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Maryland Golf & CC Is Our October Host

The October 9 Mid-Atlantic meeting will be held at Maryland Golf and Country Club in Bel Air, Maryland, with Superintendent Ron Hall as host. Feature of the day will be the annual MAACGS Golf Championship.

Maryland Golf and Country Club, which was opened for play in 1960, is situated on the rolling hills of the Glenangus Farm, owned by the late Colonel Larry MacPhail, former owner of the New York Yankees.

The course measures 6,800 yards and plays to par 73. The front nine was designed by William F. Gordon and the back nine by Russell Roberts. Construction was done by local contractors and supervised by Ed Morse, the former superintendent who died January 1969.

Greens average 7,000 square feet and are C-1, C-19 and Penncross bentgrass, cut at 5/32" six times weekly. They receive 4 to 5 pounds of nitrogen per year. Tri-calcium arsenate is being used to control poa.

Tees average 4,500 square feet and are a mixture of bentgrass, bluegrass, ryegrass, and poa annua, cut at 5/8" three times weekly.

Fairways are ryegrass and poa, mowed three times weekly at 7/8". Seven fairways have automatic watering; the remaining ones are watered by Mother Nature.

The club has a total golf membership of 350, and the course is a busy one, with 28-30,000 rounds being played each year. The annual maintenance budget is \$147,000. John Plesce is the club manager, and Paul Haviland is the golf professional.

Directions to Maryland Golf and Country Club are as follows: Take I-95 north to Exit 4 (Route 24). Go left on Route 24, 4.5 miles to MacPhail Road, turn right on MacPhail and drive approximately 3 miles to the club.

PROGRAM FOR OCTOBER 9

Lunch: Available 11 to 1:30 (sandwich bar—\$3.75)

The President's Message

Unfortunately, my president's message this month must have a negative theme. Once again, in September, many members failed to register for either golf or dinner yet showed up for one or both. The dismal figures are that 62 of our members played golf, of whom 31 has made reservations in advance—just 50 percent. Of the 95 who came for dinner, only 57 registered—60 percent. We were lucky in that the September meeting was held at a club where the staff could handle this sort of situation with only minor inconvenience.

You would have to admit that at some clubs an unexpected turnout of this nature could make things very uncomfortable for our host and his club. However, any embarrassment should really belong to those members who attended without making reservations. As you know, you can let your host know you're coming by phoning our Mid-Atlantic office. With preregistration so readily available, there are no excuses. I hope that in the future everyone will act responsibly and show proper courtesy to our host by registering if they plan to attend.

October has arrived, and we can now look forward to enjoying cooler weather and the slower pace of Fall. October also marks the scheduling of our annual MAAGCS golf championship, and this year's tournament site is the Maryland Golf and Country Club where past president Ron Hall will be our host. It's always a pleasure to play Ron's course, so plan on attending and enjoying a day of golf plus the hospitality of Maryland Golf and Country Club.

Michael J. Larsen, *President*



ADDRESS CHANGES

The computerization of our mailing list has made it easier to keep track of our members, but we still have members moving without letting the Association know about it. The Postal Service will forward your newsletters for a year (sometimes less), but when that time is up, they send them back undeliverable. A phone call, a postcard, or verbal notification at a monthly meeting will enable us to change your address and keep the information coming to you.

Golf: 11:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. (cart fee—\$7 per man)
Cocktails: 6 p.m.
Dinner: 7 p.m. (\$15) (Coat and tie required)
Meeting: 8 p.m.
Phone (301) 964-0070 to register.

Musser Tournament Scheduled Oct. 12

The 1984 Musser Tournament will be held Friday, Oct. 12, at Suburban Club in Baltimore, with a 1 p.m. shotgun. The tournament is for four-man teams, with two best-balls determining the winner. Co-sponsored by MAAGCS and the Maryland Turfgrass Council, the annual event benefits turfgrass research done by the University of Maryland and the Musser Turfgrass Foundation. Entry fee is \$250 per team, which includes cart, prizes, and dinner.

Nick Vance Wins In Match Play Final

Nick Vance defeated Gerry Gerard 3 and 2 to win the 1984 Match Play Championship in a final round match played at Chevy Chase Club on Sept. 11.