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There Was Fun and Food for All at the August Picnic at Bretton Woods



These were the scenes at the annual Mid-Atlantic Association of Golf Course Superintendents picnic held August 9 at Bretton Woods Recreation Center in Potomac, Maryland. At top left was the sign that greeted us at the shaded picnic grounds. The next three photos show family groups attacking the crabs, ribs, hamburgers, hot dogs, and fresh corn, plus a tableload of watermelons and assorted desserts. At bottom left was host Gerry Gerard's staff magician, who fascinated the children with his bag of tricks, and at lower right are Mike McKenzie and Paul Barefoot in the smokiest spot of all, the barbecue grill.

We Meet Sept. 13 At Bonnie View C.C.

Our September meeting will be on Tuesday, September 13, with golf starting at 11 a.m., immediately after the match play semifinals go off. Carts or caddies are available, and lunch will be available also, on a charge basis only. Cocktails will be served at 6 p.m. and dinner at 7 p.m. (the menu is sliced tenderloin, and the cost is \$15 plus tax and tip).

Superintendent Ken Braun had the following comments on his golf course:

Welcome to Bonnie View Country Club, which went through as tough a year as any I've seen. We've fared well through the summer months, as our overseeding during the past 8 years seems to have worked out well. This year we lost what poa annua we had early, and the ryegrass filled in real well. Our fairways are cut at 3/4" from spring until July 4; then we cut at 7/8" until the middle of August, cutting 4 or 4 times a week.

OSTERMAN TO SPEAK

Arrangements have been made by Jim Prusa, education director of the GCSAA, to bring national president Robert W. Osterman to Bonnie View on September 13 to speak at our meeting. He will give us a "GCSAA Update" and conduct a question-and-answer session. Don't miss this meeting!

This past year, contrary to the article in *Professional Golfer*, I had to water the fairways, but prior to overseeding in early August, we had only watered on six occasions. Then we watered to get germination and continued to water on an as-needed basis. Our greens are mixed poa and bent and are cut 7 days a week. The tees are a mixture of all varieties of bent, rye, and what little poa is left.

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