

## A Glimpse of the Past...

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The post war years were the beginning of a new era in our association, the changes weren't as evident as they would be in the 60's, but times were changing. New courses were being built, and courses that were closed for the duration of the war were reopening. As job openings occurred, there weren't enough qualified people to fill the positions. Some of our older members were accepting positions as consultants, and new members were joining the association. Among the members who were asked to consult were Richard "Dick" Watson and Alton "Ike" Rabbitt. Dick was responsible for Chevy Chase, Burning Tree, and Columbia; Ike consulted at Washington, Congressional, and Prince Georges. I'm sure they worked at other courses also. New members like Francis Coupe, George Campbell, Wayne Jerome, Otho Swain, and others worked with this arrangement and learned the business. Other people came into the association at this time were Willis H. (Bill) Glover, Earnest Stanley, Percy Leduc, Mike Burkholder, Talmage Lumsden, William Windsor, L.R. (Bob) Shields, Bill Schriber, James E. (Jimmy) Thomas, Tom Dawson, Hurley Savage, Charles Schallstock, and Harry Allanson. We also had several pro-superintendents that helped fill this void, among them were Dave Thomson, Joe Reposky, and John Zalesky. The U.S.G.A. started their visitation service at this time also (1953), with Al Radco and Charles Hallowell working with Mid-Atlantic Superintendents.

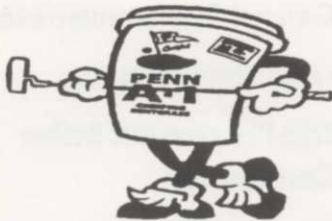
New equipment was being developed rapidly to meet the demands of the industry, Tom Mascaro of the Westpoint Products Company, was a member of our association and a leader in this growth. Dr. Jim Watson of the Toro Company was a member and frequent lecturer at our meetings. The Distributors servicing us with these new products were George Cornell who had the Worthington - Jacobsen and Westpoint dealerships among others. Working at the G.L. Cornell Company were L.W. (Brownie) Brown and Frank Haske. Bob Adams (National Capital Toro) and Gustin's Baltimore Toro were the Toro Dealers in the Washington and Baltimore areas. New chemical products, fertilizers and seeds were being introduced to help these professionals. The F.W. Bolgiano Co. was one of the prime suppliers of these products, and was represented by Wilson Disney.

The First Edition of our Newsletter was produced, Vol. 1 No.1 of "Turf News" and mailed in July of 1947, continues uninterrupted to this day as "Turfgrass Matters". Mentioned in that first issue were: The July meeting had been hosted by the Woodmont Country Club, Mr. Leo Freudberg, Vice President and chairman of the green committee and Mr. Rudy Wills their Greenkeeper. That the next meeting would be at the Baltimore Country Club where Bob Scott would be the host and O. J. Noer, nationally known Turf Authority would be the speaker. Only two foursomes played golf, and Hugh McRae won with a gross 90. They were also complaining about poor attendance at the meetings. Mr. Freudberg asked for suggestions on maintenance of the Kentucky bluegrass, Fescue, and Redtop Fairways on their NEW COURSE. It was also noted that sixty percent of the Mid- Atlantic had gone to power mowers.

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