Many apologies to the membership for the lateness of the newsletter last month. I shoulder all of the blame for not getting it out to the membership in a timely fashion. It is interesting though that all complaints went to everyone but me. Please, if you have any comments, good or bad, contact me directly so that you can get the full response right from the "horse's mouth" (no, I said horse's mouth!) I assure you that I will work harder not to have this happen again.

In other news—last month I reported that William Angerer has relocated to Fairidge CC. Two other members are now employed there also. Carol Offenbacker started there last year and Don Doxee, formerly of Crofton Golf Course, have joined the team. Sounds like Fairidge CC has taken a cue from the NFL and jumped with both feet into the free agent market. Good luck to you all in turning around the program there.

Congratulations and howdy neighbor to Tom Lipscomb who just took a new position in my area at Port America Golf & CC in Ft. Washington, Md. Good luck, Tom. I'll see you soon.

1st Gross — Mike Evans & Larry Ringer. Closest to the pin #3 — Bill Shirk; closest to the pin #8 — Dave Hangers; closest to the pin #14 — Joe Max; closest to pin #16 — Corey Haney. Long drive #5 — Glenn Brown; long drive #11 — Archie Hall.

Congratulations to all the winners!

I would also like to thank our sponsors for the day. Without their help, a tournament like this would not be possible. G.L. Cornell—Beverage Cart; Finch Services—Lunchen; Egypt Farms—Closest to pin; Turf Diagnostic—Closest to the pin; E Z Go—Long drive; LESCO—Hole sponsor; Ken Cominsky—Hole sponsor; Finch Services—Hole sponsor; Ault, Clark & Assoc.—
Golf Notes, continued

Cocktails; TESCO—Gross Division; Carroll Tree Service—Closest to pin; Davisson Golf—Closest to pin; Scotts—Hole sponsor; Lofis Seed—Hole sponsor; Harford Minerals—Hole sponsor; TESCO—Hole sponsor; Turf Diagnostic—Hole sponsor.

June’s golf will be a gross-and-net tournament. Tee times are available from 12 noon to 2:00 p.m. You must call the Pro Shop for a tee time—703-631-9562. Cost for cars will be $10 and the tournament will cost $10. You do not have to be in the tournament to play golf.

James McHenry
Golf Chairman

Miscellany & Nonsense

A test conducted by the USGA proves that golf shoe spikes with recessed flanges cause far less damage to greens than normal spikes.

The average golf shoe has 12 spikes, and the USGA had computed that a player averages 28 paces per green; 28 paces times 24 spikes means 672 impressions; 672 impressions times 18 greens equals 12,096 per round per player.

Assuming the 200 rounds are played each day on a course, the greens receive 2,419,200 impressions daily, or more than 72 million holes each month.

Perhaps you should encourage your pro shop to stock only these spikes.

"Caddy, why do you keep looking at your watch?" asked the curious golfer.
"It's not a watch, sir. It's a compass."
From Does a Wild Bear Chip in the Woods? by Lewis Grizzard

Seeing is Believing

Have you ever wished you could show your committee or membership what a proposed project would look like when finished—before it was started—in order to help sell the idea? If the answer is yes then our speaker for June has just the thing you need. Computer Aided Design or CAD.

Mr. Charles Priestly CGCS, formerly with Geneva Farm Golf Club, will present to our association the latest technology in terrain mapping and modeling and its applications for golf courses. As president and systems engineer for CADLinks, Inc., Chuck is currently busy with many projects in the Mid-Atlantic. He developed his computer, aerial photography, and infra-red imagery skills during his time in the U.S. Navy. This combined knowledge and engineering background were refined through practical application as a golf course superintendent.

Terrain mapping and modeling can be used to create very accurate as-built and 3-D maps of an existing golf course, document problem areas, plan changes, and generate data for bidding purposes when a project is on the agenda. These are a few of the many things that can be done with CAD. So, if you have a troublesome green, need to remove some trees or are renovating a bunker, green, an entire golf course, or building a new course, you will benefit from this presentation. See you there.

Sean Remington
Education, Chairman

The Superintendent/Pro tournament at the Old South Club was, as promised, a grand event. Superintendent Keith Hershberger and his staff are commended for a well-conditioned course. Bentgrass is alive and well in the Mid-Atlantic region! Unfortunately my game left with the eclipse. Presidential treatment (my golf car had everything but my golf game) was extended to me by MAPGA President Bob Fretwell. He and his staff were most helpful in organizing this tournament. Thank you Bob! Club Manager, Craig Reinhart capped off the day with a great cocktail hour, and very enjoyable dinner. The membership at Old South can be proud of their entire staff.

The next meeting is at Chantilly National Golf and Country Club with Tom Knoll our host. Many improvements have been made since we last visited Tom’s golf course. Education Chairman, Sean Remington has scheduled a presentation on computer design. Speaker, Charles Priestly CGCS will discuss the CAD System and how it can be beneficial to your golf course.

Lou Rudinski, President