



# MID-ATLANTIC News Letter



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## Next Meeting:

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| Place       | - | Woodmont Country Club; Rockville, Maryland  |
| Date        | - | October 3, 1961   |
| Golf        | - | Mid-Atlantic Association Golf Championship.<br>There will be two cups - one for low net and<br>one for low gross. |
| Social Hour | - | 5:30 to 6:30  |
| Dinner      | - | 6:30 Woodmont is noted for its excellent buffets.   |
| Meeting     | - | Following dinner  |
| Host        | - | Bob Shields   |

Let's try for a good turnout to let our host know that we are squarely behind him in his nomination for National Director. In addition to the golf prizes, other prizes will be given by our commercial men to holders of the lucky numbers.

All is going well up here in Saratoga. We have finished sodding all of the greens and tees and have seeded all of the fairways. All that remains now is to maintain the turf until its final acceptance. I am hoping to be back in the Mid-Atlantic area by the 25th of October.

Jack Gormley, editor of the Northeast's Collaborator, and the other members of the Northeast Superintendents Association asked me to remember them to all of their friends in the Mid-Atlantic. The Northeast Association, as well as the New Jersey Superintendents Association, are strongly pushing for the nomination of Professor Dickinson for the U.S.G.A. Greens Section Award. I think the Mid-Atlantic would do well to follow in their footsteps. Professor Dickinson retired from the University of Massachusetts three years ago. He was, however, one of the fathers of modern turf culture.

From the President:

Dear Members,

Now that the work load on our golf courses is tapering off a little, our association work must resume so we may all benefit and elevate ourselves in professional standing.

Your Board of Directors would like to undertake a new adventure and that is the Salary and Budget Survey for the Mid-Atlantic Area. We have felt and seen a need for this as the only way a man has of knowing the going rate for salary and course expense is hearsay or by some salesman's observation when looking into an employment opening.

In our survey we would like to find the following:

Superintendent's salary  
 Meeting expenses paid by club  
 Dues to local paid by club  
 Dues to national paid by club  
 Living quarters furnished  
 Utilities for quarters furnished  
 Number of holes  
 Type club - private, semi-private, public  
 Annual budget for labor not including superintendent  
 Annual maintenance budget  
 Equipment replacement  
 Hourly rate for labor  
 How long has course been in operation  
 Location of club - Washington, D. C. area; Richmond area;  
 Baltimore area; Eastern Shore  
 Located in city or suburban

No names of club will be used or superintendent will not sign as this is an average survey. Each member will put his slip in a box and I have asked Mr. Charles K. Hallowell to do the analysis. All papers will then be destroyed.

It is felt this survey will help all members and at our Woodmont meeting this will go on the floor for discussion.

I Think this is definitely a step in the right direction. Let's get behind it and get all of the information in to Charlie. If there is anything else of importance that you feel should be added to this list, be sure to bring it up at the Woodmont meeting.

Financial Report - 1/1/61 to 6/30/61

Moneys received	\$1649.48
Expenditures	920.74
	<u>\$ 728.74</u>
Amount transferred to building fund	250.00
Balance in checking account	\$ 478.74
Total amount in building fund	328.65
Inventory value	<u>137.00</u>
Net worth, June 30, 1961	\$ 944.39

Angelo Cammarota, Sec'y-Treas.

Employment opening:

The City of Phoenix, Arizona is seeking a high calibre Superintendent of Golf Courses. They have three courses (two 18 holes and one 9 hole) and are constructing a fourth. One is bent-grass greens and another Bermuda overlaid with Australian rye in the winter.

Qualifications: Age 30 - 58. Considerable supervisory experience in golf course maintenance and care, including experience in horticulture or landscaping work; graduation from four year college or university with specialization in horticulture, agronomy or agriculture. Extensive experience in golf course management and maintenance may be substituted for college requirement. Examination - Knowledge, experience and references. Medical - required to meet standards of medical examination.

Salary range \$725 - \$835 per month. Fringe Benefits: \$185 per month - the City's portion credited to pensions, industrial insurance, leaves, medical and other benefits. This is a Civil Service position with all the usual benefits and a probationary period of 12 months.

For application blanks write directly to:

Mr. Robert W. Galloway, Personnel Supervisor  
324 W. Washington  
Phoenix, Arizona

The following form is to be filled out if you would like to host the Mid-Atlantic Association for one of its monthly meetings during 1962.

Mr. Angelo Cammarota  
Green Hill Yacht and Country Club  
Quantico, Maryland

Our club would like to have the members of the Mid-Atlantic Association of Golf Course Superintendents visit (name of club) in the month of -- for the purpose of holding your regular monthly meeting.

Golf Course Superintendent

Five years ago our November meeting was held at Monacan Hills Association, Inc., the home course of Jim Reynolds. The meeting was a joint gathering with the members of the Tidewater Turf Association. It was a beautiful day for golf and those who ventured out on the beautifully rolling terrain had a wonderful time. It was at this meeting that our officers for 1957 were elected. They were President, Tom Dawson; Vice-President, Paul Weiss; Secretary-Treasurer, Francis Coupe. Our speaker that evening five years ago was Mr. Fred McKay. His subject was "Turf for the Last Fifty Years". Mr. McKay served as Greens Committee chairman for both the Hermitage Country Club and the Country Club of Virginia. He is credited with being the first to introduce Bent Grass greens to the Richmond area. At the close of his talk Mr. McKay left some advice with the members that is as pertinent now as it was then. "Golf members are becoming more exacting and demanding in their requirements of the golf course superintendent. They lack the understanding knowledge of his duties and problems and the less they know about his work, the more critical they were. Yet they depend on the ability of the superintendent for satisfactory playing conditions. We were told to give some thought in learning how to sell ourselves to our members."

Odds and Ends: Angelo Cammarota, Treasurer of the Mid-Atlantic Association, reports that the balance at the end of the month of September was \$909.39.

Bob Scott, Jr., is assuming a new position at the Elkridge Country Club, where he is succeeding his uncle, Dave Edgar, who is retiring. Mr. Edgar is one of our charter members. We all wish Mr. Edgar well in his retirement.

Gerry Scotty, known to many Mid-Atlantic members for his work with Alex McKay, has been hired as superintendent for the new Albany, New York, Country Club. Construction will be started soon on the country club's new site. Plans are being prepared by Robert Trent Jones.

The new Eastern Shore Country Club at Onancock, Virginia, has now opened. Curtis Payne is Golf Course Superintendent.

The new Rehobeth Beach Country Club will be opening eighteen holes next spring with 328 Bermuda greens and U-3 Bermuda fairways.

Your editor will return to Rixeyville, Virginia, on October 22, 1961, and I will be looking forward to seeing you all.