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Dates to Remember

- January 5-6 47th Annual Conference of the Mid-Atlantic Golf Course Superintendents Association
Holiday Inn, Exit 17 off 695 Beltway
- January 15 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 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 —

- January 21 EPA speaker opposed to Federal over regulation. Also noted against Federal land control and gun control.
- Pesticide License Review session 8:30-4:30 same address as above
Core manual available for \$2.00
Exam to follow later in month
Pre-registration mandatory
Phone 454-3716

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 acre 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.

President's Message

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 gracious 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