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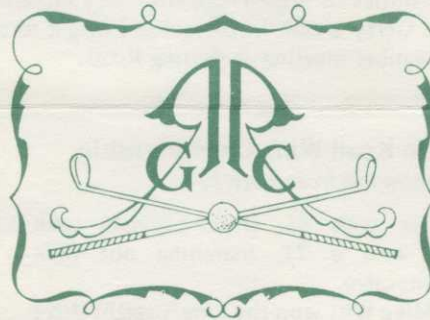
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## Famed Rolling Road Golf Club Will Host November 13 Meeting

Rolling Road Golf Club in Catonsville, designed by the legendary Scots architect, Willie Park, Jr., and built in 1920, will be the host club for the Mid-Atlantic's November 13 meeting. As with many older courses, it is short, playing to 5,935 yards and par 70, and covers only 98 acres in an area of rolling hills. Its small greens are considered "tricky" and difficult to putt.

Willie Park, Jr., was part of the second generation of a family highly regarded in Scottish golf's history. Born in Musselburgh, he had a number of careers, including professional, greenskeeper, clubmaker, and writer. As a player, he won the British Opens of 1887 and 1889 and was runnerup in 1898. During two long periods in the United States, 1895-98 and 1916-24, he designed some 70 golf courses, including Baltimore Country Club, Atlantic City Country Club (a natural links), and the Pittsburgh Field Club. Among his better known courses in Britain were Sunningdale and Huntercombe. The entire Park family were noted golfers, greenskeep-



ers, and architects, including his father Willie Sr., his uncle Mungo Park, and his brother, Mungo Park II.

Few changes have been made at Rolling Road, although No. 18 has just been reconstructed based on an Eddie Ault design that conforms to the overall aspect of the course. Michael Doetzer is the golf course superintendent, and he mows the bent/poa annua greens six times a week to 3/16" and the bluegrass/rye fairways (in their third year of rye overseeding) three times a week to 13/16". The rough is cut once a week to 2". Fertilizing schedule includes 4-5

pounds of N each year, applied 1 pound each in September, October, and November plus quarter-pound applications in the summer months. Fairways get 2-3 pounds of N per year in September and October.

Golf will be available to MAAGCS members after 11 on November 13, with net and gross prizes for open play. Cocktails will be at 6 and dinner at 7 p.m.

Directions from the Baltimore Beltway (reached via I-95 from the Washington area) are to take Exit 12, Wilkins Avenue, off the Beltway, and go approximately 1 mile west to Hilltop Road. Turn right on Hilltop Road to the club entrance.

### PROGRAM FOR NOVEMBER 13

Golf — After 11 a.m.  
Cocktails — 6 p.m. (cash bar)  
Dinner — 7 p.m. (cost: \$15)  
Meeting — 8 p.m. (coat and tie required)  
Reservations — Call 301-964-0070 to register

## Dave Kroll's 76 Wins 1984 MAAGCS Championship

Dave Kroll of Wilmington Country Club fired a 76 at hilly Maryland Golf and Country Club on October 9 to win the 1984 MAAGCS Golf Championship and possession of the Bill Glover trophy. John Hoover of Hillendale was second with 79 and Harry Allen of Prince Georges third with 81.

In the net division, Ed Porterfield of Hunt Valley took the Ruben Hines trophy with his 70, two shots ahead of Bob Orazi, also Hunt Valley. Grant Pensinger of Green Spring Valley Hunt Club was third with 74, followed by Tom Regan of Bethesda, Jeff Yingling of Yingling Golf Center, and Steve Nash of International, all with 76. Dave Fair-

### RULES, MARKING SEMINAR

Don't forget the Rules and course marking seminar to be held at Columbia Country Club at 9 a.m. on Monday, October 29. Tom Meeks of the United States Golf Association will be on hand to talk to us and to give practical, on-course advice on course marking. This is an area in which we can be a big help to our pros, green chairmen, and local association executives who are involved in preparing our courses for tournaments. Call Ken Ingram at 951-5060 if you plan to attend.

bank of Army Navy was seventh with 77, and Bert Yingling was eighth, also with 77.

Among the guests, Frank Sanzaro was low gross with 76, followed by Tom  
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## "Our" Conference Tops Las Vegas '83 Record for Space

Almost four months remain before the ribbon is cut marking the opening of GCSAA's 56th International Golf Course Conference & Show in Washington, D.C., and total exhibit space has already surpassed the record set in Las Vegas a year ago.

"We are faced with the pleasant problem of having to find enough booth space to satisfy the demands of our exhibiting companies," declared Mark W. Herlyn, GCSAA's manager of marketing and program development. Presently, 201 exhibitors have contracted for over 76,600 square feet of exhibit space on the floor of the Washington, D.C. Con-  
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### From the Golf World

Middle Atlantic area golfers are watching carefully to see what happens to "Inside Golf," the latest local golf publication to hit the clubs. Steve Plyer of Mitchellville, Md., is the publisher and editor, and the 32-page second issue, dated September 15, was jammed with local golf news, including a story on the upcoming GCSAA national conference. A one-year subscription is \$14.95, and it will be interesting to see the reaction of golfers around Washington, D.C., who have been grouching for years about the poor coverage of local (and national) golf in the POST. We've agreed to help Steve wherever possible and wish him the best of luck.

Tom Haske has reason to feel proud of his work with all those new greens at Westwood Country Club in Vienna, Va. The Middle Atlantic PGA Pro-Am on October 8 drew the second biggest pro participation in a pro-am of the year, and most participants were in agreement that the new greens are a big improvement. Pros and their amateur partners who three-putted more than twice had additional comments on latest seven greens, designed, like the others, by Eddie Ault.

Ted Zahn has been named the National Golf Foundation's director of education and golf promotion, replacing Annette Thompson, who is returning to active teaching at the JDM Country Club in Palm Beach Gardens.

Congratulations are in order for Fred Funk, assistant pro at the University of

## The President's Message

Due to the acceleration of construction plans at Hobbits Glen Golf Course, our November meeting that had been scheduled there has been changed. Our thanks go to Bill Neus for finding an alternate site and to Mike Doetzer at Rolling Road Golf Club for agreeing to host the November MAAGCS meeting on such short notice. It has been many years since the Mid-Atlantic has met at Rolling Road, and we are very pleased to be going back.

This change of meeting site highlights an important aspect of our association's annual activities. Time and again, the association must solicit locations for our monthly meetings. I hope that each member considers it both his responsibility and privilege to have an MAAGCS meeting at his course; and, don't wait to be approached—show some initiative and volunteer. This year the scheduling of meetings for 1985 has been one of the duties of Vice President Gerry Gerard. Do your part and give Gerry a call. Finally, don't forget to call 964-0070 to register in advance for the November meeting at Rolling Road.

Michael J. Larsen, *President*



### Dave Kroll Wins Championship (Continued from page 1)

Fisher with 85; Dave Lipinski took net with a 71, matching out Jack Montecalvo.

Mike Witt won the long/straight drive contest on No. 18, and closest to the pin winners were Dave Kroll, 10' on No. 3 and Bob Orazi, 5" on No. 16.

### Conference Tops Las Vegas Record (Continued from page 1)

vention Center; 32 new companies will join the ranks of GCSAA exhibiting companies.

"We are extremely pleased by the response from exhibitors to the Washington, D.C. show site," added Herlyn, "and we see a steady growth in the number of exhibitors all the way up to show time."

The Trade Show will be open February 10-12, 1985, and close to 10,000 conference registrants will have 19 hours in which to walk the exhibit floor and converse with industry representatives. Aisle upon aisle of products and services devoted to the management of the golf course and turfgrass will be on display.

Maryland as well as its golf coach; he won the 1984 National Assistants Championship at Brockton, Mass., sponsored by the Foot-Joy people. His rounds of 71, 66, 69, gave him a 206 total, 4 under par.

### New Member

Ronald C. Prillaman, Class F  
Sales, Loft's Seed Co.  
Beltsville, MD

## By-Law Change Could Add A New Non-Resident Class

At the December meeting, MAAGCS members will be asked to vote on the following addition to Article VIII, Section A, of the association by-laws:

#### Non-Resident Member

Non-Resident Associate Membership shall include all privileges of full membership with the exception of receiving the death benefit.

**Qualifications:** Applicant's work residence must be greater than seventy-five (75) miles (on a straight line basis) from the MAAGCS office located in Columbia, Maryland. If an applicant does not meet this criteria but believes he/she has extenuating circumstances that might qualify him/her for inclusion in this category, applicant shall make written application stating such reasons to the Board of Directors which will make a determination on a case-by-case basis.

**Dues:** A reduced membership fee will be set by the Board of Directors.

**Note:** Dues for 1985 shall be twenty dollars (\$20). It must be noted that it will be up to each individual member to apply for reduced membership.

### 1984 MEETING DATES

November 13 — Rolling Road Golf Club, Mike Doetzer, Host  
December 11 — Lakewood Country Club, Jerry Robine, Host