President's Message

Members like Jim Thomas, Tom Doerer, Ruben Hines, Ernie Stanley, Bob Shields, Frank Haske, Mike Burkleholder, John Connally, Frank Dunlop, Jim Reid, Carol Hitchcock, etc. were the main-stays of our association when I joined in May, 1960. I believe we could then and are now capable of absorbing new people and ideas and growing and improving with them for the benefit of all. If we didn't all have different opinions, methods and ideas how could we improve?

I would like to strive for more participation from the membership as a whole in planning and directing our association in the coming year.

Thanks for your confidence in honoring me with this office. I only hope we can match this confidence with accomplishments.

Lee Dieter
President

ELECTION RESULTS

At our December meeting at the Green Spring Valley Hunt Club we held our annual Board Member elections. The newly elected members are as follows:

President  Lee Dieter  Washington Golf & C.C.
Vice President  Paul Barefoot  U.S. Soldiers Home
Sect.-Treasurer  Dave Fairbank  Lakewood C. Club
Board Members  Dennis McCammon  Springfield Country Club
               Dick Silvar  Baltimore Country Club

Congratulations to our newly elected board members; your continuing year of service to our organization will profit all of our members.

Jack McClenahan was our host for the election meeting. To the satisfaction of all his guests was a superb dinner with a shrimp cocktail preceded by oysters on the half shell. As usual our meeting was plagued with a day of rain and no golf was played. This has certainly been a bad year to establish a handicap system for our golf enthusiasts! Fear not though, for we will continue to work on our necessary handicaps again during the 1973 season.

The highlight of our meeting was the presentation of a certification plaque to Angelo Cammarotta by Bob Shields. Angie was actually certified on September 15th when he celebrated his 25th year as a member of the National GCSAA. Angie joined the National in 1947 and has been an active member in local associations throughout his career as a golf course superintendent. Angie presently is a board member of the Mid-Atlantic GCSA and also holds the position of President of the new Maryland Turfgrass Council. What will Angie have left to celebrate in the next 25 years!??

Mid-Atlantic Conference

This year our educational chairman, Bill Emerson, has planned a conference featuring many speakers and topics of interest to every person interested in turf management.

We will hear about the OSHA laws and learn exactly what is required for superintendents in our area. As most of you know OSHA regulations are federally controlled safety standards that are currently being imposed on country clubs and golf courses throughout the U.S. (Williams & Steiger Occupational Safety & Health Act). These laws do not exclude any employer of labor; ignorance of the law is no excuse; learn of your responsibilities at the Baltimore conference.

Other topics of interest will include a speaker on EPA (Environmental Protection Agency); a speaker on soil conservation; Dr. George Bean from the University of Maryland will speak on maintaining turf without chemicals; and we will also have a speaker on Meteorology!

Within our own organization we will hear from Warren Bidwell from Congressional Country Club who will discuss landscaping on the golf course and club grounds. We can all undoubtedly benefit from Warren's ideas for the colorful uses of flowers and his unique slide presentation.

Also within our program we will hear a symposium on Tri-Calcium Arsenate; a topic of controversial discussions throughout our 1972 season. The panel will include Dennis McCammon, Cecil Kerr, Dr. Daniel, and Mr. Wollson, a leading expert on arsenicals. Dr. Jack Hall of the University of Maryland will moderate this symposium.

February 12 & 13 is the date
Lord Baltimore Hotel is the place
Cocktail party on night of 11th (Sunday)
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