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## JUNE MEETING

On June 12th Lee Dieter, President of our Mid-Atlantic Association, hosted our first Pro-Supt. golf tournament at Washington Golf & C.C. Over 75 golfers participated in the tournament, 24 of which were pros. A total of 110 attended the meeting which featured Dave Canavan of More Golf Inc., as our speaker.

Dave spoke about the fast rising costs of golf course construction; approaching a million dollars for each course constructed. The U.S. is still producing over a hundred new golf courses each year though, so high construction costs are not yet putting a damper on the sport of golf. Each year, as we see more courses being built, we also see that they are being built on the worst land available, land that is too poor for other development. Dave stated that these poor land sites are creating drainage costs of 300 thousand dollars and often 250 thousand dollars just for earth moving. Another point that was mentioned was that private community golf courses were becoming increasingly popular. Superintendents of these future golf courses will have to be prepared to maintain many roads, large turf areas, and other recreational facilities plus the golf course. More education will be required to handle the added responsibilities.

This June meeting produced two more certified golf course superintendents for the Mid Atlantic Assn. Both Lee Dieter and George Thompson received their certification plaques presented by Bob Shields, representative of the national GCSAA. Bob spoke of the importance of our certification program, that all of us should strive for this goal and that superintendents who have proven their qualifications for this work have helped the professional image of our association and themselves by becoming certified golf course superintendents. Congratulations are in order to both Lee Dieter and George Thompson for setting high professional standards for our Mid-Atlantic Association.

### Tournament Results

1st Low Net	Charles Hunt	66
3-Way Tie	John Jendrosek	70
For	Gary Nicholas	70
2nd Low Net	Steve Johnson	70
1st Low Gross	Michael Sheridan	
Best Ball - Pro-Supt.		
1st	Robine-Emery	
2nd	Hoenig-Hunt	
3rd	Comalli-Emery	
4th	Evans-Hunt	

Lee Dieter wishes to thank everybody for the large turn out and huge success of our first Pro-Supt. Tournament. The association plans to hold this event next year and continue to improve on our golf pro-superintendent relations.

One last note - keep your eye out for a flyer on **Ladies Night**. This event is in the planning stages now and we hope to notify everyone shortly on the details.

## SUPERINTENDENT'S PICNIC - JULY 10<sup>th</sup>

Our annual family get-together takes place at Gerry Garard's Bretton Woods Recreation Center in Germantown Maryland. Bretton Woods features many sporting activities to supplement their 18 hole championship golf course. Planned activities are:

- Swimming..... Bob Miller
- Kid Games..... Virgil Robinson
- Volley Ball..... Mike McKenzie
- Softball..... Sam Kessel
- Golf..... Craig Spottswood
- Woman's Putting Contest..... Dick Anderson
- Soccer..... Supervision Open
- Badmitten..... Supervision Open
- Horseshoes..... Playgrounds available

All activities will be available for use anytime except golf (after 10:00 am) and swimming (after 12:00 noon).

Our picnic (at 4:30 pm) will feature a honest-to-goodness Bull Roast supplemented with ice cold Michelob beer on tap. You need not eat for two days prior to partaking of our feast.

Gerry Garard has been at Bretton Woods since he graduated from the Turf Management Course at Maryland University in 1968, which is also the same year the club opened for business. Gerry lives on the grounds with his wife Kim and their three children.

The club is unique in that it is owned by the International Monetary Fund and is used by its employees which represent people from over 116 different countries in the world.