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1980 Annual Memorial Golf Tournament

October 14, 1980
Hillendale Country Club
Phoenix, MD

Prizes Include

Bill Glover Trophy
1st and 2nd Low Gross
Donated by John Connally

Ruben Hines Trophy
1st and 2nd Low Net
Donated by Bert Yingling

Also Class C, E and Guest Prizes
And Closest to the Hole and Longest Drive

Presidents Message

Without a doubt, summer of 1980 will go on record as one of the most severe on Mid-Atlantic golf turf.

July was the hottest month ever recorded and August was second. Most of us saw more pythium, brown patch, and dollar spot than we care to talk about; not be mention all the silver crabgrass.

Golfers that prefer fast greens got all they wanted this year because "that old ball sure does roll on dirt!"

All that mess is behind us now and most of us are well on our way renovating the course for the coming year. Keep in mind, the quality of renovating will appear in next year's success or failure.

As customary, our Annual Memorial Golf Tournament is held during our October meeting. Hillendale Country Club is the site and Mike Larsen is our Host. Make plans to participate and play one of the Baltimore area's best golf courses.

Looking forward to seeing you all!



Ron

Hillendale Country Club was first established in 1923 and was located on the old Hillen Estate on Taylor Avenue. In 1953 the Club moved to their present location in Dulaney Valley.



Michael Larsen has been at Hillendale Country Club since 1972. He attended the Towson State University for 2 years before enrolling in the University of Maryland, Institute of Applied Agriculture Turfgrass Program. He received a scholarship from the G.C.S.A.A. Upon graduation he was Assistant Superintendent at Baltimore Country Club under the late Dick Silvar. In the 8 years Mike has been at Hillendale, the Club has hosted the Maryland State Amature, The Women's Eastern Amateur and the Maryland State Open. Next year Hillendale will be the site of the 1981 Maryland State Amateur.

The course was designed by William Gordon. The greens average 5200 square feet and consist of Metropolitan, Seaside, Penncross, and of course Annual Bluegrass. The greens receive 3½ lbs. N/year which is applied in the fall. Occasionally through the summer Water Soluable

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25-0-25 is applied at the rate of 1/16 lb. N/1000. Iron is applied regularly throughout the summer in conjunction with a preventative spray program. The tees at Hillendale receive 3-4 lbs. N/year and consist of Ryegrasses and Annual Bluegrass. Fairways receive 2½ lbs. N/year, which is applied in September and October. They consist of a mixture of Ryegrasses and Poa. Potassium Sulfate is applied Spring and Fall at ½ lb. K₂SO₄/1000.

Golf: Tee off times available between 11:00 and 1:00.

Call Pro Shop for a starting time – 592-9404

Lunch: Available in the Clubhouse after 11:00 a.m.

Cocktails: 6:00 p.m.

Dinner: 7:00 p.m. \$15.00

Please return reservation cards or call Mike Larsen at 592-8803, or the Front Office 592-8011.

Directions to the Club: Take Baltimore Beltway (695) to exit 27 North, Route 146. Go North on Rt. 146 (Dulaney Valley Road) 4 miles to Loch Raven Reservoir Bridge. Once across the bridge bear left (Jarrettsville Pike) and go 2 miles to Blenheim Rd. Turn right and follow Blenheim Rd. for 2 miles to Club.

September Meeting – Hercules C.C.

The Great Mid-Atlantic – Philadelphia Shoot out resulted in the Mid-Atlantic going down in defeat 14 to 10. Our host, Tom Kelleher provided us with a beautiful day and his well maintained golf course provided us with many challenges.

The educational portion of the meeting was provided by Dr. Bill Mitchell, University of Delaware and Dave Kroll, Superintendent at Wilmington C. C. They talked and showed slides on the subject of Infra red photography and its use on the golf course. Infra red photo's can show moisture stress, sick or injured trees, water lines and drain lines. Infra red photography is just beginning to be understood and the total possibilities have not yet been discovered.

The highlight of the evening was the passing of the "beautiful" team trophy from the Mid-Atlantic to the Philadelphia Association.

NGF – Golf Market Report for August

Golf play is up 7.1% for 1980 throughout the United States.

1980 survey of the Country Club Managers Association of America shows an average income for certified club managers of \$45,074 with a base salary of \$34,392 and bonuses amounting to \$2,623 and benefits of \$8,059. This income is up 21.5% since 1977 where there was a total income of only \$32,073.

Around the Mid-Atlantic

Lee Dieter has a new office phone no. 532-5259.

Several Mid-Atlantic members attended the Penn State Field Days on August 6 & 7. Items of interest included the effect of height of cut and mowing frequency on putting green speed, using a Stimpmeter to evaluate the speed; experimental crabgrass control with an added bonus of dollarspot control; Alytrophly – the study of toxic chemicals given off by germinating and growing plants that inhibit growth of other species. Information by Lee Dieter.

Turfgrass 81 – January 5, 6, 7, 1981.

New Jersey EXPO 80 – December 8, 9, 10, 11, 1980.

SEEN at the September Meeting – 3 Mid-Atlantic Superintendents on their knees praying for rain in front of a TV set showing the weather forecast.

Golf Results – Match Play Finals

Stanley Lawson defeated Bob Orazi – 1st flight
Alex Watson defeated Ben Stagg – 2nd flight

Ladies Night November 21, 1980

Those who attended Ladies Night last year know what a great evening we experienced. Due to last year's favorable response, I plan to organize a similar evening with a little something extra.

Ladies Night will be Friday November 21, 1980. Dinner will be at a restaurant in Baltimore with the show at the Morris Mechanic Theatre. The show is "MAKIN WHOOPEE" with Imogene Coca and Mamie Van Doren. After the show there will be a cocktail party hosted by the Mid-Atlantic Association of G.C.S. in the Hilton Hotel. Details will be sent out in a special mailing later in October. PLAN TO ATTEND.

Michael Larsen
Social and Benevolence

1980 Record Setting Summer

The following are a few of the records that the summer of 1980 has set. This information was heard on WMAL radio, Gordon Barnes Meteorologist.

11st dryest summer ever

Rain total for June, July, August – 6.5"

55 days of 90°+ temperature, as of August 31.

32 days in a row no cooler than 70°

22 days of 90°+ in August

Average temperature for June, July, August – 80°

92° – average high temperature for August

August was the hottest in over 100 years – 82.8° average temp.

Gordon Barnes also predicts – SNOW for Thanksgiving.

GCSANJ Seeks Recognition

Is Our Work Unnoticed

Prior to the recent U.S. Open at Baltusrol, our State Association decided to present a plaque to Joe Flaherty recognizing his time and effort in providing the best of playing conditions for that most prestigious Event. They had hoped time would be allotted during the closing ceremonies for that presentation but met with much rebuttal from the USGA. The following two letters should give some background into these Events:

June 4, 1980

Mr. Will F. Nicholson, Jr., President
Colorado National Bankshares, Inc., Box 5168
Denver, Colorado 80217

Dear Mr. Nicholson:

Thank you for your prompt reply to Dr. Indyk's letter. I would just like to pass along to you how many of my profession and I feel about this situation.

I would like basically to cover your two points of "analysis and review in two areas." Although the U.S.G.A. sets the standards for the tournament, it is the Superintendent that brings the course up to meet and maintain those standards. I am sure you will agree that most courses chosen for the Open have a capable Superintendent. The level of excellence should be obtained long before the tournament. The U.S.G.A. executive committee evaluates the course long before the first ball is struck or it is not doing its job effectively.

Adverse weather conditions, mainly rain, have nothing to do with the many hours, weeks, and years the Superintendent puts into the preparation of the course. Although rain may change the playing surface on any given day or days, it cannot change what has taken years to prepare. I am sure you would also agree that the Superintendent's career is on the line with a tournament of this magnitude.

The men in our profession (Golf Course Superintendents) must have a strong love for their work in order to excel. The U.S. Open is the epitome of all major tournaments. A few minutes of recognition seems a small reward for so many years of work. I am sorry to say that our profession needs public recognition rather than peer recognition. Since the inception of television and Arnold Palmer, golf has become a major sport. The golf pro has received this recognition and deservedly so. Yet we who are responsible for the playing conditions that have changed so drastically for the better, remain basically as before, in the background.

I don't mean to sound like sour grapes or go into the history of our profession, but we are human, and recognition and reward are part of our society. It appals me to know that the U.S.G.A. will not find two or three minutes in the closing program for a man who has worked years for them; not to mention all the other Superintendents who will never have a major tournament and would love to see one of their ranks and profession recognized.

Sincerely,
Jack Martin, President, GCSANJ

May 30, 1980

Dr. Henry W. Indyk, Executive Director
Golf Course Superintendents Association of New Jersey
Cook College - Rutgers University, Box 231
New Brunswick, New Jersey 08903

Dear Dr. Indyk:

Yesterday I received my copy of your letter of May 22, to Al Radko. Thank you for having sent it to me. Since receiving it, I have reviewed your comments with Golf House and have been read a copy of the letter in response that Al is sending to you. I do not think it necessary for me to go into any of the points other than the subject of a presentation to the Superintendent at the Awards Ceremony following the completion of play.

By electing not to make an award to the Superintendent of the course which hosts the Championship just ended, it is not the intent of the Executive Committee of the USGA to detract from the Superintendent in any manner whatsoever. We do so, because we believe very strongly that proper preparation of a Championship course is based on analysis and review in two areas. The first of these is the preparation of the course and its condition prior to the commencement of play. This preparation concerns itself with the setting up of the course as required by the USGA and then bringing the course to the appropriate standards we have established after 86 years of conducting national championships. The second is the review of conditions during the actual playing of the championship. This second review is particularly critical if there are adverse weather conditions with which the players and the superintendent and his staff must contend. Obviously, based on this second review, it is impossible to judge the level of excellence attained by a Superintendent until after completion of 72 holes of play by all of the players in the field. On the other hand, it is necessary to schedule the events at the Awards Ceremony before commencement of play on the final day. The Executive Committee of the United States Golf Association, therefore, believes it inappropriate to schedule an award to a Superintendent by scheduling that award at a time prior to when an appropriate total evaluation can be made. We believe that it is appropriate to recognize those Superintendents truly deserving such recognition at the Educational conference of the Green Section held in conjunction with our Annual Meeting each year.

Although I have not had the privilege of seeing Baltusrol, I am told Joe Flaherty has it in superb condition and that by the opening of play on June 12, it will meet and may even surpass all the criteria we lay down for the preparation of a championship course. Also, please rest assured that if the course and its condition meets our high standards before and during play, I will duly recognize Joe and his work at the Awards Ceremony. This recognition, if made, will give strong public recognition as well as peer recognition to Joe. I trust that you would agree that praise and recognition which has been earned for work accomplished is far more important than praise and recognition which has been expected.

In closing, on behalf of all of us at the USGA, please accept my thanks for the interest you take in our events and for the great service you give to golf through your work and dedication to the work of Golf Course Superintendents. I would look forward to an opportunity to meet you at Baltusrol the week after next.

Sincerely,
Will F. Nicholson, Jr., President USGA

The following is a statement Jack Martin prepared for this publication explaining the final outcome of our Association's efforts in this matter.

I'm sure that you all realize that our profession needs more image, recognition and the like. Particularly, we can use public recognition, such as the golf Pros get, especially

during major tournaments. In the past, the man who works years to prepare a course for a major tournament may not even get his name mentioned.

Since neither the G.C.S.A.A. nor the U.S.G.A. chose to present a plaque for recognition of the Superintendent at the U.S. Open, your President and Executive Director decided to try to obtain this recognition for Joe Flaherty and our profession. We started preparation for presenting Joe with a plaque from our State Association in February. We had much correspondence with both Al Radko and Will Nicholson, the President of the U.S.G.A., to no avail. We then met with those two and the director of Golf House at Baltusrol on the Saturday during the tournament. I spoke with Mr. Nicholson as late as Sunday, the final day of the tournament. Although we were unable to present this plaque of recognition to Joe, he did receive a substantial amount of recognition not only during the tournament, but at the closing ceremonies. We can't help but feel that our efforts helped. We also feel that the G.C.S.A.A. should be doing more toward these ends. Incidentally, the G.C.S.A.A. received copies of all our correspondence in this matter. Hopefully, our efforts will be rewarded by further recognition of our profession in the future and at future major tournaments.

Jack Martin, President

As you may realize, our Association President, Jack Martin, and our Executive Director, Henry Indyk, had other verbal and written communications with both Al

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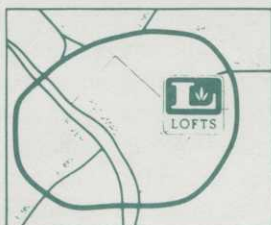
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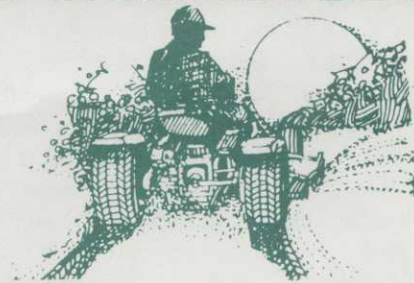
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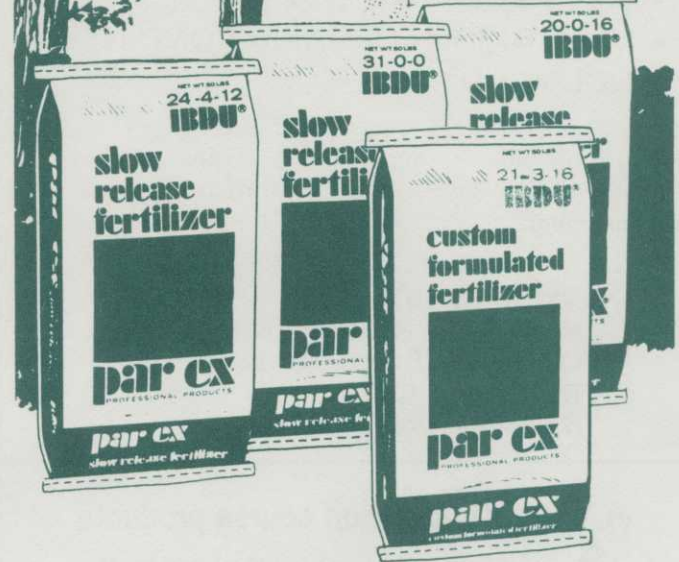
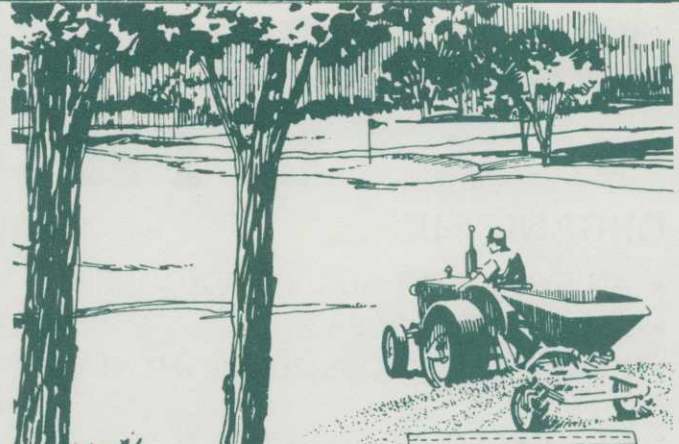


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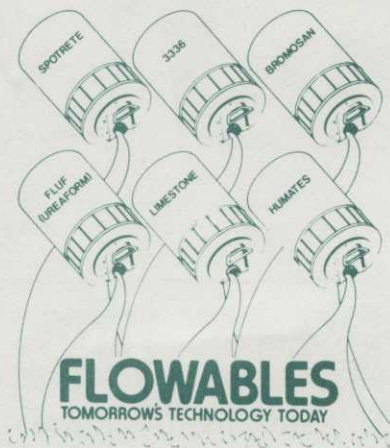


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Radko, Green Section Director, and Will Nicholson, Jr., USGA President before the final decision was made on Saturday of the Open week. They had made the initial contact early in the year and as I am hopeful you will agree made every attempt possible to assure Joe Flaherty receive the recognition he so deserved.

It is my opinion that two major accomplishments were made by the present administration: first, their continued effort throughout this entire matter, never being defeated or taking no for an answer; and second, the final outcome, although not being what had originally been hoped for, was improved recognition for one of our peers. Recognition we hope will grow as we as professionals will continue to grow in the future.

On behalf of the Greener Side I want to thank Jack Martin and Henry Indyk for their perseverance in this matter. Their collective pursuit to improve our professional image is one we should all stand behind.

Reprint from the GREENER SIDE, New Jersey Association; Jack Martin, President; Ed Walsh, Editor.

1980 Meetings and Dates to Remember

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| October 14 | Hillendale Country Club
Phoenix, Maryland
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Annual Superintendents Tournament |
| Nov. 11 | Chevy Chase Club
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