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March 8 Meeting To Be Held at Norbeck CC

Bruce Zickafoose to welcome MAAGCS members to first meeting of 1994.

Norbeck Country Club opened its 18-hole golf course to a private membership in the summer of 1954. Its design was conceived by Alfred Tull who was also responsible for Westwood Country Club and the North Course at Woodmont. Edmund Ault redesigned the 15th and 16th greens in the 1960s, and Arthur Hills the third hole in 1990.

Many positive changes have occurred at Norbeck in recent years and the next few months will see even more. At the top of the list are a major clubhouse renovation and a new 30X100 ft. building for the maintenance division.

Our host, Bruce Zickafoose, obtained his B.S. in agronomy in 1989 from the University of Maryland while working under Ken Ingram at Columbia Country Club. He then moved on to become the Assistant Superintendent to John Haley at Westwinds Country Club in Mt. Airy, Maryland.

After a two-year tenure as superintendent of Cranbury Golf Club in Cranbury, New Jersey, Bruce is thrilled to be back in his home territory.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

A sincere THANK YOU for electing me president of the MAAGCS. Hopefully I will continue my predecessors' tradition of keeping the Association strong financially and moving forward.

For many of us the winter has been one ice/snow storm after another. I wish I held stock in Road Salt and Urea. Time will tell if the harsh winter has had an impact on sensitive putting green turf. Good luck to all.

The board of directors has been hard at work with what promises to be a very busy year. The Long Range Committee, chaired by Mike Gilmore, is setting the stage for implementation of a professional management team to assist us in the day-to-day operation of the association. New board member Sean Remington is continuing strong educational programs as was evident by the turnout for February's Pesticide Program at Turf Valley. As you are aware, the pesticide issue is in the limelight. Dean Graves and Steve Potter have been in close contact with Mark Schlossberg of the Maryland Alliance for Responsible Regulation of Pesticides, Inc. MARRP has hired a lobbyist to



assist in pre-emption legislation in the Maryland General Assembly, and has requested our help financially and professionally in this and other matters that affect the day-to-day operation of all Maryland superintendents. Lastly, communications chairman Steve Cohoon will continue his efforts to deliver a quality newsletter we can all be proud of. This is a small part of this year's activities. The rest of the board will be carrying out their duties to provide the membership an association of which it can be proud.

Plan to attend the March meeting at Norbeck Country Club with our host Bruce Zickafoose. It has been several years since we have been there, so get the rust of your clubs, meet with good friends and have a great day.

Lou Rudinski, President

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