The Association will meet on Tuesday, the eleventh of November, at the Bethesda Country Club. Our host will be Tom Regan, CGCS. Tom is presently a member of our board of directors and serves as our golf chairman. He has represented the association as a member of the Mid-Atlantic golf team at the national tournament. He graduated from Penn State in 1976, and then worked as an assistant to Richey Valentine at Merion for five years. He came to Bethesda in 1980. As some of you may have already guessed, from his smooth swing and low handicap, Tom has been involved in golf from an early age. He comes from a golfing family, his dad was a former amateur champion in Massachusetts, and he has lived and breathed golf since he began playing at the age of five. He entered the Coast Guard after high school and spent four years in the service. After considering a career as a golf professional, he settled on our profession and entered the Penn State program. We're sure Tom would have made a great golf professional but we're glad he has put his efforts into growing grass. Tom has been doing an excellent job at Bethesda as you will be able to see on the eleventh. He also puts a lot of himself into his profession, his association and into the game of golf.

The Bethesda Country Club was organized on September 2, 1947. The original name was the National Womens' Club and was founded in the twenties. The National Womens' Club was the scene of many important social events in the Washington area. The Clubs' membership included many prominent personalities. The Mrs.' Calvin Coolidge, Woodrow Wilson, Herbert Hoover, and wives of many members of the diplomatic community were active in the club. In the spring of 1932, fifty five elm trees were planted along the drive of the entrance to the club. Each tree was dedicated to the memory of a national heroine of the countries participating and the respective

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Ambassadors were in attendance. The United States tree was dedicated to Clara Barton. Joan of Arc, Cleopatra, and Florence Nightengale were honored by their countries. Unfortunately, Dutch elm disease destroyed many of those original trees in the 1970's. It was certainly fitting that the Club was just recently involved as the host to the LPGA's Greater Washington Open. A tribute to its heritage as the Nat's Women's Club. The club will continue to host this event through 1991. This year's tournament winner was Ayako Okamoto of Japan.

The course was originally designed by Fred Finlay. The building of the Washington beltway in 1962 caused the club to undergo major reconstruction. At the present time, there are only four of the original greens remaining (2, 6, 9, and 18). Ed Ault was the architect for the reconstruction and is credited with the existing design.

The course is open twelve months of the year and averages 40,000 plus rounds. The Bent/Pos greens are maintained at 5/32nds and are mowed daily with walk-tee mowers. The greens, tees, and fairways are manual. A new automatic irrigation system is being designed for the fairways.

The greens are sprayed at 3 oz./acre every two to three weeks mixed with nutriculture at an 1/8 lb. N/per thousand. Tom begins this program in late May and continues until the end of August. Tees and fairways are sprayed at 16 oz./acre every three to four weeks during the same period. The irrigation system on the tees and greens is Toro automatic and the fairways are manual. A new automatic system is being designed for the fairways. Also on the drawing board is a new maintenance facility, construction will begin in February.

THE MEETING: Golf will be available at your convenience, however, you must call the starter (Jim Bailey) at 365-1703 to make arrangements for a tee time. Cocktails will be served at 6 p.m. (cash will be accepted), and dinner will be at 7 p.m. The cost of the meal will be $25.00. We would like to remind you that coat and tie are the required dress at all of our association meetings.

DIRECTIONS: From the Washington beltway (495) exit at River Road (exit #39) toward Potomac, Md., at the first light (Seven Locks Rd.) turn right, proceed on Seven Locks Rd. to the next light (Bradley Blvd.) turn right. The Club entrance is approximately 1/4 mile on the left hand side.

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GOLF
by Thomas Regan, CGCS

The annual Memorial Tournament was held at Rehobeth Beach C.C. All who attended were treated with a great golf course and dinner. A special thanks to our host, Tom List and the golf professional Ron Barrows for the courtesies that we were extended to us.

We played for the Vince Triplet Memorial (low net) donated by the G.L. Cornell Company and the Bill Glover Memorial (low gross) donated by TESCO. This year's winners were Steve Potter of Woodholme with a net 70, and Nick Vance of Laytonsville with a gross 78.

The results: 1st gross - Nick Vance, 78; 2nd gross - Tom Regan, 76; 3rd gross - Bob Oraz, 81; 4th gross - John Hoover, 81. 1st net - Steve Potter, 70; 2nd net - Jeff Yingling, 71; 3rd net - Mike Smith, 72; 4th net - Bil Neus, 76. The longest drive was won by John Hoover of Hillendale, and the closest to the pin was won by Dean Graves of Kenwood, six feet one inch (he made a four on the hole).

I would like to personally thank Larry Cornell and Lynn Matson and their companies for the contributions made to the tournament and our association. These two gentlemen donated the first prize trophies for this tournament and are always willing to support us. I'm proud to be associated with both of you. Thanks again for your continued support.