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## TURF NEWS LETTER

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### THE LAKESIDE MEETING

The June meeting of the Mid-Atlantic Association of Golf Course Superintendents was held at the Lakeside Country Club, Richmond, Virginia. Despite a steady down-pour with no promise of relief, fifty-three members of the Association braved the storm to pay tribute to one of its most loyal members - Harry Allanson. Harry travels 100 miles or more to attend the Mid-Atlantic Meetings each month in the D. C.-Baltimore area, so it was fitting and proper that he in turn should have a nice turn-out at his course. It was a wonderful and deserving gesture for a wonderful and deserving guy. The excellent attendance in part was due to the wonderful attendance of the superintendents in the Richmond area. We hope this sets a precedent and that they will continue to attend our monthly meetings.

### Golf

Most of the golf for the day was confined to the 19th hole, and everybody shot par. Before the afternoon was over, Golf Committee Chairman, Ernie Stanley, deducted 5 strokes from everybody's handicap. Only three members played the other 18 holes for which they deserve a medal and an appointment with a psychiatrist. The Major and Reuben eyed each other suspiciously, made threatening gestures, but neither braved the storm.

### Business Meeting

Because of the inclement weather the business meeting preceded the dinner. Proxy Bob Shields called the meeting to order early, introduced several guests and the hosts for the day, Harry Allanson; Allan Brodie, Professional; and Israel November, Green Committee Chairman of the Lakeside Club. Mr. November welcomed and congratulated the group for its splendid attendance. His welcome speech was appropriate and timely as his central theme was the importance of the exchange of ideas. He cited a few examples in business where competitors were careful to guard any so-called trade

secrets only to find that these secrets were really no secrets at all. According to Mr. November, a healthy sign in any profession is reflected when members of that profession get together regularly to exchange ideas. When this happens, it is to the mutual benefit of all, and the profession moves forward steadily.

Bob Shields then read a letter from Dr. Roy L. Lovvorn which was in reply to Bob's letter of thanks for the interesting talk that Dr. Lovvorn presented at the Bethesda meeting last month. Dr. Lovvorn expressed a desire to again meet with the Mid-Atlantic Group. It was the opinion of all that Dr. Lovvorn should again be invited to talk on other phases of Weed Control.

### Constructive Suggestion Feature

Jimmy Thomas, Chairman of the Education Committee then read the constructive suggestion letter which was drawn up at the Bethesda meeting. The letter met with whole-hearted approval of the group and superlatives were batted around freely with regard to the value of such constructive suggestions for each course that the Association visits. Admiral Phillips suggested that the constructive suggestion letter be sent to all persons on the Turf News Letter mailing list. All present concurred.

Discussion then revolved about the time, effort, and cost of these publications. How and by whom could the cost best be absorbed? After much discussion, it was agreed that a grant of \$100 would be made to the USGA Green Section to facilitate publication of the Turf News Letter and the Constructive Suggestion Feature. It was understood further that this money would be used on the turf plots at Beltsville. Also the Education Committee will draw up a prospectus that will bring in additional funds from the golf clubs in this area. The greater portion of such funds will be channeled to the Green Section to facilitate publication of these papers and to cover costs of additional experimental plantings on our golf courses.

### Publicity

Jim Reynolds and John Anderson arranged for newsman Lawrence Leonard of The Richmond Times Dispatch to interview Bill Glover, Reuben Hines and Charlie Shalestock. The boys gave Leonard a liberal education in turf, and the article will be of general interest to homeowners rather than golf course superintendents. Leonard also was responsible for the article and photograph which appeared in the Richmond Post Dispatch.

### New Members

Tommy Card, Pro-superintendent of Keswick Country Club, Keswick, Virginia, was voted into the organization as an active member.



### Armed Service Personnel

Many of our Mid-Atlantic members are in the Armed Services. Others will be called to active duty, and of course, transfers will take place from time to time. Sgt. Jim Broadus and Al. Thomas, Jr., are two such members who would like to continue their membership even though temporarily away from this area. As a small token of our appreciation for their present duties, it was unanimously agreed that active membership with suspension of dues during the present emergency should be extended to these men and any others who are called away to active duty in other parts of the world. We wish them the best of luck, and hope that the Turf News Letter will keep them abreast of developments in the Mid-Atlantic area.

### Educational Feature

#### Relationship of Pro and Superintendent

"The best laid plans of mice and men . . . ." At any rate our batting average no longer is 1,000. What happened to the speakers? This \$64 question remains unanswered either officially or through the grapevine. We are convinced that this subject is second to none with regard to our own well-being and improved playing conditions. It was obvious from the large number of professionals present at Lakeside that they too believe the relationship between Pro and Superintendent should be aired as thoroughly as a putting green. Rest assured that your Education Committee has not given up this idea even though it must be shelved for the remainder of this year due to previous commitments.

#### Acknowledgments

We appreciate deeply the courtesy of Lakeside Country Club and especially Mr. November, in furnishing the facilities of the club and treating us to an excellent dinner.

Bob Scott, Jr., squared accounts with Harry Allanson by being the only Baltimore member present at Lakeside.

#### Next Meeting - Argyle Country Club

#### Liquid Fertilizers and Trace Elements

Many of you will recall the excellent talk on "What Makes Grass Grow" that was given by Dr. Hugh Gauch at the Short-Course in Baltimore last winter. This renowned plant physiologist has consented to address our July 10 meeting at Argyle, on the place of liquid fertilizers and the importance of trace elements from the superintendent's standpoint. Remember, our guest speakers receive no remuneration for their services. They gladly donate their time. It is up to us to show our appreciation by continuing our record-breaking attendance.

Chairman's Day

We hereby resolve to bring our Green Committee Chairman to the Argyle meeting. Roping and hog-tieing may be necessary in certain instances, but once on the scene, they will be assured of good golf, good fellowship, and a liberal education. We hope that each superintendent will make a concerted effort to start the ball rolling toward 100% Green Committee Chairman attendance at all future meetings.

Host for the Day

The "Duke" of Argyle, Percy LeDuc, Vice-president, Superintendent, and Building Constructor, extends the welcome mat for July 10. Remember to bring your Green Committee Chairman.

Golf at:

Argyle Country Club  
Layhill, Md.  
July 10, 1951 - 12:30 p.m.

Dinner and Meeting at:

Argyle Country Club  
Layhill, Md.  
July 10, 1951 - 6:00 p.m.

Directions and Transportation

Mssrs. Disney and Cornell in Washington, and Mr. Witcher in Baltimore, can always be relied upon for shuttle-bus service for those in doubt or unable to translate our hieroglyphics. Many of you know the way. Others will find Argyle by traveling out Georgia Avenue extended to Glenmont. Take the right fork at water tower and filling station. Two and one-fourth miles to club property on left - past the church on your starboard hand.

Important Release

The United States Golf Association Green Section announces the second edition of TURF RESEARCH REVIEW. This is a compilation of all turf work in the United States covering projects, workers, publications, conferences, field days, and other features of the National Coordinated Turf Program.

TURF RESEARCH REVIEW in effect is intended to be a supplement to the USGA's new book, TURF MANAGEMENT; H. B. Musser, author; McGraw-Hill Book Company, publisher; price, \$6.00. The book, TURF MANAGEMENT, is available at United States Golf Association, "Golf House," 40 East 38th Street, New York 16, N. Y.

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