KENWOOD COUNTRY CLUB, SITE OF JULY 12 MEETING

The Kenwood Golf and Country Club was founded in 1928. It has been owned and operated by the Chamberlin family since the beginning. Mr. Ashbey Chamberlin is presently involved in the club operation as was his father Donald before him. The Superintendent of the golf course is our fellow member Dean Graves, the General Manager is Carlos Puga, and the Golf Professional is Rod Thompson. It is run as a private club with 2,200 members, 500 of these are golfing members. There are eighteen holes of golf, eight bowling alleys, eighteen tennis courts (four indoor, eleven Har-Tru, and three all weather), a diving and a racing pool, and full club house facilities. The tight 5808 yard course is built on only 87 acres of the club’s modest 107 acre total.

Dean Graves, our host, has been at the club for the past four years. The club has been involved in a major face lifting during this period. A master plan by Rees Jones includes new and redesigned bunkers, as well as mounding and a few tee changes. Nine holes are nearing completion.

The maintenance of the course includes the mowing of the greens seven days a week at 9/64 of an inch with wylie rollers and turf groomers on a Toro Greens Master 3000. The greens are topdressed about every three weeks. Dean is a believer in deep aeryfication and Scotts TGR product. His “Rolling Tees” as he calls them, are mowed two or three times a week at 9/16. The fairways are mowed two or three times a week at 11/16 of an inch. His fertilization varies from year to year; the average nitrogen application is two and a half pounds for greens, and three for tees, the fairways receive two pounds. All of his fertilizer is applied on a one to two ratio of nitrogen to potash. His crabgrass control program is Scotts Goosegrass — Crabgrass on the greens and tees and Pendimethalin on the fairways. He applies his fairway control in two applications, April and early June; greens and tees mid-April in one application.

Dean has been married for what he describes eight “fantastic” years. They met while attending college. He and Margie, their two year old son Nick and their dog Shank live in Gaithersburg. He describes his educational background as “fairly broad,” he has a B.S. in Agricultural Economics with a minor in Plant Science from the University of Delaware. He then graduated from the Turfgrass Management program at the Pennsylvania State University. While attending school, he worked four seasons with David Kroll at Wilmington, C.C. After graduating from college he was Merrill Franks’ assistant at Baltimore Country Clubs Five Farms for

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President’s Message

Summer is well underway and the welcome temperatures and humidity of Spring are now just a fading dream. Along with hot fun in the summer sun comes summer stress to turf populations and the guilt of declining free time for our families. This is something Lester Tanner touched upon in his article last month on the proper balance between course commitments and family commitments.

Lester’s article evoked a response to me from Dr. Fred Grau who suggests that perhaps we are reluctant to take advantage of the new “tools” available. He believes that the “marriage of a grass that exhibits no summer stress and is managed the organic way will take us far toward care-free turf.” Rarely does Mother Nature (Note that I’m sufficiently respectful to capitalize her name!) deal us the same hand year after year. How well we adapt to this constantly changing environment usually dictates whether we survive in this area. Continual evaluation of our turf programs are crucial, as the best made plans can go astray.

It is difficult for people outside of our profession to comprehend the enormity of tasks involved in maintaining a quality golf course. It is almost impossible for them to realize the work involved in preparing one for a nationally televised tournament. Hats off to Dave Anderson and his entire crew at TPC Avenel. We want you to know that there are a few of us out there (your fellow members) who sympathize and appreciated the magnitude of your efforts.

If you are interested in hosting a MAAGCS monthly meeting in ’89, please contact Walter Montross. It would be nice for those superintendents who haven’t done so recently to consider it.

Remember that our annual picnic will be held at Hobbits Glen Country Club on August ninth. Start thinking about your favorite covered dish recipe to bring along. With this much notice there’s no good reason to miss it.

George Renault, President

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four years before accepting the position at Kenwood.

The course will be open to our mem-
bership from noon to 2:00. STARTING
TIMES MUST BE MADE. Call (301) 320-
3605. Lunch will be available in the grill
room and may be paid for in cash or
charged to your club. Cocktails will begin
at 6:30 with the dinner meeting starting at
7:30. The cost of the meal will be $25.00.

Directions: Take the capital bypass
(495) to River Road (exit 29), go east
toward Washington, D.C. for about four
miles, the club is on the left. Dean hopes
to see all his old friends and make some
new ones at the meeting July twelfth.

Maryland Turfgrass
Field Day and
Products Exhibition

We'd like to remind you again to
attend the Maryland Field Day which will
be held on Thursday, July 21, 1988. It will
be held at the University of Maryland
Turfgrass Research and Education Facility
on Cherry Hill Road and Gracefield Road,
between Rt. 29 and Rt. 212, near Beltsville.
Registration is free and begins at 8:30 a.m.,
the tour of the plots begins at 9:00 a.m.
and concludes at 4:00 p.m. A lunch
will be served at noon, at a cost of about
$7.00 a person. Exhibits and demonstra-
tions of turf products and equipment will
occur during the afternoon. The tour of
the plots will cover all phases of turf
management. A complete program will
be sent to our members by the Maryland
Turfgrass Council at a later date. For
further information please contact Dr.
Peter Dernoedlin at the University. (301)
454-3715. See you there!

Education
by Steve Cohoon

The education program for the July
twelfth meeting will feature Mr. Jay
Owenberger, the Environmental Pro-
tection Agency. Mr. Owenberger works
in the special review branch which is
responsible for the evaluation of pesti-
cides and their approval for use. He will
enlighten us on the processes a pesticide
goes through before it is approved, and
the rerating of previously approved
materials.

Mr. Owenberger was directly involved
in the controversy surrounding the re-
striction of Cadmium and Diazinon use
on golf courses. He will explain why these
chemicals were restricted and comment
on the rerating of previously approved
data. This promises to be an interesting
and informative session and one that anyone
who uses pesticides should plan on
attending.

Don't forget to RSVP your reservations
to the Mid-Atlantic hotline (301) 381-0030
and we look forward to seeing you on July
twelfth.

ATTENTION
ASSISTANTS

The MAAGCS Board of Directors is
extremely interested in making our asso-
ciation more interesting to you. They
would like to hear from you with your
suggestions and comments. This is your
association, let us know how you feel
about your relationship with the other
members of the association. Just grab
some board member by the collar and
give him the strait scoop. We need your
input. We want to make the association
more responsive to your needs. Put some
of yourself back into your profession.

IT'S TIME FOR US
TO GET OFF OUR
BUTS

by Nick Vance

I know its been said many times this
season and I'm going to say it again, "It
looks like we're going to have a rough
summer." That started me thinking about
what can do to insure my own insanity
and what can do to hold my crew
together. One of the things that keeps
coming to mind is the negative attitudes
that hot humid weather brings. Some of
these negative things that effect us and
our staff can and should be prevented.

Example: We're riding around the
course and see that one of our employees
has been trimming around the trees on
the front nine and has missed the 150 yard
markers on the fifth hole. The normal
thing for me to do would be to find that
employee and let them know. I would
probably say something like, "you did
a good job on the front nine, BUT you
forgot the 150 yard markers on the fifth
hole." After giving some thought to this
statement, I believe that most employees
would only hear the words that followed
BUT. That negative word seems to dis-
credit the first part of the sentence. Even
though I said the same thing I think the
second word would be accepted a lot
better. It didn't cost any more and the
employee felt a lot better about his job.

We probably get so used to the word
BUT that we forget what a negative effect
it has on some people. Even in our private
lives we use it for getting out of something
or to keep from doing something. A
couple of examples might be: "I would
really like to go to the monthly meeting
BUT I just have too much to do." Or how
about, "I should go to church Sunday
BUT that is the one day I get to sleep in."
My own personal best is, "I know I should
get on a diet BUT with my work schedule
I get so tired and I have to eat. I know that
I should eat better food, BUT the junk food
is so convenient during the day." If we all
took the word BUT out of those examples
and tried to insert a positive word, we
probably would be able to control our
lives to a better degree.

I think it's about time we got of our big
BUTS, what do you think?

WELCOME
NEW MEMBERS

by Steve Nash, CGCS

The Mid-Atlantic Association of Golf
Course Superintendents would like to
welcome three new members:

Joseph Hubbard, Class ASuperintendent at Goose Creek G.C.
Philip Plaskowitz, Class DSouth County G.C.
Jeff Miskin, Class FOwner, Ace Tree Movers

Joe Hubbard comes to the Mid-
Atlantic area after spending the last five
years as a superintendent in Oklahoma at
the Lake Texoma G.C. and the Durant
Country Club. Philip Plaskowitz becomes
a member after serving as an assistant at
the front nine. One of our employees
at two area courses, Heritage Harbor
and Forest Park Golf Course. He is now the
Superintendent at Carroll Park Golf
Course in Baltimore. Jeff Miskin returns to
our membership roles as the owner of his
own business, Ace Tree Movers. He pre-
viously was a class A member, he was the
superintendent at Montgomery C.C. in
Laytonsville, Maryland.

Your Board of Directors at its last
meeting added the following Class C
complimentary members to our ranks—
Dr. Lee Hellman and our favorite M.C. Bill
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Please welcome our new members at
our next meeting. Lets make them feel
that Mid-Atlantic hospitality.
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