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SEPTEMBER MEETING AT SUBURBAN COUNTRY CLUB

The September meeting of the Mid-Atlantic Superintendents Association will be held at the Suburban Country Club on Tuesday, September 12, 1989. Your host, Bob Miller, along with golf professional Mark Helfrich and club president William Rosenthal, invite you to a day of good golf and food.

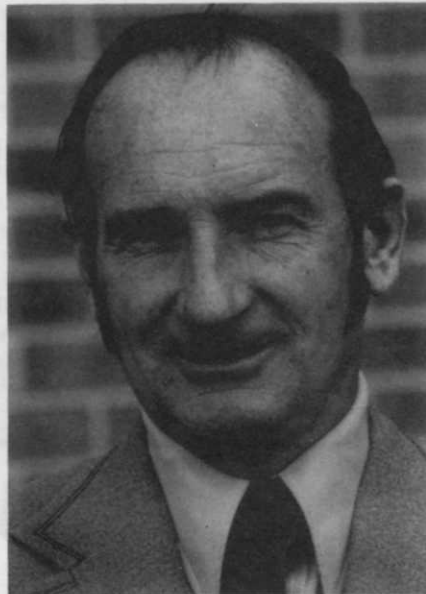
The Suburban Club was founded in 1901 and is located at 7600 Park Heights Avenue, south of the Baltimore Beltway at exit 21. The club has undergone quite a few changes in the design and construction of certain holes in the last 25 years.

The golf course measures 6,240 yards from the white tees with a slope rating of 121. From the blue tees, the course measures 6,497 yards with a slope rating of 124.

Bob has been on the Pre-M program on fairways for the past 3 years. The program is used every fall at the 2lb/acre rate using 1 lb in September and 1 lb in October. Fairways are seeded with perennial rye at the rate of 150 lb/acre with a drill seeder every fall. The fairways are also fertilized 4 times a year. This year, for the first time, the fairways have been sprayed on a regular basis. As a result, the membership has noticed a better quality turf on the fairways.

The fairways have automatic irrigation with the exception of 5 holes. Later this year, Bob and his crew will convert these fairways to automatic irrigation.

The greens are mowed 6 times a week at 5/32 inch and fertilized 5 times a year. For crabgrass control, Scotts goose and crab material is applied every spring at the rate of 2½ lb/1000. For the first time, a verti-drain was used on the green producing very good results. Some of the greens at Suburban have a tendency to hold anywhere between 3 inches and 7 feet of water after a rainstorm of 2 inches or more. This year has been a real test with the amount of rain received this year. The greens are sprayed on a regular



Our Host, Bob Miller, C.G.C.S.

basis using a combination of the many chemicals available.

The tees are mowed 3 times a week and treated with fertilizer and chemicals using the same program as the greens. Bob is in the process of converting all of the tees to bentgrass.

The green committee, chaired by Dr. Felix Kaufman, is now implementing a tree planting program for the entire golf course. The plan calls for special plantings of various hardwoods and pines near old and strategic trees to provide screening around the property line.

Our host, Bob Miller, has been at the Suburban Club for 25 years. He attended night turf courses at the University of Maryland and passed the GCSA certifica-

tion examination in 1975. Bob has been a member of the GCSA and the MAGCSA since 1965.

Bob and his wife Donna have 3 children. The oldest, Tom, is a sergeant in the U.S. Army and is currently stationed in Panama. He and his wife, Suzie, have one son, Tommy, Jr. Their daughter Debbie, is married to Jim Sergi, who is a carpenter and also works on the weekends helping Bob maintain the golf course. Debbie works for Noxell Construction in the Sales Department. The youngest, Bob, Jr., is a carpenter and still resides in the Pikesville area. Hobbies for the Miller family are golf, swimming, and traveling the East Coast visiting relatives.

General Manager, Neal Griswold will have a lunch set up at 11:30 for those playing golf. The cost for lunch will be \$6.00. Between 6:00 and 7:00 pm, there will be a cash bar. At 7:00 pm, dinner will be served. The cost for dinner will be \$25.00. For those wanting to play golf, you can tee off anytime after 11:00 am.

Directions to the Suburban Club:

From the south: Route 695 north to exit 21. At the top of the ramp, bear right onto Park Heights Avenue. Go south until you get to the club entrance which is on the right side of the road. Once on Park Heights Avenue, you will pass the Druid Ridge Cemetery on the right side of the road and a four way traffic light. From the traffic light, you can see the golf course straight ahead on the right side of the road.

From the north: Route 695 south to exit 21. At the top of the ramp, turn left onto Stevenson Road. Stay on Stevenson Road until you reach the third traffic signal. This is a four way traffic signal. You will need to turn left at this signal onto Park Heights Avenue. Remain on Park Heights Avenue until you reach the club entrance on the right side of the road. From the traffic light which you will turn left, you can see the golf course straight ahead on the left.

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President's Message

The annual August picnic at Bretton Woods was certainly enjoyed by the Montross family and from the comments overheard, by the other families also. Participation appeared to be up from the last couple of years. This might be attributed to a couple of things: a later starting time, an unseasonably cool August and, of course, many new and young children. For an event such as this, many people need to be thanked, so here goes: Joel Ratcliff for coordinating everything, Larry Ott, Superintendent at Bretton Woods for being a gracious host, Lynn Matson (TESCO) for the beer, John Strickland (Egypt Farms) for the corn, Larry Cornell (G.L. Cornell) for the clown, Paul Barefoot for taking the time to prepare the ribs and Ben Staggs for providing the crabs. Many thanks to all.

How is your summer going? It certainly has been a year to evaluate drainage systems, crabgrass programs and mystifying disease problems. If you are having problems, are you taking full advantage of our local University Turfgrass specialists. It is certainly reassuring to receive an answer and possible solutions to situations you're guessing at. These people are an invaluable resource and welcome the opportunity to help. I hope no major problems have befallen you but if they have, make notes now. It is tough to remember in October when everything is going well.

Please join me at the Suburban Country Club with our host Bob Miller on September 12th for our next monthly MAAGCS meeting. This is the month most of us feel we are over the "hump" so there's no excuse for not being there.



Walter Montross, CGCS, President

Education Notes

by Steven E. Cohoon, CGCS

The September 12th MAAGCS educational program will feature Dr. Michael Hurdzan of the Hurdzan Design Group. Dr. Hurdzan is a nationally recognized golf course architect and past president of the American Society of Golf Course

Architects. He is also active within the GCSAA, being the instructor for the "Golf Course Safety, Security, and Risk Management" seminar, which was presented by the MAAGCS this past spring.

Dr. Hurdzans' topic will be "Design for Maintenance," which outlines the architect's concern for the maintenance of a golf course as well as the playability. The topic is his specialty, and it promises

to be an entertaining as well as informative evening. If you are involved in a new course construction or simply planning to rebuild a problem area on an established course, this meeting should not be missed.

As always, do not forget to RSVP your reservation to the MAAGCS office as a courtesy to both the host as well as the guest speaker. See you in September.

1988-1989 MAAGCS SCHEDULE

Date	Location/Host	Speaker/Topic
September 12	Suburban Club of Baltimore Co. Robert Miller, CGCS	Dr. Michael Hurdzan Design for Maintenance
September 19-21	V.P.I. Field Days, Blacksburg, VA Virginia Turfgrass Council	Plot Tours, Educational Program Drs. Schmidt, Hall & Chalmers
October 10	Bonnie View Country Club Kenneth Braun	Dr. Harry Nymcheck Vertical Mobility of Pesticides
November 10	Manor Country Club Mitchell Williams	Dr. James Beard, Texas A&M Warm Season Turf Management in the Transition Zone
December 6 (Wednesday)	Hillendale Country Club John Hoover	Election Meeting
January 8-10	Maryland Turfgrass 90 U. of Md., Md. Turfgrass Council	Conference and Show Dr. Thomas Turner
January 19-21	Virginia Turfgrass Conference V.P.I., Va. Turfgrass Council Marriott Hotel, Richmond, VA	Conference and Show Dr. Jack Hall
February 19-26	Golf Course Superintendents Association of America Orlando, FL	International Golf Course Conference and Show G.C.S.A.A.



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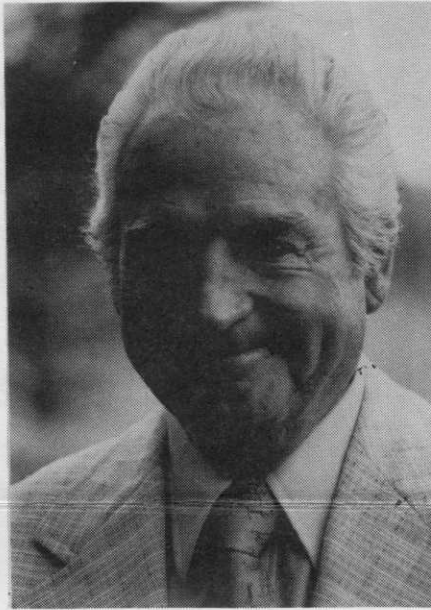
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OUR SYMPATHY — EDMUND B. AULT

Local Golf Course Architect and Mid-Atlantic member Ed Ault died August 13, after suffering a heart attack. Ed was 81 years old and had been a member of our association for 30 years. His firm, Ault, Clark and Associates has designed and remodeled many golf courses in the Mid-Atlantic area as well as courses throughout the U.S. and abroad. Among the local courses are: Avenel in Potomac, Northwest Park Course, The Reston Courses, Springfield C.C., Chantilly C.C., Lakewood C.C., Bretton Woods Rec. Center, South Wales Golf Course, Shannon Green Golf Course, Leesburg C.C., The University of Maryland Course, Hobbits Glen, Crofton C.C., Charwell C.C., Andrews A.F. Base Course, Algonquin Golf Course and the West Eighteen at Five Farms.

Ed was a Washington native, a graduate of Central High School, and the Columbia Institute of Technology. He joined Pepco in the mid-1930s and retired in 1959 as a supervisor in the conduit department. He started his company in 1959. Among early associates of the firm were: Al Jamison, Dean Beaman, and



Algie Pulley. Currently Bill Love, Tom Clark, Dan Schlegel, and his son Brian are active in the firm.

He was a past president of the District Golf Association and a member of the American Society of Golf Course Architects. He was a member of Indian Spring C.C. and had served as Green Chairman of the Club for many years. Ed was an outstanding amateur golfer. He had qualified for two National Amateurs and been club champion at Indian Spring many times.

He believed in our profession and insisted on having a qualified Superintendent employed during the construction and maintenance of the courses he designed. He was an early advocate of the stadium or gallery type courses, early trade marks of his courses' were: large greens, tees and bunkers, ease of maintenance, playability, and greens planted to C7, C1, and C19 bentgrasses

We offer our sympathy to Elsa, his wife of 55 years, he son Brian, now active in the Company, and his other three children Barry, Bette, and Barbara. He has left his own memorial, the courses he created. He will be missed by us all, but will never be forgotten by the Superintendents and Golfers in the Mid-Atlantic.

CONTRATULATIONS

Proud parents of a new baby boy are Jane and Lentz Wheeler. David Adrian was born August 18th and weighed in at 7 lbs. 9 ozs. He is their first child.

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