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Farmington Country Club — March Meeting

President's Message

Chairmen's Functions and Responsibilities



Vice President - J. Ben Stagg

Assist the President and to operate the Association in the event that the President can not. Also serving as procurer of meeting, places for 1981-82.

Secretary - Michael Larsen

Keep the minutes of membership and board meetings, and to handle correspondence to and from the Board of Directors. The Secretary's address is also the official address of the Association.

Treasurer - Ken Braun

Bill, dispense, receive and bank all official funds of the Association. The Treasurer also prepares monthly, quarterly, and annual financial statements, and files all necessary tax forms. He must be bonded. Responsible for annual audit.

Past President - Ron Hall

Upon hearing of a vacant superintendent's position contact the present or past superintendent if possible notifying him that we have been contacted to advertise this position. Ron will acquire all information needed from the club, to prepare a letter notifying all Class A, B and D members of the employment opportunity.

Education Chairman - Gerald Gerard

Will make every effort to have interesting, knowledgeable speakers present at monthly meetings of the Association. He will organize, promote and help conduct the annual Turfgrass Conference, in conjunction with the Maryland Turfgrass Council.

Golf Chairman - Paul O'Leary

During the golfing season, the golf chairman will arrange with the host superin-

tendent and golf professional, the golfing activities and Tournament that will be held at monthly membership meetings. The golf chairman will arrange and conduct the annual Superintendent - Pro Tournament, the Match Play Tournament, Challenge Match with Philadelphia and our annual Memorial Tournament in October. All Tournaments, monthly and annual, will be open to all members of the Association.

Finance Chairman - Bill Neus

Will monitor the finances of the Association and to inform the board when and if finances are at issue. The Finance Chairman is also responsible for the preparation of the annual Association budget.

*Social and Benevolence Chairman -
J. Paul Barefoot*

Responsible for organizing and promoting the social affairs of the Association, such as the picnic and ladies night. He will send cards and/or flowers on appropriate occasion to any member, or immediate family, purchase bonds for babies and handle our in house self insurance program.

Membership Chairman - Buck Whetsell

Responsible for the distribution, reviewing and verification of all membership applications before presenting them to the Board of Directors. He will have on hand at all times, applications for local and national associations. He will answer questions at monthly meetings pertaining to by-laws and membership standings.

*Editorial and Publicity Chairman -
David Kroll*

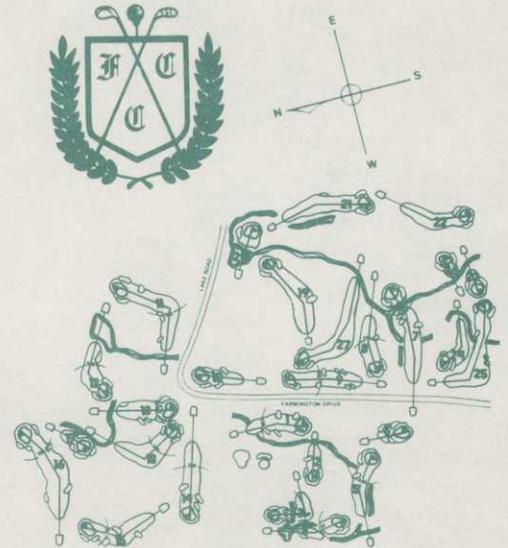
In charge of outside publicity for the Association. The chairman will also assist the Newsletter editor in articles for the Newsletter.

Newsletter Editor - Steve Nash

Compiles, edits, prints and dispenses our monthly Newsletter. He is also responsible for the expenses of the Newsletter.

I hope to see you all at Farmington on March. 10.

Mike



Farmington Country Club is located one mile west of Charlottesville on Rt. 250. It opened in 1929 as a private country club. In 1965 a third nine holes were constructed. The fairways are predominantly ryegrass with some bermuda creeping in. The greens on the old course have many different strains of bentgrass and Boa Annuua. The new nine greens are Penncross on a Weblite base.

The greens receive six pounds of nitrogen while the tees and fairways get four pounds. We have an automatic irrigation system (Binar) which works very well, but unfortunately will have to be replaced due to the lack of parts availability.

We spray greens on a preventive schedule, tees on a less strict schedule and fairways as often as we can afford.

The tees and fairways are overseeded each fall with either ryegrass or bluegrass on alternate years. The greens are aerified spring and fall with some of the worst getting a third aerification in June. They are vertical mowed about every three weeks during the season and topped eight times.

We are emphasizing our efforts on beautification of the course with general cleanup, new landscaping and replacement

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of key trees which have recently been lost to age or Dutch Elm Disease.

I started my career in turf working for Sheldon Betterly at Chantilly back in 1967. I worked the next summer at C.C. of Fairfax with Sam Kessell. After graduating from VPI in 1969 I became the assistant superintendent at Country Club of Fairfax. In 1970 I became the superintendent at Goose Creek C.C. in Leesburg. After a year I moved to Charlottesville to build the golf course at Lake Monticello. In March of 1979, after seven and a half years at the Lake, I became the superintendent at Farmington. I was certified in June of 1977 by the GCSAA. I am married with two children, Zachary (seven) and Sally (three).

Schedule for the Day -

8:00-12 Tours and Bull Session at the maintenance shop. Come and tell us how to do things better!

10:00- Golf

6:00-7 Cocktails (open bar)

7:00- Dinner and meeting (coat and tie required) - Speaker-Houston Couch

When golfers register at the Pro Shop they will be issued a guest card. With this card you can use any facility at the club and charge lunch or beverages. You will be billed at your club. People coming just for the meeting will be able to pay cash at the door.

Since attendance will be a little difficult to predict, please return the post cards promptly or call me at (804) 977-0088.

See you soon,
Dick Fisher

John Leavell, Well Known Golf Pro

John Minor Leavell, 86, of Warrenton, died December 9 at Rose Hill Nursing Home in Berryville, Va.

For the past four years Mr. Leavell had made his home with his cousins Miss Nan Leavell Blackwell and Mrs. Edward Jones in Warrenton.

The son of Ashby Leavell, a prominent Washington banker, Mr. Leavell was well known figure in the golf world. He built courses throughout the Midwest and for many years before World War II was Superintendent of the course at French Lick, Indiana.

He had been club pro and Superintendent at Bethesda Naval Hospital and Andrews Air Force Base Clubs, and before retiring about 12 years ago was at Shenandoah Retreat Country Club at Berryville.

He had been presented a 50 year membership in the Mid-Atlantic Professional Golfers Association.

In World War I, Mr. Leavell went overseas with Gen. Frank Winter's Expeditionary Corps which set up army hospitals and supply depots in France.

He is survived by a nephew, Paul Sleeper Jr., Hastings, Fla., and three cousins, Miss Nan Leavell Blackwell, Warrenton, Va., Mrs. Henry Blake, Culpeper, and Mrs. Charles Blake, Wilmington, N.C.

The above is the obituary of Mid-Atlantic Life Member John Leavell. It appeared in the Fauquier Democrat December 11, 1980.

Meeting Places 1981

- Mar. 10 Framington Country Club
Charlottesville, Va.
Dick Fisher, CGCS - Host
- Apr. 14 Talbot Country Club
Easton, Md.
Ralph McNeal - Host
- May 12 Annual Superintendent/ Pro
Tournament - U.S. Naval
Academy Golf Club
Annapolis, Md.
Michael B. McKenzie - Host
- June 9 Columbia Country Club
Chevy Chase, Md.
George B. Thompson, CGCS-Host
- July 14 Piney Branch Golf Course
Hampstead, Md.
Gene Dyke - Host
- Aug. 11 Picnic
- Sept. 8 Mid-Atlantic/Philadelphia Joint
Meeting - Suburban Club
Pikesville, Md.
Robert Miller, CGCS - Host
- Oct. 13 Annual Glover/Hines Memorial
Tournament - River Bend Golf &
Country Club, Great Falls, Va.
Thomas Miller, CGCS - Host
- Nov. Army Navy Country Club
Arlington, Va.
David Fairbank - Host
- Dec. 15 Election Meeting
Bonnie View Country Club
Baltimore, Md.
Ken Braun - Host

U.S.G.A. Green Section Conference

On Tuesday, March 17, the U.S.G.A. Green Section will be holding its Mid-Atlantic Region Conference at the Philmont Country Club, Huntingdon Valley, Pa. Luncheon and registration fees of \$15.00 must be made by March 9.

Please contact Bill Buchanan, Director of the Mid-Atlantic Region.

Shirts, Sweaters & Jackets

The Mid-Atlantic is again showing what a first class organization it is by offering shirts, sweaters and jackets with an embroidered Mid-Atlantic Crest. Prices are very reasonable - shirts for \$12.00 and sweaters for \$15.00. Starting at the March Mid-Atlantic meeting, jackets will be offered along with the shirts and sweaters. To order yours, contact Wayne Evans at 301-871-1070.