

December Meeting

Site: Marlboro C.C.
Host: David Scott Wagner
Date: December 11, 1979
Lunch: Available
Golf: Anytime
Carts: \$5.50 per person
Cocktails: 5:30 P.M. to 6:30 P.M., Cash Bar
Dinner: \$14.00 — Buffet including:
 Prime rib, potatoes, two vegetables, salad bar,
 relish trays, jello molds, rolls and coffee and tea.

Scott Wagner is the new Superintendent at Marlboro C.C., replacing Wayne Evans who has just recently moved over to Indian Springs C.C. Scott has graciously accepted to keep the meeting at his club, which all of the Mid-Atlantic should come out and show support to a new Superintendent who not only has the new responsibility of position, but also of the difficult task of hosting a monthly meeting. In talking with Scott, he hasn't really been able to complete a course profile for the newsletter so instead he'll try to give us some course history at the meeting.

Directions: 495 to Rt. 4, Upper Marlboro exit. Take Rt. 4 to Crain Highway. Left onto Crain and proceed into Marlboro. Upon entering Marlboro, bear left at the large monument onto Rt. 725. Go straight on 725, 1/2 mile to the Club which will be on the right side.

Phone: 952-1300 or 952-0333.

Dear Mike and Peggy Larsen,

I asked Greg how I might express my appreciation for your outstanding efforts in organizing this year's Ladies Night. He suggested the *Mid-Atlantic Newsletter*.

Nichi Bei Kai has always been one of our favorite restaurants, so I was pleasantly surprised to see it as the choice for dinner. The play, "Death Trap", was a real thriller that kept me on the edge of my seat and amused simultaneously. Judging by the screams and laughter of those around us, I'd say we all felt the same.

I have a pretty good idea how much energy you must have expended for this event. I can only speak for myself, but from the feelings I received from the other wives, I feel safe in saying to you and your wife, a very sincere thanks for your hard work and most enjoyable evening.

Yours truly,
 Gini Bayor

Editors Review of 1979 G. Bayor

For those of you who don't already know it, I'm giving up the job as Editor of the Newsletter. The single biggest reason for this is that my job of running two 18 hole golf courses and 900 acres of parks is just too time consuming. Its my opinion that if I were to continue as Editor the Newsletter would suffer. Although this past year as Editor did have its dark moments, I really did enjoy the opportunity to contribute to the Association.

The year 1979 has been rewarding to me as Editor. Add this with what I believe was a satisfactory meeting at my Mt. Pleasant G.C., totals a year for me to always remember. To all of you Newsletter contributors and Host Superintendents, I wish to extend my thanks to you for making this year memorable.

This years' meeting continued the tradition of events that are always looked forward to, and I'm sure next years will be also. After and absence of a few years the Mid-Atlantic again held two joint meetings, their success this year indicates that this is something worth continuing. The golfing was superb on excellent conditioned courses that were fun and challenging; in addition to our regular events, the new match play was an added attraction. A special thanks to Ken Braun for his continued effort to keep us hackers feeling like pros.

The dinners this year ranged from the plush at \$16.50 to the basic at \$8.50, quite a difference in range, but all well worth their value. The topics and speakers were again beneficial to all who attended; to those of you who stayed home, you not only lost out on valuable information, but you also missed that extra special comradery with fellow Superintendents.

1979's special events were outstanding: the Turfgrass Booster Tournament, the Annual Picnic, and the Ladies Night. All members who attended these special functions owe a great debt of thanks to the organizers. There are a lot of "non-contributors" in the Mid-Atlantic who could really contribute a lot with a few remarks of thanks to these "organizers" who receive nothing but the smile on your faces.

The best piece of advice I can offer my successor is that whomever takes over this Newsletter had better be honest with himself and sincerely believe that he has the amount of time it takes to do a GOOD job worthy of the Mid-Atlantic. Secondly, let me warn the new editor to work with what he has on hand, and now wait for any promised material. Theres always room for improvement in anything, so I'm sure the new Editor will come up with some really great issues.

The areas that I tried to improve on was more article material and an attempt to make the Newsletter break even financially. I do believe that many of this years articles were beneficial to the readers, and hopefully kept their interest and anticipation up. Unfortunately the Newsletter came close, but never did break even: in order to increase the number of articles, the number of advertisers had to be increased to pay for the added costs. My one attempt at a

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51st International Turfgrass Conference and Show

A record number of golf course superintendents, educators, manufacturers and visitors from all facets of the green industry are expected to meet in St. Louis Feb. 17-22, 1980, during the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America's 51st International Turfgrass Conference and Show, the world's largest forum for the golf turf industry, according to Conrad L. Scheetz, CAE, GCSAA executive director.

The conference and show will take place in St. Louis' new Alphonso J. Cervantes Convention and Exhibition Center, the centerpiece of a recent reconstruction effort which has made St. Louis one of the nation's most attractive convention cities, Scheetz said.

A total of 66 speakers, including keynote speaker David T. McLaughlin, president of the Outdoor Power Equipment Institute and chairman of the board of The Toro Company, will take part in the conference education program. The four-day education program will include nine sessions relating to the conference theme, "Conservation... Our Key to the Future."

McLaughlin's address, Monday, Feb. 18, titled, "Are We Savers or Spenders?" will kick off the conference education sessions. Other sessions will be on "Conservation of Personal Resources," "Conservation in Key Areas," "Looking for the Key," "Using Some Keys," "Unlocking Potential," "Conservation of Resources," "Important Keys to Business Management" and "Thinking Superintendents: Users of the Keys."

Running concurrently with the education sessions will be GCSAA's 51st International Turfgrass Show, the world's largest exhibition of golf turf products, equipment and accessories. More than 200 firms have already contracted for exhibit space, and individual attendance is expected to break the previous record of 6,500 set last year in Atlanta, Ga.

Last year, 225 exhibitors used 4.5 acres of exhibit space to display \$2.5 million worth of equipment, accessories and turf products, and an even larger show is expected this year.

GCSAA's membership meeting, which sets the course of

the association for the next year, is scheduled for 2 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 20. New officers will be elected and members will have a chance to discuss policies which will guide the association through 1980.

The social highlight of the conference week will be GCSAA's annual banquet and show in the grand ballroom of Stouffer's Riverfront Thursday, Feb. 21. The Purdue Glee Club and a comedian will be featured, and a dance band will play until after midnight.

Spouses will find plenty to do in St. Louis during the conference week. Three tours of the city have been arranged, and a hospitality suite in GCSAA's headquarters hotel, Stouffer's Riverfront Towers, will be in operation all week. Tours will include a shopping spree in the Plaza Frontenac Mall, a tour of the riverfront and downtown area and a visit to the site of the 1904 World's Fair, now the home of the St. Louis Art Museum, the St. Louis Zoo, the McDonnell Planetarium and the Muny Opera. Seminars, lectures, demonstrations and other activities will take place in the hospitality suite throughout the week.

Immediately after the close of conference activities Friday, Feb. 22, participants in GCSAA's annual postconference tour and golf tournament will leave St. Louis for Guadalajara, Mexico. The tournament is scheduled for Monday and Tuesday, Feb. 25 and 26, and optional tours of the area around Guadalajara will offer those not taking part in the tournament an ample opportunity to see one of the most picturesque parts of Mexico.

The tournament will be a 36-hole, shotgun start competition open to GCSAA members, guests and exhibitors in the turfgrass show. The tournament will be played at the Club de Golf, Santa Anita Country Club and at San Isidro Country Club. The ladies' tournament will be played at Guadalajara Country Club, the city's oldest.

Spouses To Tour St. Louis

As golf course superintendents from all over the country are attending GCSAA's 51st International Turfgrass Conference and Show Feb. 17-22, 1980, in St. Louis, their spouses will be taking advantage of a wide range of activities offered as part of GCSAA's conference Ladies' Program.

Shopping sprees, city tours, seminars and lectures are among the conference week activities scheduled for spouses. A hospitality suite in the ballroom of GCSAA's headquarters hotel, Stouffer's Riverfront Towers, also will be in operation throughout the week.

Tours scheduled include a shopping spree in the exclusive Plaza Frontenac, where participants will search for souvenirs of St. Louis in such stores as Saks Fifth Avenue and Nieman Marcus; a visit to the site of the 1904 World's Fair, now the home of the St. Louis Zoo, the Art Museum, the McDonnell Planetarium and the Muny Opera, and a tour of St. Louis' downtown area, including the famous Gateway Arch, the Old Courthouse, riverboats and mansions.

Hospitality suite activities will begin Monday afternoon with a Welcome to St. Louis. Tuesday's tours will be follow-

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single sheet Newsletter sans advertisers (similar to other associations) met with such negative opposition, that I wouldn't recommend that it be attempted again, regardless of the fact that it cost only 15% as much as the regular issue.

Finally let me express my very special thanks to the following persons: my two secretaries, Ms. Elizabeth Hess and Mrs. Lillian Hughes, and especially to my wife who had to put up with all my complaints at various times.

Good luck to all of you in 1980, and especially to the next Editor.