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President's Message

Congratulations are in order to the Maryland Turfgrass Council officers, committee chairmen, and University of Maryland personnel for their outstanding efforts put forth in the success of Turfgrass 80.

Selection of educational speakers, topics and equipment show arrangements were enjoyed by more than 550 that attended.

Turfgrass 80 is only our third conference and show for the turfgrass industry of Maryland and like all new programs they are faced with problems. But with continued efforts by MTC officials and 100% cooperation and support from grounds maintenance, golf course superintendents, sod growers and suppliers, can only make it a more productive conference and show.

March is here again and that means its time for us to get out on the links and start preparing them for the golfing season. With the relatively mild winter, the majority of us were able to keep crews outside making improvements and repairs that can't be done during the busy growing season.

Hopefully we will all implement some of the tips and new ideas that were picked up during the conferences and shows attended over the winter.

Gerry Gerard was kind enough to invite us all out to Bretton Woods for a day to show off his fine facility. Let's make it a big turn out before the busy season starts.

Wishing you all a successful season —

Ron



Turfgrass 80 A Huge Success

To say that "Turfgrass 80" was a success would be an understatement. More than 550 turf-oriented individuals took part in some or all of the three days of educational seminars and trade show.

Maryland's secretary of agriculture, Mr. Wayne Cawley, started the conference on a positive note by acknowledging that turf has the greatest economic impact of any form of agriculture to the state of Maryland. It was good to hear this stated publicly. Maryland's Turf people have though as much for years, but have been treated by the powers in agriculture, in this state, worse than step children. Maybe now turf will get its fair share of state funds for the advancement of the Green industry.

The three day educational program for Golf Course Superintendents was well attended, nearly all sessions were at or close to capacity and one afternoon session had interested listeners standing in the hallways. Many thanks to speakers such as Bill Buchanan, who brought along his sidekick Pat O'Brien, from the U.S.G.A. Green Section, Dr. James Watson, Vice President of Toro Corporation, Mr. James Wyllie, Canadian Golf Course Superintendent and Director of G.C.S.A.A., Dr. Charles Darrah, Director of Research and Development for Chem-Lawn Corp., Drs. S. W. Bingham and Jack Hall from V.P.I. & S.U., and also Dr. Richard Smiley, Cornell University for taking time from their busy schedules to come to Maryland and to leave us with

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some of their "Green Wisdom". Special thanks also to Roy Beziat, Kevin Mathias, Dr. Lee Hellman, Dr. Tom Turner and Dr. David Wehner all from our own University of Maryland and to Dr. Nicole O'Neill from the U.S.D.A. in Beltsville for their part in making "Turfgrass 80" a huge success.

To have a successful turf conference it takes many hours of planning and the participation of many individuals. The Mid-Atlantic Association of Golf Course superintendents was well represented at "Turfgrass 80" in this regard. Mike Larsen was co-chairman of arrangements, Bob Orazi filled a dual role as a member of the educational program committee and as a session chairman, Craig Spottswood, once again, put together the advertising program, Sam Kessel and George Thompson chaired sessions, Angelo Cammarota emceed the conference banquet, and Ken Braun, John Drew and our President Ron Hall participated as conference speakers, all did an outstanding job. When there's work to be done for the good of the "Green Industry", the Mid-Atlantic does its share.

The new Baltimore Convention Center was an excellent choice as a site for "Turfgrass 80". The building lends itself to conference growth and is accessible to either commuters or downtown hotel guests.

The single group that makes a turfgrass conference and trade show a worthwhile and profitable undertaking now-a-days is the exhibitors. "Turfgrass 80" drew fifty-six exhibitors who purchased eighty-four booths to show off their wares. To these companys let us first say "thank you" for investing in the turfgrass industry in Maryland, secondly, "please be patient", we know that at present, our conference and show doesn't draw the numbers that, say, Massachusetts, New Jersey, or Ohio do, but in time we will. Maryland's Turfgrass Conference is growing annually and if you'll give us a little time, you'll be glad you did.

Many hear "profit" as a dirty word when used in reference to turfgrass conferences, but it is a necessary dirty word. If the green industry is to advance, the many levels of national, state, and local beauracracy must be kept informed of industry needs. The turfgrass industry must continue to promote research and education from within. In short, it takes turfgrass conference profits to spread the gospel of "Green".

If you or your friends have any constructive criticism of "Turfgrass 80", contact Dr. Turner or Dr. Wehner at the University of Maryland, or John Strickland President of the Maryland Turfgrass Council, they'd like to hear from you.

For education and fun you better arrange your time so you won't miss "TURFGRASS 81".

1980 — Mid-Atlantic Best Year Ever!

The 1979 Mid-Atlantic year showed quite an increase in attendance, but the 1980 year should prove to be one of the best ever. There are many excuses for not attending the monthly Mid-Atlantic meetings, but there will be no excuses for not attending in 1980. This year we will be attending some of the top clubs in the Mid-Atlantic area. Bretton Woods, Maryland Golf & Country Club, Sparrows Point, Columbia, Chevy Chase, Hillendale, Naval Academy are just a few of the meeting places for the year. Golf chairman Ken Braun has put together an outstanding golf schedule starting in April with the Match Play tournament. Every member should make an effort to attend each meeting and help make 1980 the best year ever.

In the long run, the benefits of attending meetings are only realized by attending each month. Start out by playing golf or coming early and walking around the golf course and maintenance building. Just by looking at someone else's operation you are bound to pick up something that you could use at your own place.

Then take time during the social hour to meet and greet other superintendents and people in the profession. The only way to become friends with these people is to come, meet, and talk with them. The practical experience and knowledge this group has is never ending. Some of the best superintendents and educators in the country are right here in the Mid-Atlantic Association. The only way to tap this source of knowledge is to come.

Is it too much to ask of yourself to give up one day a month? That adds up to 12 days out of 365 to give to your self-betterment and education. It is especially important to the people just starting out. Whether you are an assistant or a superintendent, being well known among your fellow superintendents can be very important to your future.

Again, ask yourself, is it really too much to give up a day a month for your profession? Just look around you at the successful superintendents in this area. They all attend regularly and to be sure they will tell you that coming to the meetings has helped them.

We, the willing led by the unsure, are doing the improbable for the ungrateful. We have done so much for so long with so little that now we are qualified to do the impossible.



Board of Directors Top Row — Ken Braun, Gerald Gerard, Buck Whetsell, Bob Orazi, Mike Larsen
Bottom Row — Ed Wilson, Wayne Evans, Ben Stagg, Mike McKenzie, Ron Hall

Chairmen's Functions and Responsibilities

Past President — Employment Chairman

Upon hearing of a vacant superintendent's position, will acquire all information needed from the club, to prepare a letter notifying all class A, B, and D members of the employment opportunity.

Vice President

Assist the President and to operate the Association in the event that the President cannot. Also serving as procurer of meeting places for 1980-81.

Secretary

Keep the minutes of membership and board meeting, and to handle correspondence to and from the Board of Directors. The Secretary's address is also the official address of the Association.

Treasurer

Bill, dispense, receive and bank all official funds of the Association. The Treasurer also prepares monthly, quarterly, and annual financial statements, and files all necessary tax forms. He must be bonded. Responsible for annual audit.

Education Chairman

Will make every effort to have interesting, knowledgeable speakers present at monthly meetings of the Association. He will organize, promote and help conduct the annual Turfgrass Conference, in conjunction with the Maryland Turfgrass Council.

Golf Chairman

During the golfing season, the golf chairman will arrange with the host superintendent and golf professional, the golfing activities and tournament that will be held at monthly membership meetings. The golf chairman will arrange and conduct

the annual Supt.-Pro Tournament, the Match Play Tournament, Challenge Match with Philadelphia and our annual Memorial Tournament in October. All tournaments, monthly and annual, will be open to all members of the Association.

Finance Chairman

Will monitor the finances of the Association and to inform the board when and if finances are at issue. The Finance Chairman is also responsible for the preparation of the annual Association budget.

Social and Benevolence Chairman

Responsible for organizing and promoting the social affairs of the Association, such as the picnic and Ladies Night. He will send cards and or flowers on appropriate occasions to any member, or immediate family; purchase bonds for babies and handle our in house self insurance program.

Membership Chairman

Responsible for the distribution, reviewing and verification of all membership applications before presenting them to the Board of Directors. He will have on hand at all times, applications for the local and national associations. He will answer questions at monthly meetings pertaining to by-laws and membership standings. Membership roster.

Editorial and Publicity Chairman

In charge of outside publicity for the Association. The chairman will also assist the Newsletter editor in articles for the Newsletter.

Newsletter Editor

Compiles, edits, prints and dispenses our monthly Newsletter. He is also responsible for the expenses of the Newsletter.

March Meeting Mid-Atlantic A.G.C.S.

Site: Bretton Woods Recreation Center

Host: Gerald G. Gerard, CGCS

Golf: Anytime

Lunch: Available (cash)

Cocktails: 6:00 to 7:00, open bar

Dinner: 7:00

Cost: \$15.00

Speaker: Dr. Ron Siebel

Directions: Take River Road exit from 495 beltway toward Potomac. The club is 11½ miles from the beltway on the left.

Gerald Gerard graduated from the University of Maryland Institute of Applied Agriculture in the spring of 1968 and immediately came to Bretton Woods. He received the G.C.S.A.A. Scholarship Award in 1967, became a certified water and wastewater treatment plant operator in 1971, served as President of the Greater Washington Superintendents Association in 1975, and received his Golf Course Superintendents Certification in 1975. He is currently serving as membership chairman on the board of directors of the Mid-Atlantic G. C.S.A.

Bretton Woods was designed by Edmond Ault and opened for play in the spring of 1968. Tees and fairways were originally seeded to Highland and Astoria bent. Every year since then, the fairways have been overseeded to perennial ryegrasses and bluegrasses. The tees have been changed to either Penncross bent or bluegrass. Roughs are a mixture of K-31 tall fescue and blue grass, and are mowed at 2½". The greens are Penncross bent and are mowed 4 to 5 times a week during the growing season.



1980 Mid-Atlantic Golf Season

K. Braun

The first round competition of the 1980 Mid-Atlantic Match Play Tournament will start at the April meeting, weather permitting. Anyone who tried to qualify last April will automatically be entered this year. Anybody else interested in playing please contact me no later than March 18, 1980. This will allow us time to make up pairings for the different flights. This year, even if you loose the first match, you will be paired against some other unfortunate golfer. The field will be limited to the first 32 golfers. All entrants will know in advance who they will be playing against. There will be a blind bogey for all players not in the Match Play Tournament.

The May meeting will be the Annual Superintendent/Pro Tournament. This tournament will have Pro purses and prizes for team best ball. There will be net and gross prizes for Superintendents, with and without professional, and guest. Match play will be suspended this month. At the June and meetings we will continue the Match Play tournament. Winners and losers of each match will be paired against other winners and losers. There will also be regular monthly golf tournaments for members and guests not involved with the Match Play.

The September meeting brings us our annual team matches against the Philadelphia Association. This year the tournament will be held in their territory.

October is our annual Mid-Atlantic Golf tournament. It will be a stroke play tournament and prizes will be awarded in each group, A and B members, C members, etc. Net and gross prizes will be awarded in each class. We will try and have the Match Play tournament completed by this date.

All golf events in 1980 will be played according to USGA rules: Summer Rules. If you pick up on a hole you are out of the tournament. All holes must be played to completion.

Meet Ron Hall

1980 President Mid-Atlantic AGCS

1979 Vice President

1977-78 Secretary

1974-76 Director



Ron has been a member of the Mid-Atlantic since 1963. He is presently Superintendent at Maryland Golf & C.C., Bel-Air, Md. Ron got his start in golf as a caddy and from

1960-61 was a laborer at Belair Golf Club, Bowie, Md., Bernie Heilig, Superintendent. He continued his advancement at Belair by becoming Assistant Superintendent in 1963. Ron's educational background, after graduating high school, includes Agronomy 109, at the University of Maryland, Nutrition 1 seminar and Management 1 seminar from the G.C.S.A.A. He has attended 16 Mid-Atlantic Turf Conferences and 11 G.C.S.A.A. Conferences. He completed the G.C.S.A.A. certification program in 1978. Ron was born in Roaring Springs, Pa. He and his wife, Carol, have 2 children, Ron J age 12 and Tricia age 8. In his spare time, Ron enjoys playing cards and golf. He is especially proud of making a Hole in One on November 22, 1979.

Around the Mid-Atlantic

James Duke of Worthington Valley C.C. is looking for a young man to combine as an assistant on the golf course and in the pro shop. Contact him for more details.

In a recent letter to this editor, Dr. Fred Grau stated that the University of Maryland will be high on the priority list for a Fellowship Grant from the Musser Foundation.

In case you haven't noticed, several Mid-Atlantic members have graced the pages of the Jan./Feb. issue of Golf Course Management. Pages 84, 91 & 131.

It's worth repeating — At Turfgrass 80, Dr. Smiley stated that 2 new chemicals could make disease control much easier. Baylotion, at low rates, will control Dollarspot for possibly 9 weeks. Ridomil will control Pythium for up to 4-6 weeks. Both chemicals will probably be available in 1981 and both will definitely be very expensive.

We are saddened to note that Bill Humphries, Superintendent at International Town & Country Club, has recently passed away.

Hunt Valley has installed 200 feet of gabion structures to protect their 4th green from stream erosion. Woodmont has installed over 1200 feet of drainage, this past fall, and also built a new bent grass tee.

Westwood has recently rebuilt 7 greens.

The five best golf courses in each state, as selected by Golf Digest.

- Maryland — Baltimore C. C. (Five Farms)
Chevy Chase Club
Columbia, C.C., Chevy Chase
Congressional C. C.
Woodmont C. C. (North)
- Virginia— Boonesboro C. C.
Cascades G. C. (Upper)
C.C. of Virginia (James River)
Farmington C. C.
Golden Horseshoe
- Delaware— Bidermann G. C.
Garrison Lake G. C.
Rehoboth Beach C. C.
Wilmington C.C. (North)
Wilmington C.C. (South)

The Mid-Atlantic AGCS would like to welcome 2 new members:

Robert Jenkins
Carpers Valley Golf Club
Rt. 6, Box 65
Winchester, Va. 22601

Bernie Nees
Vaughan Seed Co.
8343 Ardmore Ardwick Rd
Landover, Md. 20785

News from the Maryland Turfgrass Council:
There will be a turfgrass survey taken in 1980 at an approximate cost of \$40,000.

Anyone with topics or speakers that they would like to hear at Turfgrass 81, please contact Bob Orazi.

The following job changes have taken place during this past winter. Wayne Evans is now Superintendent at Indian Spring C.C.

Scott Wagner is the new Superintendent at Marlboro C.C. Bill Black will be taking over as Superintendent, at Congressional C.C., on March 1.

Any Mid-Atlantic member wanting any 1979 newsletters, please contact the editor.

Long Long Ago

15 Years Ago — March 9, 1965

The March Mid-Atlantic meeting was held in conjunction with the Mid-Atlantic P.G.A. Seminar. The meeting was held at the New Adult Education Center at the University of Maryland. Over 250 Golf Professionals and Superintendents were registered. Notable people speaking at the seminar included Mid-Atlantic President Thomas Doerer, University of Maryland President Dr. W. Elkins, P.G.A. President Warren Cantrell, P.G.A. Executive Director Dr. J. Ewers, Col. Harry Eckhoff, Eastern Director, N.F.G., Joseph Day Executive Director, U.S.G.A., Robert Trent Jones, Dr. O. J. Noer, and Dr. Fred Grau.

In the President's message, Thomas Doerer commented on the 36th Annual Turfgrass Conference that was held in Cleveland, Ohio. He noted that the conference was attended 2,611 interested turf men from all parts of the globe. There were several Japanese superintendents present along with representatives from Hawaii and several other countries.

The highlight of the March meeting was the return of newly elected GCSAA President Bob Shields. He thanked all Mid-Atlantic members for supporting him at the election.

10 Years Ago — March 10, 1970

Just 10 years ago the Mid-Atlantic was gathering at the Woodholme Country Club with the host superintendent being Russel Kerns. At the time, Russel had been at the club for four years.

Dennis McCammon, newsletter editor, wrote about the headache that the mid-winter thaw always brings to the superintendents. He concluded by saying that there are four requirements for success in being a superintendent:

- You must have a strong back;
- You must have a weak mind;
- You must have thick skin;
- You must have a good sense of humor.

Handicap List

	Class	Handicap 1979
Allen, H.	A	5
Baker, F.	A	12
Baker K.	F	
Bayer, G.	B	19
Braun, K.	A	12
Brown, W.	D	21
Buchanan, W.	C	
Bull, R.	F	40
Burckholder, L. M.	A	20
Claffey, M.	A	20
Comalli, T.	F	8
Dieter, L.	A	37
Drew	A	35
Dyke	A	14
Emerson	A	10
Evan, W.	A	36
Evan, R.	B	36
Fairbanks	A	29
Frank, M.	A	
Gaskill, H.	F	
Gerard, G.	A	35
Hall, R.	A	8
Hanna, M.	F	
Harris, T.	F	29
Haske, T.	A	36
Heinlein, F.	B	20
Helm, D.	A	21
Hewitt, J.	C	20
Johnson, D.	B	21
Kessel, S.	A	15
Kroll, D.	A	7
Larsen, M.	A	40
Lawson, S.	A	11
List, T.	A	24
Malehorn, T.	F	20
Mason, E.	A	16
McKenzie, M.	A	32
McNeal, R.	A	40
Miller, B.	A	14
Montecalvo, J.	A	8
Montross, W.	B	23
Nash, S.	A	19
Neus, B.	B	27
O'Leary, P.	A	7
Orazi, B.	A	12
Parr, H.	B	12
Parsons, L.	A	
Pensinger, G.	A	14
Pensinger, P.	D	27
Phillips, G.	B	
Robine, J.	A	30
Robinson, V.	A	13
Rudinski, L.	A	
Shirk, F.	A	12
Stafferi, F.	A	26
Stagg, B.	A	23
Thompson, G.	A	30
Turner, T.	C	
Wagner, S.	D	12
Watson, A.	A	24
Wehner, D.	C	
Whetsell, B.	A	24
White, L.	A	24
Wilson, E.	A	
Yingling, B	F	



WINNING TEAM: Harris, Emerson, McKenzie, Nash (with Dr. Grau, center)

2,4-D Causes Paralysis

In a recent newspaper article, it was reported that a worker spraying 2,4-D in a Northern California forest, apparently became partially paralyzed. The worker said some of the 2,4-D spray accidentally went into his mouth while he was working.

Mark Your Calendar for the March Meeting

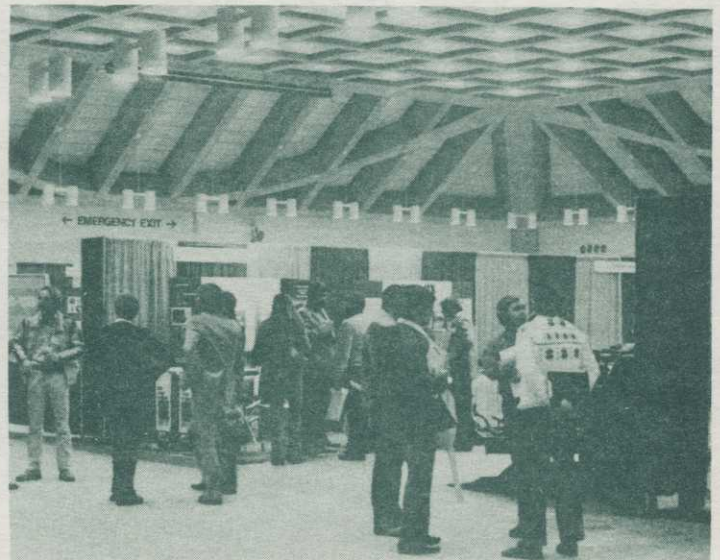
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Inside Convention Center



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Welcome Address



John Drew
Quality Turf on a
Restricted Budget



James Wyllie
Turf Management in
Northern Climates



Angelo Cammorata
Toastmaster



Bill Emerson
Distinguished Service Award



Kevin Mathias
Factors to Consider When
Selecting a Pre-emergence Herbicide



Dr. Lee Hellman
Turf Insect Update



Sam Kessel
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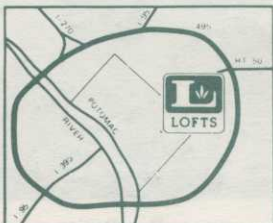
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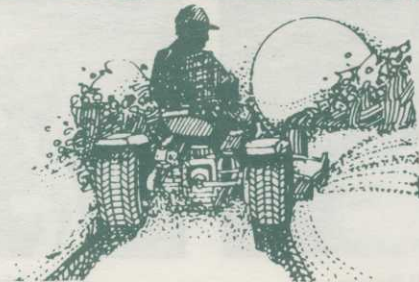
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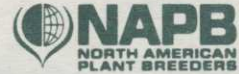
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- March 11 Bretton Woods Recreation Center
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Gerald G. Gerard, Jr. CGCS — Host
- March 20 USGA Greens Section Regional Conference
Oakmont Country Club
Oakmont, Pennsylvania
- April 8 Eastern Shore — site not determined as yet
- May 13 Maryland Golf and Country Club
Bel Air, Maryland
Ronald Hall — Host
Annual Superintendent/Pro Tournament
- June 10 Sparrows Point Country Club
Baltimore, Maryland
Alex D. Watson, CGCS — Host
- July 8 Columbia Country Club — **Tenative**
Chevy Chase, Maryland
George B. Thompson, CGCS — Host
- August 12 Annual Mid-Atlantic Picnic
- September 9 Philadelphia Association host for the Annual
Joint Meeting. Site not determined as yet.
- October 14 Hillendale Country Club
Phoenix, Maryland
Michael Larsen — Host
Annual Superintendents Tournament
- Nov. 11 Chevy Chase Club — **Tenative**
Chevy Chase, Maryland
William J. Emerson — Host
- Dec. 9 U. S. Naval Academy Golf Club — **Tenative**
Annapolis, Maryland
Election Meeting
Michael B. McKenzie — Host

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