

NEWS LETTER OF MID-ATLANTIC ASSOCIATION OF GREENKEEPERS

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The regular meeting of the Association was held at the Prince Georges Golf and Country Club, Landover, Maryland on April 19. Fourteen played golf. Some of us looked over the turf and some looked all over the golf course. Eleven took a chance in the blind "Boooogey." All were blind except Schields, who could see well enough to win five "bucks;" the Good Old Chairman of The Golf Committee, Stanley, who took four; and Reuben's hot putter put a couple of "bucks in his sack. Too bad more of the boys do not play golf! It helps to pay some broken-down Greenkeeper's caddy.

The really hot match was the Cornell-Glover combination, which took on the out-of-towners from Charlottesville. Mr. Thomas brought along the manager of his club and asked for a fifty-dollar Nassau, which the never doubtful home team accepted with "n'ary a quaver." Georgie got his new 15-ounce woods to working and needless to say, the home team won, - I mean squeezed through. Too bad the home team did not have Ike Rabbitt and his hot putter on its side! Guess he could have won that Nassau single-handed.

Lawrence Wisner, of Aberdeen Proving Grounds; Brownie, of J.S. Connolly and Cliff Eisele of Prince Georges Golf and Country Club; were elected to associate memberships in the Association, and Bob Schields, of Annapolis Roads, was elected to active membership. Glad to have you men.

The discontinuation of Timely Turf Topics was discussed on the floor at the meeting, and after several opinions were expressed it was decided to withhold any official action till the new publication came from the press. If the new publication is not in the best interests of the Greenkeeper then, as a member group, the Mid-Atlantic Association of Greenkeepers shall voice its official displeasure at the action taken by the USGA.

Dr. Cory asked for suggestions for speakers for the short course which will be held at The Lord Baltimore Hotel on January 10, 1949. The names of several speakers were forthcoming, and the setting-up of the program was left to the committee. A prominent architect and a pro. will probably be on the program.

We are sorry to hear that Jim Thomas is leaving his present post in Charlottesville to take a position in Chattanooga, Tennessee. So is his boss, Mr. Loving. Best of luck Jim! Whitey Wilfong has severed his connections with Congressional and is working temporarily with the USGA Green Section in Beltsville.

Tom Ryan is praying for some warm weather so that he can get players on that new nine at Belle Haven. He had to leave early from the last meeting to go to a prayer meeting which the golf committee called for eight o'clock that evening. Tom took "Old Quaker" along to help the spirit of the meeting.

Dick Watson fell off one of those new, high tees which he is building over there at Chevy Chase the day of our last meeting and nearly broke a leg. It threw his golfing foursome off not to have him present.

The Washington boys extend their congratulations to the Green Committee Chairmen, who saw to it that their greenkeepers could be present at the meeting, and they also wonder if some more of the boys from Baltimore could not get their chairmen to take over as Greenkeepers for just that one day of the month and make it possible for some more of the boys to grace the meeting with their presence.

The new greens at Prince Georges were coming along slowly. They were not put down till the middle of October. The late start and the very bad growing weather this spring had held back the progress. They were built without tile drainage, but the soil was improved with manure, sand, peat and sludge in varying proportions, depending on the topsoil used on each location.

We saw a very bad example of fertilization on greens. The job was done with a distributor which had been stopped on the green area and had not been shut off or had leaked. There were numerous bad burns and many skips. Shows lack of supervision by the foreman. It indicates that one can not be too careful when applying fertilizer to greens. Most of the fairway turf has improved greatly in the past few years. On the sandy areas the Bermuda had not done much this early.

A new mixture of Chlordane and DDT which gives a very quick kill and a long residual effect, is now on the market. Looks good for a quick kill of Jap beetle with a good carryover from the DDT.

Nobody wins when the question of whether to apply fungicides and insecticides wet or dry comes up. The boys who apply them in dry form say that the sprayer boys are all wet.

Rube Hines says that Bill Glover talks too much and is only 50 percent right. An awful lot of foul air there, Bill!

The caddy situation at Prince Georges is the best we have run into in some time. The boys are paid before they go out, and the player is given a card on which he is requested to grade the caddy after he has played. It sure keeps them on their toes! It was the first time in many moons that we have seen a caddy put turf back. It seemed kind of good not to have a caddy carrying four bags. Our regards go to a man doing a good job.

About 60 percent of the boys seem to have gone over to the use of power mowers. Savings in time up to 100 percent were reported. No ill effects were reported from the use of power mowers last year.

Grandpa says, "Look out for your first attack of dollarspot between now and the 12th of May." Better get something on the greens soon.

Stanley, at Quantico, says that he will have nothing lower in rank than a General for caddies when we go down there for the meeting on the 11th of May. Sorry, no x-G I can compete. No fooling now - get your chairman to spell you off for a day and come on out and see Stanley's new nine. It's a "bear-cat."

See Y'all there. Don't forget May 11 at 1 p.m.

Signed

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Editor-in-Chief?????????