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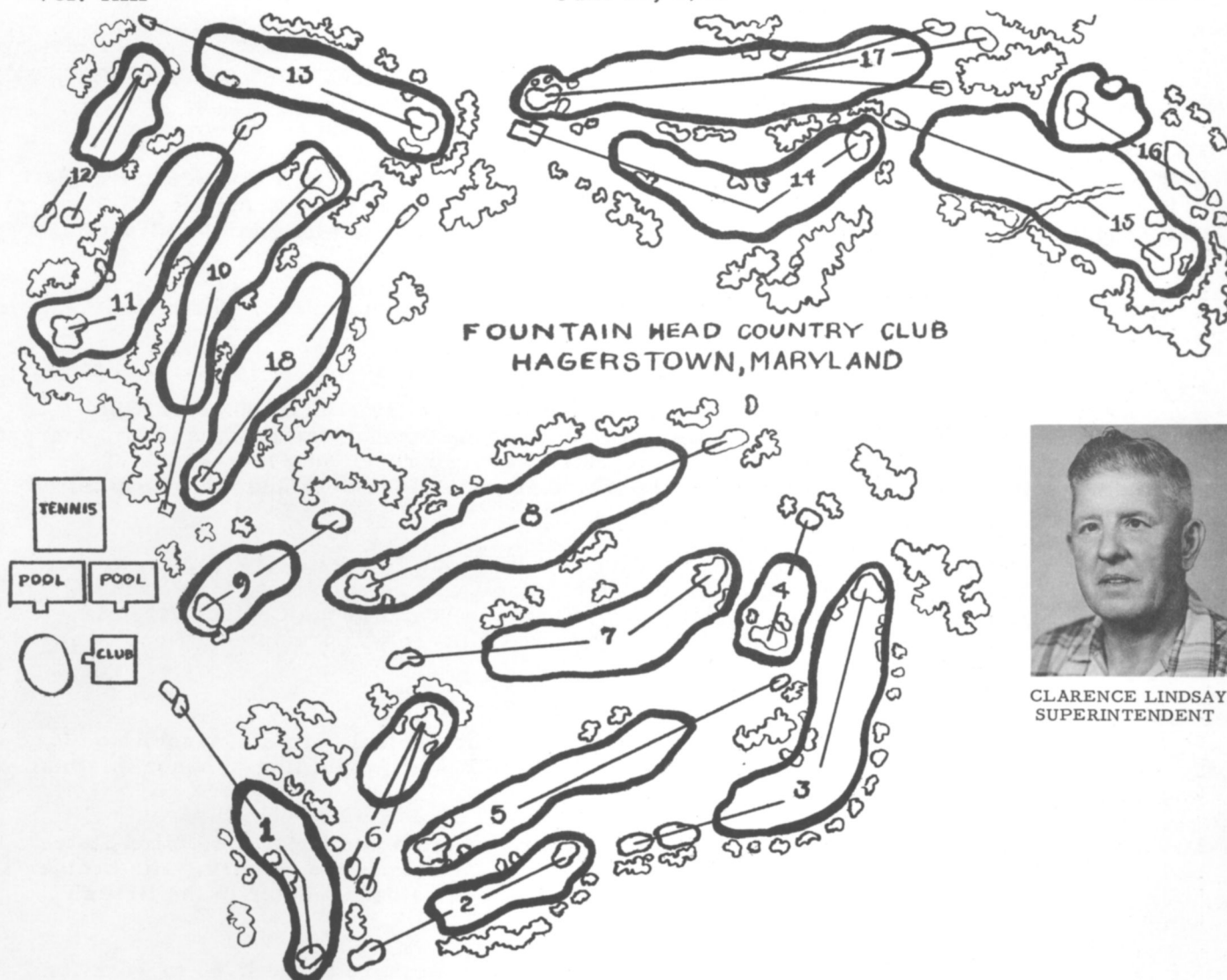
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JULY MEETING - FOUNTAIN HEAD COUNTRY CLUB

The next meeting of the Mid-Atlantic Association of Golf Course Superintendents will be held at Fountain Head Country Club in Hagerstown, Maryland, on Tuesday, July 9, 1963. Lunch may be purchased in the men's grill and the course will be open for golf at noon. The social hour will be from 5 to 6 P.M. and the dinner will be served promptly at 6 P.M. The speaker for the evening will be our old friend and honorary member of the Association, Dr. Fred Grau, who's presentation will be on nitrogen fertilization. We all know Dr. Grau as an expert on all turf subjects who's national columns reach superintendents in all parts of the world. We're looking forward to meeting Mr. Robert H. Nichols, greens chairman at Fountain Head; Charles Herling, golf professional; and Arthur Carr, club manager. We hope they all will be able to attend the meeting.

OUR HOST

Clarence Lindsay, our host for this meeting, is a familiar face at our meetings and has been

the host at several well remembered gatherings of this Association. A member of the Association for 14 years, Mr. Lindsay has been active in his profession at the same club since 1928. He worked under his father, Mr. W. C. Lindsay, and succeeded him as superintendent at Fountain Head. He has kept in step with new developments in the turfgrass field by attending field days and turf conferences at Penn State, Rhode Island, Rutgers and the University of Maryland. Any required rebuilding of tees and greens has been done by Mr. Lindsay.

THE COURSE

Donald Ross designed the 6335 yard, par 70 course in 1925 for Mr. E. Gans, then the owner of the land. Mr. Gans later sold the course to the club.

MAINTENANCE

The greens at Fountain Head are Pencross, Bentgrass and Poa Annua with some other strains of Bentgrass, and are cut at $\frac{1}{4}$ inch. They receive 11 to 13 pounds of nitrogen per year.

The tees are Bluegrass and Poa Annua. They are cut at $\frac{9}{16}$ inch and receive the same fertilization program as the greens.

The fairways are Bluegrass, Fescues and Poa Annua; are cut at $\frac{3}{4}$ inch, receive 600 pounds 10-6-4 U. F. spring and fall and 600 pounds natural organic on the first of August.

The rough of Bluegrass and Fescue is cut at 4 inches and receives no regular fertilization.

DIRECTIONS TO THE CLUB

Take route 40 West to downtown Hagerstown, turn North (right) on route 11. Turn right one mile North of the city limits.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Your Prexy was sorry not to be on hand for the Sparrows Point meeting. However, the grapevine tells me it was a highly successful event, that the turnout was good, and Mr. Mangan gave a good account of himself with a fine talk which was well received. It was nice of Sparrows Point Country Club to entertain our Association, and I understand their hospitality was most gracious.

It was my pleasure to be at the Farmington Country Club, Charlottesville, Virginia, on our meeting date. The occasion was to honor the veteran golf course architect, Mr. Fred Findlay. It was my pleasure to present a plaque to him on behalf of the Central Virginia Turfgrass Association. An honor in itself, it was one I sincerely appreciated. Hope to see you at the July meeting.

HONORED

Mr. Fred Findlay was honored at the June 11 meeting of the Central Virginia Association for his services and contributions to golf. The NEWSLETTER staff would like to honor this man who has given so many years to golf.

Mr. Findlay, a prominent Scottish golfer, was discouraged from coming to the United States by his brother, Alex, who was one of the first golf professionals in the country. His brother believed that Fred would have a better future in his position as band master in the British army.

Mr. Findlay went to Australia as a golf professional and from there to the U.S. to work for the Carter Tested Seed Company of Philadelphia as their golf course architect. In this position he laid out many early courses on the east coast.

He then went to the Country Club of Virginia as their golf course superintendent and continued to design courses, including James River at Richmond, Boonesboro at Lynchburg, and his home course at Charlottesville.

Although he is now retired and his hobbies of painting and fishing keep him quite busy, he may be found on the course several times a week. Mr. Findlay, now 92, has shot his age every year for the last ten. His long game worries him considerably, it seems he can't hit his drives quite as far as he used to. His shots to and around the green more than make up for this we understand.

We would like to extend our best wishes for many more years of continued good health and happiness to one so deserving.

THE MID-ATLANTIC 10 YEARS AGO

by L. Robert Shields

The July 1963 meeting will be held at Fountain Head Country Club in Hagerstown, Maryland; the July 1953 meeting was held at this same club. Clarence Lindsay was superintendent then and is still there. At that time he had recently taken over the position of superintendent after the death of his father, who had held the job for many years.

Guests at the 1953 meeting were Mr. Floyd Stouffer, greens chairman; the honorable Mr. Winslow Burhams, Mayor of Hagerstown; Dr. Fred Grau, who had just left the U.S.G.A. Green Section; Arnold Hamecke, home professional at that time; Alex McKay, the new superintendent at Goose Creek Country Club; Lee Baker, golf professional at Goose Creek.

A record was set at this meeting in the number of greens chairmen present. Those attending were: Mr. Dick Essex, Columbia Country Club; Mr. Louis Fuchs, Manor Country Club; Adm. Jack Phillips, Army Navy Country Club; Mr. Walter Dinsmore, Belle Haven Country Club; Mr. M. de Bruin, Prince Georges Country Club and Mr. Stouffer.

Tom Mascaro of West Point Products, who was guest speaker, spoke on his favorite subject - soil compaction and the development of tools to combat thatch, mat, graininess, layering of soils and poor soil structure. Tom said the main objectives of aerification are to help beneficial microorganisms breathe and function; to open up slaked over compacted soils; to assist in rebuilding the soil by adding physical conditioning materials; and to get nutrients down into the root zone where they will benefit the plant.

Al Radko of the U.S.G.A. Green Section led the discussion during the Constructive Suggestion Report and commended Mr. Lindsay on the fine condition of his course, especially the greens and collars. The discussion during the business meeting centered around the announcement of the new U.S.G.A. Green Section Visitation Service and the effect it would have on superintendents and clubs.

A LOOK INTO THE FUTURE OF GOLF COURSE DEVELOPMENT III by Harry C. Eckhoff

A look at the types of existing golf courses and the role they play in serving the golfers in the U.S.A. may be of interest. As of November 1, 1962, National Golf Foundation records revealed there were 7070 courses of all types in play in the nation. Six thousand five hundred twentyone were regulation length layouts; 549 were par-3 type operations.

Of the 6521 standard courses in play, 3399 (52% are private membership clubs. Average golfing memberships for 18-hole facilities is around 300. This category of golf courses handles about 30% of the nation's play.

Municipal tax supported golf courses (872 city, county and state operated facilities) represent about 14% of the nation's total golfing facilities but they currently serve about 40% of the country's golf play. The number of rounds of golf played each year on municipal courses is staggering. Play ranges anywhere from 40,000 to 115,000 18-hole rounds on each 18-hole course annually.

The third category of golf facilities is semi-private (privately owned but open to the public on a daily green fee basis). This group comprises about 34% of the nation's total golfing facilities - handles about 30% of the country's golf play. The greatest growth in golf facilities during the past twelve years has been in this type; the number has more than doubled - up from 1141 in 1950 to over 2600 today.

Par-3 courses are gaining in popularity throughout the nation. Six years ago there were only about 100 par-3's in play. As of November, 1962, there were 549. Eighty-six new par-3's came into play in 1962. The trend seems to be toward the longer type par-3 with an average length from 1400 to 1600 yards for 9 holes. Some developers are putting two or three par-4 holes in each nine for more variety and interest. This results in a par 60 type facility for an 18-hole layout.

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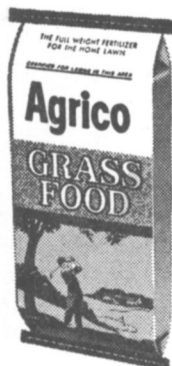
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