

Check List for Host Superintendents



If you are chosen to be a host for a Mid-Atlantic meeting here is a list of what is required of you.

Host

Be available to your guests from one hour prior to the first tee time until the meeting is adjourned.

You are responsible for all funds due your club, such as monies for golf, lunch, cocktails, dinner etc.

Retain all pre-registration cards for records.

Host with your Golf Professional —

Date of meeting.

Time of golfers arrival.

How many golfers expected.

How many carts or caddys needed.

Arrangement with pro shop to: Register players, Collect for golf, Collect for dinner, Arrange prices with Asso. Golf Chairman.

Host with your Clubhouse Manager—

Date of meeting.

Price of dinner not to exceed \$12.00 for sit down or \$10.00 buffet tip and tax included. Availability of lunch and its method of payment. Number expected for dinner.

Provide head table facing membership with enough seats for Mid-Atlantic officers (5) speaker (1) and for guests of Host.

Provide table next to head table for use by golf chairman.

Arrange to provide the speaker with his audio-visual needs with the educational chairman.

Host with your Locker Room Attendant—

Date of meeting.

Availability of lockers.

Availability of shower supplies.

Association

Will provide and mail advance registration cards.

Will reimburse club for *only* those meals committed to by card return that exceed the total number of meals served.

It is the wish of all concerned to have a enjoyable, rewarding time at your club. Your pre-planning will go a long way in assuring this.

Yours for better golf with finer turf.

Meet Michael B. McKenzie

Vice President 1980

Treasurer 1978-1979

Mike was born in Waynesboro, Pa. He became associated with the game of golf at the age of 10 by working for his father Paul McKenzie, then the Pro-Greens-keeper at Waynesboro C.C.

Mike has spent time working at Waynesboro C.C. and Aronimink G.C. In 1966 he became the Assistant Superintendent at Crofton Golf Club. After a call from Uncle Sam from 1967 to 1969, Mike became Assistant at River Bend C.C. After 2½ years at River Bend, Mike moved up to Superintendent at Goose Creek C.C. In 1973 he went on to his present position as Superintendent at the United States Naval Academy Golf Course Annapolis, Md.

Mike is a 1967 graduate of the Institute of Applied Agriculture at the University of Maryland. He has been a member of the Mid-Atlantic A. of G.C.S. since 1969. In 1976, Mike received a G.C.S.A.A. Special Citation in appreciation for dedication and effort in building a stronger G.C.S.A.A. through continual development and advancement of membership growth. Mike and his wife Norma have 5 children, Julie, Donna, Michael, Craig and Daneilli. In his spare time Mike enjoys fishing, crabbing and gardening.



Long Long Ago

15 years ago at this time, Dr. Fred Grau wrote an article for the Newsletter that still holds true today.

Turf in the Middle Atlantic Section of the United States usually has a handicap of about 10 Strokes when it comes onto the first tee. In addition, it has to suffer along on borrowed clubs, shoes that are too tight, and a 40-mile wind in the face. the first nine is played in zero weather — suddenly, with no change of clothes, it changes to 90 degrees F with high humidity as the tenth tee. How the eighteen is even finished is a miracle. The saving grace is the Golf Course Superintendent who is sympathetic to its difficulties, understands them and gives a lift when it is needed.

A better understanding of the existing circumstances and conditions is necessary so that the golf professional, the golf course superintendent, the club manager and club officials can work together more effectively as a team to provide the best in playing conditions for the members.

CLIMATE, heat and humidity does things to people, so try to imagine what it does to grass plants that can't move around and take a cool swim or plop down in an easy chair in an air-conditioned bar. The superintendent cools the grass by syringing when needed but, meanwhile, the grass get a million steel spikes pushed into it with tons of weight above them.

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Suddenly, hard, hot showers followed by the hot sun encourages brownpatch disease. No wonder so much diseases control work was concentrated right here in the Mid-Atlantic area.

Spring in this area is rare. We jump from winter right into blazing summer. Turfgrasses come out of dormancy only to find hordes of golfers trampling them flat before they have had a chance to adjust to the new season. In milder climates turf has a longer period to strike roots deeply into the soil so the rigors of summer can be borne with reasonable success.

Then comes the drought. In variable soils that hold water with difficulty a few weeks of no rain causes havoc. Then the superintendent turns on the water. Before the turf can benefit much, up comes crabgrass and goosegrass.

SOILS in the Middle Atlantic Section are more suited to trees than to turfgrasses. The greatest advances have been made in modifying our poor soils with sand, peat and other amendments for putting greens and for tees. Fairways have to struggle on with soils that have become poorer with the years. Builders have stripped topsoil from fairways and approaches to build the greens and tees. The next result is that today we can build and manage greens and tees in a state of near perfection. The real problem areas exist in the fairways, the approaches and the collars where turf frequently is lost.

GRASSES In this area, the cool-season grasses, bluegrass and fescue, grow well in early summer and in the fall but languish during the hot summer months. As often as not they are smothered with crabgrass and goosegrass. Bentgrasses on putting greens survive better but only with TLC and pampering. Warm season grasses sometimes fail after a very severe winter. An exception is Meyer zoysia, common zoysia and some of the native and introduced Bermuda grasses.

Some of the leading putting green grasses in successful use in the Mid-Atlantic area are: C-1, C-19 combination bents, vegetated. C-1 is Arlington found at Atlantic City. C-19 is Congressional found at Congressional Country Club. Cohansey bent (C-7), vegetated, a product of Pine Valley Club is very heat tolerant; Penncross bent; old orchard (C-52), vegetated. Seaside, the old Virginia and Metropolitan, Pennly and even Washington bents are virtually out of the picture. Newer ones have been proven superior and thus the old give way to the new, Ugandagrass, vegetated, is a superfine Bermuda from Africa; Tifton 328 or Tifgreen, vegetated, is in limited use discouraged by severe winter kill two years ago.

Grasses that are satisfactory for tees are very limited. U-3 Bermuda is in use but it was hurt by winter kill two years ago. Meyer zoysia is in limited use and probably will increase in popularity as it is better understood as to management. Merion Kentucky bluegrass is perfection during the cool months but it can't take continuous use and short clip all summer. Some superintendents maintain tees, split down the middle, Bermuda or zoysia for hot weather; Merion for fall.

winter and spring. Only grasses that can thrive under close mowing can be considered for tees. At new courses farther north tees of Penncross bent are cut at 3/15" and are better than greens were 34 years ago. In Arizona tees of Ugandagrass are mowed regularly at 3/16" and the golfers love them.

Around The Mid-Atlantic

Harry Allen at Manor C.C. has been doing some grading work around his maintenance building. In the past run off water had a tendency to run into the building and collect there. He has graded around the building so that now the water will run away from the building on all sides.

Wayne Evans reports that all is going well with his new job at Indian Spring C.C. He is spending some time cleaning and straightening up his maintenance building and surrounding area.

Membership chairman Gerald Gerard reports that member Stanley Zontek, George Campbell and Marcus Pleasants are now retired.

The Mid-Atlantic A.G.C.S. would like to welcome a new member:

George L. Cornell, Jr., 7656 Westlake Terrace
Bethesda, Md. 20034 — Class F

Congratulations are due Jack Montecalvo for taking 2nd place low gross with a score of 171 and Ken Braun for taking 2nd place low net with a score of 154 at the GCSAA tournament in Mexico.

Position Available:

Swan Creek C.C. in Havre De Grace, Md. is looking for a Superintendent.

Assistant golf course superintendent is wanted for a new golf course under construction. Will be responsible to the superintendent. Education — turf school graduate or equivalent. Salary \$10,500.00 to \$12,000.00. Please contact Gerald Luttrell, Superintendent, Prince George Country Club, Pinebrook Ave., Landover, Md. 20785

Assistant Superintendent trainee position is available at Springfield Golf & C.C., will be responsible to the Superintendent, salary \$12,500.00 to \$13,500.00 depending on experience, must be a 2 or a 4 year turf graduate with 2 years experience. Send resumes to Walter Montross, Springfield G & C.C., 8301 Old Keene Mill Rd., Springfield, Va. 22152, Phone 703-451-6619.

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1969 F-10

1969 Greensking w/cutting and verticut units

Contact — Tom Haske

Westwood C. C.

703-281-1939

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