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MAAGCS 75TH ANNIVERSARY

Bretton Woods Recreation Center

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"A meeting was held at the New Howard Hotel, Baltimore, Maryland, for the purpose of forming an association known as the Mid-Atlantic Association of Greenkeepers. A draft of the by-laws was presented by a committee composed of Robert Scott, W. Dunt and Reginald Giddings. With a few revisions these by-laws were accepted unanimously by the members of the association.

The members present at the first meeting of the association were as follows:

O.B. Fitts	Columbia Country Club
Robert Scott	Baltimore Country Club
J.H. Link	Columbia Country Club
Richard Watson	Indian Spring Country Club
C. Mausery	Woodholme Country Club
T. Fischer	Burning Tree Country Club
R. Ward	Maryland Country Club, Inc.
W.E. Dunt	Sherwood Forest Country Club
R. Cultrider	Suburban Country Club
Richard Scott	Rolling Road Country Club
R.T. Granger	Belle Haven Country Club
R.D. Giddings	Gibson Island Country Club
C. Victor	East Potomac Park CC
K. Welton	Green Section, USGA

All the above paid their annual dues of five dollars. It was decided to have the next meeting at the Hamilton Hotel, Washington, D.C., on January 7, 1929. The meeting was adjourned at 11 P.M."

The preceding is the earliest record of our association. Although the exact date is unclear it was most certainly in the fall of 1928. So the MAAGCS celebrated it's 75th Anniversary this year and did so in grand style October 22nd at Bretton Woods.

The day began with lunch followed by the Annual Tournament. The debate is ongoing as to whether it was hail or sleet mixed with the rain pelting the golfers but 48 players eventually finished their rounds. The day improved with a great cocktail hour and a tremendous "Surf and Turf" dinner with 1 1/2 lb. Maine Lobsters.

It's a shame we don't have more memorabilia but we had enough for 10 poster boards of pictures and print, much of it from the 1960's. Many thanks go to Wayne Evans and the G.L. Cornell Company for assembling an excellent display of antique turf equipment. Thanks also to Joe Herkalo for donating a set of 75th Anniversary flags and a banner.

The highlight of the day was a standing ovation for Mr. George Cornell who many of us had not seen for awhile. Mr. Cornell is our oldest Honorary Member joining the association in the 1930's. Kenneth Ingram did his best to account for 75 years of history but it was Past President Sam Kessel who summed things up the best by saying "this is a tough place to grow grass and has always attracted the best people in the business."

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