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Want to Write an Article for the Newsletter?

Sour November meeting at Gillie Shapiro's Laurel Pines Country Club featured an open membership discussion which brought about many suggestions for improvement in our monthly publication For the most part we all want to see more material, articles or letters from our membership. With more membership participation our newsletter would be more representative of our whole organization. A very good source for writing articles came to me from Doug Hawes shortly after the meeting which I want to pass along to all our members. Doug sent me a letter stating he has, with the help of Tom List, organized his nine year accumulation of numerous turf magazines into an easy to use reference bibliography and file system. From this bibliography Doug is able to easily research any turf related topic by simply taking his bibliography and noting what has been published within the last decade. Within a minutes time, Doug knows what magazines contain information written about a particular subject, such as labor (56 references) or drainage (22 references). Needless to say this bibliography greatly simplifies tedious research and would be of value to all of us. The magazines cataloged are the Golf Course Superintendent, Turfgrass Times, and the USGA Greens Section Record.

Doug is making this bibliography available for reference use to any member who wishes to write an article for the newsletter. His magazines, bibliography, and extensive files on turf related subject matter are located within the University of Maryland's H.J. Patterson Hall (Agronomy Building) which is entrally located on the campus. Anyone wanting to use Doug's library of reference materials will also have access to a photo copy machie at 5° per page, which is available nearby on campus. Doug mentioned he will help review and edit any article written for the newsletter. I don't believe Doug would release any reference material for take home use, lest he runs the risk of not having his library complete at al times. So bring some nickels and plan on making copies of any articles you will need for future reference.

The near future will bring us articles from Past President Paul Barefoot, Bob Shields, Wayne Evans, Dick Anderson, Parker Shirling, Gerry Garrard, Mikd and Paul McKenzie, and all our board members.