

Quest for Excellence
Jack L. Fox
Vice President
Austin Biscuit Company
Baltimore, Md.
Installation of Officers

TUESDAY, JANUARY 11

9:00 a.m. Presiding
Robert C. Miller
Superintendent
Suburban Club of Baltimore County
Pikesville, Maryland

Turfgrass Research Review
Dr. James B. Beard
Dept. of Crop and Soil Sciences
Michigan State University
East Lansing, Michigan

Hire A Student
George B. Thompson
Superintendent
Columbia Country Club
Chevy Chase, Maryland

Winter Fertilization and Iron
Dr. Richard E. Schmidt
Agronomy Department
The Virginia Polytechnic Institute
and State University
Blacksburg, Va.

Turf Program At University of Maryland -
Hopes and Plans for the Future
Dr. John R. Hall
Turf Specialist
University of Maryland
College Park, Md.

A Summarization
George W. Cleaver
Superintendent
Chestnut Ridge Country Club
Lutherville, Maryland

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

George W. Cleaver
George L. Thompson
Dave Fairbank
Lee Dieter
Robert Miller
Dennis McCammon
Samuel Kessel
Angelo Cammarota
George S. Langford
William Emerson
Alex Watson, Chairman

DON'T FORGET

The big one is coming to Cincinnati on February 13th - February 18th. Reservations for the GCSAA national convention should be made as soon as possible to assure having a place to sleep. It is important to the Mid Atlantic this year too that we have good representation since George Cleaver is running as a national director. We seem to be gathering voting strength as we go along and it would be great if we could get someone on the board to represent the Mid Atlantic area. It's been a long time, too long, since we've had anyone to voice our opinions on matters which we seemingly have no say on. So play it up and get people to know who our man is and put out the good words!

SOME RETIREMENT!

Dr. George S. Langford, our old friend from the University of Maryland who was the former Maryland State Entomologist and resident helper of the Mid Atlantic was appointed in September as the acting Director of the State Board of Agronomy Programs.

Dr. Langford retired in March of 1971 after serving 14 years as State Entomologist and more than 40 years with the State Board of Agronomy and the University of Maryland. He will be serving in this position until the end of the fiscal year, June 30, 1971. We wish Dr. Langford the best and offer our services if we can help in any way.

JOB OPENING

Stevensville Country Club
Swan Lake, New York 12783

They are looking for a superintendent for an 18 hole resort golf course located in Sullivan County, New York. They want a man with a minimum of 3 years experience as head superintendent and they prefer a college education. The salary is from 10k to 12k with fringe benefits, residence and annual increases. Applications should be sent to:

Kenneth Dinnerstein
Stevensville Country Club
345 West 58th Street
New York, New York 10019

no later than February 1, 1972.

EDITORS NOTE

This poem has been around for years and I stole it out of the Texas newsletter. Oddly enough, Jimmy Thomas submitted it to them.

THE GREENSKEEPER

by Edgar A. Guest

He's on the job at break of day and when the stars
come out,
There's always trouble on the course for him to fret
about,
He starts the gang to work at dawn and follows
them around
Then listens to committeemen whose wisdom is
profound,
They talk of "bents" and "Fescues" in a way that
makes him squirm
For they acquire much knowledge in one brief
official term.
His task is one that calls for tact, for lacking that it
means
Next year there will be another man brought on to
keep the greens.
The members seldom know his name, or have a
smile for him,
They only wonder why it is the course is not in
trim,
They only rave and rage and rant while hunting for
a ball
And wonder why the greensman hasn't cut the
rough this fall,
And when they find a cuppy lie or footprints in a
trap
"The course is in rotten shape!" declares each
gloomy chap.
And yet my hat is off to him, when winter
intervenes,
I want to pay my tribute to the man who keeps the
greens.
He's on the job from dawn to dusk, a million pests
to fight,
Tis' his to see that every green is watered well at
night.
The weeds attack his finest work, the drought
destroys his grass,
The rain beats down the tender shoots, but still the
players pass
And still they play the game they love, a happy
golfing clan
Who never stop to count the odds against a single
man.
And so I wave my hand to him, who toils in sturdy
jeans,
The best old friend all golfers have - the man who
keeps the greens

BEST WISHES

The officers and directors wish the
members, advertisers and readers a Joyous Holiday
Season and a Happy New year!

GOLF COURSES LAND USE AND SACRED COWS

The following article was given as a talk to
the top club owners and managers at the annual
meeting of the Nation Club Association held in
London. These are highlights from the talk given
by the Editorial Director of Golf magazine, John
Fry.

The title of his talk was "Golf & Ecology: A
Responsibility and Opportunity for America's
Country Clubs." The remarks were made to owners
and managers but they apply to us as well, if
maybe not more in some ways.

Although the amount of land in the actual
hands of golf clubs is not particularly large
compared to the Redwood forests of California or
the great Southwest desert, many of these courses
are priceless islands of turf, trees and animal life
in the midst of, or standing in the way of, what up
until recently we have liked to call progress. One
golf course in a suburb of Westchester or Chicago
or Los Angeles can be infinitely more valuable than
20,000 acres of Forever Wilderness land, not only
in dollar terms, but more important, in terms of
thousands of people affected by the use of that
land.

There is, of course, great pressure to sell
bearing down on many private clubs and
commercially-operated semi-private and public
courses. Adding to these pressures is the mounting
tax load on many clubs. Suddenly a community
wakes up to the fact that the pleasant expanse of
green in its midst, that was the country club has
been sold off to the developers of an industrial
park or of mass housing. But the public
officialdom, which failed originally to see the long
range value of such green belt areas, is too
bankrupt to buy up a natural resource which it
helped to tax out of existence.

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Each of us as citizen and golfer has a
responsibility for the wise use of the land around
us. We especially have a responsibility - unique
trust - when we own that land. Until you change
your thinking about land so that it no longer
merely is a capital item on your club's book, a
business transaction on the way to some future
land speculation - you don't deserve to receive, let
alone ask for, favorable tax treatment from the rest
of the non-golfing public.

What is needed is to change the attitudes of
our members particularly the governing bodies of
clubs. And when they have adopted new attitudes -
new values about the ecology of golf course land -
they can become crusaders in the communities in