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LADIES' NIGHT

The Mid-Atlantic Superintendents will hold its Ladies Night at Shady Grove on Tuesday, September 4, 1973. Dinner will be at the Washingtonian Motel followed by a show at the Shady Grove Theatre starring Sonny and Cher.

Cocktails will begin at 6 p.m., dinner will be a 7 p.m., followed by the show that starts at 8:30 p.m. The cost for this event will be \$15.00 per person for members and \$17.50 for non-members.

Reservations must be made by August 14. Return the card enclosed in this newsletter, or call Paul Barefoot at 291-2095 or 726-9100 extension 237 for any additional information.

Make your reservations now, before you forget, as August 14, is next week and we are looking forward to a good turnout.

Green Hill Yacht & Country Club - August 14th

Our Mid-Atlantic August meeting will be held in Salisbury Maryland - Lou White, our golf chairman, will be our host.

Green Hill Yacht & C.C. was originally open for play back in 1920 when only nine holes made up the golf course. Forty seven years later, in 1952, the second nine was constructed and open for play.

Lou has a mixture of bents on his greens and tees and Tuf-cote bermuda grass on his fairways. "The roughs are anything that will grow." Lou is presently putting the finishing touches on his new maintenance building which he hopes will be completed before our August meeting.

The course will be available for play at 12:30 p.m. and lunch can be purchased for cash anytime after 11:00 a.m. Golf cars are available on a first come basis. Be sure to allow yourself enough time to visit the new maintenance building.

Lou has requested that all interested members please **return the card** attached within this newsletter.

Directions: Route 50 East to Salisbury. Turn right after RR crossing at city limits to Route 349. Eight miles to White Haven Road (Rt. 352). Club is on the left 1½ miles.

From the North on Rt. 13 to Rt. 50 West to Rt. 349 to Rt. 352. A lot of route signs aren't there!

OSHA UPDATE

Most frequently violated standards (listed in descending order of frequency).

- (1) Failure to ground lines and equipment; overloading lines; frayed wires; improper insulation; unprotected switch and fuse boxes.
- (2) Unguarded belts, fly wheels, drive chains and gears.
- (3) Outdated fire extinguisher inspections, improper mounting and inaccessible locations.
- (4) Inadequate point-of-operation guards for all machines.
- (5) Unguarded saw blades on wood working machinery.
- (6) Unprotected drops of four or more feet within floors, wall openings, or holes.
- (7) Unclean and wet working areas; projecting nails and splinters.
- (8) Improper storage of compressed gases.
- (9) Improperly adjusted grinder tool rests and missing guards.
- (10) Unmarked exists, sometimes locked or improperly lighted.
- (11) Improper storage of flammable and combustible liquids.
- (12) Sanitation
- (13) Spray painting using flammable materials and failure to post "No Smoking" signs.
- (14) Failure to ground or replace guards on hand and portable power tools.
- (15) Portable ladders with broken or wobbly legs, broken or missing rungs.
- (16) Inadequate or missing first aid kits.
- (17) Failure to provide and have employees wear protective clothing or goggles.

The Occupational Safety And Health Act is here to stay. Keep your proper records, forms 100, 101, and summary form 103; and display the OSHA poster.

Changes in the Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA) under the sanitation section make the Law more workable by those affected. Ice in icewater can now be in contact with the water if the ice is made of potable (drinkable) water. Additionally, single occupancy toilet rooms that can be locked from the inside may be used by both sexes. This conforms to the restroom facilities on airplanes. Also eliminated from the original draft is the requirement that toilets and drinking water be within 200 feet of any place where employees regularly work.

JUNE BOARD MEETING

This month our association has accepted the membership of over twenty new members! The Tidewater section of our Mid-Atlantic area, representing the Richmond-Norfolk area of Southern Virginia, has combined their forces with ours and enlarged our Mid-Atlantic territory to include part of southern Virginia. The following will become new members of our association unless written notice is received with 30 days after publication.

Class

A	David C. Harmon	Golden Horseshoe C.C. Williamsburg, Va.
B	Stephen P. Skowronski	Meadowbrook Country Club Richmond, Virginia
A	Fred R. Elks	Valley Pine Country Club North Carolina
A	Paul H. Week	Glenwood Golf Club Creighton, Virginia
A	William W. Jones	Cedar Point Club Inc. Crittenden, Virginia
A	Wilbert E. Hovey	Sewells Point Commissioned Officers Golf Course Norfolk, Virginia
A	William P. Silvia	Redwing Lake Country Club Virginia Beach, Virginia
A	Joseph Saylor	James River Country Club Newport News, Virginia
A	Joseph Underwood	Newport News Municipal Golf Course
A	Fred Sappenfield	Golfland Corporation Smithfield, Virginia
A	Arthur T. Hankley	Jefferson Lakeside Club Richmond, Virginia
A	Lee E. Schmidt	Kingsmill Golf Course Williamsburg, Virginia
A	Michael J. Bonavita	White Sands Golf Club Virginia Beach, Virginia
A	Fred Kisil	Country Club of Petersburg Petersburg, Virginia
A	Frank J. Arch	Williamsburg Country Club Williamsburg, Virginia
A	William J. Gilkenson	Lee Park Golf Course Petersburg, Virginia
A	Shellie Harrison	West Point Country Club West Point, Virginia
D	Rich Stewart	Golden Horseshoe C.C. Williamsburg, Va.

E Jim E. Talbert Todd Co., Inc.
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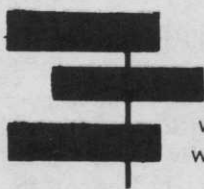
E James D. Conway Richmond Power Equipment
Co., G. L. Cornell Co.
Richmond, Virginia

The following people in the Washington area have also applied for membership to the Mid-Atlantic.

Class

D	Michael R. Milligan	Gunpowder Country Club
B	Ivan Eugene Day	Springfield Golf and Country Club
B	George E. Hoenig	Sleepy Hollow Golf Course

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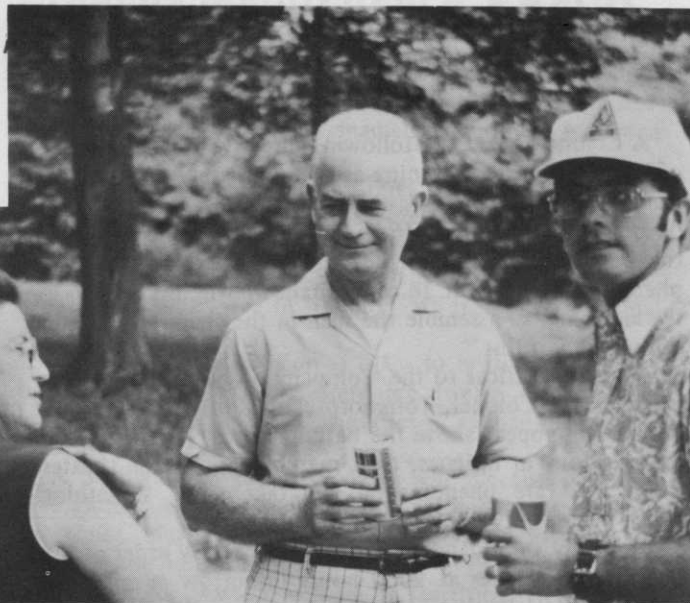
THE JULY FAMILY PICNIC

Over a hundred superintendents and their families attended our annual summer outing at Bretton Woods Recreational Center.

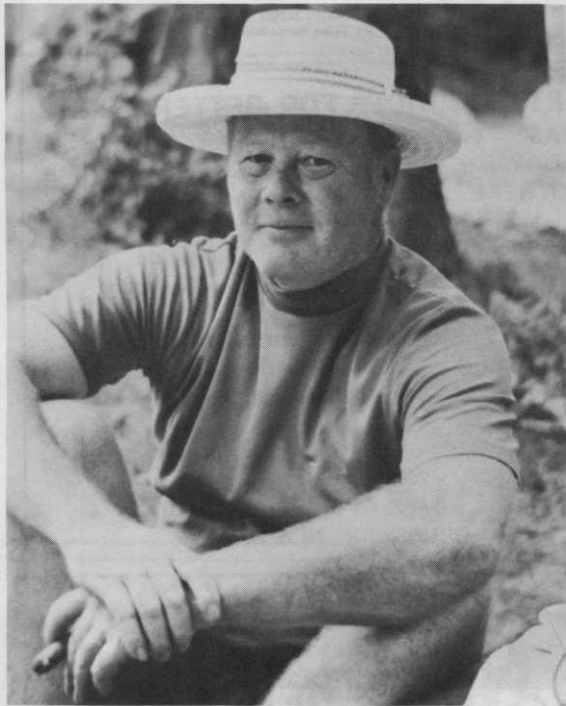
Our thanks go to Gerry Gerard for a fine bull roast. He worked hard and his efforts were appreciated by everyone.

Only eight golfers braved the summer heat, two of whom only went nine holes. The top scorers were:

Buck Whetsell	81
Cliff Putnam	86
Paul O'Leary	88



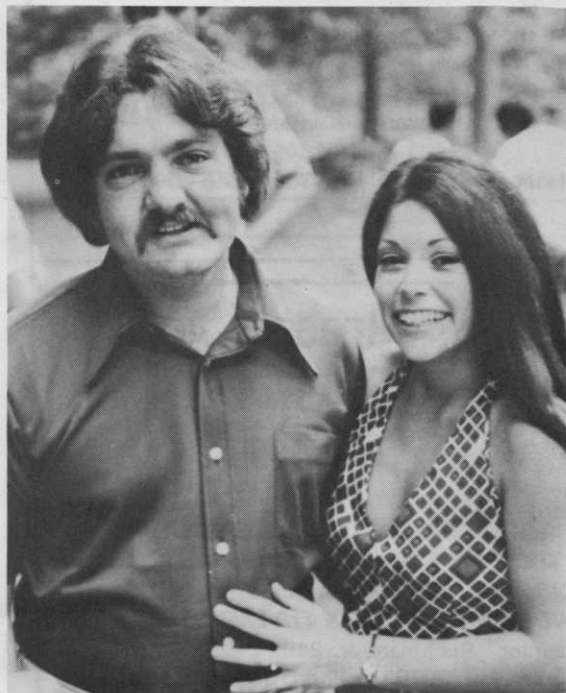
Left to right: Catherine Bidwell, Warren Bidwell and Jerry Gerard



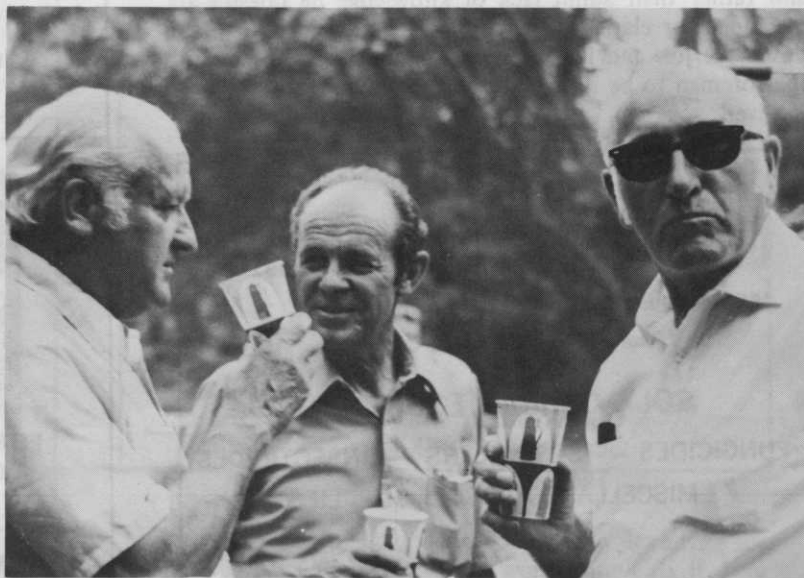
Robert Milligan



Front — left to right: Dick Anderson, Lee Dieter and son, Bill Livingston, Junior Rutman and background, Angie Cammarotta.



Wayne and Carol Evans



Left to right: Bob Shields, Walley Stedding, and Carrol Davis.

What did he say ???

THE ARMY IN THE GOOD OLD DAYS

The story goes that in 1910 the Army chain of command worked like this:

Operation Halley's Comet

A Colonel issued the following directive to an executive officer: "Tomorrow evening at approximately 2000 hours, Halley's Comet will be visible in the area, an event which occurs only once every 76 years. Have the men fall out in the battalion area in fatigues and I will explain this rare phenomenon to them. In case of rain we will not be able to see anything, so assemble the men in the theatre and I will show a film of this."

Executive officer to the Company Commander — "By order of the Colonel, Tommorrow at 2000 hours Halley's Comet will appear above the battalion area. If it rains, fall the men out in fatigues, then march them to the theater where the rare phenomenon will take place, something which occurs only every 76 years."

Company Commander to Lieutenant — "By order of the Colonel, in fatigues at 2000 hours tomorrow evening the phenomenal Halley's Comet will appear in the theater. In case of rain in the battalion area, the Colonel will give another order, one which occurs every 76 years."

Lieutenant to the Sergeant — "Tomorrow at 2000 hours, the Colonel will appear in the theater with Halley's Comet, something which happens every 76 years. If it rains, the Colonel will order the comet into the battalion area."

Sergeant to the squad — "When it rains tomorrow at 2000 hours, the phenomenal 76-year-old General Halley, accompanied by the Colonel, will drive his comet through the battalion area theater in his fatigues."

So what else is new.

Communication is the key between supervisory personnel and the man actually doing the job. Sometimes it is extremely difficult to understand how orders or instructions are so thoroughly misunderstood. There are occasions when you have been thinking about a job so much that you feel that you have told your foreman all the details and then you wonder why your orders have not been followed accurately. Also, your foreman may not fully understand, and rather than admit lack of knowledge he doesn't ask questions for clarification. A good idea would be to write down the job and its requirements and review them with the foreman to be sure that your communication has been received.

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Professional Grounds Maintenance Awards

Nothing is more deserving of recognition than professional excellence in grounds maintenance. But, the professional responsible for well manicured grounds has gone without this acclaim.

For this reason, the Professional Grounds Management Society and GROUNDS MAINTENANCE magazine have entered into a cooperative relationship to jointly sponsor an annual Professional Grounds Maintenance Awards program. This is one more way in which PGMS fosters professional excellence.

The awards competition is open to both members and non-members of PGMS. There are twelve categories of awards, and one may submit entries in as many categories as desired.

A distinguished panel of judges will select the winners. One Honor Award may be granted in each of the twelve categories. Merit Awards may be designated for as many others as the judges deem deserving.

The Honor Award will be a certificate beautifully mounted on solid walnut. Merit Awards will be certificates of equal quality and suitable for mounting or framing.

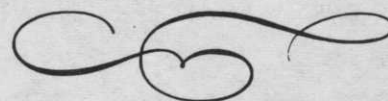
Award winners will receive their awards during the Annual Conference of the Professional Grounds Management Society. In 1973, the Society's Annual Conference will be September 23-26 in Wilson Lodge, Oglebay Park Wheeling, West Virginia. Winners will receive additional recognition through articles in GROUNDS MAINTENANCE.

Details on entering the Professional Grounds Maintenance Awards program are in the June issue of GROUNDS MAINTENANCE. An entry form appears on page 41.

Make plans now to enter.

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P.G.M.S.



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A sign in an Army Maintenance Shop provides advice for many of today's problems - If it works - don't fix it. May 1973 Reader's Digest

AS I SEE IT!

The loss of the Toro Line, the gasoline shortage and the concern about the environment has brought a whole new concept in turf maintenance by Winfrey Bunton III. It seems he has been working on this project night and day in the company's rear warehouse and as of this printing has a prototype in the field and from all indications should be on the market by mid-summer. This new concept in maintenance will not be for sale, but will be on a lease basis only.

This new product is named "Rent a Goat". It has now been made possible to rent a herd of specially trained Swiss goats that will eat the turf to a uniform height in groups from five to fifty, which are controlled by a muzzle gauge, having three settings for tees, fairways, and roughs. So far he has not been able to perfect a setting for the greens.

As the goats consume the grass they also manufacture a by product of organic fertilizer which is of uniform size and has a guaranteed analysis of 8-2-3 and is spread by the swishing tails of the goats as they proceed on line down the fairway. Win III does admit that at this time he is having trouble in getting just the areas fertilized that the superintendent wants, but promises to have this remedied very shortly.

Before each customer orders the goats he has to specify what type of turf that they will be working on. The reason behind this is that the goats come with three different sets of hoof boots that have a choice of three sets of aerifier tines and spike blades, plus three sets of verticult blades for either bermuda, bluegrass, or bent.

An added feature Win points out is that it is no longer necessary to clean up paper cups and beer cans, as the goats will consume these quite readily and trace elements of aluminum sulfate are added to the organic fertilizer.

It is recommended that all tee mowing be done before any play is out on the course as anyone who bends over to tee up the ball is fair game. Presently this isn't too great a concern, but if it persists OSHA will more than likely require some sort of bumper for the horns.

A shepard is optional but is also recommended in that very few people know how to herd goats in this day and time.

Article from *Kentucky Clippings Newsletter*



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United States Golf Association
Green Section
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Mr. Craig A. Spottswood
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Dear Craig,

I received your July issue of the News Letter and I want you to please pass on my compliments to Mary Lou for the nice article that she wrote. I think she deserves a Gold Star.

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A member who is sick;
Don't leave the work for just a few
And thjnk they are a clique.

There is quite a program scheduled
That means success, if done;
And it can be accomplished
With the help of everyone.
So attend the meetings regularly
And help with hand and heart;
Be an active member
And take an active part.
Think this over, Member
Are we right or are we wrong;
Be an active member
DON'T JUST BELONG!

The Golf Superintendent
January 1969

May 29, 1973

Mr. David S. Fairbank Secretary-Treasurer
Mid-Atlantic Golf Course
Superintendents Association
Army-Navy Country Club
2400 18th Street S
Arlington, Virginia 22307

Dear Mr. Fairbank:

Your letter of May 2nd extending the privileges of membership in the Mid-Atlantic Golf Course Superintendents Association came as a very pleasant surprise. I recognize that membership in your association is not extended lightly, or without due consideration of the individual involved; nor do I accept it without a sense of gratitude to your association and a sense of responsibility to further the cause of golf course superintendents, and turf in general, whenever and however possible in the Mid-Atlantic area.

All of my previous contact with your association has been both pleasant and rewarding and there has always been little doubt in my mind that you have one of the most progressive and enlightened memberships in the country. Because of this, I can only regard membership in your association as a distinct honor and say that I am very proud to be numbered among your ranks. Thank you and best wishes to you and your association and I look forward to seeing you and attending our meetings from time to time in the future.

Sincerely yours,

Holman M. Griffin

**MID-ATLANTIC CERTIFIED
GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENTS**

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Ronald E. Hall	2/73
George W. Cleaver	3/73
Lee C. Dieter	5/73
George Thompson	5/73
Dennis McCammon	6/73

Certification – Eligibility Requirements

1. Currently employed as a golf course superintendent
2. Has been a class A member of the GCSAA for at least three years.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

1973 Mid-Atlantic Meetings

Aug. 1 USDA Turfgrass Field Day

Aug. 14 Green Hill Yacht and C.C.
Host: Lou White

Sept. 11 Hunt Valley C.C., Cockeysville, Md. (Joint)
Host: Bob Orazi

Oct. 2 Woodmont C. C., Rockville, Md. (annual
Tournament)
Host: Bob Shields

Nov. 13 River Bend C.C., Great Falls, Va.
Host: Tom Haske

Dec. 11 OPEN – Is your club available??
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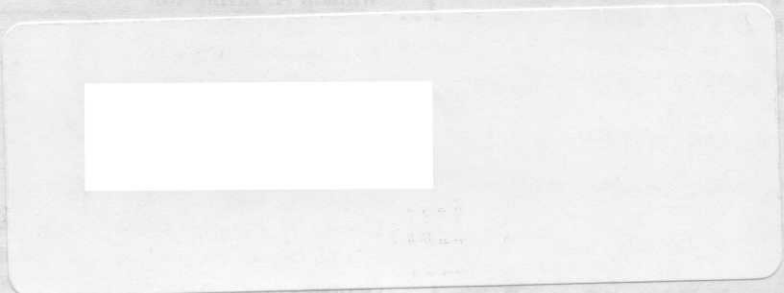
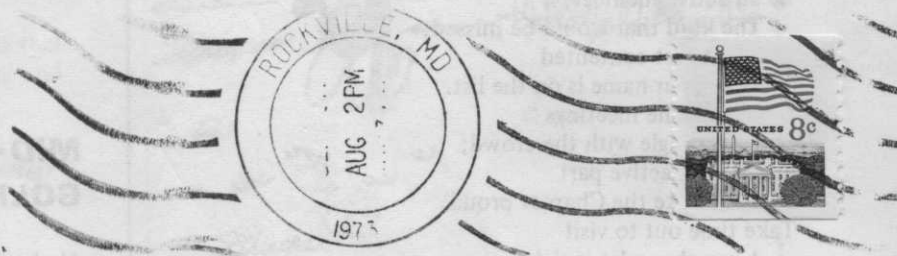
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Guest _____

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