

## SUPERINTENDENT PROFILES

### Our Host for the May Meeting:

**Bill Shirk, CGCS**

*of Queenstown Harbor Golf Links*

**B**ill Shirk has made a life as well as a career of golf in the Eastern Shore area. Since his graduation from the two year program at the Pennsylvania State University in 1972, Bill has sought the temperate coast east of the Chesapeake Bay, and both he and the shore have benefitted handsomely. Bill tutored under Alex Watson, CGCS, Bob Orazi, CGCS, and Dave Cammarota before moving on to head the Greens Department at Seaford Golf & Country Club in Seaford, DE. He then moved to Prospect Bay C.C. for the next 11 years where he received his CGCS certification in 1989. Bill moved to Queenstown Harbor Golf Links in 1990 to open the new course and undertake an ambitious environmental program with it. His stature has grown beyond the Eastern Shore to land him this year in the presidency of our Mid-Atlantic association. The GCSAA recognized Bill's strong commitment to Queenstown's conservation and environmental efforts by awarding the course an Environmental Steward award in 1993.

The coast offers Bill opportunities beyond golf, which he plays often and well. He fishes and hunts avidly when Queenstown's 36 holes allow him. He has built quite a family even while pursuing such a demanding career. Cheryl, his wife of 23 years, works in medicine and earned her Masters Degree several years ago. His son, Adrian is a very active thirteen years old and his younger sister, Ashley, is a very bright and active eleven. Bill is very proud of his family and his career, and of course, his manicured links amid the sprawling wetlands of the Eastern Shore. ■

### Our Host for the June Meeting:

**Gerald Hasbargan, Jr.**

*of Prospect Bay Country Club*

**T**he career to-date of Gerald Hasbargan, Jr., of Prospect Bay Country Club in Grasonville, MD, exemplifies the opportunities and tradition that are the golf industry in the Mid-Atlantic area. He earned the Emmet Gary Scholarship from the Maryland Golf Association on the way to his B.S. in Agronomy from the University of Maryland, Class of 1981. Gerald built his early experience under Bill Black at Congressional Country Club, Mike Evans at the Country Club of Woodmore, and Sam Kessel at the Country Club of Fairfax. His goal as superintendent, now that he has his own course on the Eastern Shore, is to formally enter the CGCS process this year.

Gerald has not been a total slave to golf turf for the last decade and a half. He has also built a family. He married Brenda, his wife of fifteen years, upon graduation from Maryland. Together they are raising three beautiful girls, Tiffany (13), Ashley (10), and Shelby (3).

The Mid Atlantic has much to offer all of us, but few can boast such success in reaping the bounty of local resources. ■



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