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The President's Message . . .

As golf course superintendents, our concerns are necessarily focused on the management and care of fine golf turf. Our work is demanding, and often we lose sight of some of nature's finest creations in our surroundings. Trees, for example, are frequently taken for granted. We see them but seldom take real notice of or fully appreciate their grandeur. Think of a landscape on a golf course without them—frightening, to say the least. At Woodmont, we are blessed with a variety of magnificent trees, many of them over 100 years old. With the help of interested Woodmont members, we hired a horticulturist to verify the identity of trees that are in high visibility areas around the clubhouse and golf course. The American Horticultural Society has been most helpful in supplying the style of nameplates we desired at a nominal cost. This project has been well received by the membership and has helped to create a new appreciation of our trees. It's something that other clubs might want to try.

Due to a scheduling mixup, the 1985 Musser Tournament will be held on October 15 at the Country Club of Maryland. Mark your calendar and plan to participate in this worthwhile event. Our October meeting will be held at International Country Club in Fairfax, Virginia, and our host is Steve Nash. October is the month of our annual superintendents' championship, so be mindful of registering in advance by calling our office at 964-0070.

Michael J. Larsen, *President*



Virgil Robinson Leads In Match Play Event

With one round remaining to be played in this year's MAAGCS Match Play Championship, Virgil Robinson has a slight lead with a total of 11 points plus 10. Jeff Miskin is in second place with 11 plus 8, Ben Staff is third with 11 plus 6, and Bert Yingling has 10 plus 10. In the fifth spot, George Renault has 9 points plus 6, while Bill Neus is sixth with 8 points plus 6. The final round will be played November 12 at Hunt Valley Golf Club.

The annual golf championship will be played at International Country Club on October 8, with the Hines and Glover trophies at stake. There will also be a division for Class C and Class F members, who are not eligible for the overall championship. Entry fee will be \$5, according to Golf Chairman Nick Vance.

October Meeting is at International—But Date Changed to 8th

Originally scheduled for October 15, the next monthly meeting has been changed to Tuesday, October 8, because of a conflict with International Country Club's annual membership meeting. The change also eliminates a potential conflict with this year's Musser benefit tournament.

International's short history has been an active one. First organized as Falls Church Golf and Country Club in 1959, it had a nine-hole course at an in-town location that now adjoins the Capital Beltway. The original owners had planned to build a full-sized course to be called "the Suburban Course," and it is on this 240-acre tract that the club's present golf course on Route 50 in Fairfax is located.

This course was designed by golf professional Fred Bolton, one of the initial owners, and Buck Whetsell and Carl Wilkinson participated in the construction as consultants. When the



owners found themselves in financial difficulties, the club members undertook to complete the construction of the new course and assume responsibilities of ownership. Ground was broken for a new clubhouse in May 1967, and the in-town clubhouse and golf course were closed in November 1968 (that course is now operated by the county as an executive course open to the public). The new clubhouse and pro shop were

then opened in December 1968. A number of changes have been made to the course since then, and a master plan for remodeling, done by Eddie Ault, remains to be implemented. The course plays to 6,839 yards from the blue tees, 6,484 from the whites, and 5,776 from the reds.

Steven A. Nash, CGCS, has been superintendent at International since January 1984; he is a 1972 graduate of the Institute of Applied Agriculture at the University of Maryland, and he served for three years as editor of this newsletter. His combination Poa/bent greens are mowed six times a week to 3/16". Bluegrass, Poa, and ryegrass fairways are mowed three times a week to 3/4", while the rough is cut once a week to 2". Greens receive 4-3# of N per year, fairways 2#. Since Steve came to the club, he has carried out a number of improvements, including dredging

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