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## June 8th Mid-Atlantic Meeting

Brandywine Country Club's old nine was opened for play in 1968. It was then known as the Marlton Country Club. The course was operated as a nine hole facility until Boise Cascade purchased the Club in 1970 and started construction on a new nine. Due to financial difficulties after the new nine was cleared, graded, seeded and partially irrigated it was let go to seed for two years. In 1972 Earwin Atlantic Inc. purchased the club with the idea of completing construction on the new nine. Wayne Evans, course superintendent, started in the Fall of 1972 to try to rebuild the new nine which by now looked like a jungle. The irrigation system (three row in the fairways) had never been completed. Main line of 8 inch transite was completed and checked out and power cables for the controllers were completed first. Some fairways had eroded so badly that a small dozer was used to grade a road down the fairways so that dump trucks could be used to bring in more soil. Those fairways which were not eroded had not been mowed in years. A bush hog and a Flail mower were first used to chop down the brush. After the brush was removed an extensive overseeding program followed. The greens which are an 80-20 mix were built to USGA specifications, however they were not floated or established. Seven of the greens were floated seeded by late October and seemed to come along well. Two of the greens were not started on until late November because it was physically impossible to get to them because of eroded fairways. These greens were floated seeded and covered with polyethylene plastic right before Christmas 1972. The new nine was opened for play June 3rd 1973. The new nine was again closed for the Winter of 1973 and 1974 to complete grading, drainage and rough clearance. April 1974 the nine reopened. During the changes in ownership of Brandywine Country Club the old nine was also let go down hill. Many dirt roads criss-crossing the golf course were used daily by the residents. This has stopped. Many of the holes on the old nine have undergone major renovation and some holes are still undergoing reconstruction today.

The Greens are 100% Penncross with a touch of Poa in some of the old ones. The fairways are now bluegrass but are in the process of changeover to Bermuda. P-16 and Tufcote nurseries have been established.

Brandywine as of May 28th is now under its fourth ownership. The Ward Corporation of Gaithersburg has taken over the operation. As of this writing the entire maintenance of the golf course is accomplished by four men including Wayne.

If you come out and play, stop in at Wayne's maintenance barn at the #10 green for free beer or soft drinks.

Lunch available—pay as you go

Carts Available

No greens fees — golf after 10:00 am

Cocktails 6:30 — 7:30

Dinner 7:30

**Directions to Club:**

Beltway 495 to Rt. 4 (Exit 34 east) 8 miles to Rt. 301 South. Turn right for five miles — club on left. Turn left on Trumps Hill Road — follow signs to club house on right.

## GCSAA Anniversary Tournament

The Mid-Atlantic Association of Golf Course Superintendents is going to sponsor a Golf Team to participate in the GCSAA Anniversary Tournament held at Sylvania Country Club, September 13, 14 & 15, 1976.

The Team will consist of 4 players and one alternate, Class A & B only. The Association will pay entry fees for all players plus each player will receive some funds for travel expenses according to his qualifying rounds, which will be a total of 36 holes.

The first qualifying round will be held at Brandywine Country Club in conjunction with our regular June 8 golf outing and the second qualifying round will be at Andrews Air Force Golf Course in conjunction with our

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my opinion, should not ask other golf course superintendents opinions or advise on correcting problems at the chairman's golf course. This obviously creates an awkward situation for everyone and probably should be met with stony silence!

"The same goes for calling in consultants. This must only be done with the approval of the superintendent, or better yet, at the superintendent's recommendation.

"Oddly enough, many club members are impressed with the use of consultants or experts in various fields.

"It might be a political gambit, but maybe golf course superintendents should consider using such services more often. I wonder how many club members know that golf course superintendents get together and discuss common problems! They should be told this. They should know about this very Clinic here today.

"Another policy the green committee chairman must observe is to deal only with the golf course superintendent. He must avoid the pitfall of ordering anyone in the grounds crew to do anything. This is an organizational no-no, since it dilutes the authority of the superintendent and lowers morale.

"Finally, the chairman should make every possible effort to see to it that the superintendent is fairly compensated and recognized for his work.

"I've talked quite a bit about the green committee chairman's responsibilities to the superintendent. Let's go the other way a bit.

"Aside from the normal turf growing function, a good relationship should foster a condition where the superintendent readily accepts the responsibility for attaining certain goals. I'm referring to such things as constant cost reduction through mechanization, better equipment, use of his own turf and tree nurseries, his own small scale experimentation on turf, chemicals, seeds, fertilizers, etc. I'd expect him to surround himself with competent workmen with high morale and capable of withstanding unionization.

"The individual crew member should be trained to do several jobs so that there is back-up available at all times. The superintendent and the green committee chairman must be concerned about the safety and general well-being of the crew including such items as lodging, wash-up facilities, food, hours of work, rates of pay, vacations, and every other working condition and fringe benefit.

"Later today, you're going to hear John Jackman give an interesting talk on his experiences relative to Medinah's hosting of the U.S. Open, so I will say very little about that event.

"From my point of view, however, the holding of this tournament strengthens the case for everything I've said about our relationship. It was a very busy and interesting period, what with two years of preparation and tending to hundreds of little details and several large projects. I wouldn't trade that experience for the world.

"At the beginning I mentioned that good relationships mean a sense of responsibility to each other, trust

in each other, an understanding of common goals and problems and good communication. In closing I'd just like to add one more and that is — that both parties use good old-fashioned horse-sense."

— D.F. Johnson

*Ed. Note—Donald Johnson has been Green Chairman at Medinah C.C. for the past twelve years. Really a remarkable record.*

## Tournament (Continued from Page 1)

regular July golf outing.

In order to participate in this event, you must be Class A or B six months prior to the day the Tournament starts.

A & B members seeking to qualify for this event must do so on the days that were designated. If either round gets rained out it will be rescheduled with our August meeting.

The Team will be chosen from "Low Gross" scores only.

Qualifiers must play in a foursome.

All ties will be broken with a playoff after final round.

1st Low Gross receives	\$90.00 plus entry fee
2nd Low Gross receives	75.00 plus entry fee
3rd Low Gross receives	60.00 plus entry fee
4th Low Gross receives	50.00 plus entry fee
5th Low Gross receives	40.00 plus entry fee



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