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APATHY and the Mid Atlantic Association of Golf Course Superintendents or Reading Time Three Minutes

The World Book Dictionary defines apathy as "lack of interest or desire for activity; indifference; lack of feeling."

October 1, 1963, thirteen years ago I joined this organization. On that day, I left my wife and new born son in Massachusetts at 6:00 a.m. and set out to a new job in Maryland. I was full of pain at leaving my new family, relatives, and old friends, and unsure of what lay ahead. Sounds like a soap opera, you say. I arrived at my new job at 3:00 in the afternoon, was met by the golf course architect, briefed as to what was expected of me at the new job, and in closing was told that the M.A.A. of G.C.S. was holding its October meeting at Woodmont Country Club in Rockville, Maryland, and that I should attend. Not knowing a soul, nor ever having seen rush hour traffic around a metropolis like Washington, D.C., but with directions in hand, I set out. To travel from Crofton, Maryland to Rockville, Maryland can't take more than 30 to 35 minutes, I managed to navigate it in about two hours.

To say I was shaken on my arrival at Woodmont would be an understatement. After regaining my composure, I made my way from my car to the men's grille, where I was told I would find Bob Shields, the host, and the rest of the Mid Atlantic membership.

Arriving at the men's grille, I couldn't believe my eyes, there were 100 to 125 men in there having what looked to be a great time. Well, again, not knowing a soul I entered and as luck would have it, Bob Shields was standing near the door and because he didn't recognize me and also because Bob, as you know, is a congenial host, he introduced himself and asked if he could help me. After I explained my situation, Bob took me in tow, introduced me to Alex Watson, the then Membership Chairman. Al, in turn, filled me in on the Mid Atlantic Association, and he also took me around the room and introduced me to some real fine guys, *You The Members*. The friendliness, spirit, and comradarie

of the group overwhelmed me.

What does all the preceding have to do with apathy you ask, let me explain. We are an association consisting of some 180 dues paying members and yet attendance has dropped drastically over the past five years at all meetings, conferences, and other Association activities. Why? Is it because you are unhappy with the programs and activities of your Association, are the prices too high, are the demands of your jobs increasing thus curtailing your time for Association activities? I ask these questions because you are the members not communicating to your elected Board what the problem is.

Yes, your Board has directed itself to our decreasing attendance and to you the members overall attitude of indifference, almost disinterest, toward Association activities. We've concluded that we've done what we can. It's up to you the member to turn this Association around again. We need you. We thought you needed us. You joined the Association.

If you are unhappy with the way things are going, if the Association isn't answering your needs don't just stay away, get involved, bitch. The squeaky wheel gets the grease. You've got the vote.

Where is the friendliness, spirit, and comraderie I saw and felt 13 years ago. I know its out there.

Gentlemen, believe me this Association can not have an impact or be viable without strong membership participation. We have problems, but we don't have problems that working together will not solve.

Come to the meetings, air your grievances, host a meeting. Get involved, it only takes time, a little money and commitment to the professional good of all. You'll be glad you did. I am.

Apathy is a dirty six letter word.

Bill Emerson
Vice President
Mid-Atlantic GCSA

Dates to Remember

- December 7-8, 1976 Toro Customer Service Meeting
Adams Equipment Inc.
Silver Spring, Md. on 7th
Baltimore Md. on 8th
- December 13-15, 1976 University of Maryland
Agronomy Short Course
- December 15, 1976 Mid-Atlantic Meeting —
Elections
Hillendale Country Club
Note change of date to
THIRD WEDNESDAY
- January 10-11, 1977 Mid Atlantic Conference
Baltimore Hilton Inn
Reisterstown Road Exit 20
of #695
- January 25-26, 1977 Virginia Turfgrass Council
Conference
Fredericksburg, Va.
- Feb. 6-11, 1977 GCSAA 48th Annual Turf
Conference
Portland, Oregon



GCSAA Golden Anniversary Outstanding Service Award

Angelo Cammarota, CGCS, a member of the Mid-Atlantic Association of GCS, was presented the Outstanding Service Award by GCSAA President Richard W. Malpass in recognition of his special contributions to the association and the profession. Cammarota, Columbia, Md., received the award during GCSAA's 50th Anniversary Celebration at the Sylvania (Ohio) Country Club September 13.

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December Mid Atlantic Meeting

Hillendale Country Club was started as a private enterprise in 1923 by the Preston Realty Company which had purchased the old Hillen estate, home of one of the early mayors of Baltimore (1842). The old mansion home, built in 1793, became the Clubhouse and dining room. The large stone barn proved an adequate locker room, and what was the slave quarters in pre-Civil War days was used for the Pro Shop.

The death knell of the old Club was sounded in December, 1952, when notice was received from the landlord that he had sold about 1/2 of the golf course to a Baltimore builder and that the Club's lease would be cancelled.

A large number of the members, hoping to perpetuate the Club, urged the then President of the Club and his Board of Governors, to try to form a new Club. In 1953 their hope was realized when the members purchased a 220 acre farm in Baltimore County's Dulaney Valley and began construction on what is now Hillendale Country Club.

Michael Larsen has been Superintendent at Hillendale since 1973. He attended Towson State College for 2 years and then entered the University of Maryland's Turf Grass Program. Upon graduation, he was an Assistant Superintendent under the late Dick Silvar at Baltimore Country Club (Five Farms).

Mike and his wife, Peggy, a Home Economics teacher, live in Hereford, Maryland.

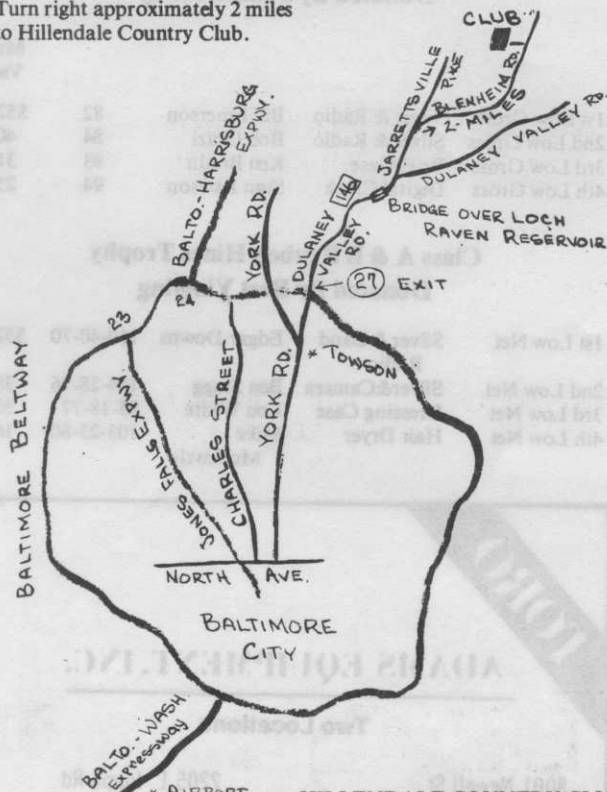
LUNCH: Available on a cash basis.
GOLF: Golf anytime after 9:30 A.M. No greens fees. Cars available at no charge. Call Pro Shop at 592-9404 for a starting time.

COCKTAIL HOUR: 5:30 — 6:30 P.M. Cash Bar.

DINNER: 6:30 P.M. \$10.00 inclusive.

We hope to be able to have the film of the P.G.A. Championship at Congressional Country Club.

After crossing Bridge, bear left up hill (Jarrettsville Pike) approximately 2 miles to Blenheim Rd. Turn right approximately 2 miles to Hillendale Country Club.



HILLENDALE COUNTRY CLUB
 BLENHEIM ROAD
 PHOENIX, MARYLAND
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 off Baltimore Beltway.

DATE: Wednesday, December 15, 1976 — Election Meeting.

PLACE: Hillendale Country Club.

HOST: Mike Larson.

DIRECTIONS TO CLUB: Take Baltimore Beltway (695) to Exit 27 North (Dulaney Valley Road) Rt. 146. Proceed on Dulaney Valley Road to bridge crossing Loch Raven Reservoir. Once across bridge bear left off Dulaney Valley Road onto Jarrettsville Pike. Once on the Jarrettsville Pike go approximately 1 8/10 miles to Blenheim Road. Turn right on Blenheim Road and follow for 2 miles to Club.

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Total	\$386.99

Expenses

Pro Shop Prizes	\$ 66.00
Gift Prizes	320.99
	\$386.99

Class A & B Bill Glover Trophy
Donated By John Conally

				Mdse. Value
1st Low Gross	Silver & Radio	Bill Emerson	82	\$52.00
2nd Low Gross	Silver & Radio	Bob Orazi	84	40.00
3rd Low Gross	Brief Case	Ken Braun	93	31.00
4th Low Gross	Digital Clock	Stan Lawson	94	25.00

Class A & B Reuben Hines Trophy
Donated By Bert Yingling

1st Low Net	Silver & Band Radio	Edgar Downs	110-40-70	\$52.00
2nd Low Net	Silver & Camera	Ben Stagg	104-28-76	38.00
3rd Low Net	Dressing Case	Lou White	95-18-77	30.00
4th Low Net	Hair Dryer	Mike McKenzie	103-23-80	16.50

Annual Memorial Tournament — 2

Class		Mdse. Value
Class C		
Low Gross	Radio Bill Neus 106	\$20.00
Class E		
Low Net	Pro Shop Mdse. Ken Baker 122-40-82	20.00
Guests		
Low Gross	Pro Shop Mdse. Paul O'Leary's 85	10.00
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1976 GCSAA Tournament

Qualifiers			Entry plus Expenses
1st Low Gross	Ron Hall	73-76-149	\$140.00
2nd Low Gross	Bob Martino	76-77-153	125.00
3rd Low Gross	Bob Orazi	78-80-158	110.00
4th Low Gross	Stan Lawson	79-83-162	100.00
5th Low Gross	Ken Braun	94-80-174	90.00
(Sub. for D. Anderson)			TOTAL
			\$565.00

GCSAA Tournament Team Results

Ron Hall	80-83-163
Bob Martino	82-82-164
Bob Orazi	86-94-180
Stan Lawson	91-87-178

19 Chapter Teams competed — Mid-Atlantic Team finished in fourteenth place. (42 shots behind the winners.)



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Summary

I feel that the Tournament was a very good one, handled very well by GCSAA officials and Toledo Golf Association. Both golf clubs were very hospitable and groomed well for the Tournament.

I also feel that the Mid-Atlantic Chapter should sponsor a Golf Team to all GCSAA Annual Tournaments in the future.

The Chapter sponsors education and research, social, and benevolence, why can't we fund more monies toward the game that is behind our profession.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronald E. Hall CGCS

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Poor Attendance at Monthly Meetings

This article is intended to be in conjunction with Bill Emerson's excellent "apathy of Mid Atlantic members" article. The context of which is from a recent board meeting of the Mid Atlantic when Bill Emerson presented a list of possible causes of poor attendance at our monthly meetings. Listed below are six items of importance:

1. Travelling time to the meetings.
2. Age of membership (retired not being replaced by young)
3. Cost of meals.
4. A need for more publicity.
5. More advance notice of the meetings.
6. A need for program variety, time of day, etc.

The above listing is in an order of importance scaled from #1 being the most important to #6 being the least important. This is a result of a committee headed up by Bill as chairman.

You may disagree with some of our causes of poor attendance, or their placement of importance. Either way you feel, jot down some of your own ideas and bring them to our next meeting at Hillendale for open discussion. We need your input to improve our upcoming year. The board needs to know what's expected of our monthly meetings and how best to provide our members with a program for 1977 that will encourage higher attendance and participation from our membership.

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Turf Equipment Inventory

The following inventory of turf equipment was prepared by John Bardleman, a senior turf student of Douglas Hawes at the University of Maryland. While the list was prepared for an 18 hole golf course, it is being reprinted here basically for current replacement value of your present inventory. It might also be used as a tool to suggest an increase in fire insurance for your present equipment, or as an aid in convincing membership that a more fire proof maintenance building would be in order for protection of the current investment in inventory. These prices are January 1976.

18-Hole Golf Course Inventory

TRACTORS AND TRUCKS

No.	Make	Model	Cost
1	Toro	F-10 Mowing Unit (Steel wheels)	\$13,500.00
1	Toro	G-10 Tractor	8,500.00
1	Toro	G-10 Tractor with: P.T.O.	360.00
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		Hitch	565.00
1	Chevy	3-spd. 6 cyl. pick-up truck 3/4 ton	4,300.00
1	Ford	Gas engine tractor with front-end loader& back-hoe 3400	15,500.00
1	Cushman	Trukster (dump model)	3,000.00
Total			\$45,725.00

MOWING EQUIPMENT

1	Jacobsen	Greensking Triplex Greensmower	5,000.00
1	Jacobsen	321 Greensmower	1,000.00
1	Jacobsen	76" Tee Mower with grass catcher	3,000.00
1	Jacobsen	20" Rotary Mower	284.00
1	Toro	50" Rotary (tractor mounted)	1,600.00
1	Toro	3-Gang Blitzer rough mower	2,400.00
Total			\$13,284.00

MAINTENANCE EQUIPMENT

1	Cushman	Truckster with 3 wheel 18 Hp. Boom & Sprayer	3,600.00 22.00
1	Ryan	Sod-Master Sod cutter, 12"	1,175.00
1	Koffel	Trap Rake	1,595.00
1	Rogers	Leaf-Blower, tractor-mounted	1,400
1	Rogers	"4, B" hand-operated leaf-blower "Lo-Blo"	325.00
1	Rogers	Fairway Aerifier 7'	2,500.00
1	Hahn	Green and Tee Aerifier	2,175.00
1	Ryan	Soil Shredder (12")	1,100.00



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1	Inter-national	Riding Cub Tractor with: Sno-blower	1,400.00
		Roller	230.00
			24.95
1	Aldens	8 Hp Roto-tiller	235.00
1	Hahn	Greens Spiker	520.00
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1	Par-Aide	Cup setter	8.75
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2	Par-Aide	Sets of flags, 1-9 (\$19.95 10-18 (\$20.50	40.45
1	Par-Aide	Set of practice green markers (1-9)	54.50
6	Par-Aide	Tee markers at \$1.80 (Red, White, Blue) (3 sets for 18 holes)	194.40
9	Par-Aide	Ball washers at \$51.25	461.25
1 case	Par-Aide	Tee Towels (12 doz.)	122.50
10	Par-Aide	Waste Containers at \$9.95	99.50
18	Par-Aide	6' Tee Benches at \$65.95	1,187.10
1	Wards	Wheelbarrow (steel)	60.00
1	Wards	8' Stepladder (aluminum)	40.00
1	Wards	20' Extension Ladder (aluminum)	50.00
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4	Lawn Rakes at \$3.99	15.96
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1	Pole-pruner with saw	33.99
1	Pruning Saw	5.29
	Pair of Lapping Shears	10.98
	Pair of Pruning Shears	12.98
2	Pairs of Grass Shears at \$6.49	12.98
2	Double-bladed Axes at \$18.99	37.98
1	Bush Hook (approx)	9.00
1	Hand Sickle (approx.)	5.99
1	Crowbar	4.59
1	Sledge Hammer	15.49
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1	Pr. Bolt Cutters 9/32"	12.99
1	Reelgrinder & Bedknife Grinder	1,110.00
		Total 2,769.60

SUMMARY

Tractor & Trucks & Fairway Mowers	45,725
Mowing Equipment	13,284.00
Maintenance Equipment	20,973.95
Golf Course Equipment & Tools	2,554.90
Hand Tools	734.17
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Equipment Inventory Total	86,042.32

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