Golf News

Ken Braun

Remember the April Meeting at Green Spring Valley will start the qualifying for our Association Match Play Tournament. Also, this is going to be a joint meeting with the Central Penn Association. After speaking with John McCormick, Golf Chairman Central Penn, we plan on trying to put two Mid-Atlantic members and two Central Penn members in each foursome — instead of finding a foursome this month, find a partner and participate.

This year’s G.C.S.A.A. Golf Tournament was held at Sea Island Golf Club, Sea Island GA. Those Mid-Atlantic members attending were Dave Kroll, Jack Montecaluo, Paul Oleary, Ken Braun and Bob Orazi. Speaking for those attending, we would personally like to thank the staff of the Sea Island Golf Club, the Cloisters Hotel, and especially Tom Burton and his crew. It was a beautiful golf course and we can’t wait to return.

The results of the tournament were:

Championship flight “Green” gross:
Dan Myers, 147, Florida

Championship flight “Green” net:
Louis Clark, 142, N. Carolina

Championship flight “Black” gross:
Dave Kroll, 161, Delaware

Championship flight “Black” net:
Jack Montecaluo, 147, Baltimore.

Championship flight “Blue” gross:
Ken Braun, 8th place, MD

The Mid-Atlantic team “finished” fortunately. Of special note was John Haines, Hunt Valley, who finished first in Pro category.

Future Meetings:

April 17 — Green Spring Valley Hunt Club, Garrison MD. Joint meeting, Central Penn Assoc.
June — Open
July 10 — Mt. Pleasant G.C., Baltimore, MD.
Aug — Mid-Atlantic Family Picnic
Aug 21 — Musser Foundation Golf Outing, Indian Springs C.C., Silver Spring, MD
Sept. — Woodholme C.C., Pikesville, MD
Oct. — Open
Nov. — Loudoun Golf & C.C., Purcellville, VA
Dec. — Mariton C.C., Upper Marlboro, MD

Long, Long, Ago

Greg Bayor

• 15 yrs. April 1964
A very interesting concept (that has since disappeared) was written in the President’s Message of Thomas Doerer, Jr.: “…the executive committee of the P.G.A. has appointed Mr. Dick Sleightner, golf professional at the Chartwell Country Club, as their liaison man to promote more and closer relationships with our association…In turn, we have appointed Mr. Robert Martino, superintendent at Island View C.C. as our representative to attend a few P.G.A. meetings in order that we may learn more of the problems of the pros.”

Bob Shields reports on the national newsfront that their upcoming April Board Meeting will discuss: “How far do we want to go as superintendents? Shall the job move ahead as a profession or should it revert back to the farmer-greenskeeper type of job it used to be?” This topic seems to be prevalent even today, but under the disguise of newer, fashionable titles.

Waynesboro C.C. (Pa.) was looking for a pro-superintendent to fill the job vacated by Paul McKenzie: Salary $5,100.

• 10 yrs. April 1969
The monthly meeting was held at the Springfield C.C. as a joint meeting with the Central Virginia Turfgrass Association; Denny McCammon was the host. Joint meetings with the Mid-Atlantic were then, as now, a very popular means of fellowship among superintendents who aren’t seen very often. Let’s all make every effort for our upcoming joint meetings in 1979.

The superintendent pictured here (?) wrote a very extensive article on “Living with Poa Annua.” D.McCammon copied an article out of Leonard Barrons’ 1906 book entitled Lawn Making, which is worthy of reprinting: Chapter VIII…“Solving the weed problem…rolling with a three thousand pound roller has killed crabgrass in Philadelphia.” Denny’s comment: “Rolling with a three thousand pound roller will kill most anything.”

• 5 yrs. April 1974
The monthly meeting was another joint meeting: this time with the Virginia Tidewater group at the Golden Horse shoe Golf Course; Dave Harmon was the host.

An interesting comment: “During the coming years we will be facing a continuing shortage of raw materials for the formation of all fertilizers.” Seems like this cry is still echoing with no end in sight, just continued escalating prices.