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January Meeting

SHERATON-LANHAM

Program for MAAGCS Conference 1978

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Sunday, January 8, 1978 through
Thursday, January 12, 1978

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(Early arrivals at Sheraton-Lanham Motor Inn after 1:00 p.m.)

Tuesday, January 10, 1978

MORNING

8:30 am Coffee and Pastry

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Monday, January 9, 1978

MORNING

8:30 am

Registration

10:00 am

Call to Order and Welcome

George B. Thompson, *Superintendent*
Columbia Country Club

President's Message

William J. Emerson, *Superintendent*
Chevy Chase Club

10:30 am

Bentgrass Management in the Hot, Humid Southeast

Dr. A. Robert Mazur,
Professor of Turfgrass Management
Clemson University

Liming Golf Turf

Dr. Henry Indyk
Specialist in Turfgrass Management
Rutgers University

12:00 noon

Lunch

AFTERNOON

1:30 pm

Presiding

Sam Kessel, *Superintendent*
Country Club of Fairfax

Water as a Natural Resource

Dr. J. R. Watson, Jr.
Toro Manufacturing Company

Contour Mowing of Fairways

Sherwood Moore, *Superintendent*
Woodway Country Club, Inc.

Flowers from Greenhouse to Frost

David S. Fairbank, *Superintendent*
Army-Navy Country Club

Professionalism

Angelo Cammarota, *Superintendent*
Hobbets Glen and Allview Golf Courses

EVENING

6:30 pm

Social Hour

7:30 pm

Banquet

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Fellow Members:

It is said "Time flies when you're having fun", well, 1977 flew by for me. A new job, new home, new schools for my kids, and being your president made 1977 a year I'll long remember. Looking back, there were times when the pressure of all these

happenings gave me cause to ponder the wisdom of trying to serve as your president with so many new goings on in my own personal sphere. Looking ahead, the experiences of 1977 can do nothing but help me to cope with other action-packed times in my future.

The accomplishments of my year as president of our association were few, the failures fewer. The most dramatic lesson I learned first hand in 1977, as president, was that to improve our association's response to members' needs is difficult, if not impossible, as we are presently structured. The weakness that I see in our system of leadership is that the officers of our association are "Lame Duck" as soon as they take office, so it is difficult to get significant plans on programs moving onto a successful conclusion, because there, just plain and simple, is not enough time. I see the need for a paid

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A Night in December

As an elected member of The Board of Directors of The Mid-Atlantic Association of Golf Course Superintendents, I feel I owe an explanation to the membership for the unilateral action I took in resigning from that Board.

It has bothered me for the past several years that our organization, with a few individual exceptions, is divided into two factions or cliques, namely the Baltimore Clique and the Washington Clique. Nowhere in our By-Laws, which I helped revise, or in our organization name, do I see the word Baltimore or Washington, I do see *Mid-Atlantic*.

The deliberate rigging of the election process by the Baltimore faction at our election meeting on December 13, 1977 is nothing that hasn't happened in the past with the Washington faction. Both are equally to blame! Does that make it right? Is that the professional image we want portrayed?

I felt very strongly at the election meeting, as I do now, that it is time this issue be resolved for the *good* of the Superintendents in the Mid-Atlantic area.

I felt, maybe wrongly so, (time will tell) that I was the individual in the best position to bring this to a head for a couple of reasons.

First, two years ago at the Hillendale election meeting my name and that of Bill Emerson were brought forth for Vice-President. The Washington group, *at that time*,

was trying to rig the elections by car pooling voting members to the meeting, voting members, incidentally, who very seldom made the meetings. When I saw what had happened, and not that it would have made any difference in the outcome of the V.P. election, I removed my name from the slate. Bill Emerson was, and is, a very capable and deserving individual, and I did not then, and do not now, want to be identified as anything but Mid-Atlantic. At the time I was told that was the wrong thing to do, that I would not be nominated again, etc. BIG WHOOP!!!

Second, I am an individual who has no overriding desire to move up in the Association. This fact is hard to get across to many people. This does not mean that I will

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President's Message

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"Executive Director" to operate the day-to-day business of our association and to insure continuity between past and present Boards. And more importantly than that, to give you and I, as members of the Mid-Atlantic, a consistent, solid source that we can go to for, and with, information that is needed for the good of the membership.

I want to thank our other officers and Board of Directors for their individual and collective efforts on our behalf in 1977. Many hours of effort went into the operation of our association, and these men did it willingly; so to Dave, Sam, Angie, Ron, George, Wayne, Ben, Ken, Mike and Virgil—Thank You. Thanks also to my wife Pat and my kids Shawn, Sharen and Scott, for allowing Dad the extra time away from them to do his thing. I especially thank the membership for allowing me the privilege to serve; I learned, and I enjoyed it.

In closing, I wish much success to our 1978 officers and Board. And I look forward to seeing everyone at "Turfgrass '78", January 9th - 12th.

Yours for better golf with finer turf.

Bill Emerson

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