

Mid-Atlantic Association of Golf Course Superintendents NEWSLETTER

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GOLF

by Tom Regan, CGCS

The July golf outing was held at Kenwood Golf and Country Club, and we had 44 players play a well conditioned golf course. Dean Graves is to be commended for the excellent job he has done with that golf course.

Low score for the day was turned by Todd Eckenrode of Wakefield Valley, he shot an even par 70. Todd is the assistant to Gary Angel. Low gross for Superintendents was shot by Ron Hawkins of East Potomac with a 79. (You can see who works and who doesn't.) John Terminella of EZ Go also posted a 79. Low net winner was Tom Haske of Westwood with a 63 followed by Donn Dietrich of Maryland Golf and Country Club with a 66.

We played a skins game and had 4 skin winners, Joel Ratcliff, Jeff Yingling, Wayne Brissey, and John Hoover. Our point tournament is still a pretty tight race. Points awarded at Kenwood are as follows: 10 points - Tom Haske, 9½ points - Joel Ratcliff, Donn Dietrich, 8 points - Wayne Brissey, 7 points - Ron Hawkins, Steve Cohoon, 6½ points - George Renault, Russ Bateman, Tom Walsh, 6 points - John Newcomb.

The standings to date through 4 tournaments are: 1st: Russ Bateman, 27½; 2nd: Ken Ingram, 23½; 3rd: Nick Vance, 22½; 4th: John Newcomb, 19; 5th: Jeff Yingling, 18; 6th: Steve Cohoon, 17; 7th: George Renault, 15½; 8th: Bob Orazi, 14½; 9th: Grant Pensinger, 14 and Tom Regan, 14.

Our next golf outing is scheduled for September 13th, site to be announced. Remember the MAAGCS annual picnic on August 9th. George says . . . "the quickest way to get the most attention is to make a big mistake."

President's Message

In looking forward, remember that our September meeting has been pushed back one day to Wednesday, September 14th. Steve Cohoon and Tantallon Country Club will be our hosts.

Our July meeting at Kenwood clearly emphasized the need to spell out our reservation procedures — hopefully for the final time. **THE DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS IS THE FRIDAY PRECEDING THE MEETING.** The majority of our hosts will get a final count around 3 p.m. on that day and this will allow adequate preparation time. For many clubs, Mondays are "off" days for their employees and with a meeting planned for that evening, Tuesday is much too late for planning and ordering food.

Contrary to many opinions, a private country club is not in the restaurant business. It cannot at the last minute provide for a surplus of 20-30 attendees — other than potluck dinners. As those of you with any experience in the area know, a restaurant catering to meetings and seminars requires a reasonable estimate 72 hours ahead and a firm count 24 hours in advance. Failure to call ahead and make a reservation will guarantee you potluck dinner. Failure to show when you have confirmed a spot will result in a charge if the Association has to pay for your "no-show."

Most of the individuals confused by these facts are those who have yet to host a meeting. It is also surprising that approximately half of our "pink slip" people for the June and July meetings were commercial representatives. Come on guys, we know you don't run your seminars with these types of procedures.

The MAAGCS has a fine educational program and there are many little tidbits of information that are exchanged during the social hour before dinner. We would really like to have everyone attend, have fun, and get something out of these monthly meetings. So plan ahead and get your reservation in early. For those interested, a permanent RSVP sign-up book is available. Contact Steve Potter for more info on this.

For those interested, contributions are being accepted for the Tripplett family. Bill Neuss is the contact on this.



George Renault, President

1988 MAAGCS SCHEDULE

Date	Location/Host	Speaker/Topic
August 9	Hobbits Glen C.C. Bill Neus, CGCS	Annual Picnic
September 14	Tantallon C.C. Steve Cohoon (NOTE: WEDNESDAY MEETING)	Kenneth Wagner, Database Environmental Consultants Pond Water Management
September 13-15	VPI, Blacksburg Drs. Schmidt, Hall & Chalmers	Field Days - Tournament, Research, and Pesticide Cert.
October 11	Rehobeth C.C. Thomas List, CGCS	John Segui, GCSAA President, Certification
November 8	Bethesda C.C. Thomas Regan, CGCS	Stanley Zontec, USGA Winter Play
December 13	Turf Valley C.C. William Blackert	Election Meeting
January 9-11	Maryland Turfgrass Expo 88	Conference and Trade Show
January 17-19	Virginia Turfgrass Conf. Richmond Marriott Hotel Richmond Centre, Richmond, Va.	Conference and Trade Show

CONGRATULATIONS . . .

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Merrick are proud parents of Zachery Stephen Merrick born April 21st weighing in at 8 lbs., 5 oz.