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NEXT MEETING

The April 4th meeting of the Mid-Atlantic Association of Golf Course Superintendents will be held at the Woodholme Country Club in Pikesville, Maryland. The course will be open for play any time during the day, weather permitting. Drinks may be purchased at the bar from 5:30 to 6:30 p. m. Dinner will be served at 6:30 with the business meeting following.



OUR HOST

Russ Kerns started working for his father at Tavistock Country Club in New Jersey before and after his hitch in the Army. He then furthered his education by completing the ten week Turf Management Course at Rutgers University. Then he took his first Superintendents job at Iron Rock Golf Course in New Jersey and in 1951 moved to Green Hill Yacht & Country Club in Salisbury, Maryland for a total of eleven years. He also spent 4 1/2 years on courses in Florida. In March, 1966 he moved to Woodholme.

THE COURSE

Woodholme is an 18 hole course that was designed in the twenties for about 150 members. Most of the greens still retain their same shape and the layout is basically the same. This course is a real test of golf. With its par 73 and steep hills you really have to be on target to hit the greens. If you miss, you had better know how to play a trap shot because they are deep and grassy banked.

Our Professional, Dick Whetzle will be on hand to aid you in the Pro Shop.

MAINTENANCE

Greens are mowed four times a week at 1/4 inch. Grass is mostly C-7 Cohansey Bent, planted by the late Carroll E. Hitchcock. Approximately 8 lbs. of actual nitrogen per year, derived from organic fertilizer and complete fertilizer mixes is applied. Greens are also sprayed on a preventative maintenance schedule for fungus and insects. Collars are treated the same as greens except they are mostly Poa annua and mowed twice a week at 1/2 inch.

For the number of players the greens and tees are all rather small.

Summer teeing areas are planted in U3 Bermuda but are not used until summer months. These are fertilized heavy in summer with 8 to 10 lbs. actual nitrogen. Winter teeing areas are cool season grasses. All tees are mowed at 1/2 inch.

Fairway grasses are mostly a mixture of Kentucky Blue, Highland Bent, some Marion and Poa annua. Although #11 fairway next to the green which has U3 Bermuda, looked better than anything else last summer, we also have large patches of Zoysia growing in #16 fairway, which the golfers do not like. Fairways are mowed 3 times a week at 3/4 to 1 inch and fertilized with organic fertilizer and complete mixes according to soil test

and growth. Preemergence chemicals for crabgrass control was applied to all fairways last year.

DIRECTIONS

From Washington get off Baltimore Beltway (#695) at exit #20 (Pikesville). Turn left on Reisterstown Road. After next light turn left on Woodholme Avenue and continue on black top road to Club House. Coming from the North on Baltimore Beltway (#695), get off exit #20 (Pikesville) and bear right, then left on Woodholme Avenue and continue on black top road to Club House.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Angelo Cammarota

At our recent Director's Meeting at Beltsville, Md. prior to our meeting in Richmond, Va., the Board of Directors voted to establish a Placement and Employment Committee. It is composed of eight members from the various areas of our Association. A member of this committee from your area will call on you soon. We are trying to get a complete and thorough survey of our average wage scale. I hope everyone will give their fullest cooperation. We sincerely feel this will eventually help every Superintendent in our area. This group will also be compiling a standard Contract Form; any help you can give them in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Most of the expenses from our National Convention have been paid and it looks like we will be within the budgeted money. Our thanks to the Committee members.

A problem that seems to come up every time we plan some event for our Association, is getting an accurate count of members that will be present for dinner. The use of a return post card has not been successful so far. I hope some of you can give suggestions to solve this difficulty. Most Club Managers require a reservation in order to prepare for a dinner. I think you realize the correct count is essential to the Manager. It isn't fair to the Host when we hesitate to submit our reservations. This irresponsibility reflects on us as individuals and on the Association. I hope in some way we can dispose of this imposition on the Host. Remember, you may be the Host Superintendent sometime and I'm sure you would not want to be faced with this problem.

GREEN CHAIRMAN

Comments from a green chairman who attended our session at the 38th International Turf Grass Conference, February 5th thru 10th at the Washington Hilton Hotel.

My attendance at the Green Chairmen's conference and luncheon sponsored by the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America, was most informative to me, a relatively new arrival, in the ranks of Green Chairman.

I found the group of Superintendents there to be highly Professional men with an acute interest in the problems of Golf course management, their own, as well as those of others. I was further impressed with the fact that, in the operation of a golf course, it is imperative that the services of a golf course Superintendent be secured and that best results are obtained when these services are available right from the start of construction.

Since the theme of the luncheon was Labor Management problems, I naturally gained more insight to these problems than some of the others inherent to the Superintendents position. A number of the problems discussed were routine and universal but several were specific and the solutions applied to them all was both interesting and educational, much preception was noted among the membership by the Comarderie between the Superintendents and their seeming willingness to assist each other where the need existed.

GYP SUM -- WHERE, WHEN AND HOW

by Wallace A. Mitcheltree

Soils under constant use and traffic becomes too compact. Their air space is reduced because the granules break apart and the small particles drop into the pores. A settling and packing thereby occurs. On drying or freezing, regranulation may take place, but the granules are smaller and less resistant to being rebroken than those in well managed soils. Thus the granules in the soils under cultivation break down faster and more completely and they regranulate more slowly. They may finally give up, like a badly exhausted rabbit after a long chase, at that point, a good dose of gypsum may have much the same effect on the soil as an aspirin has on a man with a headache.

In this broken down condition of the soil, air and water cannot get in and air or smoke cannot get out. The rain stands on the top of the soil or penetrates only a few inches keeping it cold and wet. Any plant root in such a soil is in much the same position as a man who is trying to smoke a pipe with a plugged stem.

Gypsum provides a granulating mechanism to overcome the difficulty. It gives the rabbit it's second wind, does away with the headache, and cleans the pipe stem, but, like an aspirin, it is only a temporary treatment until a more permanent remedy can be applied to the basic cause of the trouble.

Low wet spots that are badly puddled and areas that have been tightly compacted by heavy traffic are ideal places to use gypsum. It should be applied at the rate of two tons per acre. So used, the gypsum will often open up the soil and let water through. The best time to apply gypsum is in the fall of the year when freezing and thawing can assist in the job of granulation. It should be scattered over the surface. It does not need to be worked in, it slowly dissolves and gradually moves downward, granulating the soil on it's way through, and making for a much improved physical condition, speedier drainage, and better aeration.

PREVENT PESTICIDE ACCIDENTS THIS SPRING

Golf Course Superintendents can prevent accidents with pesticides if they follow these suggestions from Mr. David Shriver, agricultural chemicals specialist, University of Maryland.

1. Do not misidentify your pest. You may choose the wrong chemical and thus harm yourself and the plant you are trying to protect.
2. Read the label properly and thoroughly.
3. Follow all directions and precautions -- including the wearing of respirators and protective clothing.
4. Keep unused pesticide containers under lock and key -- and away from children and pets.
5. Avoid breathing dust, mist or vapors. Do not spill liquid concentrates on skin.
6. Cover fish ponds before spraying around this area.
7. Do not fill spray tanks with brackish water.
8. Wash hands before eating or smoking.

NEW MEMBERS

According to the by-laws of the Mid-Atlantic Association of Golf Course Superintendents, the applicants listed will be considered by the board of directors at their next meeting, unless there is objection in writing within five days after mailing of this notice.

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| H. Victor Perone, Rossmoor, Leisure World | - Class B |
| Edw. H. Schmitt, University of Maryland Golf Course | - Class B |
| John Andrew McDonald, Hobbits Glen Golf Course | - Class D |

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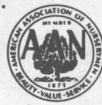
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PAST MEETING PLACES:

For the convenience of all members and in particular for the many new Superintendents who have come into our area over the past few years, we are publishing a listing of all meeting places from March, 1960 to December, 1966.

- 1960: March -
April - Norbeck C. C.
May - Baltimore C. C.
June - Turf Valley C. C.
July - Fountain Head C. C.
Aug. - Sparrows Point C. C.
Sept. - Shenandoah Retreat Golf Club
Oct. -
Nov. -
Dec. - Westbriar C. C.
- 1961: March - Manor C. C.
April - Woodholme C. C.
May - Andrews A. F. Golf Club
June - Winchester C. C.
July - Chartwell C. C.
Aug. - U. S. D. A.
Sept. - Argyle C. C.
Oct. - Woodmont C. C.
Nov. -
Dec. - Brook Manor C. C.
- 1962: March -
April - Hillendale C. C.
May - Court House C. C.
June - Ocean City Golf & Yacht Club
July - Beaver Creek C. C.
Aug. -
Sept. - Washingtonian C. C.
Oct. - Turf Valley C. C.
Nov. - Island View C. C.
Dec. - Tantallon C. C.
- 1963: March - Belle Haven C. C.
April - Prince Georges C. C.
May - Springfield Golf & C. C.
June - Sparrows Point C. C.
July - Fountain Head C. C.
Aug. - U. S. D. A.
Sept. - Shenandoah Retreat Golf Club
Oct. - Woodmont C. C.
Nov. - Fredricksburg C. C.
Dec. - Washingtonian C. C.
- 1964: March - Chantilly C. C.
April - Elkridge Club
May - Chestnut Ridge C. C.
June - Lakewood C. C.
July - Country Club of Fairfax
Aug. - Elks Golf Club
Sept. - Island View Golf Club
Oct. - Suburban Club
Nov. - Turf Valley C. C.
Dec. - Glen Dale Golf Club
- 1965: March - Adult Education Center,
University of Maryland
April - Beaver Creek C. C.
May - Northwest Park Golf Course
June - Green Hill Yacht & C. C.
July - Cedar Crest C. C.
Aug. - U. S. D. A. Beltsville Plots
Sept. - Chantilly C. C.
Oct. - Woodmont C. C.
Nov. - Crofton Golf Club
Dec. - Adult Education Center,
University of Maryland
- 1966: March - Washingtonian Golf Club
April - Washington Golf and Country Club
May - Bonnie View C. C.
June - Ocean City Golf and Yacht Club
July - Fountain Head C. C.
Aug. - Island View Golf Club
- 1966: Sept. - Turf Valley C. C.
Oct. - Laurel Pines C. C.
Nov. - Indian Spring C. C.
Dec. - Adult Education Center,
University of Maryland

JOINT MEETING:

About 35 Mid-Atlantic members attended the joint meeting with our southern neighbors on March 14th in Richmond. The Mid-Atlantic would like to express its appreciation to host John Cook, and The Country Club of Virginia, Richmond Power Equipment Company for the social hour and to the speaker for the evening, John Shoulder, Extension Turf Specialist, who gave an excellent presentation on "Green Construction".

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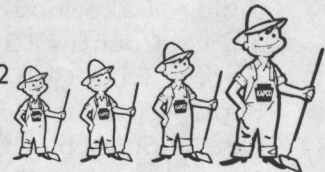
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