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President's Message

In an attempt to collect and preserve as much golf course management related memorabilia as possible, we are requesting all Association members to assist this committee in determining what historically valuable materials are available. Ideally, items such as tools or other innovations used by yesteryear's greenkeepers, magazines, books, photographs or papers are being sought to physically capture the history of our profession.

The World Golf Hall of Fame at Pinehurst, N.C., the American Golf Hall of Fame at Foxburg, Pa., and many individual collectors have been contacted in an attempt to coordinate this effort.

Once the quantities and nature of material available have been determined, plans will be completed as to how best preserve and display these items.

Members should report their items or leads to potential items directly to: Melvin B. Lucas, Jr., GCSAA Historian Committee Chairman, The Garden City Golf Club, 315 Stewart Ave., Garden City, N.Y. 11530

Paul Barefoot

August Meeting

The August Superintendents meeting will be held on August 13, 1974 at Beaver Creek Country Club in Hagerstown, Md. Bert Yingling will be our host.

Ruben Hines, Jack Young and Bert Yingling built Beaver Creek in 1958 and opened it for play in July, 1959. Greens were stolonized to Cohamsey Bent, Fairways and tees were planted to a 50 — 50 mixture of Merion Blue and Kentucky 31. Fairways were always really good until 1972 when trouble began. Now there is Poa in the Fairways, Greens, and Tees.

Golf can be played anytime after 10 AM, carts are available.

Cash bar for drinks and lunch after 11 am.
Cocktails 6:30 PM
Dinner 7:00 PM

Directions to the club — Follow Route 70 past Frederick toward Hagerstown to Exit #35. After leaving 70 turn left towards Boonsboro for ¾ mile to the club.

Post cards for the meeting are enclosed in the NEWSLETTER. Please return your card if you plan to attend.

Dates to Remember

August 8	Turfgrass research and equipment field day, University of Maryland Plant Research Farm	October 8	Suburban Country Club Host: Robert Miller
August 13	Beaver Creek Country Club Host: Bert Yingling	October 25	Ladies night, Hunt Valley. Plan for guests and baby sitter early. Dinner and dancing
September 10	Joint Philadelphia meeting. Aronamick Country Club, Host: Ed Collins	November 12	Laural Pines Country Club. Host: Gilbert Shapiro
September 17, 18, 19	V.I.P. Field Days, Turf Research Center, Blacksburg, Virginia (17th Golf Tournament)	December 10	Eagles Nest Country Club. Host: Bill Emerson. Annual election meeting.

Membership Changes

The following people have requested membership or reclassification change in the Mid-Atlantic Golf Course Superintendents Association.

NEW MEMBER APPLICATIONS

Paul W. O'Leary	Class B
Joe H. Emanuel	Class E
Steve O'Neal	Class E
Terry Hill	Class E
Donald Kline	Class E
John Tutich	Class A
Eugene Dyke	Class A

RECLASSIFIED MEMBERS

Ed Heath	Class B to Class A
Robert Novelli	Class B to Class A
John Sherban	Class E to Class B
Harry Allanson	Class A to Class C
Tom Comalli	Class A to Class E
David Edgar	Class A to Class C
Jack McClenahan	Class A to Class E
Curtis Payne	Class A to Class E
George Riddle	Class A to Class E
Robert Scott	Class A to Class E
Gilbert Shapero	Class A to Class E
Ray Shields	Class A to Class E
Robert Smith	Class A to Class C
Leroy Solley	Class A to Class E
Wallace Stedding	Class A to Class E
Otho Swain	Class A to Class AA
Craig Spottswood	Class B to Class A
Wayne Evens	Class B to Class A
John Drew	Class E to Class B

These membership applications and changes are being published here in accordance with our by-laws. Unless written objection is received within 30 days after publication these changes to our membership will take place.

The above represent several months computation of classification changes and new members. The previous listings have not been printed due to lack of space.

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2nd Annual Horticultural Happening

The second annual metropolitan Horticultural happening is to be held this year at the Landover Mall in Landover Maryland on August first, second, and third.

The first exhibition was held last August at Virginia's Tysons Corner Shopping Mall and was a huge success. Thirty four commercial and educational exhibits were on display for the public. A plant clinic answered questions concerning pest and disease identification and management and cultural problems of the home gardner. The clinic was staffed by personnel from the extension staff of Maryland, Virginia, and the District of Columbia, and members of professional horticultural organizations from the metropolitan area. (Mid-Atlantic Superintendents included) You are invited to attend, and assist if you wish, in this three day event. What better opportunity will you have to make your profession known to the public and assist them with their lawn and garden problems?

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July Mid-Atlantic Picnic

Our annual family outing held at Maryland's Eastern Shore at Nassawango Country Club, featured their famous delicacy, hard shell crabs. Ben Stagg, our host, and Lou White, with the assistance of the Eastern Shore wives organized a successful day of food and entertainment.

Most of the children were well amused with the swimming and hayrides while the adults were well occupied eating crabs. The feature attraction was John Gross with his "picking hands" for he cleaned crabs so fast we hardly had time to eat them. The word of John's talent spread quickly and the seats at his table were filled with hungry crab eaters. Next year we will auction John's "picking hands" off to the highest bidder. When it came time to clean the tables, John had the biggest mess, but we all agreed Paul Barefoot ate the most.

After our appetizer of hard shelled crabs, we were served a delicious dinner featuring barbequed spare ribs. Needless to say, everybody ended up with sticky fingers, but it sure was delicious.

This year our picnic had a surprise guest, George Gumm and his family from Indiana. George resided in Ocean City several years ago and was commander of the golf course at Ocean City Golf and Yacht Club. George played golf that day with Brian Finger, in fact they were the only two who played; not everybody will play golf when it is 90 degrees, especially when there is an alternative of a swimming pool or cold beer.

We want to thank our hosts for their efforts in planning and carrying out such an enjoyable outing.

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USGA recommends a minimum of 100 square feet of usable tee space per 1,000 rounds of golf per year on a par 4 or 5 hole — 200 square feet on a par 3 hole.

Compaction

If 200 people play a course every week day, the golf greens would receive some 36,000 pounds of foot pounding; double the weight on Saturday and Sunday would provide the equivalent of 36 tons of weight on each green. These same people provide double the compaction on each tee if we are to assume the tee is only 1/2 the size of the green.

A more accurate analysis would show that compaction becomes considerably worse on our greens and tees when we guide our traffic pattern to specific areas such as the cup on the green and a set of markers on the tee.

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Maryland Turfgrass Field Day

Maryland's first turfgrass research and equipment field day will take place this month on August 8th at the University of Maryland's Hopkins Plant Research Farm. This farm is located near Fairland (MONT. COUNTY) on Calverton Road. Program activities will run from 10 AM to 4 PM. Box lunches will be available at a student operated concession stand.

Sponsoring agencies include Maryland Universities, Dept. of Agronomy and Agriculture Engineering working jointly with the Maryland Turfgrass Council. Tentative plans are to have a tour of the research plots in the morning and equipment on display in the afternoon. A large turn out from our association is expected to take this opportunity to see the Universities Turf farm. This is not another Beltsville field day. Remember the date "AUGUST 8th."

A Noted Author

Dr. Douglas Hawes, Instructor at the University of Maryland's Institute of Applied Agriculture, is currently writing a textbook on turf grasses. This material should be completed in time for use in the fall semester classes at Maryland. Public availability will be noted in the newsletter.

Correspondence



Dear Craig,

Wanted to send you the survey back, don't know if you'll be able to use it or not but thought you might be interested in what's going on out here. The course is in good shape for as new as it is. The front nine was opened for play on June 21. The back will be open July 28. The grass is thin in the fairways but greens and tees are good.

We have 37 people on the crew, about one half are girls and they work as hard (or harder) than the guys. The labor market for the entire United States is here in Steamboat, I bet I turn 6-8 people a day down who are looking for jobs.

I sprayed 1991 yesterday on the greens. It is the first time I've sprayed this year! How bout that! And we had a frost yesterday A.M. Not bad for the fourth of July. We've got about two and a half more months of playing left then we'll get into some snow. We had 267 inches of snow last winter from Oct. 29—April 25. When I say "Course Closed"—its closed! Well gotta go. Tell everyone HI!

Denny McCammon

EDITOR FOOTNOTE! Denny is holding the Rocky Mountain GCSAA annual fall outing this fall at Steamboat. With his facilities, which include such sports as horseback riding, fishing in one of the 900 miles of streams, tennis, swimming, backpacking, camping, the river sports of rafting and tubing, and of course, golf; Denny should have a large successful outing. We should solicit Denny to host next years Mid-Atlantic picnic. Sure would like to go tubing down the river in an old tire tube!!

Denny mentioned in the April issue of the RMGCSA Reporter that "As of April 25th we still had 24-30 inches of snow remaining of the course." "At this point, even diseased grass would be a welcome sight." Shall we send Denny some fresh pythium?



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Correspondence

June 25, 1974

Dear Friends in the Mid-Atlantic Association of Golf Course Superintendents,

I cannot find words to convey to you how grateful my daughters and I are for your kindness and consideration at the time of Jim's death. So many members came for visiting hours on Sunday and then returned on Monday for the funeral service even though the weather was so bad. It was a beautiful tribute to him.

The tray you presented to me early in January is something I shall always treasure. It was a thoughtful and kind thing to do and I thank you.

Jim was the member of the organization but I always felt like I was a member also. I liked reading the "newsletter" and the other magazines.

I regret that I have not written to you before this. As some of you know, I was in Texas with my older daughter for three months for surgery. I am grateful to say that my recovery is coming along very well.

Bless you all,

Sincerely,

Esther B. Reed (Mrs. James A.)
4100 Colonial Rd.
Baltimore, Md. 21208

Mr. Craig A. Spottswood, Editor
Mid-Atlantic News Letter
Kenwood Country Club
Bethesda, Maryland 20016

Dear Craig:

Just a word of commendation on the article, "What's to Become of Golf Course Chemicals?", June, 1974 News Letter.

It's my feeling that a superintendent employed to operate and maintain a turf area for a membership owner is in the same category as a farm manager employed to operate that unit. Thus he is private applicator, salaried to do a job, including that responsibility. He should therefore be subject to a private applicator's regulations through permits, as necessary. Only if and when he moves outside that responsibility does he become a public applicator, and then he becomes subject to the laws and regulations normally applicable to a commercial applicator.

Finally, I do think that records as to actual application should be a part of permit requirements, for that gives a base for explanation, interpretation and understanding. Thus, in future years, better appreciation of the efforts and proper utilization of the products is determined.

If you have suggestions for further contact or action, please advise.

Sincerely,

W.H. Daniel
Turf Specialist
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Editors note: Well put Dr. Daniel, in a few concise words you have expounded the thoughts of many golf course superintendents across the country.

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Mid-Atlantic Survey

Over a month has gone since you all received a survey flyer in last month's newsletter. I asked everyone to promptly fill in the questionnaire and thus encourage a larger and speedier return. This year we have only 18 returned and two of those were sent from out of state or comparison. Denny McCammon, from Colorado, and Bill Smart from the Hudson Valley. The Association is trying to provide this information to our membership and our members won't take 10 minutes to fill out a simple one page questionnaire--WHY? Those 115 of you who have not returned the survey read this last question again and have your answers ready for our meeting at Beaver Creek. We will provide

for a moments open discussion at some time during the meeting. As of this date, the Mid-Atlantic membership comprises of 237 members, 134 of which are either A or B members that can qualify for participating in our survey.

MEMBERSHIP BREAKDOWN

Class A — 109	Class E — 64
Class B — 24	Class F — 03
Class C — 14	Class G — 08
Class D — 14	Class H — 07

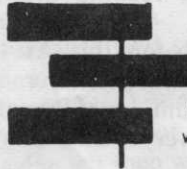
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GCSAA Distinguished Service Award

Our National Association has requested the nomination of a deserving individual(s) for the GCSAA Distinguished Service Award.

The Mid-Atlantic has unanimously submitted the nomination of Dr. Fred Grau for this award. Dr. Grau has continuously made outstanding contributions to the advancement of Turf development, and management, and to the advancement of the profession of golf course superintendency.

Those of you wishing to participate in honoring Dr. Grau for this nomination are invited to forward your recommendation and knowledge of Dr. Grau's achievements to our headquarters in Lawrence, Kansas by September 1, 1974. Then keep your fingers crossed.



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Now is your opportunity to pay tribute to a fellow superintendent. Nominations are now being accepted for our annual superintendent of the year award to be presented at our annual conference. Deadline for nominations is November first.

Beginning back in 1969, when the Mid-Atlantic presented its first award to Angelo Cammarota, our association began to recognize outstanding members

of our association who gave very much of their time and knowledge for the benefit of fellow members. Since 1969 recipients of this award were: 1969 Angelo Cammarota, 1970 Edward Dembnicki, 1971 Bob Shields, 1972 George Cleaver, 1973 Thomas A. Doerer. If you know a deserving superintendent within the Mid-Atlantic send us his name and reasons you qualify this individual for our Superintendent of The Year Award for 1974.

SUPERINTENDENTS OF THE YEAR AWARD

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QUALIFICATIONS _____

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Herb and Joe Graffis's Testimonial Dinner

Two longtime friends of golf and GCSAA were honored at a testimonial dinner on Monday, July 29th, 1974. Herb and Joe Graffis, throughout the years have, through their publication *GOLFDOM*, and personal efforts, been supportive of the golf superintendent and his profession. It was largely through their efforts that GSCAA is awarded a proportionate share of the National Golf Day's proceeds for the GSCAA Scholarship and Research Fund.

The cost of a "plate" at this testimonial dinner was \$50.00. The proceeds were donated to the Graffis Fund of the National Golf Foundation, from which a Graffis Brothers Scholarship will be established.

Paul Barefoot represented the Mid-Atlantic Association, and was among those honoring these fine gentlemen. At this writing this event has not yet come

to past and therefore a follow-up article will appear in next months President's Message. The dinner was held at the Regency Hyatt House in the Chicago suburb of Rosemont, near O'Hare Airport.

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