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Dates to Remember

January 5-6

January 15

47th Annual Conference of the Mid-Atlantic Golf Course Superintendents Association

Holiday Inn', Exit 17 off 695 Beltway

Landscape Maintenance Workshop Interstate Inn, 8601 Balt. Blvd. (Rt. 1) North of College Park) 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Principles and practices of maintaining healthy turf and ornamental plantings co-sponsored by Maryland Ext. service, Maryland Turfgrass Council, and Landscape Contractors of Metro. Washington, Pre-registration is mandatory \$8.50 Person Call Dr. J.R. Hall if you have not received registration form in mail 454-3716

January 20

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Maryland Turfgrass Council annual meeting Interstate Inn, 8601 Balt. Blvd. (Rt. 1 North of College Park) Social Hour \$6.00, Dinner \$7.00 Speaker: Steven Symms—Congressman from 1st District of Idaho —

U.S. Tall Fescue Seed Crop Down 10 Percent

The forecast U.S. total production of tall fescue seed is at 94.9 million pounds, 10 percent below the 1974 crop, according to the Crop Reporting Board. Average yield per acte nationally is 272 pounds in 1974 and 291 pounds in 1973. Total acreage expected to be harvested, however, is down 17 percent from last year. In Oregon, the 1975 tall fescue seed crop is forecast at 10.2 million pounds, about the same as last year's final production of 10.1 million. Yield per acre in Oregon is expected to be 730 pounds, compared with 630 last year, but a 12 percent reduction in acreage in Oregon has offset gains made by higher yields.

Total U.S. Carryover of old crop seed on June 30 is estimated at 27.4 million pounds, which is the second highest carryover on record. EPA speaker opposed to Federal over regulation. Also noted against Federal land control and gun control.

January 21

land control and gun control. Pesticide License Review session 8:30-4:30 same address as above Core manuel available for \$2.00 Exam to follow later in month Pre-registration mandatory

President's Message

Phone 454-3716

I and your Board of Directors started the year 1975 with full realization that the honor and trust you bestowed upon us carried with it the responsibility of directing our organization forward as a growing and expanding association.

During the year we have revised our by-laws, published an updated directory with our code of ethics, and hopefully have tried to initiate more involvement on the part of our membership to make our association stronger. We are still trying to facilitate some type of insurance program, a new binder for our newsletters, and a standard contract of the Mid Atlantic GCSA.

The association I have experienced through working with the Board of Directors has been an exceptional and rewarding happening for me and I want to express my appreciation for their support and their achievements.

To you the members of our association, I say thank you for your friendship, cooperation and support. To those of you who hosted our association meetings I would once again say thank you for your gratious hospitality and the wonderful atmosphere that prevailed at these affairs.

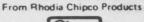
I have been deeply appreciative of the honor you bestowed upon me as your presiding officer this year — Gentlemen, I thank you for 1975.

Alex Watson

We can't do anything about Teddy Temper But when weed, insects and disease show up on your turf, we have something for almost everyone of them. Chipco Turf Kleen, Chipco Turf Herbicide MCPP SUP-R-FLO Maneb Flowable, Chipco Microgreen Liquid Chip-Cal Granular And Chipco Spot Kleen

Everything to help keep your greens (and fairways) in

the pink.





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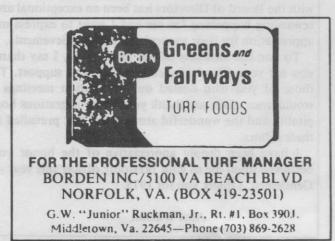


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1976 Mid-Atlantic Officers Elected

David Fairbank, superintendent of Army Navy Country Club in Arlington Virginia, will preside over the officers and directors for 1976. Dave, host for the election meeting at Army Navy, will have the following new officers and directors joining the board: Bill Emerson, Vice President, superintendent of Eagles Nest golf club in Timonium Maryland. Michael McKenzie, director, superintendent of the Naval Academy's golf course in Annapolis Maryland. Ben Stagg, director, superintendent of Hogs Neck golf course in Easton Maryland. George Thompson, director, superintendent of Columbia Country Club in Chevy Chase Maryland.

In accordance with our new by-laws a new officer position of treasurer, formerly the Secretaries responsibility, was filled by Sam Kessel, superintendent of the Country Club of Fairfax. Sam was a director with an unexpired term of office which accounts for the third new director instead of our normal turnover of two directors each year. Angelo Cammarota was elected to remain our Secretary for the following year.

In addition to the above changes Wayne Evans, superintendent of Brandywine Country Club in Brandywine Maryland, has been appointed by the board to fill the vacancy of Bob Orazi's resignation from the board of directors. This decision was based upon the closest runner-up from our election results at our December 3rd meeting. Bob has served us well in the capacity of Educational Chairman. Unfortunately his job has been very demanding this past year with his construction of a new nine holes at Hunt Valley. He also recently lost his assistant and is looking for a replacement. If any members know of anyone looking for an assistants position please contact Bob at the club (301-666-9475).

Remaining on the board are directors Craig Spottswood and Ronald Hall. Going off the board are Virgil Robinson, Lou White, and President Emeritus Paul Barefoot whose terms of office have expired. If all this sounds confusing its only because it is confusing.

Officers **Daivd Fairbank** D:11 E-

President

Vice President	Bill Emerson		
Secretary	Angelo Cammarota		
Treasurer	Sam Kessel		
President Emeritus	Alex Watson		

Board of Directors

Craig Spottswood	Michael McKenzie
Ronald Hall	Ben Stagg
George Thompson	Wayne Evans

The installation of our new officers and directors will take place at our annual conference on January 5th following our banquet dinner. Their respective responsibilities will be posted in next months newsletter.

The Beauty of Grass

Charles Johnson, Softs Seed Company (articles from Sept. issue of Seed Trade News

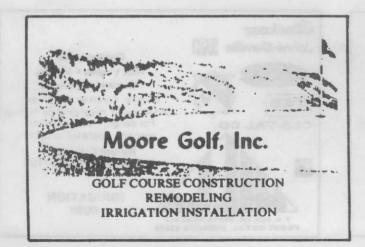
Pollution and litter have taken over the headlines in the United States and millions of dollars are being directed toward curing those social ills. Perhaps the greatest silent battler of both of those maladies is the strange natural phenomenon we call grass. This hardiest of plants seems to come from nowhere and grow on land scraped bare by bulldozers, flood waters or fires. Its color is most pleasing to the eye as it air conditions the earth. Its ability to spread and multiply from one plant to many is truly a miracle. Where grass grows, the soil has a peculiar ability to swallow old bottles, paper and trash, and soon the green of the stately, close-knit leaves is all that is noticeable.

Grass recycles itself. In the fall, new seed on unmown grass falls to the earth and is blown by the winds and carried by birds to places where it is needed. Some stays on the ground to bring new plants to the surface come the next spring.

Men can stomp on it, poison it and shave it close to the ground. With slow, but deliberate, persistence it comes back to hide the scars man made in passing. Grass covers the scars of battlefields, the trails of conquerors and the graves of the mightly and the lowly. It has eaten the cobblestone chariot paths of the old empires and obliterated the mistakes of centuries.

Grass gracefully waving from the fields and roadsides as if to say, "Hurry by and when you are gone and tumult has receded, I will bandage the earth and make it beautiful for the next generation." The patience of grass, the beauty of grass is everlasting.

... Scott Lamb Oregon Seed Council

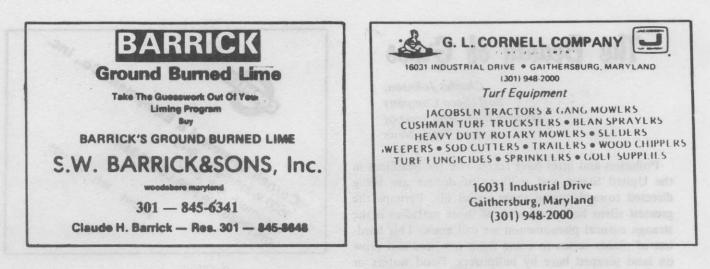




There are two insults no human will endure: the assertion that he has no sense of humor and the doubly impertinent assertion that he has never known trouble. Sinclair Lewis

Nothing is really work unless you would rather be doing something else.





Warming Trend Continues Year May Set Record for High Temperatures

Bolstered by the warmest November on record, the Washington area appears headed for its third record or near-record warm year in a row, according to the National Weather Service.

Temperatures last month averaged 54.4 degrees, making it the warmest November since federal weathermen began keeping records here in 1871. It was 6.4 degrees above "normal" for November — "normal" for the Weather Servie means temperature averages over the past 30 years.

Even is temperatures are only normal this month, 1975 will go down in weather books as the second warmest year since 1871, eclipsing overheated 1973 as the record holder.

Actually, the Weather Service's long-range 30-day (December) and 90-day (winter) forecasts predict abnormally warm weather here. The Washington area has already had four unusually warm winters in a row, and the East Coast in general has experienced a by Paul Hodge The Washington Post (Dec. 3, 1975)

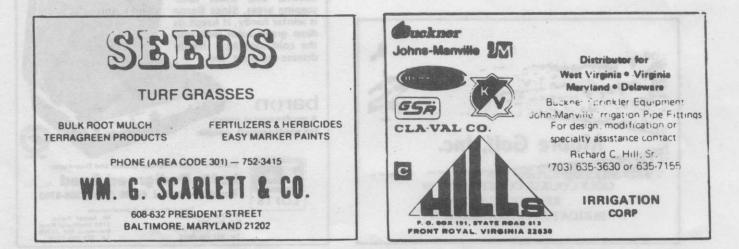
warming trend since 1970 and the colder-than-normal 1960s.

While 1975 has set few records so far, Washington's weather has been wetter than normal and its air dirtier than normal. September's 12.36 inches of rain is a record and rainfall here already is 10.6 inches above normal in the first 11 months.

In air pollution the area recorded the single worst day (Aug. 1) since the Council of Governments began testing the air in 1970, and the second-longest spell of air pollution (17 days).

The record warm weather last month helped conserve gas and oil heating fuel supplies, although Washington Gas Light Co. officials said yesterday it also has had a "significant impact on our revenues," since so few families have had to turn up their thermostats.

The gas company cut off gas supplies to its 260 "interruptible" customers about half of last winter and had told them this winter they can expect more gas for



Program

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Holiday Inn 1800 Belmont Avenue Baltimore, Maryland *Exit 17 off of Beltway*

January 5 and 6, 1976

\$30 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

Monday, January 5

Registration - Foyer

Call to Order — Main Ballroom MR. ROBERT J. ORAZI Superintendent Hunt Valley Golf Club Hunt Valley, MD

Welcome

DR. J.R. MILLER Chairman, Department of Agronomy University of Maryland College Park, MD

Presidents Message and Welcome

MR. ALEX D. WATSON Superintendent Sparrows Point Country Club Baltimore, MD

10:30 a.m.

"The Impact of Pesticide Use on Turfgrass Management Programs"

DR. ALFRED J. TURGEON Assistant Professor Department of Floriculture & Ornamental Horticulture University of Illinois Urbana, Illinois

"Carbohydrate Stress and Its Relation to Mowing, Fertilization and Irrigation"

DR. ROY E. BLAZER Professor Department of Agronomy Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University Blacksburg, VA

LUNCH

1:30 p.m.

12:10

11:15 a.m.

Afternoon Session - Main Ballroom

Presiding: MR. VIRGIL G. ROBINSON, JR. Superintendent

Andrews AFB Golf Course Washington, DC

"Identification and Control of Aquatic Weeds"

MR. JOHN E. GALLAGHER Associate National Program Director Turf and Aquatics Amchem Products, Inc. Ambler, PA

2:15 p.m.

"Do You Know Your Trees?"

DR. FRANK R. GOUIN Associate Professor University of Maryland College Park, MD

3:00 p.m.

Panel Discussion:

BREAK

) p.m.

3:15 p.m.	Bluegrass and Ryegrass —	12:00 Noon	LUNCH
Strengths and Weaknesses Bluegrass DR. JOHN R. HALL, III University of Maryland College Park, MD Ryegrass DR. HENRY W. INDYK Rutgers — The State University New Descention M	1:30-3:30	"The Diversified Superintendent"	
		Panel Moderator:	
		MR. GEORGE THOMPSON Columbia Country Club	
	Ryegrass		"Irrigation Renovation"
			MR. ALEX D. WATSON Sparrows Point Country Club
	Practical Experiences MR. ANGELO CAMMAROTA Hobbits Glenn Golf Course		"Golf Course Construction" MR. ROBERT J. ORAZI Hunt Valley Country Club
	Columbia, MD		"Tennis Court Maintenance" MR. ROBERT C. MILLER
MR. LEE C. DIETER Washington Golf & Country Club Arlington, VA MR. B. EDWIN WILSON Twin Shields Golf Club Dunkirk, MD	Washington Golf & Country Club		Suburban Country Club "Horticultural Plantings on the
	MR. B. EDWIN WILSON		Golf Course'' MR. PAUL J. BAREFOOT U.S. Soldiers Home
6:30 p.m.	Cocktail Hour - Cash Bar		PROGRAM COMMITTEE
7:30 p.m.	Dinner — Main Ballroom		Alex D. Watson, President
	Toastmaster — MR. VINCE BAGLI		William Emerson Ronald Hall
	Introduction of Guests		John R. Hall, III Robert J. Orazi, Chairman
	Special Awards	George Thompson	
The second se	Installation of Officers		Ken Braum
	Tuesday, January 6		
8:30 a.m.	Coffee and Danish — Main Ballroom	1	
9:25 a.m.	Presiding:		
	MR. WILLIAM J. EMERSON Superintendent Eagles Nest Golf Club Timonium, MD		
	"Identification and Control of Turfgrass Insects"		
	DR. JOHN LEE HELLMAN Survey Entomologist University of Maryland College Park, MD		
Nitrogen Fertilization DR. HENRY W. IND Professor	"Increasing the Efficiency of Nitrogen Fertilization"		
	Rutgers — The State University		
11:00 a.m.	Turfgrass Research Updates		
	DR. JOHN R. HALL University of Maryland		
	DR. ALFRED J. TURGEON University of Illinois		
	DR. ROY E. BLAZER Virginia Polytechnic Institute		

and State University

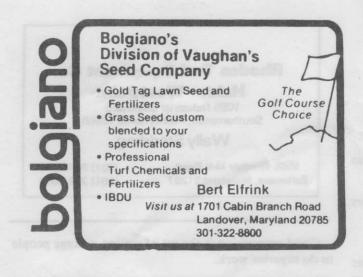
heating but how much more the company doesn't know, according to Charles Krautler, spokesman for the company.

The "interruptibles" are large apartments, office buildings, universities and hospitals here whose heating plants use natural gas but can be switched to burn more expensive heating oil.

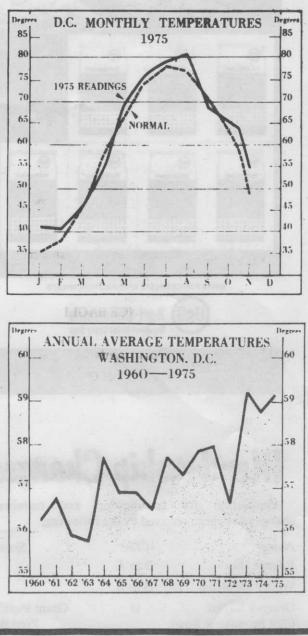
While 1975 temperatures have been unusually warm on the average, the weather has been erratic. September and April were both colder than normal, September filled with heavy rain and hail storms, most of it byproducts of Hurricane Eloise. April was unusually windy, with almost a week of nonstop high winds and several days with winds gusting to 50 and 60 miles an hour.

The unseasonably warm weather during the past five years has been due largely to fluctuations in the major air currents that prescribe weather for the mid-Atlantic states, according to Robert Dickson, deputy chief of the Weather Service's long-range prediction group.

"We've had an abnormally strong Bermuda High," the clockwise air circulation that brings Gulf Stream weather here, "and stronger than normal westerly winds across the U.S., which have blocked the usual polar air that comes down on us from Canada," Dickson said.



Why this is occurring, however, is not that easy to explain and even meteorologists disagree about the causes, Dickson said.





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Membership Changes

Application for membership and membership changes have been received by the following:

Name	Class	Sponsors
Eugene Day	B to A	
Walter Montross	H to B	
Gregory Baylor 6723 Broadview Road Baltimore, Md. 21209 Assistant — Chestnut Ridge C.C.	D	Grant Pensinger Fred Baker
Michael Larsen	B to A	
John R. Maley 6009 — 2 Majors Lane Columbia, Md. 21044 Assistant — Hobbits Glen	Class B	

This list is being published here in accordance with our by laws. Unless written objection is received within 30 days after publication, these men will become active members with their requested classification.

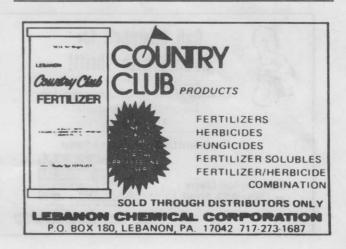
Correspondence Absent Host Thanks You

Due to unforeseen personal circumstances in my family, I regret that I was unable to attend the November 11 meeting at our club with you. I hope that each superintendent member and guest enjoyed our course and facilities. The weather was just great and we hope the impression left on you by Piney Branch was a memorable one. Even with my absence, (missed or not) a work of praise and thanks to the President and Board of Directors of the Mid Atlantic and Piney Branch for conducting and carrying out a fine meeting. I deeply regret, having been in this endeavor for as long as I have, that I never became acquainted with you long before now. With a little luck, persuasion or what have you, maybe Piney Branch can welcome you once again. If I may, a personal thanks to Bob Orzai and Bill Emerson, Walter Elseroad for a kind word out of their way offering the membership to me. From Piney Branch, hats off to you, Mid Atlantic, you are a great group of guys.

Eugene Dyke

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Good supervision is the art of getting average people to do superior work.



Code of Ethics

Observance of this code can only elevate the entire profession. Disregarding it will bring discredit not only to the individual but to all superintendents. Because it is a voluntary code, it can be enforced only by the desire to win and hold the respect and regard of fellow superintendents. Therefore, its enforcement is up to individual members.

As a member of the Mid-Atlantic and Golf Course Superintendents Associations of America, I pledge myself to:

1. Recognize and discharge all my responsibilities to my employers at all times.

2. Practice and insist on sound business principles in exercising the responsibilities of my position.

3. Utilize every opportunity to extend my professional knowledge in order to increase my value to my employers, my industry and my profession.

4. Truly assume the responsibility for the physical well-being of my golf course my insisting on and exercising the prerogative of my professional judgment in declaring my golf course playable or unplayable, according to prevailing conditions.

5. Maintain the highest standards of personal conduct to reflect credit and add to the stature of the profession of Golf Course Superintendency.

6. Neither engage in nor support any exploitation of my Association, industry or profession.

7. Avoid dissemination of any malicious information concerning other golf courses and/or other Golf Course Superintendents.

8. Lend my support to, and actively participate in, the efforts of my local Chapter and National Association to improve public understanding and recognition of the profession of Golf Course Superintendency. 9. Extend technical help to any golf course when called upon by the Superintendent.

10. Recognize, observe and expect in return the highest standards of integrity in my relationship with other Golf Course Superintendents as follows:

A. When seeking employment

(1) I will seek counsel of local GCSAA Chapters when applying for a position in any district.

(2) I will make certain the position is open before making application to any prospective employer.

(3) I will ascertain and uphold the salary level of the district in which I negotiate for a position.

(4) I will, when possible, speak to the man who is leaving or has left the position for which I am considered.

B. When visiting other golf courses

(1) I will call on the Superintendent of the golf course.

(2) I will present my GCSAA membership card.

Job Referral

Assistant Superintendent job available at Hunt Valley Golf Club, Hunt Valley, Maryland.

If interested, please send resume to: Hunt Valley Golf Club P.O. Box 424 Hunt Valley, Maryland 21031 Attn: Bob Orazi

Season's: Greetings

