Mid-Atlantic Turfgrass
Booster Tourney — Finally!

by Bob Orazi

After two postponements in August, the first annual MATBT was finally played on October 2 at Indian Springs Country Club. Eleven teams were fielded on the wet chief course consisting of: Baltimore C.C. — Bonnie View C.C. — Congressional C.C. — Ft. Meade G.C. — Hillendale C.C. — Hunt Valley G.C. — Indian Springs C.C. — Maryland Golf & Country Club — Pine Ridge G.C. — Towson Golf & Country Club and a team of individuals consisting of Mike McKenzie, Steve Nash, Bill Emerson and Tom Harris.

Winners were:

Low gross — Indian Springs
(Butch Butler, Bert Ansell, Ed Ault & Herb Heinlein)

Low net — Team of Individuals
(Bill Emerson, Mike McKenzie, Tom Harris & Steve Nash)

Second low net — Hillendale C.C.
(Mike Larsen, John Hoover, Trevan Lewis & Peter Urquhart)

Third low net — Maryland Golf & C.C.
(Paul Haviland, Bob Smith, Ron Hall & Peppi Simmeth)

Sponsored purchasing various holes throughout the course included:

Many committees were formed to help organize this tournament, their names were mentioned in a previous article. My thanks to these individuals for their assistance and a special thanks to Dr. Fred V. Grau.

Although the final figure cannot be accurately recorded at this time, I will mention that a profit of over $1,600 should

President's Message

It is gratifying to see the upswing in attendance at most of our meetings. Participation is what makes an association strong.

The hosts for this years' meetings have gone out of their way to make their meetings a success. A meeting like the one at Woodholm, hosted by Jack Montecalo, doesn't just happen. It takes close planning between the superintendent and the club management. "Thanks Jack for a job well done". Now that we are into the Fall season, it is easier to relax and enjoy the meetings. If you know someone who is not attending, give them a call and bring them along to the next meeting. We all benefit from their participation.

Sam Kessel

WINNING TEAM: Harris, Emerson, McKenzie, Nash (with Dr. Grau, center)

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**Useful Information**

Many a Superintendent has an occasional moment when he needs some printed information on various golf course subjects. Perhaps it's just a rainy day when he wishes to broaden his knowledge or it could be an immediate information need. Whatever the case, for those who might be so desirous of additional information, can receive some really worthwhile publications from the National Golf Foundation. The following is an excerpted list of *Information Sheets* from the NGF. The cost is a good bet at only .25¢ each (unless noted otherwise):

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**Numerous Shots**

More and more, I hear numerous complaints about slow play which in most cases are valid. All golf related associations are deeply involved in attempts to alleviate the problem and let's all hope they find a solution. In the meantime I've come up with 4 very worthwhile ideas to speed play, as follows:

1. Golfers are allowed only 8 practice divots or one broken club per shot: penalty — stroke plus 5 lbs. of grass seed and 1/2 ton of topsoil.

2. All carts buried up to the floor board must be abandoned: penalty — 2 strokes to the driver, 1 stroke to each mud splattered bystander.

3. "Yacker-hackers" who never watch the flight of their ball while in casual discussion about nuclear disarmament or male/female acquaintances physical attributes: penalty — 2 strokes and a dog muzzle with horse blinders.

4. For those hooker-slicers who banana a ball into "safari land" and to into said land on 3 day excursions: penalty — revoking their hunting license and 3 months probation to "wiffle balls" only.

**Booster Tourney** *(continued from page 1)*

be attained to be divided evenly between the Musser Foundation and the Maryland Turfgrass Council; all of the proceeds of which will be used for turfgrass research and benefit every golf club in the country.

Plans are already underway for next year's event. With a years experience under our belt, I feel optimistic in predicting a full field and no minimum. Again, many thanks to those that participated and to those that wished they had.

![Bob Orazi, Dr. Grau and John Strickland with the Dr. Fred V. Grau Championship Trophy](image-url)
Golf News  

K. Braun

September Meeting — The Mid-Atlantic Superintendents beat the Philadelphia boys again this year to retain the trophy. Better luck next year.

October Meeting — The following are the winners of the Annual Mid-Atlantic Tournament held at Woodmont C.C.:

**Class A&B**
1st Low Gross
H. Allen
2nd Low Gross
R. Hall
3rd Low Gross
P. O'Leary
4th Low Gross
B. Emerson

1st Low Net
W. Montross
2nd Low Net
S. Kessel
3rd Low Net
D. Fairbanks
4th Low Net
B. Stagg
5th Low Net
J. Drew

**Class C&D**
1st Low Gross
Jack Hewitt

**Class E&F**
1st Low Gross
Carl Schoening

**Guest**
1st Low Gross
Frank Sanzaro
1st Low Net
B. Smith

Long Drive
P. Pensinger
Closest to Hole
S. Kessel

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What Is That Disease  

S. Kessel

This is a question that is becoming more prevalent in our work. The price of chemicals, the residual factor and the inability of certain chemicals to control certain diseases has made diagnosis very critical.

It has become very apparent to me that it is hard to tell the difference between — dollar spot, pythium and brown patch in the field. Under ideal conditions they mask each other very well. I believe we have been blaming a lot of brown patch damage on pythium and thus believing we weren't getting good pythium control. I still feel pythium is the #1 killer in this area, but proper diagnosis is important because of the chemicals available to combat these diseases and their limitations.

Due to the ability of these diseases to spread rapidly under ideal conditions, we need to improve our diagnosis capabilities. We do not have time to send a sample out and then wait a week for an answer, if you get an answer. I feel once we learn to read what we see under a microscope we will be much closer to doing a better job of separating our fungus problems.

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1979 Election  

Nominating Committee

In accordance with the M.A.A. of G.C.S. by-law, Article VI, Section A, the Board of Directors of the M.A.A. of G.C.S., at its' September 27, 1979 meeting, appointed a nominating committee consisting of:

Angelo Cammarota
Lee C. Dieter
David S. Fairbank
George B. Thompson
William J. Emerson — Chairman

The nominating committee met on October 4, 1979 and nominates the following slate of candidates for election:

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<td>R. Wayne Evans</td>
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Voting members are reminded that Article VI, Section B, makes provisions for nominations from the floor.
Nov. 13 Meeting

Our Nov. meeting will be held Tuesday, Nov. 13th at the Loudon Golf and Country Club. Our host will be Tony Goodly.

Tony graduated from North Carolina State in 1971 with an Associates Degree in Turfgrass Management. Upon graduation Tony worked as an assistant superintendent under Fritz Zeller at Shannon Green for a year. Tony then moved on to the Lake Holiday Estates as superintendent and then on to Loudon Golf and Country Club 2½ years later. Tony has been at Loudon almost five years. Besides golf, Tony’s hobbies include scuba diving, weight lifting and archery. Tony earned a runner’s up position in the 1968 National Field Archery Championship.

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— One out of five suffers a heart attack.
— Two out of five are divorced
— Three out of five die before their wives
— The average life expectancy after retirement is only four years.
— Most are asked to retire five years before the mandatory age.

If pressure is indeed necessary for these people to succeed in their jobs, they pay a high price for success. In fact, experts say that pressure and the fatigue which results from being constantly on edge are responsible for mistakes, oversights and generally lowered efficiency. We become more susceptible to disease, we forget important steps in complicated processes, we ignore safety procedures and our personal relationships suffer because we don’t have time to properly maintain them.

Find something which allows you to escape the pressure, such as exercise or a low-key hobby. And be sure to get plenty of sleep.

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