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Presidents Message

Many thanks to Paul and Jimmie Barefoot, host and hostess of our Ladies Night at Toby's Dinner Theater in Columbia. Great food and fellowship; and the show was a real side splitter. Paul, that was a job well done.

On February 22nd I had the privilege of hosting, being chairman, and secretary to the 1982 Past President's meeting. How in the world we let these guys get out of office with the wealth of knowledge they have stored in their heads I'll never know. I have four pages of notes on this meeting that I'm trying to condense into presentation form for action by the board.

I've heard many members of the Mid-Atlantic ask "What does the Mid-Atlantic do for me?"

To many of us, the Mid-Atlantic Association of Golf Course Superintendents gives us a *REASON* to get together and enjoy the company of our fellow superintendents. There is probably a greater exchange of ideas, on the golf course and during cocktail hour, than at any conference you will attend. Let's take advantage of one of the *REASONS* for our existence and attend our meetings. I'm betting you will find it worth the time.

J. Ben Stagg

Hog Neck Meeting by Ben Stagg

Hog Neck Golf Course is a 27 hole public facility. It was designed by Linsay Erving, built by Maddox Const. Co., funded by Mrs. Alton Jones, and donated to Talbot County after completion.

Some characteristics of the course include bentgrass tees averaging 80 yds. long, and 89 gaping sand traps. Four of

the fairways were built through a pure stand of Loblolly pine, seven fairways built through a forest of old growth hard woods, and the remaining holes built on farmland. These remaining holes have a links type setting with large bunker-type traps, just a few trees, and sixteen acres of ponds to catch errant shots.

The bluegrass fairways have stayed playable on a fertilizer program of two applications of 1 lb.N and 2/3 lb.K in the fall and 1/2 lb.N and 1/3 lb.K in mid June to take full advantage of long daylight hours.

The fertilizer program for the greens consists of 4 lbs.N/1,000 sq.ft. split into three fall and winter applications and 1/2 lb. of N spread out over the summer put on through the sprayer.

Nearly all programs in use here at Hog Neck are a result of practical experience or experimentation.

My first training in this profession came from working a season at Ocean City Yacht and Country Club under George Gumm. The next four years I spent at Nassawango Country Club as superintendent, gaining experience with Lou White and Russ Kerns as close as a phone call. In 1974 I moved on to tackle the 27 holes at Hog Neck. By using a good mix of the knowledge and experience of other superintendents, my Park Board, and myself, I have been able to mold Hog Neck Golf Course into a successful operation. It's a facility that has become a pleasurable and learning experience for me.

PROGRAM FOR THE DAY

Golf:	11:00am till 1:00 pm
Lunch:	Deli-type sandwiches for sale
Golf carts:	\$14.00
Dinner:	Yesteryears Seafood; cocktails and raw bar — 5:30 to 7:00 cash bar; Dinner — 7:00. Cost — \$12.00

Directions to Hog Neck: Take Rt. 50 east 25 miles after Bay Bridge to Rabbit Hill Road, turn left and follow signs to Golf Course. *Note:* Due to construction at Kent Narrows Bridge, allow for extra time in case of delays.

Directions to Yesteryears Seafood: When leaving Hog Neck turn right 3 times to get back on to Route 50. Go south on Rt. 50 to Rt. 322, bear right and continue on Route 322 for 2 miles to Marlboro Road, turn left, go .2 of a mile to shopping center on the left. Yesteryears is in the North-west corner of the shopping center.