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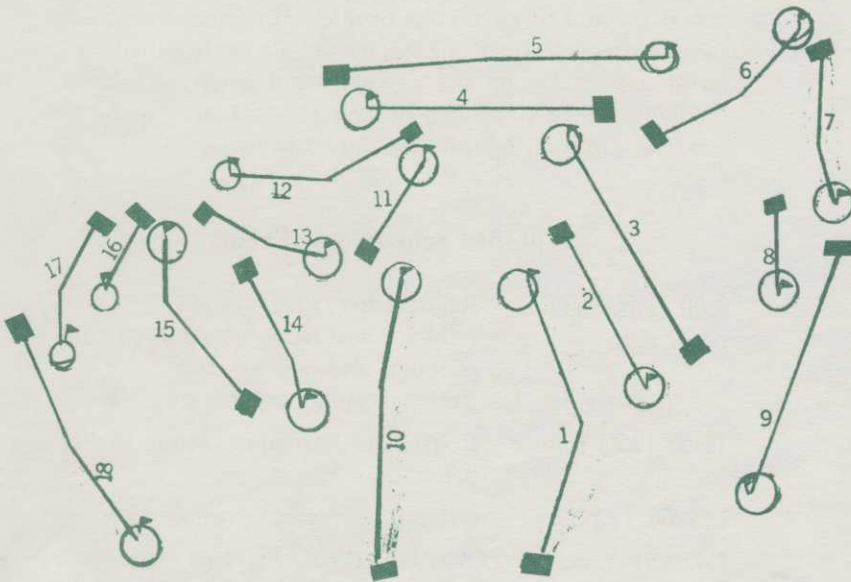
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OUT OF BOUNDS — Sixth, Seventh, Ninth & Sixteenth
WATER HAZARDS — Third, Eleventh and Twelfth

Chestnut Ridge

COUNTRY CLUB
LUTHERVILLE, MARYLAND

July 13 —

Chestnut Ridge Country Club

Chestnut Ridge was opened for play in September 1956. It is laid out on a former dairy farm with rolling hills, a beautiful piece of Baltimore County. The golf course contains 300 acres and the 18 hole course is spread over most of it. In 1966, Russell Roberts redesigned the back nine plus designing an automatic water system for the tees and greens and quick couplers on the fairways. Five new greens, tees and fairways were built and a complete automatic water system was installed with Russell Roberts supervision.

The greens are C-1 and C-19 with various percentages of Poa. The old greens average 5,000 sq.ft. and the new greens 7,000 sq.ft. They receive 6 lbs. of N per year.

The tees are a mixture of bluegrass and poa. They are cut 3 times a week at 3/4" and receive 4 lbs. of N per year.

The fairways are primarily bluegrass and red fescue. They are cut 3 times a week at 1" and receive 4 lbs. of N per year.

The roughs are a mixture of everything. They are cut twice a week at 2".

George Cleaver has been the superintendent at Chestnut Ridge since October 1959. After graduating from the Long Island Agricultural and Technical Institute in Ornamental Horticulture, George worked as a gardner for Frank V. duPont in Greenville, Delaware. Then he served as nursery manager and for five years worked for the DuPont Company in the weed control department. Upon meeting and talking to Mr. James Reid of Suburban Club, he decided to move to Baltimore and work for Mr. Reid as his assistant. George is past president of both the Mid-Atlantic and the Golf Course Superintendents A. of A.

Program for the Day:

Lunch — available

Golf — after 12:00 noon

Cocktails — 6:00 p.m.

Dinner — 7:00 p.m.

Directions to the Club — Baltimore Beltway 695 to exit 23 — Falls Road North, Route 25. Club is about two miles on the left.

Presidents Message

Ken Keller, thanks for a fine day at Fountain Head. The golf course and landscaping was so nice, it was a great place to spend an afternoon.

I've got great news from the waterfront. The crabs are back bigger and fatter than ever. I've tried three times already, without success, to finish off that second dozen. (19 has been my limit to date) However I start serious training next week and I'm sure to make 2 dozen by the end of the summer.

I'm looking forward to the July meeting at Chestnut Ridge. Our Host, George Cleaver is one of the great guys in our Association. Let's have a good meeting at George's place on July 13th.

Ben Stagg

Antique Turfgrass Equipment

Anyone that has any type of old (over 25 years old) turf maintenance equipment that they would be willing to display at Turfgrass 83 in Baltimore, please contact Kevin Mathias, Instructor at the Institute of Applied Agriculture. Phone (301) 454-3938.

Embroidered Mid-Atlantic Patch

The Mid-Atlantic has a few embroidered jacket patches for sale. They pin on so you can use it on several jackets. If you're interested, contact Jerry Gerard.

GOLF

Match Play Finals at Chestnut Ridge Country Club

5th Flight — Wayne Evans vs. Mike McKenzie

4th Flight — Bill Neus vs. Al Watson

3rd Flight — Joel Ratcliff vs. Walter Montrose

2nd Flight — Virgil Robinson vs. Ron Hall

1st Flight — Tom Regan vs. Harry Allen

Golf results from Fountain Head C.C.

Superintendent

Low Gross — Ron Hall — 77

Tom Regan — 77

Low Net — 1st — Bill Neus & Walt Montross

2nd — Al Watson & Grant Pensinger

Guest

Low Gross — Dave Chalmers — 72

Low Net — Tom Turner — 64

Steven Nash — 64

Maryland Turf Research Review and Field Day Program

This summer, the Department of Agronomy, University of Maryland will present a Turfgrass Field Day and Equipment Show on Wednesday, *August 4, 1982*. The field day will be held at the Hopkins Plant Research Farm on Cherry Hill Road, between Rt. 29 and Rt. 212, near Beltsville. Registration is free and begins at 9 AM. Exhibits and demonstration of turf products and equipment will occur from 9 AM - 12 PM. At noon, a barbeque lunch will be served at the farm (cost about \$6.00/person), and the tour of the research plots will begin at 1:15 PM.

A major portion of the research currently being conducted deals with pre and postemergence herbicides, plant growth retardants and fungicides. Fertilizer, mowing management and fine fescue cultivar evaluations are also being conducted at the Plant Research Farm. (PRF).

The tour will conclude with a visit to the new research area, located across the road from our present location. The new site consists of 15 acres of cleared land and 23 acres of wooded land. Last autumn, three acres were planted with bluegrasses, ryegrasses, tall fescues and bentgrasses. In a portion of the newly seeded area, an extensive study involving slow release, nitrogen fertilizers on Merion Kentucky bluegrass and Rebel tall fescue was initiated in May. An important goal of the experiment will be to evaluate the performance of the nitrogen fertilizers on irrigated versus non-irrigated turf. Also, we are evaluating experimental herbicides for *selective removal of tall fescue*

contamination in a bluegrass turf. Furthermore, the influence of spring applied post emergence, phenoxy herbicides and pre-emergence herbicides on the establishment and filling-in of a fall seeded Kentucky bluegrass blend is being evaluated.

The purpose of the field day is to acquaint you with some of the turf research and new ideas being developed by the University. Field day is also an important time to be updated on new chemicals, equipment, and management practices, and to have your problems diagnosed or questions answered. It is our hope that all professionals interested in turfgrass management and extension agents throughout Maryland will be able to set aside August 4, 1982 for a day of educational enrichment.

Tentative Schedule of Events

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| 9:00-12:00 noon | —Registration (Free) |
| | —Exhibits and demonstration of turf products and equipment |
| | —Research plots open for observation |
| 12:00-12:45 p.m. | —Roast beef barbeque (about \$6.00/person) |
| 12:45-1:15 p.m. | —Official welcome, introductions |
| 1:15-4:00 p.m. | TOUR OF RESEARCH PLOTS |
| | —Tall fescue fall vs. summer fertilization |
| | —Fine fescue variety trials |
| | —Effects of preemergence herbicides on bentgrass |
| | —Dollar spot fungicide trials |
| | —Slow release fertilizer study |
| | —Growth retardant evaluations |
| | —Various preemergence herbicide studies |
| | —Postemergence control of crabgrass |
| | —Brown patch fungicide trials |
| | —Update on current insect problems |
| | —Tour of the new turf research center |

Contact P.H. Dernoeden, Dept. of Agronomy, University of Maryland, College Park, MD 20742 (301) 454-3717

Turfgrass Advisory Committee

Kevin Mathias is presently trying to assemble a Turfgrass Advisory Committee for the Institute of Applied Agriculture. Anyone interested in serving on this committee, please contact Kevin at the Institute.

Membership

The following name has been presented to the Board of Directors for approval as a member of the Mid-Atlantic.

New Member

James Bryan E.I. duPont Co. Class F

Reclassification

Bill Neuss Class B to A

It's Happening In Golf

By Harry C. Eckhoff
NFG Director Golf Facility Services

63 Holes = 190,245 Rounds in Fairfax, VA

The four golf courses owned and operated by the Fairfax County Park Authority in Annandale, VA enjoyed their greatest number of rounds played ever in 1981.

Barclay "Buck" Whetsell, general superintendent for all the courses, reports that 190,245 rounds were played during 1981 — an increase of 10 percent over 1980. A breakdown of rounds for each course-follows.

NUMBER OF ROUNDS — 1981

	9-Hole Rounds	18-Hole Rounds	Total Rounds
Burke Lake Course — 18 holes	27,114	17,123	44,237
Greendale Course — 18 holes	29,137	20,869	50,006
Jefferson Course — 9 holes	42,258	4,210	46,468
Twin Lakes Course — 18 holes	20,474	29,060	49,534
	118,983	71,262	190,245

While many of the nation's municipal courses are reporting financial difficulties, the Fairfax County golf operation flourishes. After all expenses, salaries, supplies, etc. were paid, the golf operation actually netted \$176,000. Whetsell expects to see at least another 10 percent growth pattern in 1982.

Golf course maintenance costs at the Fairfax county courses averaged \$8,000 per hole in 1981. All courses have assistant superintendents. Whetsell is the overall superintendent. He is also a member of the Board of Directors of the Mid-Atlantic Association of Golf Course Superintendents.

Each course has a facility manager and a facility supervisor plus necessary assistants to accomplish the work load.

A typical fee schedule for the Fairfax county golf courses follows:

1982 FEE SCHEDULE

9 Holes, Weekdays.....	\$ 4.25
18 Holes, Weekdays.....	7.50
9 Holes, Weekends, Holidays.....	4.25
18 Holes, Weekends, Holidays.....	7.50
Power Car, 9 Holes.....	6.50
Power Car, 18 Holes.....	11.50
Full Cart.....	1.00
Rental Clubs for juniors under age 18.....	3.50
Seniors/Juniors (under 18), County H.S. Golf Team:	
9 Holes, Weekdays only.....	2.25
18 Holes, Weekdays only.....	4.00

Season Pass (Mon. thru Fri. only):

50 (18-hole rounds).....	325.00
25 (18-hole rounds).....	175.00
50 (18-hole rounds), Senior Citizens.....	175.00
25 (18-hole rounds), Senior Citizens.....	95.00

Rates are the same for county and non-county residents.

The Fairfax County Park Authority has been an NGF associate member since 1974.

Unique Golf Course Purchase Plan

Securing necessary financing for development or acquisition of needed golf courses for municipal government agencies has been somewhat difficult since the elimination of the Heritage Conservation Recreation Service (HCRS) Agency of the U.S. Department of Interior in early 1981.

For many years, the HCRS had authority to approve 50 percent matching grants for outdoor recreation facilities to municipalities through states from the Land and Water Conservation Fund monitored by the U.S. Department of Interior. Many municipalities developed or purchased golf courses through this program during its existence.

Fox Valley Park District in Aurora, IL recently acquired a golf facility through a plan that might be considered by other government agencies.

Robert Vaughan of the Fox Valley Park District reports that the district purchased the 18-hole Fox Bend Golf Club from the previous owners through a plan that pleased both parties.

The owners were able to sell the golf facility at \$1.75 million instead of the asking price of \$2.5 million because they could declare all the buildings on the land as charitable contributions, leaving only the land in the actual money sales.

The park district was able to negotiate a 10-year installment purchase plan making a bond issue unnecessary. In return it obtained a quality golf course for its residents.

Reprint from NGF Golf Market Report

WANTED: Mid-Atlantic Newsletter Editor

The Mid-Atlantic Newsletter will need a new editor starting January 1983. Anyone interested in the job or information about the job, please contact the present editor or any board member.

Looking Ahead to August and the Picnic!

Can the Mid-Atlantic Picnic be any better than last years? Well, Social Chairman Paul Barefoot thinks so. Again this year we will travel to the Potomac river valley and the Bretton Woods Recreation Center. If you missed last years picnic but heard about the great time we had, put a big circle around Augsut 10th and prepare yourself for a great time. Crabs, beer, ribs and all that good home cooking will be there to tickle your tummy.

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