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## COME ONE – COME ALL

To Our

### 1982

## MID-ATLANTIC AGCS ANNUAL PICNIC

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 10, 1982  
BRETTON WOODS RECREATION CENTER  
GERMANTOWN, MARYLAND**

**Gerald G. Gerard – Host**

*Golf • Tennis • Swimming • Games • Playground  
Putting Contest • 9 Hole Scotch Foursome • Magician  
Juniors Golf Tournament*

BEER  
SWEET CORN

SODAS  
RIBS  
CRABS

HAMBURGERS  
HOT DOGS

**1:30 P.M. – UNTIL**

**FREE!**

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## Presidents Message

I was out early this morning enjoying the solitude of an empty golf course. With a red sun coming up through the pine trees and a water hose in my hand, it seemed like a good time to think out my President's message for the August newsletter. We haven't had any measureable rainfall in July at Hogs Neck and the dry spots are starting to show.

As I returned to my Cushman, I see the hose washer that I neglected to fix was putting a stream of water directly on the seat of my truckster. So here I sit with a wet butt trying to meet our Newsletter's deadline and thinking our jobs are too serious of a business in July so you don't need anything too heavy from me. As I indicated in my first President's message, I wanted this year to be a fun year and you have made the first half of this year fun for me.

Best wishes to George Cleaver and his wife Susie, as George moves on to a busy life in Lewes, Delaware. George's expertise was evident everywhere as we played Chestnut Ridge. After a fine dinner, Lee Dieter and a panel of Mike Larsen, Dave Fairbank, Paul O'Leary and Ken Ingram did a great job of discussing their fairway spraying programs.

Social Chairman, Paul Barefoot says he's all set for food and fun at the August picnic. Everyone come and take a break from the golf course.

Hope to see you all there,  
BEN

## GOLF

The results of the match play finals are as follows:

5th Flight — Wayne Evans defeated Mike McKenzie

4th Flight — Bill Neus defeated Al Watson

1st Flight — Harry Allen defeated Tom Regan

The third flight match between Joel Ratcliff and Walter Montross, and the second flight match between Virgil Robinson and Ron Hall will be played before the end of July at locations to be determined by the participants.

The results of the regular golf competition at Chestnut Ridge are as follows:

Low Gross — 1st - Ron Hall - 74

2nd - Bill Shirk - 77

Low Net — 1st - Bob Miller - 62

2nd - Stanley Lawson - 64

Guests —

Low Gross — Frank Sanzaro - 76

Low Net — Rob Nelson - 67

\*Reminder — The September meeting with the Philadelphia Association will be in the Atlantic City, N.J. area, so make plans to attend and play in the team matches.

## FOR SALE

Jacobsen F-10 7 gang — Very Good Condition — \$10,600.00. 8 years old - mowers reconditioned every 2 years. Please contact Army Perry — (703) 751-5256.

## August 11 Mid-Atlantic Picnic Bretton Woods Recreation Center

Bretton Woods was designed by Edmond Ault and opened for play in the spring of 1968. Tees and fairways were originally seeded to Highland and Astoria bent. Every year since then, the fairways have been overseeded to perennial ryegrasses and bluegrasses. The tees have been changed to either Penncross bent or bluegrass. Roughs are a mixture of K-31 tall fescue and bluegrass and are mowed at 2½ inches. The greens are Penncross and are mowed 4 to 5 times a week during the growing season.

The manual irrigation system is in the process of being converted to an automatic system. All work is being done by the maintenance crew. As you play golf or tour the golf course, see if you can pick out the greens that have been treated with Rubigan. Ten greens are presently being treated.

Gerald Gerard graduated from the Institute of Applied Agriculture in the spring of 1968 and immediately came to Bretton Woods. He received the GCSAA Scholarship Award in 1967, became a certified water and wastewater treatment plant operator in 1971, and received his Golf Course Superintendents Certification in 1975. He has served as Educational chairman of the Mid-Atlantic and presently the Treasurer.

### Program for the Day

**GOLF:** Anytime. 9 hole Mixed Scotch Foursome Tournament (Scotch-partners playing one ball, hitting alternate shots). There will also be a tournament for Juniors. Sign up in the Pro Shop.

**SWIMMING:** After 11:00 a.m.

**FOOD:** 1:30 p.m.

As in the past, this picnic is a cooperative. Families are asked to volunteer either a covered-dish (picnic salads, macaroni, potato, etc.) or a dessert. The Mid-Atlantic will supply hot dogs, hamburgers, crabs, ribs, sweet corn, beer and sodas. If you have any questions contact Paul Barefoot.

**Directions to the Club:** Take River Road Exit from the Washington Beltway (495) toward Potomac. The Club is 11½ miles from the Beltway on the left.

## Future Penn State Turfgrass Conferences

August 11 & 12, 1982 — Penn State Field Days

December 7 - 9, 1982 — Western Penn Turf & Grounds Maintenance School

February 28 - March 3, 1983 — Penn Turfgrass Conference and Trade Show

## WANTED: Mid-Atlantic Newsletter Editor

As advertised in the July Newsletter, a new newsletter editor will be needed for 1983. To give you a rough idea of what goes into the making of a newsletter, here is a schedule of events used in putting together the July Newsletter.

- May 27 — attend Mid-Atlantic Board meeting, compile information for July Newsletter
- June 1 — mail letter to July meeting host
- June 8 — attend June Mid-Atlantic meeting, take down any information that can be used for July Newsletter
- June 13 — receive Presidents Message
- June 14 — start writing and putting together information for July Newsletter
- June 16 — type all information
- June 17 — take newsletter to printer
- June 22 — proofread newsletter, purchase stamps
- June 25 — pick up Newsletter, fold, stuff, staple, stamp and address, approximately 3-4 hours depending on interruptions
- June 26 — mail

The Newsletter Editors job pays \$80.00 a month. One of the better benefits of being the Newsletter Editor is receiving newsletters from other Associations around the country. If interested please contact the present editor or any board member.

## New Fungus Attacks Bentgrass

GAEUMANNOMYCES PATCH DISEASE, a fungus that zeroes in on bentgrass turf, has been documented for the first time in the mid-Atlantic region of the U.S. by researchers for the University of Maryland's Agricultural Experiment Station (MAES) and the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA).

The fungus appears as bronze, reddish-brown, or light yellow circular patches on turf. It leaves in its wake dead or thinning turf, say the scientists.

Also known as GGA, the fungus is considered "an extremely damaging disease in Australia, Europe and some parts of the U.S.," says Dr. Peter H. Dernoeden, assistant professor and agronomy researcher for MAES.

Dernoeden and USDA pathologist N.R. O'Neill observed GGA at four locations in Maryland — ranging from the western part of the state to its Eastern Shore region — and studied its ability to cause disease, its growth rate and other factors at three of those locations.

## Don't Get Beat By The Heat

As you get older, your body becomes less able to respond to long exposure to heat or cold. During hot and humid weather, a buildup in body heat can cause heat stroke or heat exhaustion, particularly in the elderly. This is especially true of those with heart and circulatory diseases or diabetes.

Heat stroke is a medical emergency requiring immediate attention and treatment by a doctor. Among the signs and symptoms are faintness, dizziness, elevated body temperature (often 104°F (40°C) or higher), rapid pulse and hot, dry skin due to absence of sweating.

Heat exhaustion or heat prostration is the most common of the heat-related disorders. A heat collapse usually occurs suddenly and may be preceded by weakness, heavy sweating, nausea and giddiness. It is usually brief and relieved by placing the victim in a prone position in a cool place.

The National Institute on Aging's *Age Page* offers the following tips to remain cool in hot weather:

- Stay out of direct sunlight and avoid strenuous activity.
- Wear lightweight, lightcolored, loose fitting clothing that permits sweat to evaporate.
- Drink plenty of liquids such as water, fruit and vegetable juices, and iced tea to replace the fluids lost by sweating.
- Take cool baths or showers.
- Cool yourself with icebags or wet towels.
- Try not to drink alcoholic beverages or fluids that have too much salt, since salt can complicate existing medical problems, such as high blood pressure.
- Above all, take the heat seriously, and don't ignore danger signs like nausea, dizziness and fatigue.

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## Pointers for Supervisors

### Inspiring Leader

- Rewards
- Encourages
- Listens
- Keeps them informed
- Stimulates others to think
- Tells why and how to do it
- Helps others solve problems
- Wants long-run loyalty
- Considerate
- Tries persuasion
- Employee-centered
- Assumes best in others
- Gives a square deal
- High-minded
- Considers before acting
- Appreciative

### Coercing Boss

- Threatens
- Finds Fault
- Talks
- Keeps them guessing
- Wants to do all the thinking
- Tells others what to do
- Ignores others' problems
- Wants prompt obedience
- Blunt
- Flaunts authority
- Production-centered
- Assumes worst in people
- Takes advantage of others
- Vulgar-minded
- Impulsive
- Thankless

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