PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

“Due to a lack of interest tomorrow has been canceled.”

Let’s hope this sign of the times never applies to our professional association. I trust the good attendance at our monthly meetings indicates an interest in our association, as well as a desire for personal knowledge to be acquired from our educational programs.

But where are we going? An example might be in deciding which direction to take in membership growth. Our large membership makes us a factor to be reckoned with in national elections and enables us to conduct big projects like the Baltimore Conference. But big monthly meetings, by necessity, are formal and little time for questions exists. One also does not care to ask what might be an immaterial or foolish question. Small meetings are informal and valuable in the free exchange of opinions and facts. Question: Do you prefer large or small meetings?

This year Virginia’s Turf Conference moves as close as Fredericksburg, with no liaison to the Mid-Atlantic Conference. Those attending both conferences chance studying duplicate subjects. Please consider suggestions by our planning director for future conferences. He suggests the name be changed to Mid-Atlantic Turf Conference under the joint auspices of the University of Maryland & the Virginia Polytech Institute, rotate the location of the conference between Baltimore, Washington and Richmond, make this a joint venture of all turf associations in Maryland and Virginia and expand the conference to include an equipment show. This is a large project and would require our full endorsement and active support. Question: Would you favor a large sectional meeting as proposed?

I will ask these questions at our next business meeting.

Robert C. Milligan

NEXT MEETING

The August meeting of the Mid-Atlantic GCSA will be held on Wednesday, Aug. 6 in Beltsville, Md. Our host will be Dr. Felix Juska from the USDA and this will be the annual Field Day at the Homestead Industry Station and plots. Registration costs 50 cents at the turf plots in back of the station.

DIRECTIONS TO THE STATION

Take the beltway (Route 495) to Route 1 north towards Beltsville. Just before the second light, merge to the right onto the new library road, then back left thru the light since left turns off Route 1 are prohibited at the intersection.

MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS

In accordance with our by-laws, the following have applied for membership and if no discussion or opposition is given within 30 days after publication, these applications shall be accepted.

Tony Arch - Tony is affiliated with the Homestead Golf and Country Club in Springlake, N.J. He was sponsored by Russ Kerns and Bert Yingling and is applying as a class A member.

Louis Rudinski - Louis is Angelo’s replacement at Bonni View and he is applying as a class A. His sponsors were Bill Emerson and Dick Silvar.

David Burdette - David is with Congressional Country Club and is being sponsored by George Thompson and Bob Shields as a class B member.

James Cantrell - Jim is also applying for a class B membership. He is with the Bainbridge Naval Training Station and his sponsors are George Gumm and Russell Kerns.

Roy E. Hounshull - Roy is Curtis Payne’s assistant at Allview G.C. under the Columbia Parks Recreation Assn. and he is applying as a class D member.

MEETING PLACES

August 6 - USDA Field Day, Beltsville, Md. Host, Dr. Felix Juska
October 7 - Woodmont C.C. in Rockville, Md.
Host Bob Shields. Ladies will be welcome to attend this meeting.

November 10 - Burning Tree C.C. Host, Richard Anderson. Meal and business meeting will be held elsewhere. Place will be announced.

December 9 - Indian Spring C.C. Host, Ed Dembnicki. This will be our annual election meeting.

ERROR AND APOLOGY

Through bad proofing and failure to pay attention, last month’s meeting place was listed incorrectly. Apologies for this editorial error are in order for Bob Martino, super at Island View G.C. where the picnic was really held. The annual family outing turned out to be a famous success and everyone thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

ROSES TO –

Bob Miller, for getting mentioned in the June issue of the Golf Superintendent. Bob has a unique and inexpensive spray booth made in his shop which was worthy of mention in the “Thinking Superintendent” column. There are many supers in our own are who are surely doing things in their own operation which bear mentioning. Be thinking about them and even if you don’t think they are good enough to be “National” material, send them to the local and we’ll put them in here. Let’s start our own “brain column.”

ACCIDENTS CAN HAPPEN – BE PREPARED

The title and the following two articles are from the May issue of The Golf Journal and contain information we should all be more familiar with. They deal with first aid on the golf course when accidents occur. It might be wise to read these two or three times and commit some if not all the information to memory.

PROBLEM – STRUCK BY GOLF BALL

People are often struck by golf balls. If a person is struck on the head there is reason to suspect serious head injury, even perhaps a fractured skull.

First, keep the victim as quiet as possible. There is no need to determine if a fracture is present; the possible injury to the brain is more important.

The presence of swelling, or perhaps a wound on the head are important clues. Occasionally the pupils of the eyes will be unequal in size. Also, bleeding from the ear canal, the nose, or the mouth sometimes indicates head injury. The amount of blood is of little consequence; there could be only a few drops but even so it is an indication of brain injury.

One or more of the extremities may show evidence of paralysis; the face may be pale, flushed, or normal in color. The pulse may be slow and full, fast and weak, or normal.