

August 12 — Gunpowder C. C.

August again brings the Mid-Atlantic Family Picnic and again this year we will gather at Bob Milligans, Gunpowder C.C. How many times do you get to eat and drink all you want for **FREE!** Well here is your opportunity. Each year a portion of each members dues goes toward sponsoring the Mid-Atlantic Picnic so in order to reap the benefits come on out to Gunpowder.

Those who have attended each year would like to thank those who didn't attend for paying for their crabs and beer.

As in the past, this picnic is a cooperative. Families are asked to volunteer either a cover-dish (picnic salads, macaroni, potato, etc.) or a dessert; hopefully enough to serve approximately 10 to 15 people. Along with these homemade delicacies, there will once again be sweet corn, crabs, beer, sodas, hamburgers and hot dogs.

The size of our picnic continues to grow, so please bring extra chairs and tables. If you have any questions, call Mike Larsen.

Directions to the Club: I-95 to Beltsville exit MD 212, towards Beltsville. Go ¼ mile to Gunpowder Rd. Turn left to the club 3 miles on the left.

Golf Cars

1. Golf cars should be ridden up to the edge of the green so that the area can be packed down. Then balls will bounce on to the green. Also it will create crabgrass growth that will eventually run itself into the green, saving a helluva lot of money trying to maintain the fancy greens we now have. Also golf cars could and would make a roadway around the greens so we could tell from a distance where the green is.
2. Golf cars should ride on tees. They help pack the sod. Clubs should be able to save money on crabgrass greens to be able to put concrete paths in the middle of tees. Who the hell wants to walk 30 feet?
3. Children 3 years and over – There is a good opportunity here at this club for your child to learn how to drive which will help him get his driver's license when he gets older. Also, if they get hurt while driving a cart, they could sue the club. (An excellent way of financing him through college.)
4. Enjoy the golf cars while we still have them. It's doubtful if they can keep going much longer. Some of them now have bent axles and 8 of them still have tree stumps stuck in their transmissions. And to beat everything – the club officials turned us down on the requisition for a helicopter to lift the cars out of the swamps.

Around The Mid-Atlantic

Buck Whetsell reports that the Fairfax County Public Golf Courses are doing extremely well. They have been doing 300 rounds a day with a 400 round day on a weekend in June. They have been changing cups twice a day. It must be a sign that more people are staying home for vacation.

The Mid-Atlantic A.G.C.S. would like to express its sympathy to the family and friends of Ray Shields, who passed away July 6.

Ed Wilson resigned from the Board of Directors at the June 23 Board Meeting. Dave Kroll, Superintendent at Wilmington C.C., was appointed by the Board to serve the remaining 1½ years in Ed's term.

Vice President Mike McKenzie is looking for clubs to host Mid-Atlantic meetings for 1981. Please contact him if you would be interested in hosting a meeting. So far for 1981, Mike has tentatively lined up Farmington C.C. for March and his own U.S. Naval Academy G.C. for May.

To those of you who are interested in collecting old golf clubs and other golf items, there will be a Golf Collectors Society Meeting and Exhibition at the Ramada Inn in Old Town Alexandria. It will run from September 25 through 27. A guest speaker will be GCSAA President Mel Lucas.

William J. Emerson, Superintendent at Chevy Chase Club is a member of the GCSAA Public Relations and Awards Committee. Chairman of that committee is former Mid-Atlantic member Ed Dembnicki.

Mr. & Mrs. Steven A. Nash are expecting their first addition to their family the end of January or the beginning of February 1981.

The September Mid-Atlantic – Philadelphia joint meeting will be at Hercules C.C., Wilmington, Delaware, Tom Kelleher, Supt. Anyone interested in playing in the team matches, please contact Ken Braun immediately.

Mid-Atlantic Attendance:

March – 70
April – 69
May – 119
June – 90
July – 96

Attendance has been very good but could be a lot better considering that we have over 200 members.

Mike McKenzie is heading a committee to review the By-laws and recommend any changes to the Board.

The Mid-Atlantic A.G.C.S. will soon be offering golf shirts with the Mid-Atlantic crest.