

Turfgrass Matters

Mid-Atlantic Association of Golf Course Superintendents

Nominating Committee Slate of Candidates for 1996

In accordance with the Association's bylaws, the nominating committee, consisting of the immediate Past President, Lou Rudinski, Mr. Robert Miller, CGCS, Mr. Ben Stagg, and Mr. Lee Dieter, CGCS, offer the following class A superintendents as its slate of officers and directors for the December election:

President: Frank "Bill" Shirk, CGCS

Vice President: Dean Graves

Secretary: Michael Gilmore

Treasurer: Walter Montross, CGCS

For (2) 3 Year Term Directors:

Nick Vance, CGCS

Chris Ayers

Edward Gasper

Nominations may be made from the floor by any voting member in good standing at the annual meeting. Each candidate for office will be permitted a nominating speech and seconding speech on his behalf.

The nominating committee would like to mention that it has become increasingly difficult to fill its slate each year and would ask all interested eligible members to get involved in the association.

95 USGA Mid-Amateur Championship

by Bruce Cadenelli

The pleasure of hosting a national championship was afforded Caves Valley Golf Club and Woodholme Country Club in September when 264 of the country's finest amateurs came to Baltimore to compete in this year's event.

The Mid-Amateur, now fifteen years old, was created in the early 80s to accommodate the life long amateur and to give him an opportunity to compete in and win a USGA sponsored event. The championship is open to those at least twenty-five years of age and who maintain a stroke index of 5.4 or less. This year's championship drew nearly 3,900 entries. Qualifying events were held throughout the country and the fortunate 264 came to Baltimore. After 36 holes of stroke competition the field was reduced to 64 players for match play.

The Mid-Amateur, although a national championship, is a low key event. No structural changes are required of the courses. The USGA sets up basic course guidelines, which easily fall into current day to day maintenance schedules. Other than extra mowing and divot repair, the tournament is not that taxing on the staff.

One of the joys of hosting an amateur event is the appreciation displayed by the contestants. Well over half the field has written letters thanking both

clubs for their generosity and hospitality during their stay in town. One senses that they are truly thankful for the effort the clubs go through on their behalf. This open appreciation alone makes the extra hours worthwhile!

The golf played during the week was exceptional. During one match, Jerry Courville, the ultimate winner, is five under par but still needs twenty holes to defeat his opponent! Amateur golf yes, but certainly played on a level that most of us can only dream about.

For Woodholme, the Mid-Am was another tournament in a long line of events they've hosted. It's safe to say that their tradition of excellence continues! For Caves Valley it was their initial venture into tournament golf. The reports are positive and it's hopeful the USGA will consider the club for future events. As in all things in life, time will tell!

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