



# MID-ATLANTIC News Letter



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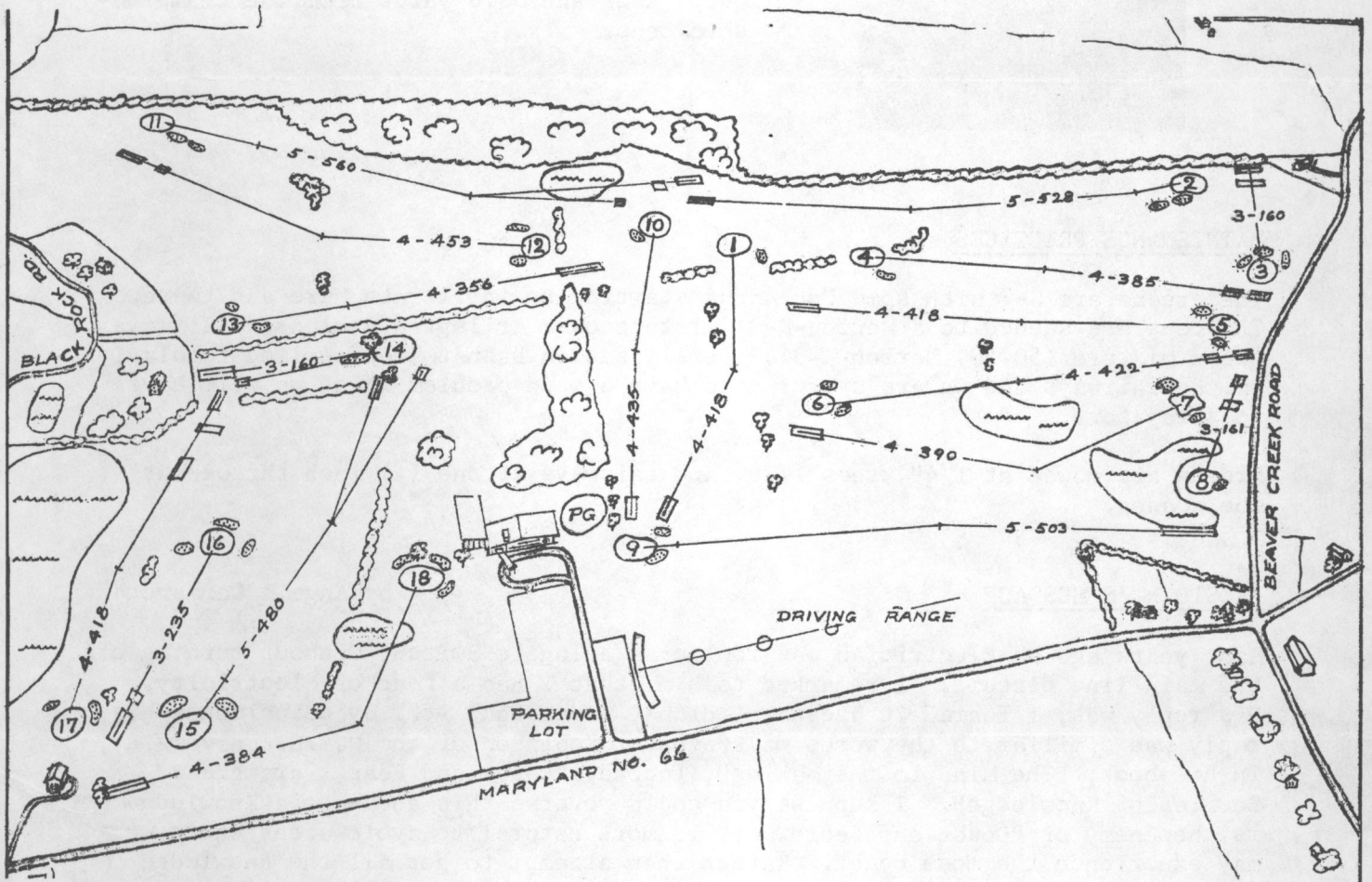
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## BEAVER CREEK COUNTRY CLUB



### NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Mid-Atlantic Superintendents Association will be held on the frosty slopes of the Beaver Creek Country Club on the 6TH day of June. The course will be open all day for golf, social hour will be from 5:30 to 6:30 then dinner and meeting will follow.

### HOST



Bert Yingling helped design, survey and construct Beaver Creek Country Club which was started in 1958. He claims no degrees but has attended field days and turf conferences to keep up with the grasses, chemicals and etc.

He is married and has three children.

The golf course is 6388 yards long from the white tees and 6878 yards from the championship tees.

### MAINTENANCE PRACTICES

The greens are C-7 with some Poa Annuua starting to infiltrate here and there. The tees are seeded to a Merion-K-31 mixture over Arlington Stolons. Fairways are a mixture (50-50) Merion-K-31. Fertilization hasn't been applied regularly on the fairways and we are starting to have a weed problem which we will have to spray for.

Greens are mowed at 1/4", tees 1/2", and fairways at one (1) inch throughout the season.

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Angelo Cammarota

Many years ago an Electrician was replacing a Toggle Switch, without turning off the main line circuit. I remarked to him, that I had a fear of electricity. His reply was, I feared it because I didn't understand it. By coincidence his reply was similiar to the words of Professor Robinson of the N.Y.C. University, in his book, "The Mind in the Making", (quote) "Doubt and Fear, are great Enemies of Knowledge". I suppose you could reverse this and say , "Knowledge is the Enemy of "Doubt and Fear". It is more natural to avoid areas where we may experience the most doubt. Rather than attempt to get all the knowledge that is available to us. Or to express it more simply, we tend to seek the line of least resistance. To extend your knowledge in new areas, is the first and foremost requirement for good leadership. This is self-evident and basic.

To safely replace the Toggle Switch it was necessary to separate the Positive from the Negative. Now this may be the clue on how to properly evaluate something in doubt, by comparing the positive and negative points. From this comparison you will have alternatives, and draw your conclusions from the facts, not just your opinions. This reminds me of a quotation from Elbert Hubbard, "The Recipe for Perpetual Ignorance, is to be satisfied with our Opinions, and content with our Knowledge".

Now we can easily remember when placing our hands on the light switch, we are bringing together the Positive and the Negative. We have the alternative at our finger tips, and on you will depend whether you choose to remain Negatively in the Shadows of Doubt, or Positively, in the brightness of the Light. The Light of extended Knowledge.

#### LAST MEETING

by Bert Yingling

It certainly was evident that golf was being played at a course that the U.S. Open had been played on, just a couple of years ago. There was a record turn out for our meeting, also a record number participated in the Golf Tournament. Forty-seven members and their guests went to the Tee and we came up with eight winners in our "Blind Bogie" Tournament. Ron Hall, P. Cronin, Howard Miller and Nick Chase, all won sport shirts while Bill Livingston and R.E. Walker won golf gloves. The last two prizes of 3 golf balls each went to Joe Nevin and Carl Schoening.

When the pros's don't sign their score cards, they are disqualified, and No Money, so when the score cards are not turned in for our Tournaments, no prizes, even if you are a winner. How about it, John Milan.

#### PROPOSED BY-LAW AMENDMENTS

##### Addition:

##### Article VI

##### Section D

A retiring director may not succeed himself as Director for a period of one year. He may, however, run for the position of an officer of the Association.

##### Change:

##### Article VIII

##### Section A

The initiation fees and annual dues for each class of membership for the following year shall be the sum fixed by July 1 of the current year. These fees and dues shall be fixed by the board of directors at a regular board meeting. Such dues shall be payable in advance. The membership year shall be January 1 through December 31.

#### EDITORS NOTE

George B. Thompson and Dennis L. McCammon have been added to the Newsletter Staff. With Bill Emerson in Baltimore, George taking Metropolitan Washington and Dennis, Virginia. Besides interviewing the host Superintendent in their respective areas they will report other bits of information about their fellow Superintendents which will be of interest to the entire Mid-Atlantic group.

In this issue we are presenting a short bibliography of Dennis McCammon and also as a comparative newcomer - his impression of the area of the Mid-Atlantic.

Bill Emerson was featured in October 2965 issue and George will be interviewed as host Superintendent in our next issue.

DENNIS L. McCAMMON

Born in 1941 in Auburn, Indiana. Began work on a golf course in Auburn in 1954 under a GCSAA member. Worked there during the summer each year while in high school and college. Graduated in 1962 from Purdue with a B.S. in Agronomy with the help of the GCSAA in the form of two scholarships, one in 1961 and one in 1962.

After graduation, moved to Muncie, Indiana to supervise construction of a new 18 hole golf course and subdivision. This golf course was the first automatically watered green and tee system in the state at the time. When the course was completed, he was retained as the agronomist until February of 1966 when Springfield Golf & Country Club became his new home.

Married since 1961 and has one little girl, Julienne who will be 4 in August.

PERSONAL VIEWS ON THE MID-ATLANTIC

by Dennis L. McCammon

The Middle Atlantic GCSA exemplifies to me the way a large, more or less nationally known supt's. ass'n. should be run and more important how a new member should be treated.

Being somewhat of a new-comer to the area I have never been made to feel like one at any of the Mid-Atlantic meetings. The friendliness and close association among all the members has really impressed and encouraged me. This is one of the few groups of golf course people where a new, young man is made to feel at home - as though he had been a member for a long while and had already proven himself to his peers.

The members, both old and new enjoy a kind of conradship both at and away from the meetings without being "cliquish" and this is important, especially to a new man in the area.

Associating with the members in the area I have been made to feel like a "Professional" man, rather than a two-dollar-an-hour tractor operator, which can be the atmosphere and was in some of the other associations to which I have belonged.

So, I would like to say thank you to the association as a whole and hope that I am able to work with and for you in helping to carry out your projects and functions.

FLOWER COMMITTEE

In a letter just received from Iva Lindsay, she states that she is now at Western Maryland State Hospital, Hagerstown, Maryland, 21740. She would appreciate both letters and visitors. She is now able to be in a wheel chair, has lost ten pounds, is having occupational therapy and expects to get physical therapy soon. Her spirits are high and seems contented. Visiting hours are Monday, Wednesday & Friday 2 to 4 P.M.; Nightly, 7 to 8 P.M.; Saturday, Sunday and Holidays, 10:30 A.M. to 12 Noon, 1:00 to 4 P.M., 7 to 8 P.M. Iva has

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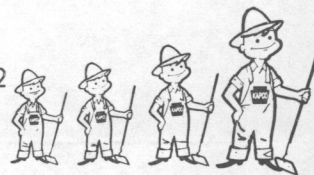
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NEVER RUN THE ENGINE IN AN ENCLOSED SHELTER; exhaust fumes can be fatal.

STAY ALERT to ground contours and hazards, such as holes, tree roots, or lawn litter.

LOOK WHERE YOU ARE GOING. Watch for pedestrians and traffic when near roads.

DISENGAGE POWER TO ATTACHMENT and stop the engine before making any adjustments.

REDUCE SPEED ON SLOPES AND SHARP TURNS to prevent tipping or losing control.

IF MOWER GETS STUCK in mud, etc., don't try to move machine without an operator.

SHUT OFF THE ENGINE before making any adjustments or repairs on unit.

DON'T TRY TO GET OFF the machine while it is running, as it might run away.

LOOSE FITTING CLOTHING can cause accidents by getting caught in mower parts.

WHEN DRIVING MOWER keep hands and feet away from moving parts.

DON'T CARRY PASSENGERS. Keep children and pets at a safe distance.

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