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## Farmington Country Club — March Meeting

### President's Message

### Chairmen's Functions and Responsibilities



*Vice President - J. Ben Stagg*

Assist the President and to operate the Association in the event that the President can not. Also serving as procurer of meeting, places for 1981-82.

*Secretary - Michael Larsen*

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

*Treasurer - Ken Braun*

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.

*Past President - Ron Hall*

Upon hearing of a vacant superintendent's position contact the present or past superintendent if possible notifying him that we have been contacted to advertise this position. Ron will acquire all information needed from the club, to prepare a letter notifying all Class A, B and D members of the employment opportunity.

*Education Chairman - Gerald Gerard*

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 - Paul O'Leary*

During the golfing season, the golf chairman will arrange with the host superin-

tendent 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 Superintendent - 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 - Bill Neus*

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 -  
J. Paul Barefoot*

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 occasion to any member, or immediate family, purchase bonds for babies and handle our in house self insurance program.

*Membership Chairman - Buck Whetsell*

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 local and national associations. He will answer questions at monthly meetings pertaining to by-laws and membership standings.

*Editorial and Publicity Chairman -  
David Kröll*

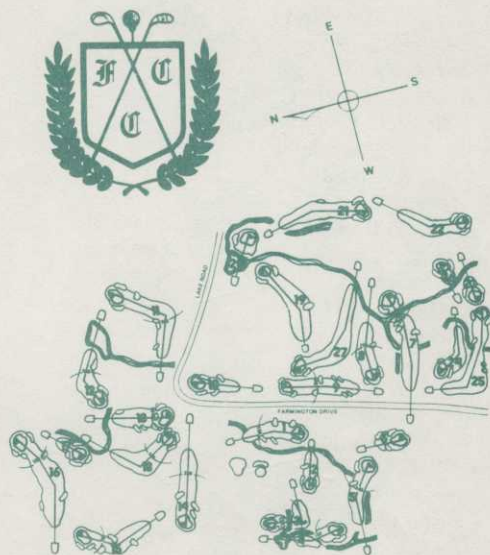
In charge of outside publicity for the Association. The chairman will also assist the Newsletter editor in articles for the Newsletter.

*Newsletter Editor - Steve Nash*

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

I hope to see you all at Farmington on March. 10.

Mike



Farmington Country Club is located one mile west of Charlottesville on Rt. 250. It opened in 1929 as a private country club. In 1965 a third nine holes were constructed. The fairways are predominantly ryegrass with some bermuda creeping in. The greens on the old course have many different strains of bentgrass and Boa Annuua. The new nine greens are Penncross on a Weblite base.

The greens receive six pounds of nitrogen while the tees and fairways get four pounds. We have an automatic irrigation system (Binar) which works very well, but unfortunately will have to be replaced due to the lack of parts availability.

We spray greens on a preventive schedule, tees on a less strict schedule and fairways as often as we can afford.

The tees and fairways are overseeded each fall with either ryegrass or bluegrass on alternate years. The greens are aerified spring and fall with some of the worst getting a third aerification in June. They are vertical mowed about every three weeks during the season and topped eight times.

We are emphasizing our efforts on beautification of the course with general cleanup, new landscaping and replacement

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of key trees which have recently been lost to age or Dutch Elm Disease.

I started my career in turf working for Sheldon Betterly at Chantilly back in 1967. I worked the next summer at C.C. of Fairfax with Sam Kessell. After graduating from VPI in 1969 I became the assistant superintendent at Country Club of Fairfax. In 1970 I became the superintendent at Goose Creek C.C. in Leesburg. After a year I moved to Charlottesville to build the golf course at Lake Monticello. In March of 1979, after seven and a half years at the Lake, I became the superintendent at Farmington. I was certified in June of 1977 by the GCSAA. I am married with two children, Zachary (seven) and Sally (three).

### Schedule for the Day -

8:00-12 Tours and Bull Session at the maintenance shop. Come and tell us how to do things better!

10:00- Golf

6:00-7 Cocktails (open bar)

7:00- Dinner and meeting (coat and tie required) - Speaker-Houston Couch

When golfers register at the Pro Shop they will be issued a guest card. With this card you can use any facility at the club and charge lunch or beverages. You will be billed at your club. People coming just for the meeting will be able to pay cash at the door.

Since attendance will be a little difficult to predict, please return the post cards promptly or call me at (804) 977-0088.

See you soon,  
Dick Fisher

## John Leavell, Well Known Golf Pro

John Minor Leavell, 86, of Warrenton, died December 9 at Rose Hill Nursing Home in Berryville, Va.

For the past four years Mr. Leavell had made his home with his cousins Miss Nan Leavell Blackwell and Mrs. Edward Jones in Warrenton.

The son of Ashby Leavell, a prominent Washington banker, Mr. Leavell was well known figure in the golf world. He built courses throughout the Midwest and for many years before World War II was Superintendent of the course at French Lick, Indiana.

He had been club pro and Superintendent at Bethesda Naval Hospital and Andrews Air Force Base Clubs, and before retiring about 12 years ago was at Shenandoah Retreat Country Club at Berryville.

He had been presented a 50 year membership in the Mid-Atlantic Professional Golfers Association.

In World War I, Mr. Leavell went overseas with Gen. Frank Winter's Expeditionary Corps which set up army hospitals and supply depots in France.

He is survived by a nephew, Paul Sleeper Jr., Hastings, Fla., and three cousins, Miss Nan Leavell Blackwell, Warrenton, Va., Mrs. Henry Blake, Culpeper, and Mrs. Charles Blake, Wilmington, N.C.

The above is the obituary of Mid-Atlantic Life Member John Leavell. It appeared in the Fauquier Democrat December 11, 1980.

## Meeting Places 1981

- Mar. 10 Framington Country Club  
Charlottesville, Va.  
Dick Fisher, CGCS - Host
- Apr. 14 Talbot Country Club  
Easton, Md.  
Ralph McNeal - Host
- May 12 Annual Superintendent/ Pro  
Tournament - U.S. Naval  
Academy Golf Club  
Annapolis, Md.  
Michael B. McKenzie - Host
- June 9 Columbia Country Club  
Chevy Chase, Md.  
George B. Thompson, CGCS-Host
- July 14 Piney Branch Golf Course  
Hampstead, Md.  
Gene Dyke - Host
- Aug. 11 Picnic
- Sept. 8 Mid-Atlantic/Philadelphia Joint  
Meeting - Suburban Club  
Pikesville, Md.  
Robert Miller, CGCS - Host
- Oct. 13 Annual Glover/Hines Memorial  
Tournament - River Bend Golf &  
Country Club, Great Falls, Va.  
Thomas Miller, CGCS - Host
- Nov. Army Navy Country Club  
Arlington, Va.  
David Fairbank - Host
- Dec. 15 Election Meeting  
Bonnie View Country Club  
Baltimore, Md.  
Ken Braun - Host

## U.S.G.A. Green Section Conference

On Tuesday, March 17, the U.S.G.A. Green Section will be holding its Mid-Atlantic Region Conference at the Philmont Country Club, Huntingdon Valley, Pa. Luncheon and registration fees of \$15.00 must be made by March 9.

Please contact Bill Buchanan, Director of the Mid-Atlantic Region.

## Shirts, Sweaters & Jackets

The Mid-Atlantic is again showing what a first class organization it is by offering shirts, sweaters and jackets with an embroidered Mid-Atlantic Crest. Prices are very reasonable - shirts for \$12.00 and sweaters for \$15.00. Starting at the March Mid-Atlantic meeting, jackets will be offered along with the shirts and sweaters. To order yours, contact Wayne Evans at 301-871-1070.

## 1981 Mid-Atlantic Newsletter A New Look

The March 1981 Mid-Atlantic Newsletter starts a new era for the Mid-Atlantic Newsletter. Its new streamline and condensed look will mean more information on less pages with smaller printing costs. One of the main complaints about the Newsletter was that "Its all ads and very little information." Well, now that's all in the past. There will be no more ads in the Newsletter, instead there will be a list of Mid-Atlantic Newsletter Supporters. A Supporter will pay \$150.00 for a year and in turn the company name, phone number, products offered and persons to contact will be listed. This is the trend of many Newsletters around the country and so far it seems that it is being accepted quite well with the Mid-Atlantic's Newsletter. The listing will do two things. One, it will be much less expensive for a company to be listed as a Mid-Atlantic Supporter and two, it will cut the size of the Newsletter to 4 pages which cuts printing costs.

It is my hope that the Mid-Atlantic Membership will be as proud of the new look as they were with the old style. It is also my hope that the membership will use the Newsletter more. It is not very difficult to write an article. Just sit down and jot something down on a piece of paper and send it to me. It doesn't have to be long and it doesn't have to be typed, it just has to be written. The Newsletter is also available to advertise new jobs and equipment for sale.

The Newsletter is yours to use, so take advantage of it.

Editor

## New Members

Gill Fowler, Class D, Ocean Pines Golf & C.C.

Richard Malinowski, Student, Institute of Applied Agriculture

Philip Kolb, Class F, E.I. DuPont Co.

### Reclassification

Bill Neus, From Class B to A

## December — Election Meeting Results

President - Michael B. McKenzie

Vice President - Ben Stagg

Secretary - Michael Larsen

Treasurer - Ken Braun

Directors - Paul Barefoot

Paul O'Leary

Bill Neus

All BY-LAW changes were approved

Those nominated but not elected:

V.P. - Bob Orazi

Sec. - Ken Braun

Treas. - Wayne Evans

Directors - Mike Claffey, Tom Miller, Grant

Pensing, Lou Rudinski, Ed Schmitt.

## Thank You Joe Gambatese

The Mid-Atlantic Golf Course Superintendents Association and especially the Newsletter Editor, would like to thank Joe Gambatese for supplying the Newsletter with photos of many Mid-Atlantic events. Joe is a member of the Golf Writers Association of America and has written several newspaper articles about Golf Course Superintendents.

## Job Openings

Assistant Superintendent - Evergreen Golf & C.C.

Salary - \$12,000 plus bonus

Contact - Ron Barley

Golf Course Superintendent

Evergreen Golf & C.C.

P.O. Box 176

Haymarket, Va. 22069

(703) 754-7111

Assistant Superintendent - Herndon

Centennial Municipal Golf Course

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Contact - John Tutich

P.O. Box 427

Herndon, Va. 22070

(703) 437-1000

Superintendent - Pine Shores Golf Course

Berlin, Md., Executive 9 hole with second

9 under construction.

Contact - Al Janis, 641-3328

Foreman - Golf Course Construction

Contact - Al Janis

2877 Ocean Pine Rd.

Berlin, Md. 21811

## G.C.S.A.A. Golf Tournament

by Paul O'Leary

The Mid-Atlantic team consisted of Dave Kroll, Ron Hall, Jack Montecalvo and Ken Braun. Bob Orazi also was on the team but didn't play due to illness.

The Mid-Atlantic team finished 4th low net.

This years tournament was the largest GCSAA tournament ever. The new GCSAA format allowed as many teams from each area to enter. The Mid-Atlantic team finished 4th low net. Individual prizes went to Dave Kroll 2nd low net Black Flight, Ron Hall 13th low gross Black Flight, Jack Montecalvo 11th low net Black Flight, and Ken Braun 4th low net Green Flight. Ken Braun was asked to fill a spot on the GCSAA Golf Committee.

## For Sale

1 - Hahn MC 5C Green Aerifier - like new

1 - Jacobsen 30" 5 blade rough unit completely rebuilt

1 - Cushman Truckster - w/PTO - completely rebuilt

Contact: Wally Stedding, 5508 Windsor Mill Rd., Baltimore, Md. 21207 - 298-3054  
944-2202 after 6 pm.

## Beginning Handicaps - 1981

### Class A & B

Allen, Harry	9
Baker, Fred	12
Barefoot, Paul	40
Bayer, Greg	24
Braun, Ken	20
Burckholder, L. M.	20
Cammarota, Dave	40
Claffey, Mike	40
Deiter, Lee	40
Drew, John	40
Dyke, Gene	23
Emanuel, Joe	23
Emerson, Bill	16
Evans, Ray	40
Evans, Wayne	40
Fairbanks, Dave	29
Frank, Merrill	21
Gerard, Gerry	35
Hall, Ron	14
Haske, Tom	36
Heinlen, Fred	20
Helm, Dick	21
Kessel, Sam	19
Kroll, Dave	12
Lambert, Robert	36
Larsen, Michael	40
Lawson, Stanley	22
List, Tom	27
Mason, Earl	17
McKenzie, Mike	32
McNeal, Ralph	40
Midkiff, Ray	34
Miller, Bob	16
Montecalvo, Jack	13
Montross, Walter	22
Nash, Steve	22
Neus, Bill	28
O'Leary, Paul	9
Olinger, Cliff	20
Orazi, Bob	18
Parr, Harold	12
Pensing, Grant	18
Robine, Jerome	30
Robinson, Virgil	13
Rudinski, Lou	40
Shirk, Frank	9
Staffieri, Frank	26
Stagg, Ben	27
Strouth, Ralph	37
Thompson, George	27
Tutich, John	24
Watson, Al	25
Witt, Mike	34
Whetsell, Buck	24
White, Lou	29

### Class C

Buchanan, Bill	12
Hewitt, John	26
Turner, Tom	15

Handicaps where determined by averaging 1980 scores. Where only one score has been submitted it stands as the handicap score.

### Class F

Bull, Russ	40
Comalli, Tom	8
Gaskill Howard	40
Hanna, Mike	40
Harris, Tom	36
Lea, Herb	21
Malehorn, Tom	18
Schoening, Carl	18

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