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U.S. Naval Academy - Election Meeting



The December meeting of the Mid-Atlantic Association of Golf Course Superintendents will be held at the U.S.N.A. Golf Course on December 9, 1980. Our host will be Michael B. McKenzie, who has been employed there since 1973. Mike graduated from the University of Maryland's Institute of Applied Agriculture Turfgrass and Golf Course Management Program in 1967. After graduating, Mike spent two years in the U.S. Army, fourteen months of that in Vietnam. In 1969 to 1972, Mike was Assistant Golf Course Superintendent at River Bend Golf and Country Club under Thomas Haske. Mike then went to Goose Creek C.C. as Superintendent before going to the Naval Academy.

The greens consist of a mixture of bentgrasses; Seaside, Washington, Congressional, Arlington, Cohansey, Penncross and of course Poa Annua.

They are mowed four times a week at 3/16" with walking mowers as they only average about 4000 sq. ft. The greens receive 4 lbs. N/1000 per year. Some of the tees are 100% Bluegrass; A-34, Baron and Adelphi, but the majority are Bluegrass and a lot of Ryegrass with some bermudagrass.

The tees are cut a 3/4" and receive 3 lbs. of N/year. The fairways are a mixture of Bluegrass and bermudagrass and are over seeded with ryegrass. We are, however, pushing the bermuda on some fairways. The fairways are mowed at 3/4" with 10 blade reels. We mow all the fairways on Mondays and Fridays. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday we alternate nines. The fairways receive 2 lbs. N/year.

We have a fully automatic Griswold irrigation system with Thompson sprinklers. We also have a 566' well that puts out 300 gpm to keep our small pond full.

President's Message

As the saying goes "time flies when your having fun". Its been fun, gratifying and rewarding serving as your President, an experience I will long remember.

I'm happy to report your Mid-Atlantic Association has had a very successful year. Attendance at our monthly meetings has been excellent and participation in our special events; Superintendent - Pro, Picnic and Ladies Night were also well received.

Our successful year is a reflection of the hard work and planning administered by your Board of Directors and Newsletter Editor. Congratulations and Thank You fellows.

Thank you membership for allowing me to serve as your President.

December 9 is our annual election meeting. A & B members have the privilege to voicing their opinions on the management of the association and voting for a new slate of officers for the coming year.

Now is your chance to air your grievances. See you at the Naval Academy.

RON



Looking forward to seeing you.

Mike



Michael B. McKenzie

Program for the day -

Golf - Anytime

Lunch - EM Club 11:00 - 1:00

Cocktails - 5:00 P.M.

Dinner - 6:00 P.M.

Directions to the Club and Meeting:

From Washington go east on Route 50, cross the Severn River Bridge and take exit Baltimore-Naval Academy, keep right (Route 450). From Baltimore take Route 2 toward Annapolis, follow signs to Naval Academy (Route 450). From Eastern Shore take Route 50 to 450.

Follow 450 to light, turn left. Keep right to the light. For golf go straight to the course. For dinner and Meeting keep right to the Guard House. Tell the guard that you would like to go to the EM Club (Enlisted Mess Open) which is the first left passed the guard house.

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December — Election Meeting

The nominating committee nominates the following slate of candidates for election:

OFFICE	TERM	CANDIDATE(S)
President	1 year	Michael B. McKenzie
Vice-President	1 year	Bob Orazi Ben Stagg
Secretary	1 year	Michael Larsen Ken Braun
Treasurer	1 year	Wayne Evans
Directors	3 years	(3 to be elected) Paul Barefoot Mike Claffey Merrill Frank Tom Miller Grant Pensinger Lou Rudinski Ed Schmitt

Voting members are reminded that Article VI, Section B, makes provisions for nominations from the floor.

Nominating Committee: William J. Emerson, Lee C. Dieter, George Thompson, Sam Kessel, Chairman.

Membership Reclassification

George Renault - Class B to A

If you are eligible to be reclassified, all you have to do is to put your request in writing and give it to any Board member.

GCSAA - Candidates for Office

President - Michael R. Bavier, C.G.C.S.
Inverness G.C., Palatine, Ill.

Vice President - David C. Holler, C.G.C.S.
Riviera C.C., Coral Gables, Fla.
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Bayview C.C., Thornhill, Ont.

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Jeremy Ranch C.C., Salt Lake City, Utah
Cary L. Tegtmeyer, C.G.C.S.
Topeka C.C. (Kan.)
Robert R. Wilson
Oak Hills C.C., San Antonio, Tex.

The next issue of the Mid-Atlantic Newsletter will be coming out in mid February. It will be a combination January-February-March Newsletter.

Editors Note

I'd like to thank all of the people who have contributed to the Newsletter during 1980. I am looking forward to 1981 and I hope that you will keep sending me material as often as you can.

TWO OF THE MID-ATLANTIC'S FINEST

BY STEVEN A. NASH



Reuben Hines

Each year the Mid-Atlantic A. of G.C.S. plays a memorial golf tournament with prizes given in the names of Bill Glover and Reuben Hines. I have often wondered, just who are Bill Glover and Reuben Hines? Other than just a couple of past members, Why are they so special?

In conversations with George Cornell, Dr. Fred Grau, Bob Shields and Bert Yingling, phrases and words like "Men ahead of their time", "Progressive", "High class", "Good golfers", "Outspoken supporters of research, higher education and turf conferences" and "Men dedicated to their profession" seemed to keep coming up over and over.

Reuben Hines, also known as "Bulldozer Hines" and the "Maryland Dirt Farmer", was a charter member of the Mid-Atlantic. He was president in 1931, 1947 and 1948. The history of Reuben Hines can be picked up at Congressional C.C. where he was General Manager and Superintendent during the war years. In 1936 he founded Congressional Bent. From Congressional C.C. he moved to Georgetown Prep Golf Course. Georgetown Prep is a private Catholic Boys School. While at Georgetown Prep he became a strong believer in warm season grasses. From there he went to the District of Columbia Public Golf Courses and then went into the building of golf courses. He supervised the building of Beaver Creek C.C., along with others, but it was at Beaver Creek that he and Bert Yingling grew to be more than friends. Bert says that Reuben was more like a father to him which is the reason he donates the Annual Memorial Tournament trophy. He got Bert to join the Mid-Atlantic in 1958. He was also instrumental in getting Bob Shields into the Superintendent field.

Along with building golf courses, Reuben grew turf nurseries which supplied many golf courses with Bentgrass clones.

Bob Shields recalls that "Reuben was a good speaker and writer of turf and liked to share ideas with others. He was a friend to all in Turf".



Bill Glover

Bill Glover helped to design and build the original Worthington mower which eventually led to the design of the gang mower. The history of Bill Glover begins at the Shawnee on the Delaware where he was hired to prepare the golf course for the PGA Championship.

He was brought to the Mid-Atlantic area by John Connally to build the old Fairfax Golf Club which is now Army Navy C.C.

Bill Glover was a very progressive turf manager. To quote Dr. Fred Grau, "As a keeper of the turf, he had no equal". He was one of the first to plant U-3 bermuda. He and John Connally experimented with Pie shaped greens in an effort to find the better bentgrass varieties. He was one of the first to build Sand Greens. He was also one of the highest paid Superintendents in the business.

Bill welcomed all kinds of activities, field days, meetings and even the planting of an entire fairway to Zoysia grass by plugs, sprigs, seedlings and seed. It was a joint effort by the Mid-Atlantic A.G.C.S., the USGA Greens Section and Fairfax G.C.

Bill Glover was President of the Mid-Atlantic in 1944, 1945 and 1946. In 1960, Bill was to be President of the GCSAA but died. In his place, his friend and Mid-Atlantic member Jimmy Thomas was appointed to be President.

He was a consultant for the chapter on golf course operations in the book Turf Management, written by H. B. Musser.

Dr. Grau recalls "I was playing with Bill at Congressional shortly before he died. I remember it well because on one hole going up hill I had to use a golf club as a cane to assist my left leg which had begun to weaken. This was the last game I ever played with Bill or with anyone else".

I think by the descriptions of these two men you can better understand why they could mean so much to the men who donate the trophies and also gave greater meaning to our Annual Memorial Golf Tournament.

November – Chevy Chase Club

Bill Emerson and Chevy Chase Club rolled out the Red carpet and 107 Mid-Atlantic members and guests took advantage of an opportunity to visit this prestigious Club for the first time. Some 35 golfers braved the cold to play golf with some rather surprising scores considering the gusty winds. Low gross prizes went to Tom Regan, Superintendent at Bethesda C.C. – 78 and Larry Cornell – 78. Four players tied for low net at 72, Pat O'Brien, Bill Buchanan, Dave Kroll and Larry Cornell.

Later that day after dinner, Bill Emerson welcomed the Mid-Atlantic and introduced his key employees. Bill also introduced his golf chairman who welcomed everyone and invited us back in the future.

The highlight of the evening was the presentation of Honorary Life Memberships to 3 longtime Mid-Atlantic members. Jerry Gerard presented plaques to Ken Baker, Richard Watson and Dr. Fred Grau. It should also be noted that at one time Richard Watson served as Superintendent at Chevy Chase Club for 38 years.

The educational portion of the meeting was a slide presentation on golf course construction and renovation by Edmund Ault and Associates.

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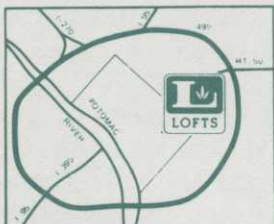
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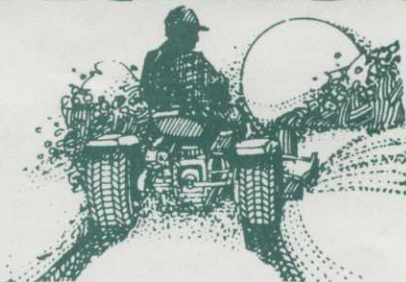
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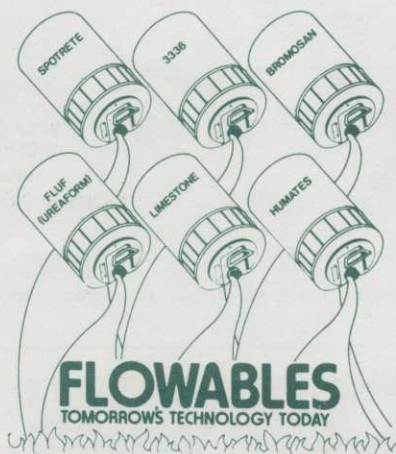


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Annual Superintendents Tournament
- Nov. 11 Chevy Chase Club
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William J. Emerson — Host
- Dec. 9 U. S. Naval Academy Golf Club
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- Jan. 5, 6, 7 Maryland Turfgrass 81
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