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NOVEMBER 10 CHESAPEAKE COUNTRY CLUB

The November meeting of the Mid-Atlantic Association of Golf Course Superintendents will be held at Chesapeake Country in Lusby, Maryland. Your host Michael Claffey has been at Chesapeake since 1971. Mike graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture in 1969. Upon graduation Mike returned to Columbia Country Club as George Thompson assistant having done placement training at Columbia in 1968.

Chesapeake Country Club was designed and built by Jim Thompson (also designed Tantallon Country Club) in 1968.

The course measures 6,272 from the white and 6,700 from the blues.

Greens are Penncross and Poa averaging 5,000 sq. ft. and are cut every other day at 3/16".

Tees are mixture of Bluegrass and Rye grass and are cut at 3/4" three times a week.

Fairways have about 50% Common Bermuda and are overseeded to Rye grass and are maintained at 3/4".

The irrigation system is manual with a Marlow pump powered by a 361 cu. in. Ford industrial engine.



Presidents Message

The weather hung in there for one more Tuesday so that we could compete in our Annual Golf Tournament held at River Bend Golf & Country Club. Congratulations, Craig Rhoderick for hosting your first Mid-Atlantic Superintendents meeting, a job well done. The course was in excellent condition, along with a fine meal. Thank you, Don Saylor for the services provided by your staff. It was indeed a pleasure going back home October 6, 1981. Thanks again everyone at River Bend.

Congratulations Walter and Linda Montross, who where united in holy matrimony October 11, 1981. We wish both of you the very best.

The nominating committee of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America has announced that William J. Emerson has been accepted as a candidate for the board of directors. Bill, we will give you our full support in this National Election. Good Luck!

Look forward to our November meeting at Chesapeake Country Club, our host is Mike Claffey. This will also be Michael's first Mid-Atlantic Meeting, so lets all go to Chesapeake and see how far Mike really has to drive to our meetings.

Mike

Program for the day:

Lunch	Available
Golf	Anytime
Cocktails	5:00 p.m. (Cash Bar)
Dinner	6:00 p.m.

Jackets and Ties required

Guest speaker - GCSAA Director and former Mid-Atlantic member Ed Dembnicki

Directions:

From 495 take Penn. Ave. exit towards Upper Marlboro Rt. 4. Club is approx. 45 miles from beltway on Rt. 4 in Lusby.

From Baltimore take Rt. 3-301 South to Rt. 4 towards Prince Frederick. Club is approx. 18 miles South of Prince Frederick on Rt. 4. in Lusby.

LADIES NIGHT

Social Chairman Paul Barefoot would like to announce that LADIES NIGHT will be in January or March of 1982. Details will appear later.

1981 Meeting Places and Dates to Remember

November 4-5	GCSAA Insect I.D. and Control Seminar Baltimore, Maryland
November 10	Chesapeake Country Club Lusby, Maryland Michael Claffey - Host
December 8	Election Meeting Bonnie View Country Club Baltimore, Maryland Ken Braun - Host
December 7-10	Expo 81 Cherry Hill Hyatt House Cherry Hill, N.J.
January 4-6, 1982	Turfgrass 82 Baltimore Convention Center
January 31-	53rd International Turfgrass Conference and Show
February 5	Rivergate Exhibition Center New Orleans, LA.

1981 Election of Officers

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

Office	Term	
President	1 year	Ben Stagg
Vice President	1 year	Ken Braun
Secretary	1 year	Mike Larsen
Treasurer	1 year	Gerald Gerard
Directors - Two to be elected to a 3 year term; 1 for a one year term.		
Mike Claffey		
Lee Dieter		
Bob Lambert		
Earl Mason		
William Shirk		

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

Nominating Committee
Ron Hall, Chairman
Sam Kessel
William J. Emerson

RECORD-KEEPING IS FOR EVERYONE

Many clubs require their superintendent to keep records and all of us, in one way or another, keep them. I believe in an extensive record-keeping system and feel that the superintendent can benefit immensely by keeping them. Not only will they help you in your present position, but will also be very beneficial in your future endeavors. By having a portfolio and records of past work, interviews will go much smoother and the prospective employer obtains a better idea of the type of work you're capable of.

Listed below are the records that I keep and a brief description of each.

1. Time Study and Cost Analysis - shows how many hours are spent on each job and the cost to perform the operation;

2. Daily Diary - personal notes that can be useful in the future;

3. Weather Reports - very useful in predicting disease activity;

4. Daily Water Usage - monitors irrigation water used on the golf course. If you do not have a meter, this is difficult to do;

5. Pesticide Usage - shows pest to be controlled, chemicals used, areas sprayed, etc.

6. Maintenance of Machinery - oil changes, lubes, etc.

7. Parts Inventory - new parts installed in machines and the cost of that part;

8. Maps - updated maps of irrigation and drainage system, cart paths, tree programs, etc.

9. Portfolio - pictures showing projects, past and present conditions, etc., and

10. Miscellaneous - gas usage, important tournaments, minutes of meetings, etc.

After reviewing the above, you may feel that a system such as this is entirely too time-consuming. The actual day-to-day recording, however, is not entered exclusively by the superintendent. Once you have established a system to meet your needs, your men are delegated the responsibility of entering the necessary information as needed. I personally spend approximately half an hour per day on the records during the summer months and during the off-season, I evaluate them and project changes regarding my future operation.

Maintaining accurate records may often be overlooked by the superintendent, but may very well be one of the most important instruments in running a truly smooth, efficient operation.

-Joseph W. Laudens

Reprint: HEART BEAT - HEART OF AMERICA GCSA

1981 Match Play Tournament Ends

The 1981 Match Play tournament came to a conclusion at the September meeting. The results are as follows:

Paul O'Leary	over	Ken Braun
Wayne Evans	over	Mike Larsen
Lou White	over	Ben Stagg
Tom Turner	over	Bill Emerson

Mid-Atlantic/Philadelphia Team Matches

The annual team matches between the Mid-Atlantic and the Philadelphia Association resulted in a 17½ to 3½ victory for the Mid-Atlantic.

October Tournament Results: Class A & B

Low Gross:

1. Paul O'Leary	76
2. Harry Allen	79
3. Harold Parr	79
4. David Kroll	80
5. Bill Shirk	82
6. Craig Rhoderick	84

Bill Glover trophy donated by G. L. Cornell Co.

Low Net:

1. John Tutich	61
2. Buck Whetsell	64
3. Jerome Robine	65
4. Bert Yingling	66
5. George Renault	66
6. Mike McKenzie	69

Reuben Hines trophy donated by Bert Yingling and Jack Young.

Low Gross:

1. Jeff Yingling	76
2. Nathaniel Binns	78

Low Net:

1. Dick Doyle	55
2. Tom Harris	69

Closest to the pin – Hole 3 – Grant Pensinger 7' 11"
 Hole 7 – Mike Larsen 9' 9"
 Hole 13 – Walter Montross 7' 3"
 Hole 17 – Frank Sanzaro 21'

Longest Drive – Craig Rhoderick "Country Mile"

Turf Grass: Money In The Ground

When farmers in Maryland mention their turf, they're talking big business.

Maryland's most important "crop" is grass — the kind that covers golf courses and lawns. It takes up more acreage than any crop except corn. It's grown by more land-owners and generates more expenditures than any other green leafy substance in the state. In fact, if not for grass, many Marylanders would be high and dry.

That's the message of a new \$20,000 report, produced by the Maryland Department of Agriculture and funded by the Maryland Turfgrass Council Inc. The survey puts turf's total contribution to the state's economy in 1979 at more than \$518 million. That's no small potatoes, say Maryland turf growers.

Predictably, homeowners have the lion's share of the state's maintained grass — 60 percent — and their attempts to keep it green cost more than \$95 million annually. Strips of green lining the state's highways are a distant second with about 8.5 percent of the grassy area, and cemeteries are next with 7.9 percent. Other strong finishers includes golf courses and the rolling lawns of institutions of higher learning.

John W. Strickland, president of the Turfgrass Council, said last week that the turf farmers who make up his organization hoped by funding the report they could prod the state legislature into giving more money to grass-roots research.

Reprint From The Washington Post

Hour to Mileage Chart

The number of hours of use at 2900 R.P.M. equals the indicated number of road miles, which means 1 hour to 40 road miles.

HOURS	MILES
25	1,000
50	2,000
100	4,000
250	10,000
500	20,000
750	30,000
1000	40,000

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