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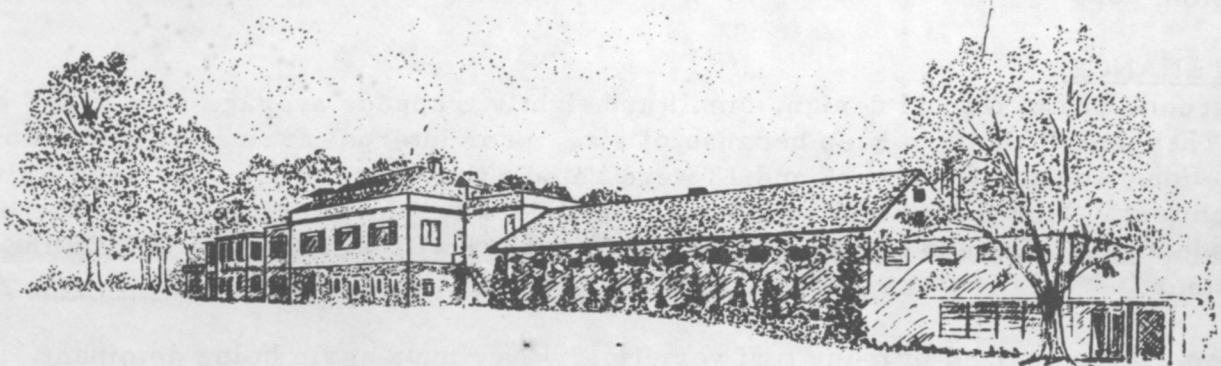
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NEXT MEETING

The July meeting of the Mid-Atlantic Golf Course Superintendents Association will be held on the 11th of July at Columbia Country Club, Chevy Chase, Maryland. Anyone wishing to play golf must tee off between 11:30 and 12:30 or after 2 p. m. Golfers are required to take an electric cart or a caddy. The meeting will be held in the ballroom with a cocktail hour starting at 6:30 p. m. and a buffet dinner at 7:30. Guest speaker will be Brian Finger, Montgomery County Extension Agent.



OUR HOST

George Thompson originally came from Massachusetts where he started in golf as a caddy at the Pittsfield C. C. George later worked on the maintenance crew at this club and also at Greenock C. C. in Massachusetts, Indian Creek C. C. in Florida, and Rabisloe C. C. in the Chicago area.

After a hitch in the Navy, George attended Stockbridge School of Agriculture and specialized in Turf under Dr. Joe Troll. While at Stockbridge he was a G. C. S. A. A. scholarship recipient. He graduated in 1963 and came to Columbia that spring as assistant to Dick Watson. In September he was promoted to superintendent. He and his wife Jackie have two children, Julie who is two years old and George, Jr. two months.

We have a number of young, outstanding superintendents in the Mid-Atlantic area, and of this group, George certainly ranks very highly.

THE COURSE

Columbia is one of the original Washington area country clubs having been founded in 1898. It was moved to its present location in 1911 and some of the greens are still the original ones.

The course was the site of the 1921 United States Open and also hosted the Celebrity Tournament two consecutive years in the early 1950's.

Columbia's Professional is Fred McLeod or "Mr. Mac" as he is fondly called by his members. Mr. Mac was the 1908 National Open Champion and is the oldest living Open Champion.

MAINTENANCE

Most greens are of the old design, small and tightly trapped, average size 4,200 square feet. They are difficult to keep because of size, poor internal drainage and the dominant grass, Poa. Annu. Greens #5 and 18 were rebuilt this past winter. Edmund Ault was the architect. A green rebuilding program is underway, doing one or two a year until all are modernized. Greens are now cut at 3/16". They will be raised to 1/4" in the heat of summer.

The tees are comprised of many turf varieties, Poa Annu. again being dominant. Some of the tees have been resodded to native Bermuda and Myer Zoysia. It is our objective to convert all to the southern grasses.

Fairways are over 80% established with native Bermuda. They are cut at 3/8" spring and summer and raised gradually to 1" before the Bermuda goes dormant in the fall. An extensive sprigging program has been underway for 3 years. Some of the better Bermuda fairways have been treated with Dacthal this year as Bermuda recently sprigged was finding it very difficult to compete with silver Crab. Spring dead spot is becoming more of a problem every year, although there are certain varieties present which seem to be resistant. Fairways and Bermuda tees are given 6-8# N/M/year. There are 67 traps on the course. They were all revamped in 1961 by Bob Elder. George's main problems are holding the Poa greens and combating the silver crab. Bermuda rizomes in sand traps are very difficult to arrest. Fairway traps are treated with fuel oil and dinitro in a watering can. Green traps are mostly hand weeded. Some Paraquat is also being used.

DIRECTIONS TO CLUB

Take Capital Beltway (495) North to Connecticut Avenue Exit, Chevy Chase. Proceed South on Connecticut Avenue 1 - 1/2 miles. Clubhouse can be easily seen on the right. It is on the corner of East-West Highway and Connecticut Avenue.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Angelo Cammarota

We are in the midst of the busiest time of this season. A time of year when the golf course superintendent must give most of his time to the duties of the golf course. Many of us will do this to the extreme. The additional hours you devote to this will surely cut down on the efficiency of your performance, and will also be detrimental to your health. You are too valuable to your employer to take the risk. We should spend some of this time to instruct and train one of the key men to perform some of these tasks, and form the habit of directing and delegating many of these extra duties.

Most of us can qualify for the "Future Cardiac Club". Membership requirements are:

1. Your job comes first, personal considerations are secondary.
2. Go to the office evenings, Saturday, Sunday and holidays.

3. Take a briefcase home. This provides an opportunity to review completely all the troubles and worries of the day.
4. Never say NO to a request, always say YES.
5. Overweight is a sign of affluence; the heavier the better.
6. Do not eat a restful, relaxing meal. Always plan a conference for the meal hour.
7. Fishing and hunting are a waste of time.
8. Skip physical examinations; they are a waste of money.
9. Golf, bowling, cards, gardening, etc. are a waste of time.
10. Never delegate responsibility to others. Carry the whole load at all times.
11. If your work calls for traveling, work all day and drive all night to make your appointment for the next morning.
12. Smoke. It's a delightful habit and most relaxing.

From "The Heart Association of Maryland" plan to attend the next meeting, play golf and give yourself a break!

Check off the dates of the events listed.

1. Turf Day at Beltsville - August 3rd
2. The Annual Ladies' Night with cocktails, dinner and theatre - August 1st
3. The Annual Turf Conference, January 7 and 8th

We will be voting for a change in the Laws at the next meeting. Study the changes. Be prepared to vote.

IN SYMPATHY

Russell Kerns, Flower Committee

It is with deep sorrow we received the news of the death of our fellow member, Frank Dunlap, Superintendent of the Baltimore Country Club, Baltimore, Maryland. Coming from the Country Club of Cleveland in Ohio, Frank had been an active member of the Mid-Atlantic Association since 1956. His death occurred on May 27, 1967 as a result of heart failure.

Flowers were sent from the Association. Many of our members, associates and friends attended the funeral and the following Superintendents were pallbearers: Angelo Cammaroto, George Cleaver, William Wright, Woodrow Pitman, Alex Watson and Russell Kerns.

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

TRIBUTES TO FRANK DUNLAP

by Bob Shields, Woodmont C.C.

Frank Dunlap was well known to superintendents all over the country and was highly respected wherever he went as a man of honor and dignity. He was elected to the Board of Directors of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America at the St. Louis meeting in 1955 and served through 1956, the year he moved to Baltimore Country Club from the Country Club of Cleveland, Ohio. His ability was immediately recognized by members of the Mid-Atlantic but our efforts to persuade him to run for office failed until 1960 when he agreed to run for President and was elected. His reason for not accepting

a nomination sooner was that he wanted to get his golf course in shape before taking on any other activity.

In 1951 Frank wrote an article for the Golf Course Reporter titled "Superintendent's Relations". In this article, published in the May-June 1951 issue, he explained the work of the superintendent as follows: "The superintendent has been so busy (solving the problems of the golf course and providing pleasure for others) that he has not had time to find out what was happening to himself and what he was getting out of the deal.

The golf course superintendent of today has developed into a full fledged executive and doesn't seem to realize it and I for one think it is high time he did.

Certainly he is going to have to continue to improve his knowledge of the job, but he is also going to have to spend part of his time letting the public in general and golfer in particular know just what an important part he plays in the welfare of golf. I say, without fear of contradiction, that the golf course superintendent is the only executive employee of any club who is absolutely indispensable to the club's continued operation."

The above was written in 1951 by Frank and indicates how far he was ahead of us in this business of being a golf course superintendent.

I admired and respected Frank for many years for his ability to think, write and converse about the problems of a superintendent, and I'm sure I was the happiest of all Mid-Atlantic people when I first heard that he was moving to Baltimore Country Club. He was with us for only a short time but his memory will live on in the hearts of his many friends.

TRIBUTE TO FRANK DUNLAP

by Ken Baker, G. L. Cornell Co.

The passing of Frank Dunlap is a great loss to the Mid-Atlantic Golf Course Superintendents Association and to the entire field of turf. Those of us who had the privilege of working and visiting with Frank always gained in knowledge and received a lift from this experience. Our good friend, Frank, had a special vocabulary in expressing his thoughts which left nothing to one's imagination. His honesty and frankness in dealing with people will be long remembered and admired. His death will leave an unfilled gap in the lives of many of us.

PERSONAL VIEWS ON THE MID-ATLANTIC

by George Thompson

Conditions in the Mid-Atlantic area are unlike anything I have encountered elsewhere. All areas of the country have their local problems. Northeast has its winter injury; Southeast has the transition problems. The southwest has the dry arid conditions. Southern Florida has its insect problems and saline conditions. But this transition zone has them all, droughts, wilt, insects, Pythium, winter kill.

You worry about your Bermuda all through the winter and early spring and fight hard to hold the Bents and Blue grasses through the hot humid summers. You find yourself applying fungicides two and three times weekly and then wondering if you will get control. You find a pre-emergence that you can apply to Poa Annua greens safely and then find out it will kill the 20% of Bent that is present. You try to fertilize Bermuda fairways

in July and find the material is melting in the hopper. These are but some of the problems I have encountered since coming to the Washington area.

In spite of all the difficulties, there is a great sense of accomplishment after bringing your course through the season with a minimal loss of turf. You forget about the hard times and look forward to the local and national conferences and field days. Here is where you meet old friends and exchange ideas and start anew the following season with new methods and materials to improve your course and image.

You have an outstanding local association of fellow superintendents who are more than glad to help out in an emergency.

NOTES FROM THE LAST MEETING - Beaver Creek Country Club by Bert Yingling
Thirty-one players participated in the Blind Bogey Tournament at Beaver Creek. We had three winners in Carl Shoening, Bill Emerson and Leon Brown. Closest to the hole at #3 was Woody Pitman. It was a real pleasure to have you all visit and play at Beaver Creek.

While the superintendents' meeting was in progress at Beaver Creek Country Club on June 6th, Mrs. Jane Yingling and Mrs. Eleanor Kerns visited with Mrs. Iva Lindsay at Western Maryland State Hospital. Iva's spirits were excellent and she has shown some improvement since entering the hospital. She sends her regards to all in the Association.

COMING EVENTS

U. S. D. A. TURFGRASS FIELD DAY - Thursday, August 3, 1967 at the Plant Industry Station, Beltsville, Maryland. Registration at 9:00 a. m. Tour of the turf plots beginning at 10:00 a. m.

LADIES' NIGHT - Tuesday - August 1, 1967. Frank Haske has organized another great Ladies' Night Program. Cocktails at the Washingtonian and reservations for "This Is Burlesque" at the Shady Grove Music Fair. Be sure to return the enclosed reservation form to Frank no later than July 22.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

by Lee Dieter

Application for membership

Angie M. Pulley, Jr.	Class E
Robert C. Miller	Class B
Gene Banks	Class B
Wallace Stedding	Class B

NEWS FROM THE VIRGINIA AREA GOLF CLUBS

by Dennis McCammon

Twin Lakes - Charles Croley, Superintendent

Water problems are plaguing Twin Lakes. The problem - the lower lake on the course is almost dry and there is no way to get water from the upper lake. How 'bout it, supers? Any ideas? Pumps, hoses, siphons or what?

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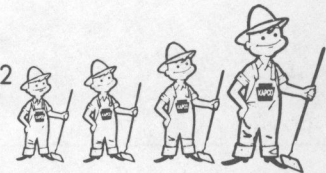
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Westwood Country Club - Jack McClenahan, Superintendent

The water system is completely in and ready to go - almost! All they need is the pump and motor. Details, details....

Country Club of Fairfax - Sam Kessell, Superintendent

The Kessells are back in Vienna, same address, 2318 Stryker Avenue. Sam says, "It's good to be back", and we are all glad he is back with no "ill effects" from the overseas vacation.

Pepco Recreation Center - Bob Martino, Superintendent

Bob tells us he has a new fully automatic greens, tees, and fairway system that he and his crew installed themselves. It is a Toro Moist-O-Matic, hydraulic gear driven system. Bob reports that the system is working well and I'm sure it would be worth a trip out there to see it in operation.

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