President's Message

We have two important meetings forthcoming. The first is the International Turfgrass Conference and Show in Boston, Mass., January 7 thru 12, 1973. The second is our own 44th annual Mid-Atlantic Turf Conference at the Lord Baltimore Hotel, Baltimore, Md., February 12 thru 13, 1973. The Mid-Atlantic has always had great attendance at National meetings and we are one of the only local associations who sponsor our own Turf Conference. We can't stress enough the importance of continuing education. As education is the prime goal of any Superintendent's Association, the Mid-Atlantic By-Laws state our object under Section C as follows: "The purposes of this Association are to promote research, to interchange scientific and practical knowledge relating to the care of golf courses and turfgrass operations, including the production, maintenance, and improvement of turfgrass, to encourage cooperation with other associations whose interest parallel or complement those of this Association and to promote justice and education to and for its members." Let us not lose sight of these purposes.

George B. Thompson, President

December Meeting

Our December meeting will be held in Garrison, Maryland (North Baltimore area) at the Green Spring Valley Hunt Club. Our December meeting is our annual Mid-Atlantic Board of Directors election meeting; all A & B members should attend and vote for the delegate of their choice.

1973 Slate of Delegates
President — Lee Dieter
Vice President — Paul Barefoot
Secretary Treasurer — Dave Fairbank
Directors — Lou Rudensky
            Tom Commally
            Dick Silvar

Jack McClanahan, our host, has been at the Green Spring Valley Hunt Club for almost three years. Jack was formerly at the Westwood Country Club in Vienna, Virginia for seven years before taking on the Hunt Club.

The Green Spring Valley Hunt Club dates back to 1892 when hunt clubs were more in fashion than the game of golf. The addition of a golf course began in 1920 when eleven holes were built to introduce the new game. In 1950, an additional seven holes were built by Robert Trent Jones which offers a unique course with two different design concepts. The eleven holes built in 1920 are still basically unchanged from the original 1920 design.

Golf anytime
Social Hour — 6-7 pm.
Dinner — 7 pm
Election — 8 pm

Directions — Take Baltimore Beltway #695 north to Exit 20 (Reisterstown Road). Go north on Reisterstown Road 1/4 to 2 miles to Green Spring Valley Road. Turn right. Club is on the left, about 600 yards.

Norbeck C.C. — November Meeting

Our November meeting at Norbeck C.C. resulted in a large turnout in spite of heavy rains and a miss-scheduled GCSAA Management Seminar on the same date as our meeting.

Some six golf enthusiasts swam the front nine before seeking shelter. Lou White, from Green Hill Yacht & C.C., stated the course was immaculately groomed and he was disappointed that more people could not have played and enjoyed the golf course.

Bill Livingston, our host, was ready for the rain; during the past summer he installed over 5000 feet of fairway drainage and 7000 feet of new cart paths. Russell Roberts installed the drainage lines.

Bill, a golf course superintendent for the past 25 years, has been at Norbeck C.C. since 1966. Prior to Norbeck Bill worked north of us at the “Shawnee on the Delaware C.C.” Owned by Fred Waring, Bill obtained his certification as CGCS at the 1972 Turf Conference in Cincinnati.