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OCTOBER 6, 1981
RIVER BEND GOLF & C. C.
GREAT FALLS, VA.
\$5.00 Entry Fee
PRIZES INCLUDE:

Bill Glover Trophy
1st and 2nd Low Gross
Donated by G. L. Cornell

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

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

President's Message

This past summer wasn't as bad as last summer but it sure is good to have October finally arrive. By now most of the aerifing and overseeding is done and we're beginning to shift into a slower gear.

The October meeting is our annual golf tournament and our host is Craig Rhoderick. Make an effort to come out to River Bend and help draw to a close what has been a great golfing season. Please note that the meeting is the first Tuesday, October 6.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at River Bend.

Mike



River Bend Golf and Country Club

River Bend is located in Great Falls, Virginia and consists of 151 acres. The course was designed and built by Edmund Ault and Al Jamison and called Forest Lake. A second nine was added a few years later and then renamed River Bend. The automatic sprinkler system was completed in 1978.

The course measures 6,243 from the white tees and 6,608 from the blues.

Greens: Pennncross and Poa averaging 4,000 square feet and cut every day but Mondays at 3/16", 1/4" this season during stress periods.

Tees: Primarily Bent grass tees cut at 1/2". Remaining tees are a Bluegrass - Rye grass mix. All cut three times weekly.

Fairways: Bluegrass - Rye grass mix. Currently on Rye grass overseeding program. Also three weekly cuttings.

Irrigation: The irrigation is a Moody System installed by Russell Roberts and is very efficient.

Our P.G.A. Pro, Don Saylor and his staff will greet you at the shop for all the tournament arrangements.

This is my first season with River Bend and I already have my targets set for next season. We lived with an insect problem this year and I am looking forward to the magic of Oftanol next season.

Craig Rhoderick - Host

Program For The Day:

Lunch - Available

Golf - Anytime after 11:00 a.m.

Cocktails - 6:00, Cash Bar

Dinner - 7:00 p.m., \$13.00, Prime Rib

Please Return Post Cards

Directions to the Club:

From 495 (Washington Beltway) take Georgetown Pike - Great Falls exit (Route 193). Drive 6 miles to 2nd traffic light and make a right onto Walker Road. Approximately 2½ to 3 miles make a right turn onto Beach Mill Road. Go 1/4 mile, turn right into Club entrance.

GCSAA Insect Identification and Control Seminar

Instructor: Dr. Harry Niemczyk

Date: November 4-6, 1981

Location: Quality Inn West, 5801 Baltimore National Pike, Catonsville, Maryland 21228. (301) 744-5000.

Fees: \$120.00 Member Pre-Registration. \$140.00 Non-Member and *all* on-site registration.

The fee includes all training sessions, reference materials, optional examination and Certificate of Achievement, refreshment breaks and two luncheons. All other meals and housing are the responsibility of each individual.

Successful completion of this seminar is worth two of the six points required for Certification renewal.

It will also be good for Maryland Pesticide Applicators Reclassification.

**PLEASE NOTE:
River Bend Meeting
is the
First Tuesday
In October**

Handicaps - September 1981

Allen, H.	9	Mason, E.	25
Baker, F.	12	McKenzie, M.	38
Barefoot, P.	40	McNeal, R.	40
Braun, K.	16	Miller, B.	16
Bull, R.	40	Montecalvo, J.	15
Burckholder, L.M.	20	Montross, W.	20
Cammarota, D.	35	Nash, S.	22
Claffey, M.	40	O'Leary, P.	8
Dieter, L.	40	Olinger, C.	19
Davis, C.	29	Orazi, B.	13
Doyle, D.	40	Parr, H.	14
Drew, J.	40	Pensinger, G.	18
Dyke, G.	29	Renault, G.	27
Emerson, B.	10	Robine, J.	35
Evans, W.	39	Robinson, V.	13
Fairbank, D.	28	Rudinski, L.	30
Frank, M.	21	Sanzaro, F.	9
Gerard, G.	40	Schoening, C.	18
Hall, R.	15	Shirk, F.	11
Hanna, M.	40	Stafferi, F.	26
Harris, T.	36	Stagg, B.	28
Haske, T.	36	Strickland, J.	40
Helm, D.	19	Strouth, R.	38
Ingram, K.	16	Thompson, G.	28
Keller, K.	19	Turner, T.	13
Kessel, S.	19	Tutich, J.	25
Kroll, D.	10	Watson, A.	26
Larsen, M.	34	Witt, M.	22
Lambert, B.	36	Whetsell, B.	31
Lawson, S.	16	White, L.	28
List, T.	26	Yingling, B.	23
Malehorn, T.	20	Yingling, J.	18

Membership

The following name has been presented to the Board of Directors for acceptance as a new member of the Mid-Atlantic:

Lee Arthur

Adams Equipment

1982 Dues

A proposed dues increase to \$50.00 for 1982 was discussed at the September Board meeting. It was unanimously approved. Dues notices for 1982 will be mailed out by the end of October.

Ken Braun
Treasurer

1982 Meeting Locations

Vice President Ben Stagg is presently looking for meeting sites for 1982. If you are interested in Hosting a meeting call Ben at (301) 822-7467.

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 stolons.

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.

Water Shortages Could Handicap Golf

While there may be no water shortage problem in the Middle Atlantic this summer, people concerned with golf course maintenance are not forgetting past shortages and threats that lurk in the future.

John C. Walker III, president of the Columbia Country Club, sounded an alarm at a dinner of Middle Atlantic PGA professionals and their club presidents.

"Water is a precious commodity essential to sustaining a golf course," he told them. "Severe restrictions have been imposed in New Jersey this year and in our area in the past."

While Columbia, in close-in Chevy Chase, is one of a few clubs buying water from the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission, Walker pointed out that restrictions could apply equally to all clubs, including those with water supplied by wells, lakes and streams.

"Whether you have private or public water," he warned club presidents, "in the event of a severe shortage, you could lose your greens and tees. No golf."

He said he hoped some solutions might be found that might exempt at least greens and tees from restrictions or allow storage of water for emergencies.

WSSC and county inspectors work closely and in time of emergency the county usually applies to all water users the same restrictions WSSC puts on its customers.

As an example, Bretton Woods, which pumps water from a lake on its 17th hole, had to get permission during a recent shortage to draw water from the Potomac River.

Bill Black, Congressional CC's manager of greens and grounds, said he is learning to get along with less water on fairways even though the club normally has adequate water available from two large lakes to take care of its two 18-hole courses.

Several points about what may lie ahead are made in articles in the current issue of "Golf Course Management," published by the Golf Course Superintendents Association.

- Use of undrinkable and effluent water may become standard.
- The cost of water, which has been underpriced, may some day approach the cost of gasoline.
- Golf club members may have to lower their standards and accept a course that is not as green as they have been accustomed to, like most of the British courses. Brown fairways, for instance. Watering of fairways is relatively new.

There are some, like Silver Spring's Eddie Ault, golf course architect and turf expert, who feel that too much watering goes on and that fairways are better off if they are kept "hungry."

"When you don't water, the weak grasses die and the strong ones survive," Ault said. "Then you can overseed the fall and have good strong turf."

The Musser International Turfgrass Foundation, run by Dr. Fred V. Grau in College Park, is helping finance a fellowship at Texas A&M for graduate research on water stress on turf to determine what makes a grass more drought tolerant, and to find grasses which require a minimum of water and other maintenance.

A big step forward was taken 30 years ago when Grau then head of the USGA Green Section and based at the U.S. Department of Agriculture's turfgrass research facility in Beltsville, helped develop and promote Meyer Zoysia, a durable grass requiring less water and maintenance than the traditional grasses.

Now a new Zoysia grass that spreads faster than Meyer Zoysia has been developed and was shown to members of the turfgrass industries at a Beltsville Field Day this week.

The Maryland Turfgrass Council is deeply concerned about the water problem. It has asked Dr. Grau to collect published papers on ways to conserve water in turfgrass maintenance.

Water problems will also highlight the Council's annual educational conference, Turfgrass 81, at the Baltimore Convention Center next January 4-6.

It is also financing a promotional campaign to save the University of Maryland's Institute of Applied Agriculture, which has produced many of the area's leading course superintendents. The Institute has been hit by the state's economy program and will be phased out unless new funds are found.

By Joe Gambatese

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