

## Long, Long Ago

Greg Bayor

Due to last month's *necessity* of an abbreviated newsletter, this month's edition will carry *two* months of history. There hasn't been any real feedback on whether or not you readers find this section enjoyable; let me know whether to keep or delete this piece (also any ideas you might have).

### • 15 yrs. June 1964

Lakewood C.C., Rockville, Md., was the site of the June meeting. Jack Oulla was the host Superintendent.

Dr. Fred V. Grau wrote: "In New England, in Ohio, in Texas, in the Midwest and on the West Coast, it is clear that  $K_2SO_4$  is developing sturdy turf that is stiff and highly resistant to wear. One course in Dalton, Mass., uses very little P but goes heavy on  $K_2SO_4$ , soluble. With 600 playing members there is no sign of wear. I called the greens "rugged". In northern Ohio most Superintendents are using  $K_2SO_4$  with excellent results. Similar reports are being written in other parts of the country".

Bob Shields wrote on the National News: "more and more discussion is being heard on the desirability of having our own building. There are many Superintendents who think we should establish ourselves permanently somewhere and put down some roots to support us during our coming turbulent years". This editor believes this was sound judgment since the costs of construction today would be prohibitive. Also of note is of Bob's mention of "roots". Seems like he had a hit idea before Alex Haley.

Dr. G.S. Langford wrote: "Recently, Dr. E.E. Deal, Turf Agronomist, University of Maryland, received a report that a zoysia lawn was dying. Investigation showed that the lawn was being killed by bill bugs. Subsequent surveys of the University Park area where the bill bug damage was found showed other lawns with damage. The type and extent of damage to the lawn in University Park indicates that bill bugs can be a serious pest of Meyer's zoysia.

### • July 1964

The Country Club of Fairfax was the location of the July meeting. Charles Schalestock was the host Superintendent.

Dr. Fred V. Grau wrote a timely piece concerning water penetration: "When 50 acres of fairway get dry and need water, we turn to aerating tools only to find the soil is now so hard we can effect little or no penetration. There are two ways to keep soils open and receptive to water.

1. Operate conventional aerating tool at intervals while natural Winter and Spring moisture is plentiful, thus *keeping* the soil open.

2. When soil becomes too hard for conventional tines and spikes we can resort to power takeoff saw type rotary blades as exemplified by two modern machines (Aer-thatch and Aero-blade). Alternate teeth can be removed so that saw-cuts are four inches apart. By operating on the contour, one can make most effective use of water (natural or artificial).

Huge automatic irrigation systems may be the answer if they can be trained to supply water on the basis of greatest need".

### • 10 yrs. June 1969

The officers of the Mid-Atlantic are pictured here? The Suburban Club of Baltimore, Bob Miller superintendent, was the site and host for the June 1969 Mid-Atlantic meeting.



The President, Bob Milligan, wrote an interesting piece on the 1969 minimum wage of \$2.00: "We all realize that our valued employees must receive a fair wage. In order to retain them, I am certain managers

reward them financially. But we are in an industry that could provide a good training ground for youngsters who would like to work at menial jobs, for less than the minimum wage. Due to age restrictions and existing minimums, we must send our valued employees on the menial tasks.

We have no voice in the government process of continuing rules and regulations, so we tend to think of mechanizing the golf course, enabling our small crew to cover the job. But aren't we avoiding the issue? The boy we could not hire because he was too young to operate a mower (legally) may go door to door mowing lawns, without supervision, instructions, demonstrations or proper equipment".

### • July 1969

The Mid-Atlantic Annual Picnic was held in July this year at the Sterling Park Recreation Center, Sterling, Va.; Bob Martino was the host.

The members selected to be Mid-Atlantic representatives in the upcoming January Golf Course Superintendent's Association of American Annual Conference were: National Advisory Committee — Lee Dieter and Denny McCammon; Voting Delegate and alternate — George Cleaver and Ed Dembnicki and lastly, the Nominating Committee — George Gumm, Bob Shields and George Cleaver.

### • 5 yrs. June 1974

Chartwell Golf and Country Club, Paul McKenzie superintendent, was the site and host for the June 1974 Mid-Atlantic meeting.

A few paragraphs concerning trees seems worthwhile, considering Summer's onslaught:

"The cooling experience of a drive away from downtown is known to many and pretty much taken for granted by all. The macadam, brick and concrete of every downtown area makes each a hot, hot place in summer. But why? There's macadam, brick and concrete in the suburbs too.

The answer of course is trees. Tree lined streets and tree shaded yards make the difference. Trees not only shade us from the hot sun's rays, trees also air condition the heat and make it cooler. In fact, the average suburbanite can expect heat reduction up to 20% in those areas where trees have grown to mature size.

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It takes approximately twenty mature trees to clean the air of carbon dioxide resulting from every auto or truck consuming five gallons of gasoline. About twenty more trees are needed to remove the carbon dioxide produced by the average home oil burner. And most important, it takes at least one mature tree to remove the carbon dioxide exhaled daily by each living person.

The total number of trees required per person per day to remove our civilization's current carbon dioxide production is estimated to be seventy-eight trees. That's 312 trees for every average American family of four.

• **July 1974**

Words of Paul Voykin, still worth noticing today: "During the last few recession years, North American golf courses, especially the private clubs, have been in a serious financial situation because of skyrocketing operation costs.

Though I have always stated that a clubhouse without a golf course is nothing more than a roadside inn, with other gourmet restaurants in the area as good or better, the officials of our country clubs are also looking in our direction with a frugal eye... The best among you are to blame for the situation we are in... My contention is that if we did less grooming, the country clubs could save money and have a more challenging golf course with fewer headaches.

We have spoiled the golfer rotten with expensive round-the-clock maintenance and grooming. Now we have the high cost monster looking over our shoulder with hungry fangs, and I say that we can't afford him for a pet any longer".

# Dr. Cory, Noted Entomologist, Dies at 92 Greg Bayor

Dr. Cory served as head of the Entomology Department at the University of Maryland from 1914 until his retirement in 1956. He was especially known for his research, which led to the use of DDT. Dr. Cory also saw the limitations of the use of chemical pesticides. His article "Use and Limitations of DDT", which was published in 1946, was the forerunner of present restrictions on DDT's use in this country.

While working with the American Orchid Society as a scientific advisor, he developed a spray that eliminated a pest that was destined to eliminate the industry. He was presented a Gold Medal of Achievement by the Society for this work and later the Society named an orchid after him.

Dr. Cory was also highly appreciated for his extensive research of the milky disease spore dust developed to control Japanese beetles. This is still a very efficient controller hardly used today, despite the ever persistent problem of these beetles.

Especially noteworthy to all of us in the Mid-Atlantic is that Dr. Cory was one of the original founders of our Association. The Mid-Atlantic was definitely fortunate to have been inspired and led by such a successful professional as Dr. Cory.

# Golf News

*Ken Brown*

Green Spring Valley Hunt Club gave us the match play qualifiers and now Carrol Valley has given us the results of the first round, as follows:

**Championship Flight**

Stagg	defeated	Pensinger
Lawson	"	Fairbanks
Robinson	"	Kessel
Nues	"	Shirk
Bayor	defeated	Dieter
Kroll	"	Orazi
Oleary	"	Esender
Allan	"	McKenzie

**Consolation Flight**

Malehorn	defeated	Hall
Emerson	"	Yingling
Mason	"	White (forfeit)
Watson	"	Pensinger (forfeit)
Montecaluo	defeated	Larson (forfeit)
Braun	"	Montross

The next round is to be played July 10 at the Mt. Pleasant Golf Course in Baltimore City. The pairings and times are as follows:

Stagg	vs Lawson	11:30 AM	
Robinson	vs Nues		Championship Flight
Bayor	vs Kroll	11:40 AM	
Oleary	vs Allan		
Malehorn	vs Emerson	11:50 AM	
Mason	vs Watson		Consolation Flight
Montecaluo	vs Brown	12:00 PM	

So far, all indications are that everyone involved are enjoying themselves, especially those who are playing others they've never really got to know before. For those of you not in the match play, try getting out of your usual group and play with someone new and enjoy the experience the match players are enjoying.

Also, ALL golfers please note: There is still a regular tournament for everyone each meeting, so come out and play. You can tee off any time *after* the match players. (There won't be a conflict with the public because the course will be closed for 3 hours for our exclusive tee off)