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## ELECTION RESULTS

Our new officers for 1964 are Thomas A. Doerer, President; Angelo Cammarota, Vice President; Sheldon R. Betterly, Secretary-Treasurer. New additions to our board of directors are Robert Martino and Alex Watson for three year terms and Charles Schalestock for a one year term.

## MID-ATLANTIC CONFERENCE

The annual Mid-Atlantic Turf Conference will be held on January 6-7, 1964, at the Lord Baltimore Hotel. Enclosed you will find a copy of the complete program. A fine hand should go to all members of the program committee headed by Thomas Doerer and including, of course, Dr. Langford who has been our guiding star for our past meetings and we hope many future meetings. The other members of the committee are Frank J. Haske and Sheldon R. Betterly.

Also enclosed in this NEWSLETTER is a reservation card for hotel accommodations. Please send these in as soon as possible.

## WHY ATTEND TURF CONFERENCES?

What is the best way to keep up with the changing trends and techniques of golf course maintenance? Topping the list is listening to our fellow superintendents discuss their experiences, their trials and errors. Next, listening to lectures delivered by the top educators of our better universities and colleges who have set up turf programs to gain a closer insight into the problems of our profession. These men have, in the past few years, come up with solutions to some of our toughest turf management problems.

The superintendent who fails to keep up with these changing trends is failing not only himself and his club but is handicapping our whole profession.

It is the privileged duty of every superintendent to attend these conferences. Our employers, in many cases, are first to recognize the benefits of the conferences and encourage their superintendents to attend. Most of our country clubs have set aside a budgeted amount for these educational conferences. The cost should be no object; the benefits received cannot be measured. The advancement of ourselves and our profession is at stake.

## NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Every Mid-Atlantic member should be at the International Turfgrass Conference and Show to be held in Philadelphia this year. The Philadelphia meeting will be the closest to our area since it was held in Washington six years ago. The dates are from February 9 to the 14th, 1964, and the place is the Sheraton Hotel. Lets all be there.

## VIRGINIA TURF CONFERENCE

The Fourth Annual Virginia Turf Conference will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday, January 14-15, 1964, at the John Marshall Hotel in Richmond. Registration begins at 9:30 A.M. The speakers will be many members of the V.P.I. faculty, several Virginia superintendents and guests from other states including Gene C. Nutter, G.C.S.A.A.; W. B. Gilbert, N. C. State College; J. B. Moncrief, U.S.G.A.; J. R. Watson, Toro Manufacturing Co.; H. J. McSloy, Wilmington C.C.

## MID-ATLANTIC PSA SEMINAR

The Second Annual Seminar will be held January 27 and 28 at the University of Maryland. Setting up the program this year is Frank Cronin, Director of Golf. All area professionals, superintendents and managers will be invited. Our president, Thomas A. Doerer, Jr., has been asked to give a sequel to last year's speech on "Pro Manager Superintendent Relations".

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by James E. Thomas

As I am your retiring President this will be my last message. I wish to express my appreciation to the entire Mid-Atlantic membership for the honor bestowed me in 1963. It has been a cherished privilege. Also, it is in order to thank our officers, directors, and all members for the support and cooperation they have given the Association this past season.

Our meetings have been successful ones, and well attended. The programs have been excellent; and to those responsible for these activities, we are all grateful. As you know, your directors are also chairmen of the various committees, and each of them have done an excellent job. And to those who have been hosts for our monthly get togethers, both superintendents and country clubs, we are indebted for their contributions to our welfare, good fellowship, and progress. Last, but by no means least, the services and generosity of our dealers and suppliers must not be forgotten. They, too, are an important part of our overall picture.

Mr. John Ebel, the retiring Prexy of the Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents, makes two very pertinent observations in his last President's message. He speaks of INTENT and PURPOSE with great emphasis. I quote from his message:

"When we get too intent we sometimes run into trouble, because there are those whose intent it is to 'take away'. By 'lend' I mean those persons who make the 'Midwest' and themselves a little better without recompense. The 'takers away' are those who for no apparent reasons except lack of self-confidence or security, perhaps, remove their shoulders from the wheel and become part of factions that are stumbling blocks in the path of progress. Fortunately we have many more 'lenders' than we have 'takers away'. Shall we look at ourselves and ask which one am I?"

The next item for concern which I believe to be of prime importance is 'purpose'. Why does the 'Midwest' even exist? I guess it is because way back somewhere some people thought there was a real need for unity and education in our field. Two very good reasons. Don't you agree? John Ebel's reasoning can be applied to the Mid-Atlantic Association of Golf Course Superintendents, or any other organized group.

This is Turfgrass Conference time and there are excellent ones nearby in our area; and by attending several of them we are practicing self improvement, also we keep abreast of what is new in our vocation. Our own Mid-Atlantic Conference, and the GCSAA National Turfgrass Show and Meeting in Philadelphia should be a must date on every superintendent's calendar.

Many will think of this time of the year as their off period, yet it need not be. The progressive greensmaster will consider it an important one. A time to sit down and analyze the weak points and mistakes in his maintenance program. The foundation for next season's accomplishments can be laid now. During the dull months, one should clean, overhaul, and paint equipment; also, contemplate what will be needed in the way of replacements. We keepers of golf courses never have time to actually slow down, we are constantly on the go regardless of the weather or season of the year; but, remember, they tell us; "All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy."

Merry Christmas, a happy and prosperous New Year to all!

## THANKS AND CONGRATULATIONS

The Mid-Atlantic Association of Golf Course Superintendents wants to take this opportunity to thank and congratulate all the host superintendents for their cooperation and the use of their golf facilities in 1963. We hope that in the future we will again have the pleasure of being their guests.

We also want to extend our thanks to the golf professionals and managers for their help in 1963.

Let us not stop here but let us continue our cooperation and good work in 1964.

## BEST REGARDS

An item in a recent issue of the Florida West Coast News Letter: "It was nice to see Reuben Hines, Sr., present again after his sojourn in the hospital." Reuben, we all send you our best regards, and hope that you are recuperating nicely in the Florida sunshine.

## THE MID-ATLANTIC 10 YEARS AGO

by L. Robert Shields

The January, 1954, meeting was held on the 19th at Beltsville, Maryland, in the auditorium of the Plant Industry Station with the U.S.G.A. Green Section staff as hosts.

The big topic of discussion was the recent national meeting at the McAllister Hotel in Miami, Florida, January 3-9th attended by over 1000 superintendents, 25% of whom were from the Mid-Atlantic area. Jim Thomas had just been elected to the G.C.S.A.A. Board of Directors and his appointment as membership chairman resulted in a substantial gain in the national membership both locally and across the nation.

A golf tournament was held at the Florida meeting and two local superintendents came home with prizes. Joe Reposkey tied with the winner in the pro-superintendent flight and Clarence Lindsay had the distinction of taking the most strokes. (He said he liked to exercise in the Florida sun.)

Al Radko of the Green Section gave a resume of 1953 Constructive Suggestion Reports made by the Mid-Atlantic group at clubs visited during the year. Some of the high spots of his talk are listed here and still apply today. Tees too small; use bermuda grass on tees; give tee maintenance more attention; bermuda grass fairways in 1953 were more superior to cool season grasses; more aeration and fertilizer needed on tees and fairways; try hand watering on trouble greens; recommended grasses for greens were C-1, C-19, and for the Richmond area, C-7. The importance of good air drainage, good subsurface drainage and good surface drainage was stressed at nearly every meeting and it was agreed that proper consideration for drainage is one of the most important factors in producing healthy turf.

## FUTURE MEETINGS

by Sheldon Betterly

We would appreciate your advising as soon as possible whether or not your club could accommodate the Association for one of our future monthly educational meetings.

I am sure you are familiar with the schedule of events that take place on the date of our meetings: golf (courtesy of the golf course), board of directors' meeting, dinner, regular meeting, and educational program.

The following list shows our meeting places for the past four years. This information is being given to you at the request of the executive committee, who thought the members would be interested in seeing when their club was last host.

The educational committee is trying to present an interesting program for the forthcoming year, but cannot request speakers until definite meeting places have been obtained.

Contact me if arrangements can be made at your club this year.

Past meeting places of the Mid-Atlantic Association of Golf Course Superintendents:

1960: March -	1961: March - Manor C.C.
April - Norbeck C.C.	April - Woodholme C.C.
May - Baltimore C.C.	May - Andrews A. F. Golf Club
June - Turf Valley C.C.	June - Winchester C.C.
July - Fountain Head C.C.	July - Chartwell C.C.
Aug. - Sparrows Point C.C.	Aug. - U.S.D.A.
Sept. - Shenandoah Retreat Golf Club	Sept. - Argyle C.C.
Oct. -	Oct. - Woodmont C.C.
Nov. -	Nov. -
Dec. - Westbriar C.C.	Dec. - Brook Manor C.C.
1962: March -	1963: March - Belle Haven C.C.
April - Hillendale C.C.	April - Prince Georges C.C.
May - Court House C.C.	May - Springfield Golf & C.C.
June - Ocean City Golf & Yacht Club	June - Sparrows Point C.C.
July - Beaver Creek C.C.	July - Fountain Head C.C.
Aug. -	Aug. - U.S.D.A.
Sept. - Washingtonian C.C.	Sept. - Shenandoah Retreat Golf Club
Oct. - Turf Valley C.C.	Oct. - Woodmont C.C.
Nov. - Island View C.C.	Nov. - Fredricksburg C.C.
Dec. - Tantallon C.C.	Dec. - Washingtonian C.C.

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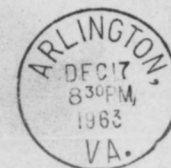
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