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March Meeting

The March meeting of the Mid-Atlantic G.C.S.A. is our annual joint meeting with the Old Dominion G.C.S.A. This year we are the hosts and we will be meeting March 8th at the Springfield Country Club in Springfield, Virginia. Our Host Superintendent will be Gene Day.

Gene has been employed by Springfield since the inception of the club in 1959. Gene worked on the golf course all through construction and continued on as a member of the golf course maintenance crew. In 1968, Gene was promoted to assistant superintendent under Dennis MacCammon. When Dennis moved to Colorado in 1973, Gene was again promoted, this time to golf course superintendent.

The program for the day will be as follows:

Golf: Anytime after 12:00 Noon

Cocktails: 6:00 P.M.

Dinner: 7:00 P.M.

Speaker: Dr. Doug Hawes

Sand topdressing of bluegrasses and creeping bentgrasses.

DIRECTIONS TO THE CLUB: I-95 to the Springfield exit. Southbounders will exit onto Keene Mill Rd. and continue through Springfield to the club on the left. Northbounders will exit at Springfield and turn west on Keene Mill Rd. to the club.

1977 Maintenance Survey

By now all class A and B superintendents have received their 1977 Maintenance Surveys. The reason for these surveys are to help each and every superintendent determine how he and his golf course stack up against other Mid-Atlantic courses. These surveys are of great value at budget time. Many clubs are able to make decisions on expenditures by understanding that other courses are spending equivalent dollars on comparable golf course maintenance programs.

This year instead of taking a cross section and determining the average golf course, we will study these surveys and try to show what is spent on golf courses in relation to their income, number of holes, and mode of club operation.

In order to make this a viable study, we need all of these surveys returned as soon as possible. Please help us by filling out these surveys and returning them to:

Wayne Evans

1804 Ironton Drive

Oxon Hill, Maryland 20021

Your prompt response will be appreciated.

President's Message

March in the Mid-Atlantic area annually triggers the beginning of the outdoor recreation season. During March the winter efforts of mechanic and staff are given a shakedown so that when the bell rings all will be in readiness for the long season ahead.

With the winter of '76-'77 being one of the worst in history, let us pray that its effects on turf were positive.

Club members are also suffering from the worst case of "Fanny Fatigue" in recent memory. With our members in mind I suggest that you brush up on all the reasons necessary for putting up the "Course Closed" or "No Carts" signs. In my files I ran across an article entitled "Winter Golf In Maryland". This article was written and published in February, 1974 by Dr. John Hall. This article gives the agronomic shortcomings of playing golf under less than desirable conditions. This was an excellent piece and I recommend obtaining a copy by contacting Mr. Chuck Darrah, Turf Specialist, Department of Agronomy, University of Maryland.

Looking forward to seeing you at the March meeting.

Bill Emerson