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1980 Annual Memorial Golf Tournament

October 14, 1980 Hillendale Country Club Phoenix, MD

Prizes Include

Bill Glover Trophy 1st and 2nd Low Gross Donated by John Connally

Ruben Hines Trophy 1st and 2nd Low Net Donated by Bert Yingling

Also Class C, E and Guest Prizes And Closest to the Hole and Longest Drive

Presidents Message

Without a doubt, summer of 1980 will go on record as one of the most severe on Mid-Atlantic golf turf.

July was the hottest month ever recorded and August was second. Most of us saw more pythium, brown patch, and dollar spot than we care to talk about; not be mention all the silver crabgrass.



Golfers that prefer fast greens got all they wanted this year because "that old ball sure does roll on dirt!"

All that mess is behind us now and most of us are well on our way renovating the course for the coming year. Keep in mind, the quality of renovating will appear in next year's success or failure.

As customary, our Annual Memorial Golf Tournament is held during our October meeting. Hillendale Country Club is the site and Mike Larsen is our Host. Make plans to participate and play one of the Baltimore area's best golf courses.

Looking forward to seeing you all!

Hilldendale Country Club was first established in 1923 and was located on the old Hillen Estate on Taylor Avenue. In 1953 the Club moved to their present location in Dulaney Valley.



Michael Larsen has been at Hillendale Country Club since 1972. He attended the Towson State University for 2 years before enrolling in the University of Maryland, Institute of Applied Agriculture Turfgrass Program. He received a scholarship from the G.C.S.A.A. Upon graduation he was Assistant Superintendent at Baltimore Country Club under the late Dick Silvar. In the 8 years Mike has been at Hillendale, the Club has hosted the Maryland State Amature, The Women's Eastern Amateur and the Maryland State Open. Next year Hillendale will be the site of the 1981 Maryland State Amateur.

The course was designed by William Gordon. The greens average 5200 square feet and consist of Metropolitan, Seaside, Penncross, and of course Annual Bluegrass. The greens receive 3½ lbs. N/year which is applied in the fall. Occasionally through the summer Water Soluable

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25-0-25 is applied at the rate of 1/16 lb. N/1000. Iron is applied regularly throughout the summer in conjunction with a preventative spray program. The tees at Hillendale receive 3-4 lbs. N/year and consist of Ryegrasses and Annual Bluegrass. Fairways receive 2½ lbs. N/year, which is applied in September and October. They consist of a mixture of Ryegrasses and Poa. Potassium Sulfate is applied Spring and Fall at ½ lb. K2so4/1000.

Golf: Tee off times available between 11:00 and 1:00.

Call Pro Shop for a starting time – 592-9404 Lunch: Available in the Clubhouse after 11:00 a.m. Cocktails: 6:00 p.m.

Dinner: 7:00 p.m. \$15.00

Please return reservation cards or call Mike Larsen at 592-8803, or the Front Office 592-8011.

Directions to the Club: Take Baltimore Beltway (695) to exit 27 North, Route 146. Go North on Rt. 146 (Dulaney Valley Road) 4 miles to Loch Raven Reservoir Bridge. Once across the bridge bear left (Jarrettsville Pike) and go 2 miles to Blenheim Rd. Turn right and follow Blenheim Rd. for 2 miles to Club.

September Meeting – Hercules C.C.

The Great Mid-Atlantic – Philadelphia Shoot out resulted in the Mid-Atlantic going down in defeat 14 to 10. Our host, Tom Kelleher provided us with a beautiful day and his well maintained golf course provided us with many challenges.

The educational portion of the meeting was provided by Dr. Bill Mitchell, University of Delaware and Dave Kroll, Superintendent at Wilmington C. C. They talked and showed slides on the subject of Infra red photography and its use on the golf course. Infra red photo's can show moisture stress, sick or injured trees, water lines and drain lines. Infra red photography is just beginning to be understood and the total possibilities have not yet been discovered.

The highlight of the evening was the passing of the "beautiful" team trophy from the Mid-Atlantic to the Philadelphia Association.

NGF - Golf Market Report for August

Golf play is up 7.1% for 1980 throughout the United States.

1980 survey of the Country Club Managers Association of America shows an average income for certified club managers of \$45,074 with a base salary of \$34,392 and bonuses amounting to \$2,623 and benefits of \$8,059. This income is up 21.5% since 1977 where there was a total income of only \$32,073.

Around the Mid-Atlantic

Lee Dieter has a new office phone no. 532-5259. Several Mid-Atlantic members attended the Penn State Field Days on August 6 & 7. Items of interest included the effect of height of cut and mowing frequency on putting green speed, using a Stimpmeter to evaluate the speed; experimental crabgrass control with an added bonus of dollarspot control; Alyotrophy – the study of toxic chemicals given off by germinating and growing plants that inhibit growth of other species. Information by Lee Dieter.

Turfgrass 81 - January 5, 6, 7, 1981.

New Jersey EXPO 80 – December 8, 9, 10, 11, 1980. SEEN at the September Meeting – 3 Mid-Atlantic Superintendents on their knees praying for rain in front of a TV set showing the weather forecast.

Golf Results - Match Play Finals

Stanley Lawson defeated Bob Orazi - 1st flight Alex Watson defeated Ben Stagg - 2nd flight

Ladies Night November 21, 1980

Those who attended Ladies Night last year know what a great evening we experienced. Due to last year's favorable response, I plan to organize a similar evening with a little something extra.

Ladies Night will be Friday November 21, 1980. Dinner will be at a resturant in Baltimore with the show at the Morris Mechanic Theatre. The show is "MAKIN WHOOPEE" with Imogene Coca and Mamie Van Doren. After the show there will be a cocktail party hosted by the Mid-Atlantic Association of G.C.S. in the Hilton Hotel. Details will be sent out in a special mailing later in October. PLAN TO ATTEND.

Michael Larsen Social and Benevolence

1980 Record Setting Summer

The following are a few of the records that the summer of 1980 has set. This information was heard on WMAL radio, Gordon Barnes Meteorologist.

11st dryest summer ever

Rain total for June, July, August - 6.5"

55 days of 90°+ temperature, as of August 31.

32 days in a row no cooler than 70°

22 days of 90°+ in August

Average temperature for June, July, August – 80° 92° – average high temperature for August

August was the hottest in over 100 years - 82.8° average temp.

Gordon Barnes also predicts - SNOW for Thanksgiving.