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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.