As in past years, our September meeting is a joint meeting with the Philadelphia association. A two-man team tournament will also be held in conjunction with the meeting.

Our host for the day will be Bob Miller and the meeting will be held at the Suburban Club in Baltimore. Bob started at the Suburban Club in 1964 and became Superintendent in 1967. Bob is a past director of the MAAGCS and became a certified Superintendent, March 3, 1975. Bob and his wife Donna have 3 children, Tom, Debbie and Bob, Jr.

**PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE**

Fellow Members:

Every school-age kid in America can be heard uttering those old familiar words “September already; school’s starting; where has the summer gone?” Golf course superintendents in the Mid-Atlantic region are saying, “Whew, it’s September. I made it through another summer.” It just proves the old saying that “Everything makes somebody happy.” Maybe after the pain of frustration goes away we’ll be able to look back at the summer of ’77 and learn from the havoc mother nature put us through. Let’s hope so.

On the bright side, mark down September 20th on your calendar, third Tuesday. That’s the date of our joint meeting with the Philadelphia section at Bob Miller’s Suburban Club in Pikesville, Maryland. Bob and Suburban always roll out the red carpet for the Mid-Atlantic; and with the added spice of our Third Annual Team Match with Philly, it promises to be a day to remember.

Looking forward to seeing one and all at Suburban Club, September 20, 1977.

Yours for finer turf for better golf.

Bill Emerson

The Suburban Club was organized in 1901. Expansion and changes have been made over the past 75 years. At present 18 holes plus 3 new holes, no. 13, 14 and 16, are being maintained.

In the past 2 years, 6 new Fast-Dri tennis courts have been built to bring to 21 the number of courts being maintained. Two paddle tennis courts have been used the past year, and while doing construction on the 3 new holes, an automatic watering system was installed in all greens, tees and 5 fairways.

President Alan Bribeard, Golf Chairman Richard Elinsburg, Manager Jack Myers, Golf Pro Don Beach and their respective staffs will be on hand to make an enjoyable day.

**Program for the Day:**
- Lunch - Available 12:00 Noon
- Golf - After 11 p.m., tee times will be assigned
- Cocktails - 6:00 p.m.
- Dinner - 7:00 p.m. ($10.00)
- Speaker - One of the Baltimore Colts

**Directions to the Club:**
- From Washington come north on 695 to Exit 21 (Park Hgts. Ave.) 90 south on Park Hgts. to the traffic light. Continue south to entrance of club on the right.
- From Philadelphia come south on 95 to south on 695 to Exit 21 (Stevenson Rd.). At the top of the ramp, turn left on Stevenson and go to the 3rd light, turn left onto Park and go south to club on the right.

**Brad Strouth Retires**

Brad Strouth, Superintendent at Northwest Park Golf Course is retiring October 1st after 20 years of dedicated service to The Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission.

There will be a retirement dinner at the Silo Inn in Olney, Md. on Wednesday, September 21st at 12:00 noon.

- All are invited.
- $10.00 per person plus cash bar.
- Please make reservations by September 14 with The Park and Planning Commission at 5107 Muncaster Mill Rd., Rockville, Md. 20853