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## June Meeting

The June meeting of the M.A.A.G.C.S. will be held June 7th at the Sparrows Point Country Club in Baltimore, Maryland. Our host will be Alex Watson.

Al Watson was born in Glasgow, Scotland, and came to the United States when he was two years old. Al was raised in Warwick, Virginia. He attended and graduated from Virginia Polytechnic Institute class of '49. Al also graduated from the American Landscape School. Al became a Certified Golf Course Superintendent in 1976. Al has been the Golf Course Superintendent at Sparrow's Point for 17 years.

Sparrow's Point was designed and constructed by Bill and David Gordon. The original 18 holes were built in 1953, and the newer nine were completed in 1960.

The Greens at Sparrow's Point are primarily C-1 and C-19. Fairways on the 9 hole facility are Bluegrass, Bent fescues and, until the winter of '77, Bermuda. The 18 hole facility fairways were being converted to Bermudagrass, a program which started three years ago. A large precentage of the grass was lost during the '77 winter. Much of the Perennial Ryegrasses seeded last fall were lost during the deepfreeze. At this point in time Bermuda with Perennial Ryegrasses are being seeded into the 18 hole facility fairways.

Directions to the club: From Beltway #695 North



**ALEX WATSON** 

thru the Harbor Tunnel to Exit #1. Follow Holabird Ave. to Dundalk Ave. Intersection. Straight thru until it becomes Wise Ave., and down to the club on the right. Those coming from Glen Burnie on the Eastern Shore can use the New Bridge and come off at Bethelem Blvd. to Route 151 (North Point Blvd.) to Wise Ave., turn left at the stop light to the club on the left.

Program: Golf:

Anytime

Cocktails:

6:00 7:00

Speaker:

Dr. Fred Miller

University of Maryland

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our May 10th Superintendents-Pro outing at Hog Neck Course in Easton, Maryland was a tremendous success. The tournament's success was because of the pre-planning by our host Ben Stagg, our Golf Chairman Ken Braun and the host Pro John Medvel. Thanks guys, it was great.

As most of you know, I have assumed the position as Golf Course Superintendent at Chevy Chase Country Club, replacing Fred Scheyhing, who is returning to New York. Paul O'Leary has succeeded me at Eagle's nest: I wish them both great success.

Our June 7th meeting, at Sparrow's Point Country Club, is a date change. It's the first Tuesday of the month. Our host Al Watson will order up a super day for us. Let's have a good turn out. Our attendance at meetings is on the rise, let's keep it going up.

Yours for finer turf, for better golf and a cool damp summer.

Bill Emerson