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## NEXT MEETING

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 12, 1966. Lunch will be available in the men's grill and the course will be open for golf to those wishing to play. The social hour will be from 5 to 6 PM with dinner served promptly at 6 PM.

## 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 over the years. A member of the association for 14 years, Mr. Lindsay has been active in his profession at the same club for 38 years. He worked under his father, Mr. W. C. Lindsay, and succeeded him as superintendent at Fountain Head. He has kept up 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

Fountain Head Country Club has been in existence for forty years. 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.

Mr. Lindsay is in the process of building a new putting green and plans are to rebuild number 1 before fall. And talk is to go into construction of all new greens.

## MAINTENANCE

The greens at Fountain Head are Penncross and Poa Annua and are cut at 5/16 inch. They receive 12 pounds of nitrogen per year.

The tees are Bluegrass and Poa Annua. They are cut at 9/16 inch and receive 8 pounds N per year. The same applies to aprons that are moved out 20 feet in front of the greens.

The fairways are Bluegrass, Fescues and Poa Annua. Cut at 1 inch, they receive 600 pounds nitrogen Blue Chip per acre per year in September.

## DIRECTIONS TO THE CLUB

Take route 40 West to downtown Hagerstown, turn right on route 11, two miles to club on right.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Angelo Cammarota

Many of us in our daily efforts in performing the necessary duties of our profession, occasionally find it difficult to graciously accept a compliment. Fortunately, or unfortunately, this problem may not occur as often as we would care to admit to anyone. Much more frequently we are exposed to criticism. Therefore, we must cultivate the habit of accepting criticism and learn to properly evaluate it, give it sincere consideration, and possibly use it for some improvement.

Consider also the critic. Is he sincere? Constructive? with desire to help? Not just one of the everyday fault finders whom we often encounter in our daily life? Then we should accept the criticism as we would a compliment, for the sincere critic with a suggestion for improvement can surely be thought of as a friend interested in our welfare.

A wise man shows his wisdom by listening to what people say about him, and taking action to improve himself.

A great man demonstrates his greatness by the manner in which he receives criticism and applies it for his own good.

A little man, or a foolish man, proves his smallness and his folly by becoming indignant and resentful when he is criticized. No man ever achieves such a degree of perfection that he is beyond help by an honest critic. Whatever his occupation and his station in life, every man needs criticism to help him improve himself and his work.

Our association, for many years, conducted a "Constructive Suggestion Period" as part of our educational program at our meetings when it was agreeable to the host superintendent. This has not been changed permanently. Anyone desiring to have this type of program can consult our educational director, Robert C. Milligan, in advance of the meeting date at their club.

We can also say that your board of directors solicits your criticism of our association. But with your criticism please give us any suggestion you may have to improve it. Here is your opportunity to help us. Don't delay. Accept the challenge.

I can take a little more time and use a larger space in our Newsletter but, I prefer to hear from some of our members who, I am sure, have something to say. We have the space, now take the time to write an article for our Newsletter. Lee Dieter, our editor, can use some good material. Do it today.

#### NATIONAL NOTES

by Bob Shields

At the recent meeting of the board of directors of GCSAA it was decided to look into the possibility of holding the 1969 national conference and show in southern Florida. If negotiations cannot be satisfactorily completed there then Corpus Christi, Texas, was the alternate choice.

For the year 1970 New Orleans, Louisiana, was selected as the conference site with Corpus Christi as alternative if accommodations can't be obtained in New Orleans.

Results of a recent questionnaire in which members were asked to vote for the city of their choice for future conference sites, gave Miami and New Orleans the greatest number of votes indicating that a great number of our members would like to visit these two cities.

Golf tournaments can be held at each of these conferences so you can expect to take part in national tournaments for the three years following the meeting in Washington next February.

Those who have seen the new membership placques like the design and say it looks very well hanging on the office wall. They think it well worth the \$5 charge made for it by presenting them and their association in a professional manner.

As of this writing, the men to fill the positions of assistant to the executive director, and the managing editor of our publication department have not been named although applicants were interviewed at the spring board meeting of June 4. We hope the men who will fill these positions can be named in the near future.

Since the resignation of Joe Doan in February, the duties of the publication department have been ably covered by Rex McMorris who agreed to temporarily fill the position for us until Mr. Chlevin could find a new man. As you may recall, Rex was executive director of the National Golf Foundation for many years and has appeared on our national conference program many times. We are all most grateful to him for pitching in and helping us with our problems at this time.

#### WHAT OTHERS HAVE TO SAY

Compiled by James E. Thomas

YOU WILL TRY ALWAYS TO SPEAK WELL OF OTHERS AND AVOID EVERYTHING THAT IS UNFAIR, UNTRUE OR UNKIND.

"Gossip is defined in the dictionary as an "idle-tattler"; "newsmonger" and so as one who spreads "groundless rumor".

An unknown author had this to say on the subject; "My name is Gossip. I have no respect for justice; I ruin without killing; I tear down homes; I am willy, cunning, malicious, and I gather strength with age. I make my way where greed, mistrust, and dishonor are unknown. My victims are as numerous as the sands of the sea, and often as innocent. I never forgive and seldom forget. My name is Gossip."

Man was created by God to help his fellow man, not hurt him; to build up, not tear down; to draw people together in love, not to separate them by strife.

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"Most turf is overwatered.

Localized dry spots may occur in any green at almost any time, faulty and spotted water distribution can often be one of the contributing factors.

The best barometer for the correct useage of water on a golf course is the golf course superintendent.

Irrigation practices, unfortunately, are usually set by calender or habit -- while they should be set by requirements of the grass plant.

Remember, also, when water is added to the soil, the soil pores become filled with water until air is excluded. Then rapid decline in growth results from a lack of oxygen for root respiration. Normal root activity ceases and trouble begins. So beware of over saturation when beyond the field capacity of your soils, especially so if drainage is inadequate.

Weather, also must be taken into consideration, temperature, humidity, cloud cover and air movement. So a schedule of standardization is a mistake.

To ascertain the need for moisture, the use of a soil probe is needed. It is necessary to know what is going on down below, not what appears on the surface.

Less water is needed when an adequate fertility level is maintained.

Frequent summer spiking and aeration helps infiltration rates and reduces surface run off. Thus water is placed more effectively and where needed.

Do you and your crew know where the trouble spots are on your greens? Do you "roll with the weather?". Correct irrigation is the most important item on the summer program of maintenance.

Does your crew know how to recognize wilt, how to syringe? Do they realize they must work with a living plant and not against it?

Make provisions so that greens will be frequently checked on Saturdays and Sundays. Remember, wilt won't wait --- Monday is often too late!

Good fertility levels and good watering practices make for good soil structure.

Water greens thoroughly and preferably early in the morning, to minimize disease.

Syringe only when the greens need it. Irrigate only when the grass needs it, and on no other schedule.

Allow the soil to dry out if too much water was at fault. In heavy rainfall areas this may mean additional tile and better surface contours.

Hand water trouble greens during critical periods. A well fertilized plant is more drought tolerant."



**HAVE FUN -- BUT DON'T KILL THE PIXIES**

In the past few years it has become very noticeable to the club officials and the superintendent, the lack of pride and protection that is being given to our courses by this new and modern day golfer. Some of the infractions are: neglecting to repair ball marks and replace divots; practicing on the tees by taking at least four or more pieces of turf before

by Thomas Doerer, Jr.

actually hitting the ball; practicing on the playing greens after club hours; making foot impressions at the lip of the cup replacing the flag staffs in a careless manner thus damaging the cups, and many similar infractions that make playing for the next member frustrating instead of being a pleasure.

In years gone by we had caddies to do this sort of repair. Today caddies are being replaced at many clubs with the mobile cart or pull type cart. Carts cannot replace divots or repair ball marks or rake traps. It would appear that this would be the job of the professional to train these new members in the courtesies and etiquette of the game of golf along with the protection of the turf he will be playing on, turf that belongs to every member and not a select group. We have failed to take time out in this day of speed to train this army of new golfers to take a little pride in turf protection, etiquette, infractions of club rules and courtesy.

Cartoon by Tom Doerer, Sr., Baltimore News Post American, Baltimore, Maryland.

#### LADIES NIGHT

On behalf of the board of directors, Frank Haske announces plans for the Fourth Annual Ladies Night to be held Tuesday, August 9th, 1966, in the Washingtonian Country Club Gold Room.

The Cocktail hour, to be sponsored by our commercial friends, will begin at 5 PM. Howard Keel, star of the show which we will later view, has been invited to join us for cocktails.

The buffet dinner is to be served at 6:30 PM. Showtime for Carousel at Shady Grove Music Fair will be 8:30 sharp.

The fare for this relaxing, fun filled evening will be \$12.50 per member or guest. Wives of members will be guests of the association.

Please make reservations promptly to Frank Haske, 5815 Ridgeway Avenue, Rockville, Maryland.

#### NORTHEAST TURF CONFERENCE

The New York Golf Course Superintendents Association is sponsoring their Northeast Turf Conference to be held at the Concord Hotel in Monticello, New York, September 18, 19, 20, 1966.

Topics on the program include: Agriculture Chemicals; Important Problems of Today - Water Pollution; Press and Public Relations, Labor Relations; Problems of Tomorrow - Agriculture Chemicals for our Future; Design Changes for Golf Courses.

Distinguished persons on the program will be: Justus Ward, USDA; Houston Couch, VPI; Henry Indyke, Rutgers; the director of Water Pollution of the State of New York; Lincoln Werden or Maureen Orcutt, New York Times; Henry Rains, attorney and labor relations consultant; Dr. William Klomparens, Upjohn Chemical Company; Geoffrey S. Cornish, Golf Course Architect; Des Tolhurst, Golfdom.

These will be a ladies program. Daily rates include free golf, free swimming, awards, all-star stage shows, free dancing, door prizes and free steam room.

For additional information contact: Irving Pollen, 73 Lincoln Place, Liberty, New York; Sherwood Moore, 11 Senate Place, Larchmont, New York; James Manka, Inwood C.C., Inwood, New York.

#### THE NATIONAL GOLF FOUNDATION Its PURPOSE - Its PROGRAMS - Part II

by Harry C. Eckhoff  
Executive Director, NGF

Assistance in planning and developing new golf facilities is one of the most critical and demanding areas of the National Golf Foundation services. The Foundation's field service program was initiated in 1953 when new golf course construction was almost at a standstill. Less than 250 courses (new) had been built in the eight years following World War II. During the 10 years after 1953 almost 2,500 courses were completed.

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At present, the National Golf Foundation has five field representatives with offices in strategic areas of the United States. What are their duties? They include:

1. Meeting with individuals, private groups, or community organizations to assist in their preliminary planning of new golf facilities.
2. Providing over-all guidance in determining need, feasibility and potential use of planned facilities.
3. Presenting facts and figures on construction costs, methods of financing and operation.
4. Keeping abreast of golf course needs in their respective areas and providing information and services that will enhance a sound and continued growth of golf.

#### New Highs - In Golf Course Development

The Foundation's fiscal year ends on September 30. Recently I reported to our Board of Directors on the Foundation's operations for fiscal year 1965. I was happy to report that new golf course development reached an all time high during 1965 with 576 new facilities opening for play during the past 12 months. This is an increase of 22% over 1964 when 470 new courses were built. Included in these figures are new regulation length courses, new par 3's and additions to existing courses.

A further breakdown of new golf course construction for 1965 follows: New regulation length courses opened - 346 (was 292 in 1964); new regulation length additions - 104 (82 in 1964); new par 3's - 115 (90 in 1964); new par 3 additions - 11 (6 in 1964).

New golf courses under construction at the end of the year likewise show a marked increase over 1964. At the end of fiscal year 1964 there were 464 golf courses of all types under construction. At the close of fiscal year 1965, 622 were in some stage of construction - a gain of 34%.

Sponsors and members of the Foundation have been aware of the increased activity in golf course development throughout the year through the monthly Golf Market Report published by the National Golf Foundation. This Report lists the new courses opened for play during the month, courses on which construction began and a listing of all the individuals contacting the Foundation for assistance on proposed golf programs during the month, along with complete addresses. This is another of the many services available from the National Golf Foundation.

#### Inventory of Nation's Courses

Currently, the National Golf Foundation is taking an inventory of the nation's golf courses. Over 7,250 courses have already replied to our questionnaire. The information received on these operations is now on magnetic tape master files at our data processing center. It is proving most helpful in accomplishing needed research.

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