

Turf Equipment Managers Launch Their Own Association

The Mid-Atlantic Association of Turf Equipment Managers would like to take this time to introduce itself and ask that you share the following information with your mechanic(s).

In the spring a group of Baltimore area golf course mechanics determined the need for a mechanics association within the industry. Members feel that with the vast changes in turf equipment products it would benefit everyone to have the mechanic better trained. The organization's purpose is to promote education, and to exchange technical and practical knowledge related to maintenance, safety and proper

operation of turf equipment.

Currently the group meets the first Wednesday of every month at the Caves Valley maintenance shop at 1:00 p.m. Annual dues are \$50 and membership is open to mechanics, assistant mechanics, superintendents, assistant superintendents and sponsors from the turf industry.

Please stop by their table at the turf grass trade show—January 4 and 5. They will have applications and more information available.

For more information, please call Rusty Buck at Caves Valley, 410-356-1317, or Alan Bateman at Mount Pleasant, 410-821-5812.

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the grand total to 54. "We don't plan to grow any more—I hope," Mike laughs.

The club, in existence about 30 years, is owned by the Mangione family of Baltimore. About seven years ago, they added a hotel and conference center.

The biggest challenge to overseeing 54 holes and a crew of 30 is the organization, Mike says. He credits his smooth-running operation to the help and enthusiasm of his three assistants Bill Bopst, Ben Bryan, and Eric Van Janek. Says Mike, "You're only as good as the people you have working for you and their willingness to carry out plans. They're the ones who make my job easier."



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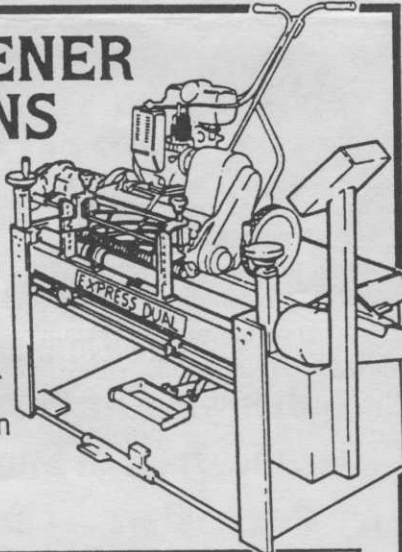
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