



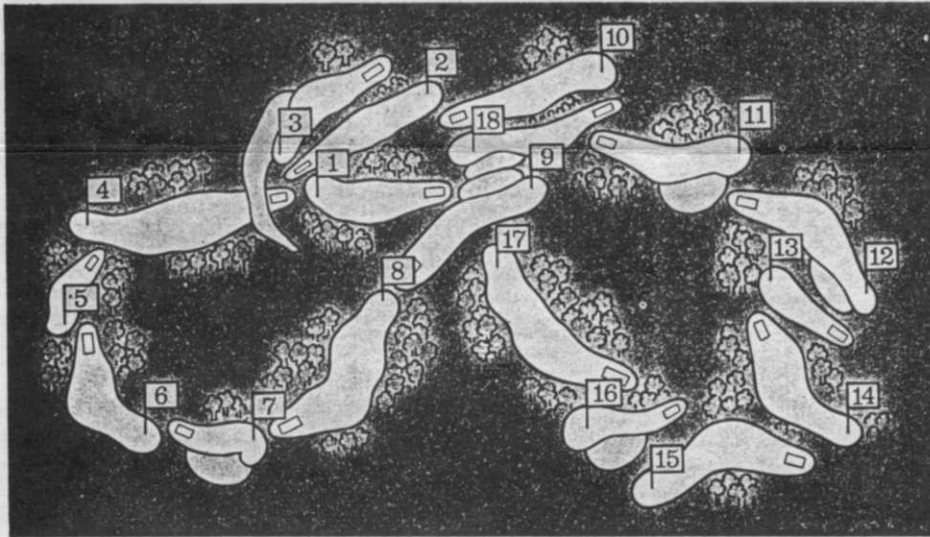
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## OCEAN PINES, JULY 11 MEETING

Ocean Pines is a 3,500 acre resort/retirement community located directly across the Assawoman Bay from Ocean City, MD. It was originally developed by Boise Cascade Co. (the lumber company) in 1968 and is still experiencing rapid growth 20 years later. There are 6,800 lots with about 3,200 homes and 350 presently under construction. 800 additional acres remain undeveloped and it is expected that 3,000 more housing units will be added. Besides the Golf and Country Club, other amenities include a Marina and Yacht Club, and a Beach Club in Ocean City.

Winding through the community is its star attraction — the golf course. This Robert Trent Jones layout was the first project which included the help of his son, Reese. Many characteristics of this course are now trademarks of a Trent Jones design. There is torture by sand (76 bunkers), torture by water (on 9 holes), and very narrow, tree-lined fairways. Originally seeded to common bermuda, most of the trees and fairways have been converted to rye/bluegrass. The course plays to 6,301 yards from the middle tees and 6,950 from the back with a slope rating of 122. With the increased development of Ocean Pines, the course is show-

ing the effects of very high traffic. Plans are underway for the construction of another course on some of the undeveloped land in the near future.

Our host, Randy Dayton, has spent the last three years restoring this course to its original design and turf conditions. In addition, complete landscaping of the clubhouse grounds was necessary after major remodeling of the building, the continuous cart path system was completed, and this year 700 linear feet of bulkhead was added on the 3rd, 9th, and 18th holes.

The sandy soil and heavy shade require some specialized maintenance practices. Because of increased leaching, fertilizer is applied more frequently at lighter rates with slightly higher annual totals. A soil testing service is used and deficiencies of Phosphorus, Potassium, and minor nutrients are being corrected according to their recommendations. Irrigation must be done frequently since the soil has such a tendency to dry out. The U.S.G.A. greens are mowed at 5/32" 5 times weekly, and the trees, collars, and fairways are mowed three times weekly at 5/8". The small amount of rough is mowed at 2" weekly. Scott's Goosegrass/Crabgrass Control is used on the greens and Lesco

Pre-M is sprayed on the fairways, roughs, and most tees. No pre-emergence is used on the Par 3 tees and Acclaim is used to clean up any crabgrass. Scott's TGR was used this spring. Fungicides are used on a preventive basis on greens, tees, and fairways. Because Ocean Pines is such an environmentally sensitive area, extra care is taken with all pesticides.

A unique system of tee marker placement designed by the U.S.G.A. is used to balance the course yardage daily. Another Trent Jones trademark is landing strips for tees. Many of the tees are 75 yards long which drastically changes the yardage on that particular hole. A systematic movement of the tee markers is necessary to ensure that the course plays to approximately the same yardage every day. The tees are divided into six zones and regular movement among the six zones produces the desired results.

Randy graduated in 1978 from North Carolina State University with a Bachelor's degree in Forestry and Park Management. He was a ranger at Sandy Point State Park in Annapolis for three years before deciding to get into golf course management. He attended the George Thompson school of turf management at Columbia

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## Education Notes

by Stephen E. Cohoon, CGCS

The July 11, 1989 meeting of the Mid-Atlantic Association of Golf Course Superintendents will feature Dr. Karl Danneberger of the Agronomy Department at Ohio State University. Dr. Danneberger will share with us some of the problems he has encountered in the management of bentgrass putting greens. These problems include the use of sand as topdressing and soil mixes, and management of localized dry spots. Problems I am sure he has encountered in the bentgrass greens he maintains in his own backyard. Dr. Danneberger has been a speaker at the GCSAA National Conference as well as contributing articles to publications such as "Golf Course Management", and the "USGA Green Section Report". This meeting should be both informative and timely, and an excellent one to bring a club official or crew member to.

In other news, the Computer Seminar that was to be held on June 7 had to be cancelled due to lack of interest. This seminar will be rescheduled for this winter in hopes of getting a better response.

We are also looking for topics and speakers for the Maryland Turfgrass Conference and the 1990 monthly MAAGCS meetings. If you have any suggestions please contact me and we will try and accommodate your request. We have had many good ideas from the membership and are already working on the schedule for next year.

## President's Message

What a difference a year makes. The last two years have been extremely hot and dry and this year (at least to date) has been cool and wet. It is just what was needed for the rough, trees, shrubs and flowers but too much for the short turf areas. Like many of you I would rather add it than try to remove it. I think we have mowed more rough and shoveled more sand on the faces of bunkers this year than the last two combined. I do hope you were fortunate enough to miss the terrible storms that wreaked havoc in the Bethesda Chevy Chase area a couple of weeks ago. Not being from tornado or hurricane areas I have never seen such damage. To those who were affected I hope things are now better.

Thanks go out to Steve Nash and International Town and Country Club for hosting the June meeting. In spite of rain 22 of us braved the conditions to play. The course was superb (light weight fairway mowing) as was the meeting afterwards in which 85 people attended.

If you haven't heard, Steve Potter recently had back surgery. Best wishes to Steve for a speeded recovery. Congratulations go out to Dean Graves who became the new Golf Course Superintendent at Bethesda Country Club. Dean was previously at Kenwood Country Club.

Please join me at Ocean Pines Country Club with our host Randy Dayton on July the 11th. As noted in the golf article this will be the site for the first 2-man team championship. Pick your partner and come out for that special Eastern Shore hospitality.

Walter Montross, CGCS, President



## OCEAN PINES

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Country Club and then worked for Ken Ingram after George left. He became Assistant Superintendent for John Tutich at Herndon Municipal Golf Course and then was assistant to Tony Goodley at River Bend Country Club. By accepting the Superintendent position at Ocean Pines, he was able to combine his love for the beach with his love for golf courses. He has been a member of the Mid-Atlantic since 1983 and is currently Vice-President of the Eastern Shore Association of Golf Course Superintendents.

After 17 years of bachelorhood, Randy married Pat Bonner in June, 1988. He also took on the challenge of being father to Pat's ten-year-old son, Morgan. Pat is a free-lance Floral Designer working both for herself and for area florists on a contract basis. They live just outside of Ocean Pines in Bishopville, MD.

Randy would also like to recognize the two other professionals involved in the golf program at Ocean Pines — Golf Pro Hunt Crosby and General Manager Tim Stoner. Not only do the three of them make a good management team, they also make a good golf team as proven by their National Championship in the first John Deere Pro-Superintendent Golf Tournament.

GOLF DETAILS: Tee times will be reserved between 11 and 2. Call (301) 641-8653 before Friday, July 7. No charge for carts or greens fees. Locker rooms and showers available. Breakfast and lunch available; cash beer and soda available on course.

DINNER DETAILS: Cocktails at 6 (cash bar) and hors d'oeuvres. Dinner at 7. Cost: \$25.

DIRECTIONS: Follow Rt. 50 across Bay Bridge and towards Ocean City. Take Rt. 90 towards North Ocean City. Go 10 miles to Rt. 589 exit. Bear left on 589 and go ½ mile to North Ocean Pines entrance on right. Enter Ocean Pines and travel approximately 5 miles to Clubhouse Drive on right. Look for 'Golf and Country Club' sign. Turn right and follow to clubhouse.

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The Daytons — Randy, Pat & Morgan