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NEXT MEETING

The December meeting of the Middle Atlantic Association of Golf Course Superintendents will be held on Thursday, December 8th at 6:30 PM at the center of adult education of the University of Maryland. Anyone interested in playing golf will be welcome on the University course. Members might be interested to note that a fairway irrigation system is in the process of being installed.

This meeting will be our annual election of officers. The slate has been published according to our by-laws and constitution in the October Newsletter and is noted again in this month's Newsletter.

NOTE

Thomas Doerer, Jr., long time member of the Mid-Atlantic, has been missed by all at recent meetings. Tom has had to curtail some of his activities due to health. We're hoping to see Tom at our meetings again soon.

LADIES PROGRAM FOR NATIONAL CONFERENCE

The Ladies Program Committee headed by Frank Haske met at Blackie's House of Beef on October 25, 1966, for cocktails and a dinner meeting. The following committees were set up: Information Bureau: Mrs. Robert Martino, Chairman, Mrs. Wayne Jerome, Co-Chairman; Guides and Tours: Mrs. F. J. Haske, Chairman, Mrs. Russell Roberts, Co-Chairman; Special Luncheons: U.S. Senate: Mrs. Russell Roberts, Congressional Country Club: Mrs. F. J. Haske; T. V. Broadcast: Mrs. Russell Kerns.

Others present at this meeting were Mrs. Yingling, Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. Dieter, Mrs. Milligan, Mrs. Barefoot, Mrs. Dembnicki, Mrs. Parker Shirling, Angelo Cammarota and George Cleaver.

Another meeting is scheduled for the ladies on January 10th at Andrews A.F.B. Officers Club at 6:30 PM. All ladies and husbands are invited who would like to serve on the program. Mrs. Phyllis Herson of the V.I.P. Services will be with us to explain her part in the Ladies Program.

The Ladies Program is all set and will be sent off to the National. Frank Haske thinks we have a first class program that will appeal to all the gals.

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Angelo Cammarota

In preparing this message for the final month of this year, we are in the midst of the Thanksgiving holiday season. Naturally we may be thinking of the many things for which we should be most thankful. Therefore, it would be appropriate to think of this in relation to our organization.

This organization can be rated very good because of the fine caliber of its membership - the senior members, some of whom are preparing to retire and those that have retired this year; many of our past presidents who distinguished themselves in their untiring service in the past continue to serve in the interest of this association; the many new members in recent years from neighboring areas who joined us; the fine group of young men who recently completed turf courses in the various colleges are proving to be successful superintendents and eventually will serve this association in the future.

The present board of directors has given much time and effort in administering the affairs of our association. These committee chairmen and members who assist them devote

additional time for the benefit of all the membership. We should not fail to mention the men from the University of Maryland and V.P.I. in Virginia for their cooperative efforts to assist us in our educational programs.

Finally, the many suppliers who not only supply us with materials and equipment information, they have always willingly assisted us through their ads to help defray the expense of publishing our monthly newsletter and other educational programs. These last groups have always been great boosters for our association. They, along with the other members, aid in making the composite group that helps us achieve our aims and finally result in this very good organization. For this we can be proud of the Mid-Atlantic Association of Golf Course Superintendents. To all of them we want to say, "Thanks," for their efforts.

In behalf of this association, I wish to offer our best wishes for the coming holiday season, to our many friends and to all our members.

ELECTION - DECEMBER MEETING

This is just a reminder that the December meeting will be our annual election of new officers. The following slate, which was published in last month's Newsletter, has been announced by the nominating committee:

President... Angelo Cammarota

Vice President... Sheldon Betterly

Secretary-Treasurer... George Cleaver

Directors: Bert Yingling Edward Dembnicki

Bill Emerson Lou White

George Thompson Jack McClenahan

NATIONAL NOTES

by Bob Shields

At the recent meeting of the GCSAA Board of Directors many items of interest to Mid-Atlantic members were discussed. Of greatest concern to us was the matter of the 1967 National Conference and Show which will be held at the Washington Hilton Hotel, February 5-10.

We have been asked to act as official hosts at this meeting to make visiting superintendents to our city feel welcome. As a member of the Mid-Atlantic you will be asked to wear a ribbon reading HOST and help answer questions.

President Cammarota sent these questions to the National Board:

1. Will there be dancing after the banquet on Thursday night?

No dancing has been planned because of the cost of the music, lack of interest on the part of the majority of members, the late hour of the end of the banquet ceremonies and the conflict of the past president's reception.

2. Will Mid-Atlantic greenschairmen be charged for lunch at the chairmen's luncheon?

No, if the chairman is sponsored by his superintendent who is a National member and registered at the conference. We have always sought closer ties with greenschairmen so as to better acquaint them with our work and our problems. A subject suggested for this meeting is "Labor Relations - Is There a Problem?". We also hope that our Scholarship and Research Program is explained in detail so that these people may suggest additional means of raising money to be used toward encouraging young men to enter our profession.

3. Will students of Maryland University Turfgrass School be admitted to the Conference and Show?

Yes. This policy of admitting students was inaugurated at the Philadelphia meeting and will be continued. The purpose is to encourage students to continue on with their schooling and to seek work in golf after graduation. A student sponsored by his school will be registered free and his identification badge will admit him to the conference and to the exhibits.

4. Will Mid-Atlantic superintendents, assistants and mechanics receive free passes?

No. Any superintendent wishing to bring guests with him will pay the \$5.00 one day guest pass. Ours is a closed show which means that it is for superintendents only and not open to the public. The closed show is necessary because of our non-profit status with the U. S. Internal Revenue Service. To open to the public would arouse suspicion in IRS and subject the association to very close scrutiny since our income must come from members.

The opening day featured speaker has not been selected. Next time you see LBJ or Lady Bird ask them to drop in to see us on February 5. If they can't come then maybe they could send the Vice President.

Selected to give the invocation on Monday is Reverend William B. Adams, Pastor, Temple Hill Baptist Church in Bethesda. If you would like to meet Reverend Adams before the Conference his church is at 9400 Wisconsin Avenue. And you would be welcome at either the 9:30 or 11:00 AM Sunday services.

The nominating committee has named the following members as candidates for National office: President Walter Boyson, California; Vice President, James Brandt, Illinois; Andy Bertoni, Michigan; Directors George Gumm, Maryland; Herman Johnson, Oklahoma; Robert Mitchell, Mississippi; Stan Metsker, Colorado; Keith Nesbitt, Ontario; Ted Woehrle, Illinois.

CONFERENCE PLANNING COMMITTEES

by George C. Gumm

With the International Turfgrass Conference and Show due February 5-10, 1967, at the Washington Hilton, it is time to finalize committee plans for our part as the host association.

The committees and their chairmen:

Ladies Program Committee - Frank Haske

Reception Committee - Angelo Cammarota

Host Association Booth Committee - George Thompson

Exhibit Services and Mower Sharpening Committee - L. Robert Shields

Housing Committee - Ernest Stanley

Educational Service Committee - Sheldon Betterly

Publicity Committee - Paul Barefoot

Tour and Special Arrangements Committee - Lee C. Dieter

Host Association Room Committee - Louis White

Greens Chairman Luncheon Committee - George Cleaver

The chairmen of each committee will notify the members of their respective committees and as a group will formalize their plans. With each member doing his part it will take only a little work to make this one conference that our visiting friends will long remember.

Each time you see your greens chairman remind him that you want him to attend as your guest. He will appreciate this and when he visits the show, you will have a better informed chairman. There will be more information in the next newsletter on the greens chairman luncheon.

QUALIFIED MAN SEEKING POSITION AS ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT

Fred Kisel, a retired BM-1 of the U.S. Navy and former member of the Mid-Atlantic, is trying to locate in this area as an assistant to some class A member for at least two years so that he can rejoin our association at once and later get a position as a superintendent in this area. Fred served three years as superintendent at Bainbridge Naval Base, Bainbridge, Maryland. Fred is married and has one child, also retired from the service after 20 years.

Before entering the service, Fred worked at the Hoosic-Wosic C.C. in Canton, Mass., for a period of two and one half years.

SOD PRODUCTION CONFERENCE

For certain individuals interested in Sod Production this conference will be held December 8, 1966, at the Community Center in Middleburg, Virginia. The sod industry is a growing one in Virginia. This conference provides an opportunity to hear about and discuss problems and practices of mutual interest to producers and others who are concerned with the improvement of commercial sod and the further growth of this industry in Virginia. You can attend this meeting and still make the Mid-Atlantic election meeting. The program ends at 3:30.

For further information concerning this conference, contact J. F. Shoulders, Associate Extension Agronomist, V.P.I., Blacksburg, Virginia 24061.

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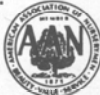
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nurserymen, landscapers and grounds maintenance personnel. An excellent program has been planned which promises to be interesting. This course will be held January 9-11, 1967, at the City Hall, Corner of University Boulevard and Armstrong St., in Fairfax, Virginia.

For further information and lodging facilities contact Mr. L. W. Boitnott, Extension Agent, Agriculture, 9636 Lee Highway, Fairfax; or Dr. P. L. Smeal, Department of Horticulture, V.P.I., Blacksburg, Virginia.

LOOKING AHEAD TO FEBRUARY - THE WEATHER - NATIONAL CONFERENCE
Wednesday, February 8, 1967, is Ash Wednesday

The Old Farmer's Almanac reads as follows:

January 14-16	Snow 5"	"The winter months (Nov., Dec. 1966, Feb., Mar., Apr. 1967) will resemble as closely as they ever will, a real "Old-fashion Winter."
17-21	real cold	
22-23	Snow 6"	
24-25	clear	
26-28	Snow 8"	
29-31	clear	
February 1-3	Snow 10"	
4-9	clear	
10-14	Snow 10"	

In whatever way possible Please stress the importance of comfortable shoes. We women like to look like "Mrs. Aster" but this is one time when we should forget it and think of our health and comfort. The biggest complaint last year were shoes and sore feet. I can't emphasize this enough. The Mid-Atlantic hostesses especially should think of their feet first since they will no doubt be on their feet more than anyone.

Comfort not looks.

From an Old Sore Footer,

Eleanor Kerns

PROPOSED NEW MEMBER

According to the constitution and by-laws of the Mid-Atlantic Association of Golf Course Superintendents Howard Samuel Hastings, Shawnee Country Club, Milford, Delaware is being sponsored for membership as a Class B member by George Gumm and Louis White.

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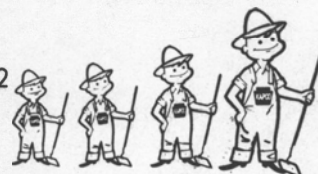
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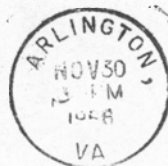
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