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Discuss Work of Opening New Course at Baltimore Meeting

The many things that have to be done in a maintenance way to get a new course operating were discussed by a panel of four men at the two-day clinic of the Mid-Atlantic GCSA in January, and perhaps gave rise to as much lobby and cloakroom comment and observation as anything offered on the program. Guided by the moderator, Fred Grau, a panel composed of Barclay L. Whetsell, Tantalum-on-the-Potomac, Richard Trevarthan, Island View GC and Harry Carlson, Moslem Springs CC, all of whom are supts., and Charles K. Hallowell, former USGA green section rep, examined just about

every facet of bringing a course into play. It was generally agreed that there are so many of these that a supt. should be called upon to help unwrap a course no more than once in a lifetime.

Others who made technical contributions to the 32-year old Mid-Atlantic conclave were Ralph E. Engel of Rutgers U., who spoke on turf research; D. Ray Booker of Penn State U., who told what makes the weather work; Charles G. Wilson, Milwaukee Sewerage agronomist, who discussed how not to apply chemicals; and John C. Jones and F. Nelson Swink, Jr., Dept. of Interior specialists, who suggested methods of animal control on a course.

Discuss Irrigation

Water systems were explained by Edward Shoemaker of Rainy Sprinkler Sales, and in conjunction with his speech, Charles P. Merrick of the U. of Maryland gave some tips on pond construction and management. Purdy Carson of Jacobsen Manufacturing Co., told the Mid-Atlantic turfmen how to keep their equipment properly serviced. Some of the highlights of course landscape design were discussed by Thurman Donovan of



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Jim Potts (l) of Western Pennsylvania GA was in Bermuda recently going over with Pro Len Taylor and officials of Castle Harbour Hotel the details of bringing 100 members of the association to the Islands for a week of golf in February. Aerial golf tour has been on spring agenda of WPGA for several years.

Chevy Chase, Maryland.

The conference was completed with a rundown of maintenance method tips contributed by George C. Gumm, Ocean City Yacht & CC, Frank J. Haske, Washingtonian CC, Thomas A. Doerer, Jr. Fort Belvoir GC and Sherwood Moore, national GCSA president and supt. at Winged Foot. Alex M. Radko of the USGA green section was the moderator of this session.

The Baltimore conference of the Mid-Atlantic GCSA is conducted jointly with the U. of Maryland and has been held almost continuously every year since 1930. E. N. Cory, professor of entomology at the university and Bob Scott, Sr., Dick Watson, O. B. Fitts and Bill Leverton, all supts., organized the first clinic. Within a few years the annual conference outgrew its university quarters and was transferred to the Lord Baltimore Hotel where it has been held for the last quarter century. Cory served as the conference director until his retirement from the university in 1956. Since then, George Langford of the U. of Maryland staff has been handling the arrangements for the clinic.

"School Day" at Cornell

"School Day", the most popular feature of the Cornell U. turf conference in recent years, will be repeated at this year's gathering on Feb. 26. The 16th annual meeting will be held in Statler Hall on the Cornell campus, Feb. 25-28.