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December 14 Election Meeting Twin Lakes GC Buck Whetsell - Host

The Fairfax County Park Authority owns and operates 63 holes of golf in the County of Fairfax. The Twin Lakes Golf Course is an 18-hole regulation located in Clifton. The Burke Lake Course is an 18-hole, par-3, located in Burke Lake. The Jefferson Golf Course is a regulation 9-hole located in Falls Church and the Greendale Golf Course is a regulation 18-hole located on Telegraph Road in Alexandria. Each of the courses has its own clubhouse manager who is responsible for the control of the greens fee tickets, inventory, cash, power carts, pull carts, and reserved tee times. Tee times are taken on Thursdays at 1:30 p.m. prior to a weekend or holiday. The tee times are set at every eight minutes.

The maintenance program is prepared and scheduled by the golf course superintendent and is expedited by the groundskeeper foreman at each of the golf courses.

The greens, tees, and fairways are mowed three times a week. Penncross bent grass on the greens is cut at 1/4 inch in height. The bluegrass mixture in the fairways is mowed at 1 1/4 inches, and the tees at 1/2 inch. The roughs are mowed at 2 inches twice a week.

The preventive spray program for disease and insects is scheduled weekly for the many fungus problems that work in the turf. Some diseases that are predominant in our area are pythium, dollar spot, brown patch, snow mold, and frog eye.

The greens receive eight to ten pounds of actual nitrogen per year derived from a 38% Parex 20-0-16, 24% 16-8-8 or 18-5-9 analysis.

The fairways at each of the golf courses receive three applications per year of fertilizer, averaging six to eight pounds of actual nitrogen. The tees receive eight to ten pounds of actual nitrogen derived from the same analysis as is used on the putting greens.

The tees, greens, and fairways at Burke Lake, Twin Lakes, Jefferson and Greendale have a fully automatic irrigation system. The greens, tees, and fairways are scheduled to receive one inch of water per week.

Buck has been in the golf course business for 30 years. He has supervised the construction of all the county courses plus Tantallon, Goose Creek and Westwood C.C.

Program For the Day

Golf — Anytime
Lunch — on your own
Cocktails — 6 p.m.
Dinner — 7 p.m. — \$15.00

Twin Lakes is located at 6100 Clifton Road in Clifton, Virginia. Beltway 495 to Rt. 29 & 211 West of Fairfax City. Turn left on Clifton Road before you get into Centerville.

The meeting will be held at the Black Orchard Restaurant on 3236 Annandale. Exit 6 east to Little River Turnpike Shopping Center. Approximately 2 miles off 495.

PLEASE RETURN POSTCARDS OR CALL BUCK AT 703-941-5000 ext. 293.

President's Message

December is election time at the Mid-Atlantic meeting. A nominating committee of three Past Presidents has presented a slate of Officers and possible Directors that have acknowledged their willingness to serve. So come to the election meeting and elect the candidates you want to govern our Association for 1983. Also coming up at the December meeting is the free discussion for the good of the organization. The best way for an organization to grow is by the members keeping the board informed in areas they wish to progress. This means that the board is looking for sound, feasible solutions so that we may grow and have more control of our own destiny concerning job security and other pertinent issues.

To keep this meeting running smoothly, I would like each sound and feasible idea and solution presented in writing to the Secretary after presentation. This way, there will be no misinterpretation of your meaning. The willingness to stand-up and be heard is not only a sign of the times, it is also a sign of a strong, healthy organization for years to come.

Since this is my last President's message, I want to sincerely thank you for letting me serve as your President. It has been a year that I will cherish and remember. With your support and the help of our great board, it has truly been a fun year for me.

Ben

1982 Election of Officers

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

Office, Term

President - 1 year..... Ken Braun
 Vice President - 1 year..... Mike Larsen
 Treasurer - 1 year..... Gerald Gerard
 Secretary - 1 year..... Paul O'Leary

Directors - Two to be elected for 3 year terms; one for a one year term:

Harry Allen
 Bill Neus
 Harold Parr
 Walter Montross
 George Renault

Voting members are reminded that Article VI, Section B of our By-Laws makes provisions for nominations from the floor.

1983 Meeting Locations

March.....Penderbrook G.C.
 April.....Evergreen C.C.
 May.....Washington G. & C.C.
 June.....Andrews AFB G.C.
 July.....City of Baltimore
 August.....Picnic
 September.....Bonnie View C.C.
 October.....Ocean City Y. & C.C.
 November.....Leisure World C.C.
 December.....Open

New Newsletter Editor

The Mid-Atlantic AGCS has hired Mr. Claud Corrigan as its Newsletter Editor. Mr. Corrigan is a professional golf writer who presently edits the Westwood C.C. newsletter and also the District Golf Association newsletter. He is a member of the Golf Writers Association of America and attends many of their conferences. He is also a member of the Professional Golf Club Repairmen's Association. He will be a great asset to the Mid-Atlantic. If you have information or questions for the new Newsletter editor, please call or write:

Mr. Claud Corrigan
 2236 Malraux Drive
 Vienna, Virginia 22180
 703-573-4931

A letter from Tom Comalli:

Hi Steve,

Just a short letter to let you know that I'm still alive and kicking out here in the west. I was hoping you passed on my letter to the Mid-Atlantic Superintendents. Some of them might not have heard that I got transferred to the West Coast. In leaving I didn't get a chance to say goodbye to as many as I would have liked to. Life is short and in the time I was in the Maryland area, I was fortunate to have belonged to the Mid-Atlantic Superintendent Association. This was and still is one hell of an Association and what makes up the Association are the people. This bunch of "supers" are dedicated, hard-working, and professional.

I had the opportunity to make some real close friendships both personally and professionally. I can honestly say I've come a long way from the naive Italian, New Englander coming to Maryland fourteen years ago. I was helped from day one when Bill Emerson helped me get into the profession. He helped me get my first Superintendent position and opened his home to me. I was encouraged to go to the Superintendent meetings by my neighbor at the time — Ron Hall — who helped me through some rough times my first few years. Talk about a guy knowing his stuff. I wish I knew half as much as he does about growing grass. Talk about a "natural", a person with a green thumb, and a credit to your Association — you've got him there. A couple of other names that really stick out that helped me were Angie, Al, Bob, and heck — there are so many I could name. One thing I always remembered was a friendly smile, a good handshake, and any help I ever needed from everyone in the business.

I was sorry to hear of your loss of Bob Shields. I share in your grief. He was one fine gentleman and what Craig said in the Newsletter was a tribute to a great human being.

Not to ramble on any more, I would like to say if anyone is ever in the Sacramento area, the welcome mat is always out. You might have to share a room with my Mother-In-Law. She came to visit us in Maryland for the Christmas Holidays about six years ago and hasn't left yet!! Oh well!!

I am looking forward to seeing you all at the "National" in Atlanta. Just don't bring any Pythium with you unless you want to exchange it for some Anthracnose or Kikuyugrass!!

Sunshine to you all!!

Tom

Lely Calibration

If you are wondering if your Lely spreader is putting out the proper amount of material, here is a way to check. Set the feed ring at 5. The opening should measure 11/16". If not, move ring till opening measures 11/16". This is where your proper 5 setting should be.

Mr. Steven Nash, Editor
19468 Brassie Place
Gaithersburg, Maryland 20879

Dear Steven:

It is with great sorrow that I heard the news about my friend Bob Shields. I just can't believe it. Bob was such a wonderful gregarious human being. How empty the next conference at Atlanta will be without the "big guy". He had so much class, so much warmth, so damn much presence magnetism.

I'll never forget when was installed into the presidency in Kansas City. I was suffering from the flu and in bed sick during all of the conference. Brother Peter was spoon-feeding me milk, honey and whiskey when in walked big Bob with his son and said to us, "Get well because if you don't come to my party tonight, we are coming down here." What a man!

My most sincere regrets to all of you in the Mid-Atlantic; we have lost a great champion

Sincerely,
BRIARWOOD COUNTRY CLUB

Paul N. Voykin
Grounds Superintendent

PNV:jc

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1984 Las Vegas
1985 Washington, D.C.
1986 San Francisco

Tentative

1987 Phoenix
1988 Orlando
1989 Los Angeles
1990 Orlando
1991 Los Vegas
1992 Orlando
1993 Phoenix
1994 San Francisco
1995 Orlando

Odds & Ends

The Mid-Atlantic board has elected Lee Dieter as the Mid-Atlantic Historian.

Mid-Atlantic voting delegate at the GCSAA convention — Mike Larsen, Alternate — Paul O'Leary.

Mid-Atlantic members serving on GCSAA Committees:
Golf Tournament Committee — Ken Braun, Paul O'Leary

Certification Committee — Lee Dieter

Historian, Ethics & ByLaws Committee — Bill Emerson

Election Committee — George Cleaver

The 1983 GCSAA Golf Tournament will be held on February 16-18 at the Arcadian Shores & Myrtle Beach National golf courses. Any Mid-Atlantic who plans to play in the tournament must sign up with Paul O'Leary at the December meeting or call Paul at 301-252-6026.

New Address —

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And Finally

This Newsletter brings to an end a very memorable three as Newsletter Editor. I've learned about writing, editing, printing, typesetting and a great deal more about turf. I've also learned to type with two fingers pretty good. One of the greatest benefits of being a newsletter editor has been receiving newsletters from other Associations. You can learn a great deal from other newsletters. I've also come to know the editors from other associations. Even though I have never met them in person, I feel that we are all friends.

I'd like to thank Rick Boyer and Nelson Phelps from Franklin Press for all their help and special attention they gave me. I'd also like to thank my neighbor, Debbie Diatz and his wife Carla for helping me to get the Newsletters stamped and in the mail usually on time. And finally, I'd like to thank the Mid-Atlantic AGCS for the opportunity to do the Newsletter, I will miss it.

STEVE

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