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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Along with receiving the benefits of membership in the Mid-Atlantic, there are certain responsibilities that each member should assume if our association is to continue to be effective.

1. Respond to requests for information promptly.
2. Attend as many meetings as possible.
3. If you and your guests play golf it is required that all stay for dinner and the meeting.
4. If you plan to move from your present job advise the employment chairman of the Board of Directors so that the association can be active in maintaining high professional standards in the area; keeping the salary level at an equitable figure; and assisting the clubs in obtaining qualified superintendents.
5. If you would like to play at a particular golf course, clear the request through the superintendent; your Mid-Atlantic membership card is not an automatic pass to all golf courses in the area.
6. Accept responsibilities and tasks for the organization when asked.
7. Maintain a professional image at all times.

It is requested that members desiring information about the mechanics of operating the Mid-Atlantic direct your requests through a member of the Board of Directors. Any suggestions or criticisms, notification of hospitalization or other distress of a fellow member, or other pertinent information for the good of the association should follow this same route.

J. Paul Barefoot

## MARCH SUPERINTENDENT'S MEETING

Our March meeting will be held on the 12th at Virgil Robinson's Chantilly National Golf and Country Club in Centreville, Virginia. We are hoping to have a speaker on the controversial subject of environmental protection, from an EPA firm in Washington. In that this is our first Mid-Atlantic meeting of 1974 we expect a large turn-out. Virgil has informed us that probably golf carts will not be available, as they are generally restricted during soft ground conditions prevalent in March. The golf course is open for

play though, and everybody is encouraged to play this challenging course.

Cocktails 5:30 P.M.  
Dinner 6:30 P.M.  
Golf after 12:00 P.M.

Directions: Beltway 495 to Virginia Route 66 Exit West (Centreville exit). Take Route 66 approximately 1½ miles past weighing station on left to Route 28 exit. Bare left on exit cloverleaf and left on Route 28. Take Braddock Road - left - immediately after getting on Route 28. Chantilly Country Club is 3¼ miles on left side of Braddock Road.

## JIM REID - THE LOSS OF A GREAT FRIEND

Jim Reid, retired superintendent of the Baltimore Suburban Club, passed away after enduring a long illness at Chapel Hill Convalescent Home in Randallstown, Maryland.

Jim came to the Suburban Club from Philadelphia where he was manager of the Tulley-Secane Country Club. At the Suburban Club, Jim supervised the expansion and landscaping of the golf course. During his 15 years Jim reconstructed many of the greens, tees, and fairways of the Suburban Club.

Jim was an active member of our Mid-Atlantic Association, where he served as a director for twelve years. He was also active in the national, where he received a quarter century pin for his 25 years membership. Jim was a hard worker for the superintendents association, and captured the friendship of many of our past presidents such as Joe Valentine, Marshall Farnham, Joe Ryan, Bob Shields, Paul Weiss, Sr., Jim Thomas and Bob Williams.

Jim was a true pioneer in the turf industry, one of the first Mid-Atlantic supers to instigate a well organized training program for assistant superintendents. Some of Jim's former trainees are George Gumm, George Cleaver, and Bob Miller, present members of our Mid-Atlantic.

We in the Mid-Atlantic offer our sincerest condolence to Jim's wife, Ester, and his family.

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