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## October Meeting

### WELCOME TO WOODMONT

Again it is my pleasure to invite you and your guests to visit Woodmont Country Club - to play golf, cocktails, dinner and then a meeting.

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Fellow Members:

As the pressure of our profession winds down this time of year, it is time to evaluate the experience of the past golfing season and make plans for the future. The same evaluation and future planning is also being done by "your" Mid-Atlantic Association of Golf Course Superintendents. To assist "your" directors in this task I ask each of you to take a couple hours of "your" time and jot down "your" ideas for improving "your" association. Mail "your" recommendations to me:

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Our October meeting is the second Tuesday, the eleventh, at Bob Shield's beautiful Woodmont Country Club. I always look forward to Woodmont, and I'm sure we'll have a good turnout as October is the month of our Annual Golf Tournament. Come on out and enjoy a day of playing rather than working for the game of golf.

Yours for better turf for better golf.

Bill Emerson

Woodmont has two 18 hole golf courses, and you can play either one, but the association tournament will be played on the South Course.

Frank Murray built the North Course, and it was opened to play in 1950. The 6514 yard course was designed by Al Tull, who also did Norbeck and Westwood. He drew up plans for the back nine of the South Course, and we built it ourselves. It was opened for play in 1956 when Vice President Nixon cut the ribbon. The front nine of the South Course were designed and built by Leo Freudberg, Green Chairman at that time and myself. It was opened in 1960 and measures 6290 yards.

The greens were C-1 and C-9 bent grass when the course opened, but after many years of overseeding with Penncross bent grass seed, very little of the original grass remains. They are seeded at the rate of one pound of Penncross bent to each green during each month of the growing season.

The fairways were seeded with blue grass and fescue, but that didn't last long so we planted U-3 Bermuda. That went out with the cold winter of '62-'63, but we kept planting the strains that survived the winter with only short-lived success. We used Paraquat two years in a row and then seeded with common Bermuda, but fairways never got real good until too late in the season.

In 1973 we overseeded with Perennial Rye grass and have done so each fall since that time. As you play the course, you will see very little Bermuda grass on the fairways - the rye grass has almost crowded it out of the picture.

This year's fairway seeding operation may be in progress while you are here. We apologize for any interruption of play, but the job must be done.

We are overseeding with Pennfine and Yorktown Rye at 100 pounds per acre. The fairways were aerified twice, followed by the disc-type seeder with Pennfine seed. Two weeks later the Yorktown was planted by cross-seeding the first planting.

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