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## The Mid Atlantic

Fill in the blank and give us a name for our monthly newsletter.

Some of our members suggested we should have a name for our newsletter. I am requesting suggestions to see who can come up with the most useful title. We will still retain "The Mid-Atlantic" but this does not have to appear within the title.

All suggestions are welcome and will be considered for possible use. Send more than one name if you can't decide what you like best.

To help spur your thoughts along, the following examples are from a few organizational newsletters from across the country:

"Tee to Green"—Metropolitan New York GCSA

"Chips and Putts"—Pocono Pa. Turfgrass Assoc.

"Mohawk Valley Clippings"—Mohawk Valley NY GCSA

"Hole Notes"—Minnesota GCSA

"Divot News"—Southern California GCSA

"Turf Talk"—New Hampshire GCSA

"The Foreground"—Hudson Valley NY GCSA

"Forefront"—GCSAA

"Bull Sheet"—Mid West GCSA

"The South Florida Green"—South Florida GCSA

"Kentuckiana Klippings"—Kentuckiana GCSA

In that we are the only publication representing the Nation's Capital, possibly a name along this line might be appropriate—hint!

## President's Message

Our joint meeting with the Philadelphia, Pennsylvania Association was a fine affair and was enjoyed to the fullest by all who attended. The golf was great — the food delectable — and our meeting was topped off with wonderful travel slides presented by Warren Bidwell.

For many of us that time of year has arrived once again when we start thinking budget proposal. With our economical situation as it is and prices so unstable it is no easy task to know just how to adjust figures to come up with a reasonable budget total. In most instances if you contact the various agencies and businesses associated with our field of endeavor they will aid you in obtaining proper prices and with increases you might anticipate in 1976.

1976 is our bicentennial year and I'm wondering how many of our membership have planned something special for this celebration. We've ordered several thousand bulbs in order to have the red, white and blue

theme shown in seasonal plant beds on our facility. Great and wonderful things can be done with a few flowering bulbs, put in the right area and arranged for eye appeal. Get busy, place your orders now! Planting time can continue through December and you as well as your members will be delighted with the colorful settings next spring.

Al Watson  
President

*"He who acquires knowledge but does not use it is like one who plows a field but does not sow it."*

Defender

*"Can you remember when telling someone he looked as sound as a dollar was a compliment."*

Sunshine

# Welcome to Woodmont

October 14th

It has been two years since you have been to Woodmont so its time you came to see us again.

Most of the same people will be here to help me welcome you and to make your day enjoyable. Tony Marlowe, our Golf Professional, will be in the golf shop with his assistants, David and Gene, and will help conduct our golf tournament. Frank is still in the locker room and club manager, Mr. Aimi, promises another great (but expensive) dinner. Mr. Arthur Becker is Greens Committee Chairman until October 31, at which time Mr. Dave Allentuck will become chairman.

Our two courses will play much the same as they did two years ago but the north course fairways and tees were in bad shape during the past summer due to everything—too dry, too wet, grub worms, pythium, scald. We lost all our blue grass and all our poa annua. This has been the worst summer I have ever had for cool season grasses.

The south course fairways planted to Bermuda grass held up very well but we did lose some of the rye grass overseed.

The association tournament will be played on the south course and even if your score is not what you think it should be we hope you have an enjoyable day.

The ladies are invited to this meeting. Bring your wife or girl friend. She can play golf with you, or she can go along and drive the cart. She can play in a foursome with other girls, play cards in the grille room or if she can't find anything to do I can give her a rake and she can rake sand traps.

Mid-Atlantic President Al Watson has agreed to something different for this meeting. Some live entertainment—Jimmy on the banjo, Mary Lou with her guitar, and Bernice with the tamborine? No. Something better than that—"Dr. Chang," Magician and Professional Entertainer, will amaze, amuse and mystify. Dr. Chang ways "once in every 100 years a truly great magician comes along. Until that time let Dr. Chang confuse you." Now for the bad part—what all this is going to cost. Greens fees—no charge, golf car—\$6.00 per car (2 per car) Bar drinks—\$1.75 (Oh well! Didn't want to get drunk anyway), Dinner—\$12.50 (don't eat all day then back for seconds), entertainment courtesy of the Mid Atlantic.

Directions to the club: Woodmont Country Club is located one mile south of and within the city limits of Rockville, at 1201 Rockville Pike. Take exit 19 north from the Washington Beltway on Rockville Pike and



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Golf may be played anytime after 12 noon, the social hour will be at 6:30 to 7:30, dinner will be at 7:30. A very short informal meeting will be held after the dinner then entertainment at 9 p.m.

Bob Shields

*(Editors note: Our annual Memorial Golf Tournament will be held this month at Woodmont Country Club. Over \$500.00 in merchandise and trophies will be awarded to our golf participants.)*

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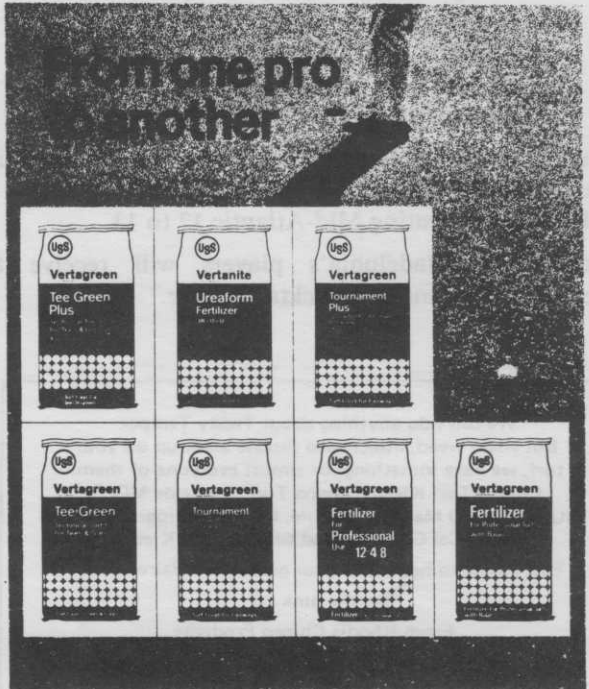
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- October 8-9 Toro Field Days 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.  
Adams Equipment Company  
Allview Country Club, Columbia, Md
- October 14 Woodmont Country Club  
Annual Golf Tournament  
Ladies Invited
- November 11 Piney Branch Golf Course  
Hampstead, Md.  
Open discussion on golf course
- November 18 Ladies Night—Shady Grove  
Johnny Cash—June Carter  
Reservations: Paul Barefoot  
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- December 9 Army Navy Country Club  
Election Meeting
- January 5-6 Mid-Atlantic Conference  
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2 to 1

Drevyanke and Montecalvo defeated O'Linger and  
Spangler 3 to 0

Robinson and Kessel defeated Halligan and  
McGilloway 2 to 1

Miller and Lawson defeated Segui and Hy Taylor  
3 to 0

Rudinski and Nash defeated Staffieri and Amadio  
2 to 1

Valentine and Jim Taylor defeated Watson and White  
2 1/2 to 1/2

McKenzie and McKenzie defeated Pratt and Annand  
2 to 1

Dave Linde defeated Yingling and Evans  
3 to 0

Holler and Pakkala split with Shuey and Ron Hall  
1 1/2 to 1 1/2

Dave Knoll	Closest to hole #18	\$20.00 msde.
Craig Rhoderick	Longest Drive	20.00 msde.
Tom Comalli	Low Gross 73	40.00 msde.
Dick Anderson	1st Low Net 77-10-67	40.00 msde.
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Thursday, Aug. 7, 1975 Philadelphia Inquirer

## Area Golf Courses Taking a Beating From the Weather

by Fred Byrod  
 Inquirer Sports Editor

Maybe you've forgotten all that rain last month or the most recent heat wave, but the men who take care of golf courses in the Philadelphia district have not.

They'll be working for months to repair the damage. In some cases, they say, the courses will not recover this season from turf disease caused by the weather.

"I can't remember anything like this in my 25 years at Merion," Richie Valentine, president of the Philadelphia Association of Golf Course Superintendents said yesterday. "We're in trouble, some more than others, but we all have big problems.

"Those flooding rains last month washed out bridges, eroded bunkers, and in general caused a lot of cleanup work. I've heard of at least a dozen places where lightning split trees or did other damage, although fortunately no humans were hit.

"After the rains came that intense heat and humidity. Grass roots this year were shallower than ever and

the grasses—particularly fairways—simply couldn't take it. Driving around last week, I could see a lot of fairways 'going' on ours and other courses," Valentine said.

Courses with low-lying holes suffered the most from excessive rain. Whitemarsh Valley, where the IVB Classic in June had to be postponed twice because of flooding, was hit even harder by last month's downpours. "One day, we were out in a rowboat inspecting damage," superintendent Joe Felus said.

In one 66-hour stretch, Pine Valley's rain gauge registered 11 inches. "We had to use bulldozers and a front end loader to get the sand back in proper place in bunkers," superintendent E.R. (Eb) Steininger said. "We couldn't mow fairways for six days, and when we did, some of them 'cooked out.'

Al Radko, Eastern director for the Green Section of the United States Golf Association, agreed with Valentine in calling "adverse turf conditions here the most prolonged in my memory.

"It started in April when severe cold and wind blocked turf growth," Radko said. "Then in May we had summer-like weather and there was a heavy surge in growth, particularly in poa annua which is the hardest to maintain in the heat of July and August.

"Water management is one of the keys to good turf," Radko said, "and with all the flooding in June and July, control was lost in many cases. That left the courses at the mercy of other conditions, particularly heat and humidity."

"We fight turf disease with fungicides, pesticides, and herbicides," Valentine said. "One of our most prevalent diseases is Pythium, which strikes all grasses. Usually, the fungicide for it is sprayed on. One fairway application for a hole of 400 yards costs \$90 to \$100. A heavy rain can wash most of it away and you have to do it all over again.

"These chemicals have soared in price. The average 18-hole course budgets from \$15,000 to \$20,000 a year for them. This summer, chemical bills are to jump as much as 25 percent.

"One sad phase of this is that often the supers are blamed for conditions simply beyond their control. I know of three — all competent — whose jobs are shaky right now because their courses have gone bad in the last month.

"I've seen many fairways the last few days that are simply beyond recovery," Valentine said. "Crabgrass is running everywhere because the pre-emergence herbicides used to control it were washed away. We're not going to get any real relief until we have a series of cool nights."

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*Life is what happened to you while you were making other plans.*

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Wednesday, November 12

9:00 - 10:00 a.m. REGISTRATION

Pests & Pesticides

10:00 - 11:00 a.m. A. Disease Identification & Control--Herbert Cole, Jr.  
Pennsylvania State University

11:00 - 12:00 noon B. Weed Identification & Control--Jack Harper, PSU

12:00 - 1:00 p.m. LUNCH

1:00 - 2:00 p.m. C. Insect Identification & Control--Stanley G. Gesell, PSU

2:00 - 3:00 p.m. Equipment for Pesticide Application--Herbert Cole, Jr.

3:00 - 4:30 p.m. Pesticide Application Techniques--Donald Daum, PSU

Thursday, November 13

9:00 - 10:00 a.m. Pesticide Label--Paul Sartoretto, W. A. Cleary Corp.

10:00 - 11:00 a.m. Pesticide Safety--Winand K. Hock, PSU

11:00 - 12:00 noon Environmental Factors--Paul Sartoretto

12:00 - 1:30 p.m. LUNCH

1:30 - 2:30 p.m. Laws & Regulations--Gerald Flourentine, Bureau of Plant Industry

2:30 - 3:30 p.m. EXAMINATION

Note: Dr. Cole anticipates having copies of the Pennsylvania Pesticide Manual available at this seminar. The anticipated cost is \$6 or \$7. The GCSAA Pesticide Manual will be furnished to each participant at no additional cost.







# I Was Mistaken — You All Look Alike

by Erma Bombeck

I just figured out if my husband paid just half the attention to me as he does the lawn, my 70-year-old mailman would never have started to look like Robert Redford.

If ever there was a valid suit for alienation of affection, it's that lousy lawn.

There is something about the ability of a man to grow a few blades of grass that contributes to his masculinity. He is either a grass grower or he is not a grass grower. I have seen virile men move into the neighborhood with tattoos on their lips, but if they have fungus on their draw tiff, forget it. They're just not one of the boys.

A lawn enthusiast has two moods: terrible and irritable. These are interchangeable depending on whether the grass is growing or whether the grass is not growing.

When the grass is not growing, my husband goes to the library to see what could be missing, has his soil analyzed, waters, soaks, fertilizes, and has the nurseryman who sold him the seed make a house call.

When the grass is growing, he runs the mower back to the store to make sure the blade is cutting, trims, rakes, rolls and makes an obscene phone call to the dog next door who overfertilized it in the first place.

There is no pleasing a lawn freak.

Some say it is normal for a man to want a pretty lawn. I don't know what is normal anymore. I sent the kids to Mother's, blew an entire food budget on steaks and wine, put a dab of garlic on the lighbulb and slipped into something that had not been paid for. "What are you thinking?" I teased, turning off the TV set.

"Did you turn the hose off?" he asked.

Is it normal for a man to call the police and report a flock of birds who are eating our grass seed? Is it normal for a grown man to mourn a brown spot for three years?

I was all set to tell the mailman about my infatuation with him when he said, "I see your husband uses a chemical fertilizer of nitrogen, phosperous, and potash. Tell him if he invested in a little sheep dip, he'd do away with that crabgrass. Is there something you wanted?"

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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 to these membership changes is received within 30 days of publication, the changes will become effective.

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