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## President's Message

Falling leaves remind us, all that another year is becoming past history. The weather and temperatures of past few weeks ally the fact that we are in the stage of early winter. Hopefully we will not pay the toll for this in the spring of 1976.

We have been going back over events and happenings our Mid-Atlantic group participated in as an association this year and feel we have enjoyed a good year. The fellowship at our affairs has always been outstanding and although we all have our individual opinions, and on occasions differences, we remain steadfast as an organization, still refrain our individuality, and remain good true close friends.

In looking forward to the future we can see steady progress for our association; with the many fine upstanding young men in our group and the interest and vitality they express we can expect bigger and better happenings for our MAGCSA. Our meeting at Piney Branch proves out what we refer to as progress. Many of our superintendents avail themselves of the opportunity to rise and speak for or against our proposed name change and related phases of what all would be involved if this proposal would be accepted. It was a rewarding meeting and we would hope to build on this type of procedure in the years to come by

having open discussion meetings for our membership in order that they can have their say in the way our organization is run and how it should remain functional and of benefit to the individual as well as the association.

We would also like to see a closer union with our National Association in reference to a question that we all are cognizant of and discuss over and over again with no real solution or satisfactory answers and that is "What can our associations do to aid or protect the individual superintendent in his position at a country club." Here we refer to the many instances that have occurred nationally as well as within our own local in which a superintendent has become either released or replaced without proper communication from his club officials. Another area of discussion is in making our code of ethics work in the area of replacement of superintendents without communication from the incoming recipient. Please give these areas serious thought so we can discuss them and possibly come up with a logical solution for better job security for future turf managers.

Al Watson

## Dates to Remember

December 3	Army Navy Country Club Host: David Fairbank Election & By Law Meeting
January 5-6	Mid Atlantic Conference Holiday Inn Exit 17 off 695
Jan. 28-29	Virginia Turfgrass Conference Sheraton Motor Inn Fredericksburg, Virginia

January 30	USGA Green Section Conference Biltmore Hotel New York City
Feb. 8-13	47th GCSAA International Turfgrass Conference & Show Minneapolis, Minn.

# Minneapolis Conference

Feb. 8-13 1976

*Fiction and Fact in Jim's Almanac*


Minneapolis, according to *most southerners* (and many easterners, too), is situated in the farthestmost tundra of northern United States, just a "few miles south" of the Arctic Circle! Wintertime temperatures regularly plunge to 60 degrees below zero, they explain, and it rarely reaches 30 above in summer. OR SO THE STORY GOES.

Minneapolisians know this reputation is as old and enduring as the analogy itself — and like most armchair comparisons, about as accurate. Those who confuse weather in *northern* Minnesota with weather in Minneapolis forget that the city is 289 miles *south* of its northern border city, International Falls, the city that usually gets most of the nationwide publicity on bitterly cold weather. The distance between the two cities is about the same distance as between Washington, D.C. and the Canadian border and to compare their weather is neither justified nor accurate.

See you in Minneapolis!

### Three New Booklets Available From OSHA

The new booklets are free and cover various phases of programs and policies of OSHA. The three booklets are: "SBA Loans for OSHA Compliance," "Protection for Workers in Imminent Danger," and "How OSHA Monitors State Plans." Each booklet will be part of four series of pamphlets designed to assist employers and employees in understanding and complying with OSHA standards and regulations. Copies are available from OSHA regional offices or OSHA's Office of Publications, Room N3644, Washington, D.C. 20210.



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## Some trees not to plant

Sept. 1975 *Changing Times*

Knowing what not to plant is important, too. Through the years certain trees have been found to be undesirable as shade trees because of structural problems, insect infestation and/or disease susceptibility. The list below, from continuing, comprehensive Shade Tree Evaluation Studies at the Ohio State Agricultural Research and Development Center in Wooster, notes the drawbacks of some shade trees. When new, improved selections of these trees are developed, they may be acceptable for future plantings.

Box elder (*Acer negundo*): Very weak wood. Many serious insect problems.

Silver maple (*Acer saccharinum*): Weak wood and poor branch structure that can result in breakage.

Ohio buckeye (*Aesculus glabra*): Messy fruit, weak wood, subject to early leaf drop and leaf scorch.

Horse chestnut (*Aesculus hippocastanum*): Weak wood, messy fruit, doesn't do well in dry soils so it often gets leaf scorch.

Tree-of-heaven (*Ailanthus altissima*): Branches may break during ice and wind storms. Attacked by insects.

Birch: paper, grey, European (*Betula papyrifera*, *B. populifolia*, *B. alba*): Generally short-lived because of birch borers and leaf miner injuries.

Catalpa (*Catalpa speciosa*): Objectional fruit, weak wood.

Paul's scarlet hawthorn (*Crataegus oxyacantha*, "Pauli"): Serious leaf spot causes early defoliation. Attacked by several insects.

Black walnut (*Juglans nigra*): Fruit causes a maintenance problem.

Crab apples (*Malus* species): Susceptible to fire-blight and apple scab. Plant only crab apples resistant to diseases.

Mulberry (*Morus* species): Fruits generally messy, subject to wind and ice damage. Excessive twig and leaf drop. Insect and disease problems. Roots frequently clog sewers.

Black locust (*Robinia pseudoacacia*): Serious infestations by locust borer and locust leaf miner shorten the life span.

Willow (*Salix* species): Extensive twig drop; susceptible to wind damage. Shallow root systems clog drains.

American elm (*Ulmus americana*): Subject to Dutch elm and other diseases.

Siberian elm (*Ulmus pumila*): Limbs and twigs break during wind and ice storms.

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# Nov. 11 Piney Branch Meeting

Our planned Open Discussion of the Golf Course unfortunately was dispensed with after our host, Eugene Dyke, had to leave early because of an unfortunate family accident. We hope nothing serious resulted from this emergency.

## Golf Tournament Results

Longest Drive	Walter Montross	
Closest to Pin	Bob Orazi	
1st Gross	Tom Comalli	78
1st Net	Ben Stagg	68
2nd Net	Greg Baylor	69
3rd Net	Wally Stedding	69

The golf course was immaculately maintained and Eugene was complimented by everybody on the superb condition of his golf course.

President Al Watson led a discussion on our impending association name change. The final vote on the name change will take place at our upcoming Dec 3 election meeting at Dane Fairbank's Army Navy

Country Club. Your presence at this meeting will enable you to help decide whether we remain golf course superintendents or become Golf Turf Managers.

Paul Barefoot, nominating committee chairman, read his committees choice of candidates for our upcoming election. After seconding speeches from the floor the list was accepted as shown within the newsletter in the Dec. 3rd election meeting article.

Carrol Davis proposed a flight plan to our national conference which offered discount rates which varied as follows:

10-19 people	\$134.00
20-39 people	\$126.00
40 + people	\$118.00

Regular Air is \$174.00 Carrol mentioned the above prices are subject to change before we make a final commitment. Flight plans can be arranged non stop out of Washington or with a one hour stop over in Chicago from Baltimore. General consensus of opinion was to leave from Washington this year which will enable us to go non stop and offer a switch from our normal flight plans out of Baltimore. A final itinerary will be in the Jan newsletter if not mailed before. The minimum savings of \$40.00 a person is a considerable savings. Carrol is to be commended for his big work and time he devoted to getting us these benefits.



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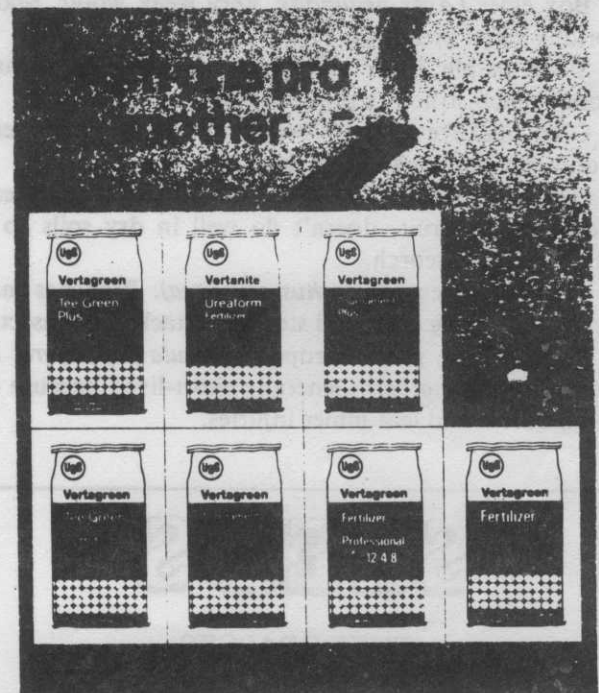


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# Election Meeting-Dec. 3rd

Army Navy Country Club  
Host: David Fairbank

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Nominations

- President* — David Fairbank  
*Vice President* — William Emerson  
*Secretary* — Angelo Cammarota  
*Treasurer* — Sam Kessel
- Board of Directors (2 to be elected)  
Michael McKenzie  
Gerald Gerard  
Ben Stag  
George Thompson

Take note of the changed date — we are meeting on the 3rd of December and *not on the 9th* as previously mentioned. We will also vote on our by-laws at this month's meeting. Nominations other than the above can be made from the floor at this meeting. Every A & B member of this organization should be present at this important meeting of our membership.

Directions: Rt 95 to Glebe Rd. North. Turn Right on 18th Street South to club  
Golf after Noon  
Cocktails \$6.00  
Dinner \$7.00

## Membership Changes

The following people have requested membership or changes in membership in the Mid Atlantic GCSA. The list is being published here in accordance with our by-laws. If no objection is received within 30 days of publication, the changes will become effective.

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