President’s Message

Thanks go out to Randy Dayton and Ocean Pines Golf Club for having hosted the July meeting. This was also the site for the 2-man team championship which was a lot of fun and quite competitive. The course and hospitality were superb as always.

Next month’s meeting is the annual picnic. Please bring the family out. I promise good food, good drink and a good time, plus a clown act for the kids. This event will be held at Bretton woods with our host Gerry Gerard. The date is Wednesday, August the 9th.

Now down to business. Recently everyone was mailed a survey to allow the MAAGCS to update our files. The response has been underwhelming. If you have not responded, do so now. If you need a copy of the survey, call any of the Board members. Secondly, a gentle reminder to call in your reservations for the monthly meetings and if you are on the permanent sign up list, you must call if you are not going to attend. This is a professional courtesy we owe to the clubs we are visiting.

Walter Montross, CGCS, President

GOLF

The results of the first annual 2-man team championship held at Ocean Pines Golf Club are as follows:

1st place - Todd Cowing and Mike Minard - +12; 2nd place - John Malkowski and Tony Griecoltz - +10; 3rd place - George Renault and Harry Fridley - +3; 4th place - Tom Malehorn and Grant Pensinger - +1; 5th place - John Mockmuller and Lance Ernst - 0; 6th place - Tom Malehorn and John Tutich - -4.

The long drive contest was won by Nick Vance. This was deemed a mild upset by a few self-proclaimed long ball hitters, who were unable to keep the ball straight.

The closest to the pin on #7 was won by Ron Hawkins at 11’. The closest to the pin on #13 was won by Steve Nash at 13’5”.

A special thanks to the following companies for their support; Lea’s Green Meadows - Herb Lea and Harry Fridley; Prolawn - Tom Malehorn; Cornell Chemical - Don Klein and Tom Walsh; TESCO - Lynn Matson and Bill Hughes.

Bretton Woods Rec Center & Staff - Our Hosts

Bretton Woods Recreation Center is located on 280 acres along the Potomac River near Germantown, Maryland. It consists of an 18 hole golf course, swimming pool complex, picnic area, tennis complex with 14 courts, two playgrounds for children, and large undeveloped areas of woods and fields at the perimeter of the property. Bretton Woods is owned by the International Monetary Fund; they developed the property in the late 1960’s as a recreational facility for their employees.

The golf course was designed by Eddie Ault. It plays to 6327 yards from the middle tees and 6663 yards from the back tees. The slope rating is 120. The course originally featured wide fairways and open rough areas. In recent years, fairway acreage has been reduced, and tree planting and growth have reduced the open space in the rough.

Larry Ott has been the Grounds Superintendent at Bretton Woods since May, 1988. During the past year, he has concentrated on the details of the existing maintenance programs. A tree project, including pruning of existing trees on the course, removal of selected trees, and planting of new trees, is continuing at this time.

The soil greens at Bretton Woods are primarily bentgrass, with some poa annua. They are mowed at 5/32” four to five times weekly. The tees are mostly combinations of bentgrass and ryegrass, in varying proportions. There are some zoysia tees also. Tees are mowed at 5/8” twice a week. The fairways are ryegrass,