the National meeting.	75%
Does the Club pay for your Technical Books and Magazines.	75%
Number of holes on your course.	9 Holes - 6, 18 Holes - 31, 27 Holes - 8, 36 Holes Up - 6
Number of men in your crew.	Average 9 Hole - 4, 18 - 9, 27 - 12, 36 & up - 16
Do you have an Assistant. 50%	What is his salary \$6,800.00 Average
Do you have a Foreman. 30%	What is his salary \$6,500.00 Average
Do you have a Mechanic. 65%	What is his salary \$6,300.00 Average
What is the pay scale for the crew.	From Ave. 1.70 To 2.50 Per Hr.
Do you pay time and half over 40 hrs., Sunday and Holidays.	65%
Number of hours the crew work each week. Average.	48
What is your Operating Budget. (**) SEE BELOW.	
Do you have a Contract with the Club.	35% highly recommended

(*) Base Salary

9 Hole Course	- Average \$ 8,500.00 +
18 Hole Course	- Average \$12,500.00 +
27 Hole Course	- Average \$12,600.00 +
36 Hole Course and Up	- Average \$12,800.00 +

(**) Budget for

9 Hole Course	- Average \$20,000.00 +
18 Hole Course	- Average \$66,500.00 +
27 Hole Course	- Average \$88,600.00 +
36 Hole Course and Up	- Average \$116,650.00 +

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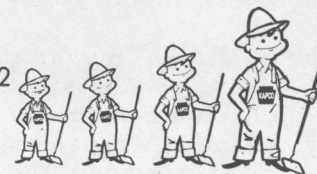
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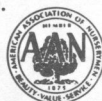
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LADIES NIGHT

by Frank Haske

On Tuesday evening, August 1st, the Association played host once again for the fifth annual Ladies Night at the Washingtonian Country Club. The ladies enjoyed cocktails, dinner and the theatre at the new Shady Grove Music Fair. A record turnout of 164 participated and we consider this the outstanding social event of the year.

The Association would like to thank the following Companies for their participation in the cocktail hour:

- Mr. Robert Adams, National Capital Toro
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- Mr. Leonard O'Hara, Blue Ridge Soil Pep Co.
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