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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by Angelo Cammarota

As we come to the end of this year, we feel it is time to evaluate many of the events of months past. We can easily find some projects that were not completed and will need our additional effort next year. We feel confident in our new officers who have faithfully served us in the past and will continue to keep pace in the progress of your association.

We have experienced an increase in our individual member participation at all of our meetings and events. This is the area we want to improve on in the future. Your individual effort is most needed to accomplish it. You can resolve to attend more events next year, or if your record has been good, make a special effort to invite a nearby superintendent who has been absent from our meetings. This may be all the encouragement they need to become an active member in our association. Let's start the year with a bang by putting some real effort in persuading someone who is not planning to come to our conference in Baltimore. One telephone call will do it. TRY IT! Then come tell us the idea didn't work, but bring your man with you. We will be waiting to welcome you at the Holiday Inn Downtown in Baltimore.

MESSAGE FROM THE INCOMING PRESIDENT

by George Cleaver

I am greatly honored in having been elected as President and to have the opportunity to serve the Mid-Atlantic Association in this capacity for the year 1968. I know not what the future holds, but look forward to the challenges the coming year will bring, and with your help I trust that I shall merit the confidence you have placed in me.

The first big event for 1968 will be the Baltimore Conference, January 8 and 9. This conference is already to go. Thanks to Dr. Elwyn Deal, Dr. George Langford and our Educational Director, Robert Milligan. See you at the conference. The next big event will be the National Turfgrass Conference and Show, February 18-23, 1968.

ELECTION RESULTS

At the annual election held at our last meeting at Tantallon Country Club, the following members were elected to office:

President: George W. Cleaver
Vice-President: Frank Haske
Secretary-Treasurer: Russell Kerns
New Directors: George Thompson
Paul Barefoot
*L. Robert Shields

*Elected to fill the unexpired term of Russ Kerns who was elected Secretary-Treasurer.

CHANGE IN PROGRAM

by George S. Langford

George Gumm had a telephone call from Governor Agnew advising that it would not be possible for him to be present at the Banquet on Monday evening. But the Governor asked if it would be possible for him to attend the luncheon instead of the dinner. Changes in the program have been made to accommodate the Governor.

By agreement, Tom Mascaro's talk has been deleted from the morning program. Al Radko's talk will be transferred from the afternoon to the morning. This was done so that the Governor might have a few minutes to greet the group at the luncheon. Tom Mascaro has agreed to talk at the banquet.

GROUP TRAVEL TO SAN FRANCISCO

by O. Lee Redman

Plans for group travel to the National Conference in California have been arranged through the Intercontinental Travel Service. Mr. Bernard R. Gratzl is our official consultant with the travel agency.

A block reservation on United Airlines jet flight 63 which leaves Friendship Airport on February 18th, 1968 at 12 noon and scheduled to arrive in San Francisco at 2:30 p.m. has been confirmed. The group fares applicable to round trip travel is \$200.00 based on a minimum of 25 people at time of departure, and all fares are subject to a 5% Federal Tax. The group travel will allow for the return trip on an individual basis, and is valid to a maximum of 30 days. It also allows 1 (one) stop-over in a city on line over the actual destination city via the return flight.

To all of those persons who have expressed interest in group travel, they will receive information regarding reservations and ticket purchases before January 12, 1968. Anyone who is interested but did not receive a letter should contact: Mr. Bernard R. Gratzl, Intercontinental Travel Plans, Inc., 1666 Connecticut Avenue, N. W., Washington, D. C., or call collect 332-1252.

The regular fare is \$278.00; therefore, a savings of \$70.00 is involved. All reservations for the group have to be finalized before January 27, 1968.

USGA GREEN SECTION CONFERENCE

A topic of special interest, "The Putting Green," will be the subject of the USGA Green Section's Annual Conference on Golf Course Management in New York on Friday, January 26, 1968.

NEWS FROM THE VIRGINIA AREA CLUBS

by Dennis McCammon

Fort Belvoir Golf Course - Tom Doerer, Superintendent

Tom and Mrs. Doerer have moved to a new apartment. Their new mailing address is:

Washington Square Apartments
8565 Richmond Highway, Apt. 101
Alexandria, Virginia 22301

Tom got a card and letter from Jim Thomas last week. Jim and his wife are fine and are looking forward to seeing the Mid-Atlantic group at the National in San Francisco.

Country Club of Fairfax - Sam Kessel, Superintendent

Sam is still waiting to put down 2 1/2 acres of sod. The new soil and the fairways are so soft that they can't do much at all on the job.

Chantilly Golf and Country Club - Sheldon Betterly, Superintendent

Sheldon and Peggy are giving each other a nice Christmas gift - their new house in Nokesville is under construction. The basement is dug and footers are being poured and set. They have waited and planned a long time for their own home.

Twin Lakes Golf Course - Charles Croley, Superintendent

Twin Lakes closed on the 30th of November when the cold weather set in. Winter repair work is now underway.

Westwood Country Club - Jack McClenahan, Superintendent

Jack reports their outdoor winter work is underway. Tree planting has been a big project. Forty Japanese Black Pine have been planted around the course.

Pepco Recreation Center - Bob Martino, Superintendent

Bob is hoping for a new maintenance building after the first of the year. Plans call for a cinder block structure 40' x 100' with facilities to expand. The site has been decided on, now all he has to do is keep his fingers crossed that they will put it up.

Springfield Golf and Country Club - Denny McCammon, Superintendent

Seven fairways and the driving range are now complete. Progress has been good due to the nice weather the past month has shown. Five traps on 9 and 18 greens have been cleaned out, deepened, tiled and are now ready to be filled with new silica sand.

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.

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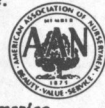
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COMING EVENTS

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| January 8 & 9 | Mid-Atlantic Turfgrass Conference. Holiday Inn at Howard and Lombard Streets, Baltimore, Maryland. |
| January 15-18 | Penn State Turfgrass Conference. Conference Center University Park, Pennsylvania. |
| January 17-19 | Rutgers Three Day Short Course - Golf and Fine Turf |
| January 23-24 | Virginia Turfgrass Conference, Golden Triangle Motel Norfolk, Virginia. |
| January 26 | USGA Green Section Conference. Biltmore Hotel New York, New York. |
| February 18-23 | National Turfgrass Conference and Show, San Francisco. |

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