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CORNELL CONCLAVE COMPLETES CALENDAR OF MEETINGS FOR 1954

The G.L. Cornell Co. was host to members and guests of the Mid-Atlantic Association of Golf Course Superintendents on December 7 at the company office at 4715 Miller Ave. in Bethesda, Md.

Featured at this event which has been sponsored annually for many years by the Cornell Co. and its predecessor the J.S. Conolly Co. were charcoal steaks, oysters, conversation, refreshments and goodfellowship.

George Cornell and his entire sales and mechanical personnel went all out in an effort to make this year's party more outstanding than the one held a year ago. The lack of space for the crowd did not hinder Genial George and he handled the problem in a very unique manner. All work benches, tables, grinding machines, tractors, parts and lawn mowers were moved out of the company's maintenance shop to make room. The floors were scrubbed, walls and ceilings painted, windows and faces washed, new lights installed and banquet tables set up - all in advance - before the welcome mat was rolled out to set the scene for this gala occasion.

The shop foreman, John Foster, took over at the charcoal pit and cooked every steak to order to please the taste of the man who ate it. Two others, Ralph and Roy Phillips donned white aprons and acted as waiters and bartenders. Pop Bailey and his assistant Duke, the parts men, did a marvelous job in the check room to see that everyone got the right coat and hat when they decided to leave - there was no closing time.

George, Brownie and Frank Haske played host and circulated among the 225 present to make certain everyone received attention. Their efforts in making this event successful are gratefully appreciated by all in the Mid-Atlantic area.

Besides superintendents representing approximately 75% of the golf courses in this area, there were also many other important people present from the worlds of turf grass culture and golf.

The list of greens chairmen present is headed by Admiral Phillips of Army-Navy Country Club who is the local chairman most active in our affairs. Dick Essex of Columbia was on hand and brought along Martin McCarthy the Club golf chairman and a very good golfer he is too. Louis Fuchs was there from Manor Club, Mr. Gill Schapiro from Norbeck Country Club and Col. A.E. Makhholm the very enthusiastic chairman at Fort Belvoir Golf Club and Capt. Catlett from Bainbridge.

There was a final report made on our first annual dinner-dance at Prince Georges Golf & Country Club on Nov. 3rd. Forty-three couples were present and as our regular monthly gatherings usually have a turnout between 50 and 60, this was a fine attendance for a start. \$150.00 had been appropriated from the treasury to help defray expenses, however only \$33.00 of this amount was needed and used. If you were not there you missed seeing a lot of pretty ladies, hearing some good music (and some bad) and special entertainment by Club manager Frank Sherman. Again to Hugh McRae and his committee, the donors of the cocktail hour, Cliff Eisle and the Prince Georges staff, we say - MANY THANKS for a delightful evening.

ANNUAL ELECTION

As this wound up current affairs, new business was in order. Namely, the annual election of officers for the calendar year of 1955. The Chair appointed Bob Shields to act as election judge; Paul Weiss, Jr. & Harry Allanson served as tellers. Tom Dawson, Chairman of the Nominating Committee presented the following slate: For President - Charles Schalestock; Vice-President, John Connolly; Secretary-Treasurer, Robert E. Scott, Jr.

Charlie Schalestock asked that his name be withdrawn because of other activities outside of his job which require considerable time. He expressed his appreciation for having been nominated and said he considered it a great honor to have been selected.

Walter West then nominated Bob Shields who was eventually unanimously elected. More by popular acclaim than by Robert's Rules of Order. Upon accepting the President's chair, Bob pledged continued support for the Association and said every avenue for progress of the Association and its members will be explored in an effort to reach our goal which he quoted as being "Recognition through Merit".

We are grateful to Bob for agreeing to lead us again after having so recently held the same office. He was President during the years 1951 & 1952. In 1951 this Association sent Bob to the GCSAA meeting in Chicago to look into the matter of membership in the National Association. The report he made to the members on his return was published in the Feb. 1951 issue of this "TURF NEWSLETTER" and is still good reading.

Tom Dawson was unanimously elected Vice-President and Robert E. Scott, Jr. remained as Secretary-Treasurer.

Congratulations and best wishes are extended to our new officers. They are loyal members of the organization and have proven themselves to be hard workers for the Mid-Atlantic. We will support them 100% and under their guidance and leadership, climb to new heights.

RETIRING PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Your retiring President wishes to thank the membership for the loyalty and support given his administration during 1953 and 1954. Also, to the members of all committees appreciation and gratitude is expressed. Serving as your prexy has

in that his golf courses have always been good; he is a gardener and landscape man who is familiar with growing trees, shrubs and flowers as well as grass; he is a golf architect and earned his living as a builder for years before becoming superintendent at Baltimore Country Club where one of his first jobs was to supervise construction of the Club's second course - the Five Farms layout. He has had a hand (and foot) in the building of more golf courses in the Baltimore area than any other one man. If the courses was built or re-built in the last 34 years, Bob Scott was called in for advice and consultation which he gladly gave gratis in most cases because of his sincere desire to see the game expanded and brought within reach of more players. Bob wants it understood that he will still be available for consultation work and says that anything he has learned through the years will be no good to him unless he can give it away - he says he can't take it with him.

In this association only one man can be compared with Bob Scott and that is O.B. Fitts. Together, in 1928 these two men succeeded in getting together a few of the local greenkeepers, as they were then called, and formed the Mid-Atlantic Association of Greenkeepers. Mr Fitts retired two years ago, leaving the job of furnishing our association officers with sound advice, mature judgement and leadership to Bob who has done the job well.

Dr. Edgerton would like our help in finding a man to take Bob's place. If you know of such a genius, ask him to write Dr. Stuart Edgerton, care of Baltimore Country Club, Baltimore, Md., giving an outline of past experience, age, salary expected, etc.

1955 Schedule of Meetings

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Host</u>
Jan 16-21	Nat'l Turfgrass Conf.	St. Louis	
Feb. 7-8	Annual Turfgrass Conf.	Lord Balto. Hotel, Balto.	E.N. Cory
Mar. 1st	1st Regular Business Meeting	Ft. Belvoir Golf Club	Sgt. Fullerton
Apr. 5		Bethesda CC	T.S. Lumsden
May 3		Bainbridge	Capt. Catlett
June 7	Joint Meeting with Tidewater Assc.	CC of Virginia	Tom Dawson
July 12		Army-Navy CC	James Thomas
Aug. 2		Fountain Herd CC	Clarence Lindsay
Sept. 6		Martinsburg CC	George Smith
October	Annual Golf Tournament	OPEN DATE	
November	Election of Officers	OPEN DATE	
December		G.L. Cornell Co.	Genial George

NEXT MEETINGANNUAL TURFGRASS CONFERENCE *

Tentative Program
 Mid-Atlantic Golf Course Superintendents Association
 Turfgrass Conference
 Hotel Lord Baltimore
 Baltimore, Maryland
 February 7 and 8, 1955

Monday

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| 9-10:00 a.m. | Registration | |
| 10:30 a.m. | Things of interest in the Northeast
Kodachromes and Comment | Al Radko
Green Section
Beltsville, Maryland |
| 11:00 a.m. | Water Management
Under normal and abnormal weather
Kodachromes and comment | O.J. Noer
Milwaukee Sewerage Comm.
Milwaukee, Wisconsin |
| 11:45 a.m. | Experiences of the past season in the
Philadelphia Area | C.K. Hallowell
6th and Chestnut
Philadelphia, Pa. |
| 12:30 p.m. | Lunch | |
| 1:30 p.m. | The Present Trend in Grasses
with Plugs or Flats of the newer kinds | Jack Harper
Green Section
Beltsville, Md. |
| 2:00 p.m. | Changes in Golf Course Management in the
Last 25 years
Change in grasses, cutting, fertiliz-
ing, pest control, watering, aeration,
top dressing, thatch control, drainage | Bob Scott, Sr.
Baltimore Country Club
Baltimore, Md. |
| 3:00 p.m. | Identification of Plugs of grasses.
Bring your own samples and get the
answers | Fred Grau
West Point, Pa.
Jack Harper
Beltsville, Md.
O.B. Fitts
Silver Spring, Md.
A.E. Rabbit
Washington, D.C. |
| 7:30 p.m. | Dinner

The Washington Family and Mt. Vernon
Facts and Pictures gleaned in an
European Trip in 1954 | Walter Densmore
Assistant Superintendent
Mr. Vernon, Virginia |

Tuesday

10:00 A.M. Panel on Fertilizing Greens and Fairways
 P.W. LeDuc
 Argyle Country Club
 Bob Shields
 Woodmont Country Club
 Hugh McRae
 Washington, D.C.
 Jim Thomas
 Army-Navy Country Club

11:00 a.m. Panel - What can we do for each other?
 Moderator - Admiral John S. Philips
 Army-Navy Country Club
 Club Manager - R.F. Loving
 Farmington Country Club
 Greens Chairman - David Halley
 Suburban Country Club
 Professional - Carrol McMaster
 Woodholm Country Club
 Superintendent - Tom Dawson
 Country Club of Virginia

12:30 p.m. Lunch

1:30 p.m. Panel on Industries' Contributions
 Mowing Machinery, Tractors,
 Fertilizer Distributors, Spraying
 Machinery, Aerifiers, Insecticides,
 Fungicides
 Moderator- Charles Schalestock
 Norbeck Country Club
 Tom Mascaro
 West Point Products
 George Cornell
 G.L.Cornell Co.
 Neal Holmead
 National Capital Toro
 Dr. James Watson
 Toro Mfg. Co.
 Robert Pollock
 American Cyanamid Co.

3:00 p.m. Final Round-up
 Fred Grau
 West Point Products
 West Point, Pa.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT DEPARTMENT

The following words of wisdom were brought back from the National Association meeting at Boston in February 1950 by Dr. Fred Grau. If memorized and followed, these lines will help you to get along with your fellow man and improve your job rating at the same time. (The author's name has been lost, but he was a speaker on the program at the Boston meeting.)

LEARN TO LIKE PEOPLE

ALWAYS HAVE A FRIENDLY SMILE

BE GENEROUS WITH HONEST PRAISE

LISTEN WELL

TALK ABOUT YOU, NOT I

LEARN TO AGREE BEFORE YOU DISAGREE

DON'T ARGUE

WHEN WRONG, DON'T BE AFRAID TO ADMIT IT

TRY TO UNDERSTAND THE OTHER FELLOW'S VIEWPOINT

ASK QUESTIONS TO MAKE IT EASY FOR OTHERS TO SAY YES.

DON'T KNOCK

USE OBSERVATION AND SHOOT STRAIGHT

Makes sense- don't you think? Keep this page for ready reference when you make your News Year's resolutions.

Education is the acquisition of the art of utilization of knowledge.

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Golf is the game that turned the cows out of the pasture and let the bull in.

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It's last call for St. Louis and a large group of Mid-Atlantic men are ready to answer the call. Enthusiasm is running high and conversation at the Cornell meeting was mostly about this National meeting of Golf Course Superintendents.

National membership is at an all time high with more local men holding memberships than ever before. Our representation should be very good.

Leading the parade for the Missouri city will be our entire slate of officers including President, Vice-President and Secretary-Treasurer as well as most committee chairmen and life members. These men realize that this an educational meeting and offers an opportunity to learn more about this complicated business of producing good turf grass under all conditions.

At St. Louis a man can talk directly to the factory representatives in regard to the machines he uses on his golf course and learn how to get the most from these machines. The latest in equipment and supplies are on display and the most modern methods of maintenance are discussed and explained. Every golf and country club should insist that their superintendent avail himself of the practical and academic education that is afforded at this conference.

Try to make it. You and your club will be amply repaid for your efforts and costs with new ideas for improving your maintenance.

Write Hotel Jefferson, St. Louis, Missouri, for accommodations.

On behalf of the officers of Mid-Atlantic Association of Golf Course Superintendents and the NEWSLETTER staff, a very happy New Year wish is extended to all. May the new year bring just the kind of season you would like to have and Prosperity and peace to you and your club.

Test of Character- Difficulties are things that show what men are -
Epictetus

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