GOLF NOTES

Thanks to Fred Heinlen, CGCS, and the rest of the River Run staff, our April golf tournament was a very enjoyable experience. Even the weatherman helped with an outstanding day for golf. Thanks also to those members who helped me tally up the score cards, especially Ben Stagg who kept me supplied with plenty of shrimp and drink during this process. We had a total of 47 golfers play in the point system tournament. The results are as follows:

1st net: Paul Taliaferro (+5);
1st gross: Sean Remington (28)
2nd net: Mike Gilmore (+3);
2nd gross: Scott Wagner (28)
3rd net: Lentz Wheeler (+3);
3rd gross: Jim Purcell (27)

Closest to the pin (Hoechst-Roussel): Tim Sage
Closest to the pin (Pro-Lawn): Paul Taliaferro
Closest to the pin (Harford): Paul Masimore
Closest to pin (Lofts): Joe Perry
Longest Drive (Hoechst-Roussel): Nick Vance

Thanks to this month’s sponsors.

Bill Shirk, CGCS
Golf Chairman, MAAGCS

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The April meeting at River Run in Berlin, Md. was a lot of fun. Our host, Fred Heinlen, had the golf course in great condition. The use of knolls and swales made for an interesting round on what would otherwise be a flat tract of ground. River Run’s generous Eastern Shore hospitality featured shrimp and raw oyster hors d’oeuvres which satisfied all seafood lovers. Members of the Eastern Shore group also attended, so it was nice seeing fellow superintendents we don’t often see at regular meetings. We hope that we can get down to the shore again next year.

There was a problem with the count this month: 20 reservations were not honored. This cost your association $500; that equates to 2% of your dues. Please be more considerate of your association and your host. The BOD is trying to meet the membership’s needs yet remain fiscally responsible. This will be difficult if money must be paid for no-shows.

By now you have received your survey. Please fill it out as completely and honestly as you can so that all opinions can be compiled and evaluated. The BOD feels it is imperative to plan for the future and we want to do it with your interests as the plan’s impetus.

The next meeting is the Superintendent/Pro hosted by Walter Montross at Westwood Country Club in Vienna, Va. The day promises to be a lot of fun and the BOD hopes it will be an opportunity for superintendents and professionals to interact socially away from their home clubs.

Steve Potter, CGCS
President, MAAGCS

Revised Education Schedule

June 8 - Mrs. Stephanie Hau, Hydrogeologist, Hydro-Tera, Inc., "Golf Courses and ground water usage."
July 13 - Mr. Roger Maxwell, Vice President, Marriott Golf, "The Future of Golf."
August 10 - No speaker
September 14 - Mr. Arthur Hills, Arthur Hills and Associates, "Golf Course Design."
November 9 - Mr. Jeff Blind, Hillendale Country Club, "Greens Drainage."

For locations, please see schedule in March or April issues of Turfgrass Matters.