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HISTORIAN'S REPORT 1969

The following article is a brief monthly summation of the outstanding events which occurred in the MAGCSA during 1969. It was written by Bob Shields of Woodmont Country Club who is the historian of the association. It is interesting to see the list of accomplishments our group has been responsible for and that have slipped our minds just in the short period of a year. The historians report is new this year and is a fine idea. It is a project that should be carried on for the best interests of the association and the individual members.

In January, at the annual Mid-Atlantic Turfgrass Conference which was held at the Holiday Inn Downtown in Baltimore, Mr. Robert C. Milligan of Gunpowder Golf Club was installed as President of the Association. He succeeded George Cleaver of Chestnut Ridge Country Club. Also installed were the following Directors: Lee Dieter, Washington Golf Home; George Thompson, Columbia Country Club; Robert C. Miller, Suburban Country Club; Dennis McCammon, Springfield Country Club; and retiring President, George Cleaver.

Tom Ramberg was awarded a GCSAA Scholarship grant to aid him in completing the Turfgrass Management Course at the University of Maryland.

Angelo Cammarota, Bonnie View Country Club was named Superintendent of the Year by the members of this association for the way he maintains his golf course and his good relations with the club's professional staff, greens chairman and his fellow superintendents. He was recognized for his devotion to the advancement of the profession of Golf Course Superintendent.

In February the National Meeting, held at the Fountainebleau Hotel in Miami Beach, Fla., was attended by nearly half of the members of the

Mid-Atlantic. Ed Dembnicki, Indian Spring Country Club, was a speaker on the National program.

Sheldon Betterly was elected President of the Virginia Turfgrass Council with Lee Dieter as Vice President.

Dr. Elwyn Deal was appointed Assistant Director for Agriculture, Cooperative Extension Service at the University of Maryland after five years of research and extension work in Turfgrass Management.

Dr. Fred Grau was presented the USGA Green Section Award by the United States Golf Association for distinguished service to golf through work with turfgrass.

The March meeting of the Association was held at Indian Spring Country Club where a panel of four Golf Professionals and four Superintendents discussed when and under what conditions a golf course should be closed during the winter.

In April a joint meeting between the Mid-Atlantic Association and the Central Virginia Turfgrass Association was held at Springfield Country Club with Dennis McCammon as host.

The May Meeting was held at Washington Golf and Country Club where Lee Dieter lives with Poa Annua. Speaker for the Association was Jim Moncrief of the USGA Green Section.

William Blackert, an Agronomy student at the University of Maryland, was awarded a \$500 scholarship by the Maryland State Golf Association. Making the presentation was Irving Cantor, Vice President of MSGA.

In June the members of the Association traveled to Baltimore to meet with Director Bob Miller at the Suburban Club of Baltimore. Radios and radio communication on the golf course were the subjects of the day.

The Board of Directors contributed \$100 from our Scholarship and Research Fund to an experiment on Penncross Bent grass as related to the growth habit of the grass with varying temperature and fertility levels.

Experiment to be conducted by Doug Hawes, Turf Management instructor at the University of Maryland.

A family picnic was held in July at Island View Country Club with Bob and Chris Martino as hosts and later in the month, Chairman Paul Barefoot invited all wives to the Washingtonian Country Club for the Annual Ladies Nite consisting of cocktails, dinner and theatre in the round at Shady Grove Music Fair with comedian Jack Benny.

In August the Mid-Atlantic members attended the USDA Turfgrass Field Day the the experimental turfgrass plots at Beltsville, Maryland. Felix Juska conducted.

The President named three past Presidents of the Association, George Gumm, Chairman, George Cleaver and Bob Shields, a nominating committee to select candidates for a slate of officers to be announced at the November meeting.

The September meeting was a joint meeting between the Mid-Atlantic and the Philadelphia superintendents and was held at the Cavalier Country Club in New Castle, Delaware. Al Radko, Northeastern Director USGA Green Section was guest speaker.

October saw another first for this Association. Host Bob Shields, Superintendent at Woodmont Country Club, invited the ladies to attend one of our monthly meetings, play golf and dine with us. Speaker for the evening was Congressman Roger Zion of the state of Indiana, speaking on the subject IYQR.

The winner of the golf tournament as Joe Baidy from Manor Club. Runner-up was Bill Emerson.

We were saddened by the announcement of the recent death of Bob Scott who was co-founder of the Mid-Atlantic in 1928.

The November meeting was held at Burning Tree Club where Dick Anderson is superintendent. Guest speaker was Dr. George Langford from the University of Maryland who showed slides on his recent visit to Russia.

The Nominating Committee presented the following names as candidates for the Association offices for the year 1970: President, Russell Kerns; Vice-President, Bert Yingling; Secretary- Treasurer, Ed Dembnicki; Directors, Bob Miller and Dave Fairbank.

During 1969, Director Lee Dieter served as Planning Director for the Association and was responsible for monthly meeting places. He also was Chairman of Finance and played an active part in the annual Mid-Atlantic Conference.

Bob Miller was Membership Chairman and during 1969, 14 members of all classifications were added to the roster.



George Thompson was Program Chairman and arranged for educational speakers at each meeting. He was Chairman of the Annual Conference.

Paul Barefoot was Ladies Chairman and Flower Committee Chairman.

Bert Yingling served as Golf Committee Chairman and played on the Association golf team at the National Turfgrass Conference at Miami Beach.

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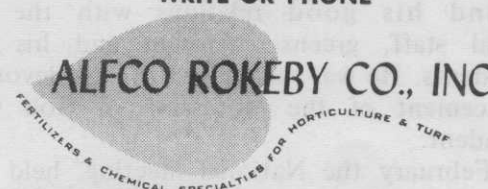
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Dennis McCammon was NEWSLETTER Editor and handled all details connected with publishing 12 NEWSLETTER publications.

The December Meeting was held at Indian Spring Country Club with Secretary-Treasurer Ed Dembnicki as host.

Russell Kerns was elected President for 1970. Elected Vice-President was Bert Yingling; Ed Dembnicki was re-elected Secretary-Treasurer; Directors elected were Bob Miller and Dave Fairbank.

Respectfully submitted,
L.R. Shields, Historian

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN GOLF COURSE DEVELOPMENT

1969 Golf Course Openings. 397 new golf facilities and additions to existing facilities opened for play in 1969 - was 355 in 1968. The nation now has 9,886 golf courses of which 8,882 are regulation length layouts and 1,004 are par 3's or executive types (par 60's). Almost 32% of the new facilities opened in 1969 (114 regulation length and 12 par 3's) were additions to existing courses.

Leading States with New Courses: Leading states in new golf courses opened for play in 1969 were Florida 27; Texas 23; Ohio 22; Michigan 17; New York, North Carolina and Pennsylvania each 15; Illinois 13 and California, Georgia, Kentucky, Minnesota and Wisconsin each 12.

Types of New Facilities Opened in 1969: Of the 397 new golf courses and additions opened for play in 1969 - 47% were privately owned daily fee operations (often called semi-private); 41% were private clubs and 12% were municipal tax supported projects. About 26% of all the new golf facilities built in 1969 were part of real estate ventures (housing developments, high-rise condominiums and apartments, mobile home sites and vacation or second home projects).

Outlook for 1970: NGF records reveal there are 439 golf facilities in some stage of construction at year's end (381 regulation length courses and 58 par 3's and executive type). Leading states with courses under construction are Florida 30; Michigan 25; Illinois and Pennsylvania each 21; California and Ohio each 20; North Carolina 19; Tennessee and Texas each 18; Virginia 16; New York 15; Washington and Indiana each 14; and Georgia 12.

New Methods of Financing: The prolonged tight money situation has brought about some changes in the financing of golf projects. Many private clubs are selling long term interest bearing bonds to their members; small syndicates are being created to finance profit motive golf courses; some projects are obtaining legal authority to sell stocks on the open market. One such venture is the 18 hole, Trent Jones designed Golden Triangle Golf Course planned for the 170-acre Johns Hopkins Estate between Baltimore, Maryland and Washington, D.C. Stock offering for this one is now underway according to Carl Rasnic, former PGA Middle Atlantic Section President and now President of Golden Triange.