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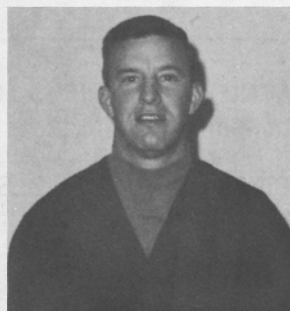


NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Mid-Atlantic Superintendent's Association will be held on December 3, 1968, at Crofton Golf Club, Crofton, Maryland. On behalf of Mr. W.H. Crawford, owner of Crofton Corporation; Bob Shuh, our golf professional, and John Stevens, the club manager; we would like to welcome the Mid-Atlantic to the Club. The course will be open any time for golf and we hope the weather will permit a pleasant day for golfing. Lunch will be available after 12 Noon, cocktails at 5:30 followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m.

OUR HOST

Lee Redman, a native of Indiana, became interested in golf while studying Agronomy in college. He started his work in golf with Maddox Golf Course Construction Company building the Old Oakland Golf Club in Indianapolis, Indiana. He worked there the following year as Assistant Superintendent. He came to the Washington area upon graduation from Purdue University in June of 1966 as Assistant Superintendent at Army Navy Country Club. He moved to Crofton Country Club as superintendent in January 1967. He and his wife, Judi, are expecting their first family addition in January, 1969.



THE COURSE

The course was constructed in 1964 from plans by architect Edmond Ault. Lee thinks Mr. Ault did some of his finest work with the greens at Crofton C. C. They average about 9,000 sq. feet. The par for the course is 72 and measures 6,700 from the white tees. The course is built on a sandy loam soil which is ideal for grass growth and root structure.

MAINTENANCE

The greens are Penncross bentgrass. They receive a total of 10 pounds of N/M/year. Urea-form nitrogen and sulphate of potash are fed through July and August and applied with spray tank. The tees average 4,000 sq. ft. and were originally seeded with 50% Penncross and 50% Merion

bluegrass. They receive 8 pounds of nitrogen per year and are sprayed when disease is evident. The tees are cut at 1/2 inch and over the period of four years, the Merion bluegrass has survived better in the center areas of the tees where traffic is heaviest. This fall the tees were verti-cut and overseeded to a 50% mixture of Merion and Windsor bluegrass. The fairways are bluegrass and bermuda and are fertilized to 4 pounds of N/M/year. This fall nine fairways were overseeded with Merion and Pennlawn Red Fescue.

DIRECTIONS TO THE CLUB

From Washington: Beltway to Route 50 East. Turn off at Maryland Route 3 North, 6 miles to Crofton on the right.

From Baltimore: Route 3 South. Crofton will be on left, 21 miles from Baltimore.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE George W. Cleaver

The last meeting of the Mid-Atlantic Association was the greatest. The host superintendent, Dell Hammersley, and General Manager, Col. Russ Daley of Army-Navy C. C., extended the warmest hospitality I have experienced in a long time. The Mid-Atlantic members thank the club officials for inviting us and we hope to have the pleasure of meeting with them again at some future date. We were unable to play golf because of the snow but the bull sessions and snacks by the host club were ideal.

The Mid-Atlantic Turf Conference is scheduled for the Holiday Inn, Baltimore, Maryland, January 6-7, 1969. The program committee with Bob Milligan, Chairman and Dr. George Langford have prepared an especially fine list of speakers and it is hoped our conference will continue to grow. The success of any program is related to the effort put behind it. In this case, the conference will be a huge success.

Another conference you should make every effort to attend is the "40th International Turfgrass Conference and Show", January 19-24, 1969, at Miami Beach, Florida. A conference is the bringing together of ideas, thoughts and experiences. Think of the mistakes made and the problems you had this past season. Bring them to a conference, ask, listen, someone will be able to help you solve them.

It is with deep regret we announce the sudden death of Mrs. Fred V. Grau, on November 8, 1968. Our deepest sympathy is extended to member, Dr. Fred V. Grau.

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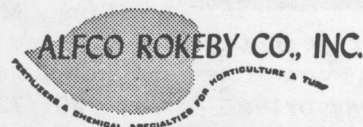
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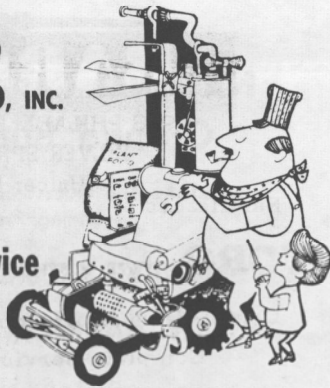
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PRESIDENT: Robert Milligan - Gunpowder C. C.

VICE-PRESIDENT: Russel W. Kerns - Woodholme Country Club

SECRETARY-TREASURER: Edward Dembnicki - Indian Spring Country Club

DIRECTOR: Two to be elected for a three (3) year term.

Lee Dieter - Washington Golf and Country Club

William J. Emerson - Green Spring Valley Hunt Club

Dennis L. McCammon - Springfield Golf and C. C.

Robert C. Miller - Suburban Club of Baltimore Co.

Alex D. Watson - Sparrows Point Country Club

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William "Bill" Livingston - Norbeck Country Club

STORE SPRAY EQUIPMENT PROPERLY FOR FEWER SPRINGTIME PROBLEMS

If you clean and store your spray equipment this fall you will have fewer problems next spring, believes Dr. James Parochetti, weed control specialist at the University of Maryland.

You should use rubber gloves and boots when cleaning and flushing sprayers. Be sure cleaning or flushing water does not puddle or flow into streams, ponds or ditches.

Dr. Parochetti has these suggestions for keeping your sprayer in good shape:

- (1) Drain all spray materials from tank, pump, boom and hoses.
- (2) Remove plugs from the ends of the boom and flush out accumulations of pesticides or other foreign materials.
- (3) Fill tank with clean water, run the pump, and flush through the boom.
- (4) Fill the tank with clean water again and add 1 oz. per gallon of household ammonia. Run the pump to agitate and flush solution through the boom. This solution should wash most common pesticides out of the equipment. Rinse several times with clean water after draining cleaning solution.
- (5) Remove nozzles and screens from the boom, disassemble and clean. Store then dry or immersed in a jar of light oil.
- (6) Drain the spray pump thoroughly and then coat the inside with soluble oil. This will prevent the pump from sticking during storage.
- (7) If the tank is the type that can rust, rinse and coat interior with soluble oil.
- (8) Be sure boom is drained (remember it can freeze) and support it so it can not be damaged by other machinery. Do not store in contact with soil or manure accumulations

as they will rust (iron) or corrode (aluminum).

- (9) Remove and clean all hoses, roll them up, avoiding sharp kinks and store indoors for the winter.

POSITIONS OPEN:

1. Sunnybrook Golf Club, Plymouth Meeting, Pa.
We are a private club of 250 members, an 18 hole irrigated golf course with the usual practice facilities, including two practice greens. The average yearly play is approximately 10,000 rounds, mostly confined to the spring months of April, May and June, plus September and October, although the course is usually open the year round. As a golf club, we do have a few small outings that do not require special attention. Our major Invitational Tournament is the third weekend in May with about 175 players. In late April and early May we participate in the Ladies Team Matches of the Philadelphia Golf Association, and we make every effort to have the golf course in reasonably good condition for that time.

We shall be most interested in any qualified superintendent who might display interest. We would trust that he would be a man of at least four or five years experience with a college degree in Agronomy. If you know of anyone that may be available, we would like to have the benefit of a resume, a photograph and a summary of his financial requirements. We shall arrange for a convenient interview. Would you be kind enough to address all communications to:

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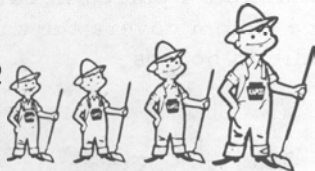
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- Mr. J. Willard, Chairman, Silver Spring, Md.
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- Mr. S. Hastings, Member, Silver Spring, Md.
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- Mr. W. August, Member, Silver Spring, Md.
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4. Elks Golf Club; Salisbury, Maryland
Bruce Howarth is leaving this nine hole course as of December 1st. Anyone interested in this position please contact the Greens Chairman there.

FROM THE HUDSON VALLEY GCSA NEWSLETTER
William Smart
ARE YOU IN OR OUT?

Golf Course Superintendents habits, activities and dress have undergone much change in the past

years...and will no doubt continue to change. What is 'IN' this season may be 'OUT' next year. As a keen observer of the scene, here are some local ins and outs.

Your own vehicle, preferably a new jeep. Scout or pickup is in, and a NEW golf car or similar type buggy with your name on it is very in...status is lowered if anyone else gets to use it.

A private office with a desk, phone, file cabinets, framed certificates of membership in turf groups and assorted personal junk is very high camp (that's way in).

Boon-docker type work shoes common on Supers a few years ago are now way out, tennis shoes or other casual shoes are the things...dress too is very casual, you can't tell the Superintendent from the Pro.

A HUGE pile of mixed topdressing is in...to show visitors...and if you are the visitor the thing to do is to grab a handful of the mix from inside where it is moist, smell it, squeeze it into a wad, then spread it out with your thumb...and say something like, "Big stockpile", or "Lotta work there"...these simple phrases sound good but don't mean a thing and let you off the hook if the stuff is fit only for filling in pot holes in a road...or you can say, (I'd sure like to have that at my place" ... (for filling in holes in the road of course).

KEEP YOUR MEMBERS INFORMED

We are into the winter season for golf and this means at various times due to inclement weather, we must either close the course or limit play to temporary greens. To ease the resultant "Howl" from the members, let them know they can be expecting such decisions. Use your bulletin boards, club paper or a letter to the members. The following is an article I placed in our November issue of the Club newsletter, The Indian Spring Chieftain. George Gumm covers the same points in the form of a letter to each member. We all should use our bulletin boards.

TURF TOPICS - ON CLOSING THE COURSES

Denying members the use of the golf courses because of weather conditions is a very difficult decision to make. The particular round that was denied makes the most docile member a "tiger", and he is furious because he can't play. We may be saving him from frost bite or pneumonia but he is still furious. He came to play and it's difficult for him to understand why he can't. On our part every effort is made to keep the courses playable but when nature fails to cooperate we have to limit play.

Closing the course and prohibiting traffic is a sound and essential management practice under the following conditions:

(1) When the turf is frosted or frozen - Ice crystals form readily at low temperatures in the intercellular spaces of grass tissue. This is not injurious to the plant unless subjected to abrupt compression such as exerted from foot or vehicle traffic. Under compression, the intercellular ice crystals rupture the cell walls. These cells are then subjected to desiccation and probable death.

(2) When the soil contains excess moisture. Soils compact readily with high moisture content. Compacted soils have slow water infiltration, low oxygen diffusion, and poor drainage rates. This results in poor growth and mineral and water uptake by the grass plant. (Compaction and good golf turf just don't go together.)

(3) When the soil is thawing. Frozen soil attracts moisture from deeper unfrozen soil. Upon thawing the soil moisture content is high and may be severely compacted or puddled (a cement type action) when subjected to traffic.

We hope this brings a little better understanding of why we close the courses and remember — forfeiture of a round of golf during adverse conditions will insure better turf and more enjoyable golf at a later date.

Ed Dembnicki
Golf Course Superintendent

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NEWS FROM THE VIRGINIA AREA CLUBS

Denny McCammon

After the big snow storm on the last Mid-Atlantic meeting day, there is no doubt that winter is rapidly coming on. Speaking of the last meeting, DEL HAMMERSLY would like to thank everyone who braved the bad weather and slick roads to make it to Army-Navy. DEL said that on Monday before it started to snow, he had 95 cards returned. That must be some kind of record. As it was, 57 people did make the meeting. An open invitation is extended to anyone who would like to play the course; all you have to do is call DEL and make arrangements.

TOM DOERER at Ft. Belvoir has been busy doing book work. His budget is nearly done and he has finished his annual report to the club, including what has been done, what has been spent and on what and what should be done. This sounds like a good idea and can do nothing but help TOM's position with his club officials. TOM says he's also considering adding on to his shop and putting a security fence around it also.

Over at Chantilly, VIRGIL ROBINSON has been getting his budget ready for his meeting on the 19th. He's hopeful his officials will approve his requests. If this winter is cold enough, VIRG may have a lot of ice skaters on his lake over there.

In Fairfax, SAM KESSEL at C.C. of Fairfax and KEN LOHR from Pinecrest have taken a little vacation and gone into the woods to get some game for the table. SAM is hunting in Pa. mountains and KEN is probably around A.P. Hill in Southern Virginia.

In nearby Clifton at Twin Lakes, BUCK WHETSELL has started on his winter repairs. He reports that this rain and snow has thrown the construction at Burke Lake on the new par 3 behind by about a month or two.

LEE DIETER at Washington Golf and C.C. says he is very pleased with the way that all the new construction is going in to the winter. All the grass cover is excellent and by spring should be quite presentable. LEE's new board was elected on November 18 so their plans will be in the works for next year now.

BILL HUMPHRIES from International Town and C.C. reports that the new club house facilities will open about the first of December. Dining room, lockers, and pro shop will be all incorporated in the new building which will be quite attractive. The blacktop in the drive and parking lot is the last to be done. And at Springfield, our leaves are about the only problem. Trap renovation, tree work and some landscape improvements are on tap for this winter.

IN MEMORIUM

Grau, Anne Bourne Fagan. Wife of Dr. Fred V. Grau, on Friday, November 8, 1968, at her home in College Park, Maryland. The Mid-Atlantic Association of Golf Course Superintendents extends to her family their deepest sympathy.

COMING EVENTS

<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Host</u>
Dec. 3	Crofton Country Club	Lee Redman
Dec. 12-13	Delaware Turfgrass Conference	U. of Delaware Newark, Del.
Dec. 16 to 18	Agronomy Short Course	4-H Center, Chevy Chase
Jan. 6-7	1969 Baltimore Turf Conference	
Jan. 19-24	1969 International Turfgrass Conference and Show	Miami Beach, Florida

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