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November 12 Meeting is at Hunt Valley Golf Club

Hunt Valley Golf Club, where the November 12 MAAGCS meeting will be held, makes a dramatic impression. Its clubhouse perches on a hill and looks down on the first two nines that fill the valley below it. Those nines, the Red and White, are fairly open but definitely rolling, whereas the Blue nine, behind the clubhouse, is wooded and even hillier. The valley nines were built in 1969 and were designed by Eddie

Ault, while the Blue nine was completed in 1975 and was done by Algie Pulley.

Bob Orazi, one of the better golfers in our association, handles the superintendent's duties at Hunt Valley on behalf of the American Golf Corporation, one

of the major companies in the relatively new business of managing golf courses and country clubs. His Penncross bent greens are mowed seven times a week to 3/16", while his fairways of blue/ryegrass combination are cut three times a week to 7/8". Rough is mowed weekly to a 1 1/4" height. His fertilizing schedule includes 6-8# of N per year on greens, 3-4# per year on fairways.

To get to Hunt Valley, you must first reach the Baltimore Beltway (I-695); take it north to Rte. 83 North. Take the Schwann Road exit and go east until you reach York Road, where you turn left. Go to Phoenix Road, where you turn right (stay right after the bridge). The clubhouse entrance is on the left, at Highland Ridge Road.

Golf activities for November 12 include the final round of the match play tournament, plus open play for all other members, with low net and gross prizes. The program schedule is as follows:

Lunch — Available after 11 a.m. (cash)

Golf — 11 a.m.-1 p.m. starting times

Cocktails — 5-6 p.m. (cash bar)

Dinner — 6 p.m. (Cost, \$17.50)

Meeting — 7 p.m.

Reservations — Call 964-0070

Vance, Haske Take 1985 Championships

Nick Vance's 79 at windswept International Country Club in Fairfax, Va., won the 1985 golf championship of the MAAGCS on October 8 and with it the Bill Glover trophy presented this year by the G.L. Cornell Co. It was a narrow win for the Laytonsville superintendent, however, as Nick's score matched out the 79 posted by Virgil Robinson of Burning Tree. Tom Regan of Bethesda Country Club was third with 80, followed by John Hoover of Hillendale with 81 and Grant Pensinger of Green Spring Valley Hunt Club with 81.

Tom Haske of Westwood, who earlier

in the year teamed with his pro, Glenn Brown, to win our Superintendent-Pro title, shot an even 100 at International, which with his 36 handicap gave him the winning 64 and the Ruben Hines trophy donated by Bert Yingling. John Tutich of Herndon Municipal was a close second with 65, trailed by Steve Nash of the host club with 71, Dick Gieselman of Hidden Creek with a 72 that matched out a similar score by Ken Ingram of Columbia.

In the guests' division, editor Claud Corrigan had 79 for low gross honors, with George Ragland of International second at 91. Harry Fridley of Lea's Green Meadows won low net with a 71 that gave him a one-shot margin over Tom Harris of the G.L. Cornell Co.

President's Corner

The end of another golf season is fast approaching, and soon much of our time will be spent attending both local and national conferences. However, our association's election of officers and directors is an important event scheduled for December. I feel very strongly that every MAAGCS member should be willing



to contribute his time to serve on the Board of Directors. Each of us should feel obligated to participate in the affairs of our professional organization. So, if you are approached by the Nominating Committee, accept the challenge. This association has remained viable over the year because interested individuals have given freely of their time to help foster the profession of golf course superintendent. It may be time for you to do your part.

I recently learned that George Cleaver has suffered a heart attack. George was a long-time active member of the Mid-Atlantic before he retired and was our National President as well as MAAGCS President. I'm sure I speak for the entire association in wishing George a speedy recovery, and I'm certain that he would enjoy hearing from us.

Our November meeting will be at Hunt Valley Golf Club, with Bob Orazi as our host. Remember to register in advance for golf and dinner by calling our office at 964-0070.

Michael J. Larsen, *President*

Elections Coming Up

Annual election of officers and directors for the MAAGCS will be held at the December meeting at the U.S. Naval Academy golf course in Annapolis. No by-laws changes have been proposed for membership consideration this year.