

MID-ATLANTIC NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY, 1962

The Mid-Atlantic's Annual Baltimore Conference was its usual success. The program was opened on the 8th by Dr. Langford. Among the fine speakers on the first day was Dr. Jesse DeFrance, Professor Emeritus from the University of Rhode Island, and now with Scott Seed Co. Dr. DeFrance is one of the most experienced and prominent men in the turf field.

Following a social hour sponsored by our commercial friends; F.W. Bolgiano & Co., G. L. Cornell Co., Gustin's Baltimore Toro, Inc., and National Capital Toro, Inc.; was the annual banquet with its usual good fellowship. Our speaker for the evening was Dr. Albert A. Piringer, who gave an interesting talk on the effect of lights on plants. His slides certainly illustrated the extreme effect that light in varying kinds and colors has on plant growth and functions.

The second day's talks were equally as good as the first. We were fortunate in having our dynamic national director, Dr. Gene Nutter, with us. Dr. Nutter gave us a stirring talk on one of the main concerns of the present day golf course superintendent - the management challenge.

For this fine program, the text of which will be mailed out shortly by our hard working friend, Dr. Langford, congratulations are in order to the program committee, consisting of Charles K. Hallowell, George S. Langford, Al Watson, Barclay L. Whetsell, Stanley Zontec, and L. R. Shields.

Coming Events: The second Virginia Turf Grass Conference will be held in Richmond on February 13 and 14 at the Executive Motor Hotel. On the program are several prominent members of the Mid-Atlantic - James E. Thomas and George Gumm. Let's get behind our state universities and support their turf grass programs. For the support of this program V. P. I. is counting on your backing.

February 19 through the 22 Penn State Turf Grass Conference.

March 6 - our first meeting at the Country Club of Virginia.

From the Mail Bag:

Dear Sir:

According to our Newsletter from Dec. 1961 Reubin Jr. revealed that 328 was Tiffine. The St. Pete supt. thought it was Tifton as do most laymen of turf. "No," says Reuben Sr., "It's Tiffine."

Lest our organization receive credit for this error let's get the record straight. The prominent grasses released from Tifton, Ga. and in order of their appearance were:

Tiflawn - 57
 Tiffine - 127
 Tifgreen - 328
 Tifway - 419

and maybe many more outstanding grasses to come.

Respectfully,
 Fred Sappenfield
 Bow Creek Country Club
 Virginia Beach

Jim Reid has a new assistant at Suburban Country Club in Baltimore. He is Bob Smith, who was formerly with the Baltimore public golf courses and, prior to that, was superintendent for twelve years at Hillendale Country Club in Phoenix, Maryland.

Bernard Heilig, formerly of Bel-Air Country Club, is now with Glen Dale Country Club.

Buck Whetsell has moved from superintendent at Westbriar Country Club to a similar position at the new Tantalum Country Club on Indian Head Highway, south of Washington. He will assume his new position about the middle of February, Westbriar Country Club is now seeking a new superintendent. Any one interested in this vacancy should get in touch with Buck Whetsell or Leon Harowitz.

We would like to wish Bob, Bernie and Buck the best of luck in their new jobs.

Fire: We were all sorry to hear of the fire that destroyed Angie's barn at Green Hill Yacht and Country Club. Lost in the blaze were several golf carts as well as all of Green Hill's maintenance equipment.

Employment Openings: Mr. D. Wilmore Bremer in Waynesville, North Carolina is seeking an interested and qualified Golf Course Superintendent.

Course: This is a new club under construction. 18 hole course located in Maggie Valley near Waynesville, N. C. They wish to employ a superintendent to be on hand during construction and to take over maintenance. George Cobb is the Architect. The course will be fully irrigated.

Fringe Benefits: A three bedroom home will be available for the Superintendent and salary is open to negotiation. Job should begin in March or soon after.

Inquiries: Those interested should contact:

Mr. D. Wilmore Bremer, Owner and Developer
Moody Farm
Route 2
Waynesville, North Carolina.

The Ridgeway Country Club, Memphis, Tennessee, is seeking an interested and qualified Golf Course Superintendent.

Course: 18 hole private country Club, approximately 325 members. Greens are Tifgreen Bermuda grass overseeded with Bent Grass for winter play. Course open twelve months of the year with normally lighter play in January and February. Club has portable irrigation throughout. Operates on a yearly budget of \$35,000.00.

Monthly Salary: \$600.00

Fringe Benefits: Five room home provided for residence. A two weeks vacation. Noon meals provided at the club.

Age: No particular age requirement

Inquiries: Direct inquiries to:

Mr. Richard H. Block, Greens Chairman
P. O. Box 751
Memphis, Tennessee

Oakcrest Golf and Country Club in Capital Heights, Maryland, is seeking a superintendent. It is a nine hole, par 3 course in the Washington area. Anyone interested in this position should write To:

Mr. William L. Mitchell
Box 8437
Oakcrest Golf and Country Club
Capital Heights, Maryland

The following is an article taken from Our Collaborator, which is edited by Jack Gormley. The article was written by Stan Boraski, who is superintendent at the Country Club of Pittsfield in Pittsfield, Massachusetts.

The Golf Course Superintendent and his Contract

Being a Golf Course Superintendent and having charge of such an expensive piece of real estate should require a contract between the Superintendent and his club. This contract should be drawn up by either the club's lawyer or the Superintendent's lawyer. If the club uses their lawyer to draw the contract then the superintendent, before signing, should have his lawyer check the proposed contract over.

The contract should be as simple as possible but should cover any controversial point.

Below is a mock contract that may be of assistance in drawing up of a contract between the Superintendent and his club.

Contract

Agreement made this first day of January, 1962 between the Country Club of Anywhere hereinafter referred to as the Employer and John Doe of Anytown, Anystate, hereinafter referred to as the Superintendent.

The Employer agrees to employ the Superintendent for a period of two years extending from January 1, 1962 through December 31, 1963, as Superintendent of the Country Club Grounds located in Anytown, Anystate, and the Superintendent agrees to accept this position upon the following conditions:

The Superintendent agrees to take charge of the care, maintenance and repair of the Country Club Grounds and Property including but not necessarily limited to the Golf Course itself, the machinery used for the care, maintenance and repair of the Tennis and Squash Courts located on said Golf Course, the setting of lake equipment at the lake in the spring of the year, the removing of said equipment at the lake in the fall of the year and Supervising the Skating Pond and Warming Cabin during the winter months.

The Employer agrees to pay the Superintendent for his services the sum of X thousand dollars (\$X000.00) per year in equal monthly payments of X hundred dollars (\$X00.00) each, payable on the fifteenth day of each month while this contract is in force.

The Employer agrees that the Superintendent is to have one month's vacation with pay during each year as long as the vacation is taken during that part of the year when the golf course itself is closed for the season.

The Employer agrees to pay dues for the Superintendent to the National Superintendent's Association of America and expenses to the National Conference at the rate of X hundred dollars (\$X00.00). It is further agreed that the Employer is to pay the Superintendent's dues and expenses to meetings of the Local Superintendent's Association at the rate of X dollars (\$X.00) and his expenses to the University of Rhode Island and the University of Massachusetts turf conferences.

The Employer agrees that the Superintendent is to have a foreman and sufficient other employees to carry out his duties, it being assumed that under normal circumstances there will be a foreman and a minimum of five other employees during the golf season, all of whom are to be hired by the Superintendent. The Superintendent is to have complete control over these men with the right to discharge any or all of them at anytime and for any reason.

Mr. John Doe is the present Chairman of the Grounds Committee of the Employer and the Superintendent is to deal directly with Mr. John Doe or his designated representative or his successor in office of the successor's designated representative, as the representative of the Employer in all the Superintendent's operations with the Employer.

At the expiration of the aforementioned period, if the services of the Superintendent have been satisfactory to the Employer and the Superintendent is satisfied, the Superintendent has the option of entering into a new contract with the Employer for one year or more years at an annual salary to be agreed upon by the Superintendent and the Employer at that time.

In the event the Employer or Superintendent does not wish to renew this contract at the time of expiration, notice shall be given in writing to the other party of the intention not to renew at least thirty days prior to the expiration of this contract.

In Witness Whereof the parties hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year first above mentioned:

WITNESS:

Country Club of Anywhere by:

Its President

Chairman of the Grounds Com.

Superintendent