



# Mid-Atlantic Association of Golf Course Superintendents NEWSLETTER



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## Sept. 10 Meeting Set For Hobbits Glen

Hobbits Glen Golf Club in Columbia, Md., will host the September 10 MAAGCS meeting that includes another round of the match play championship. Bill Neus is superintendent at the Eddie Ault-designed course, which was built in 1966 and which has been the site of a number of local golf tournaments. Its front nine is fairly open, with the back nine becoming more rolling and wooded. The course has four sets of tees and stretches 7,226 yards from the blue, 6,901 from the white, 6,292 from the gold, and 5,634 from the red tees.

Bill Neus and his crew cut the Penn-cross bent greens six times a week to 3/16", the ryegrass fairways three times a week to 13/16", and rough once a week to 1 3/4". His fertilizing schedule is 5# N per year on greens, 1 3/4# N on fairways. Some 6,800 feet of cart paths have recently been installed, three new tees build, nine bunkers rebuilt, and a new snack bar, pump station, and auto-



matic tee irrigation have been added. The greens at No. 1 and No. 5 are scheduled for rebuilding this Fall.

Directions to Hobbits Glen from Baltimore are: take 70 west to Rte. 29 to Columbia, turning right at Rte. 108; go 3.2 miles to Harper's Farm Road, turn left, then take first right on Willowbottom Ave., going several blocks to club on the right. From Washington, take 495 (Beltway) to Rte. 29 north to Columbia, turn left at Rte. 108 and continue as described above.

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## President's Message

The 1985 season will be remembered as one of extremes here in the Mid-Atlantic. April was the driest ever while June was the coolest on record. Many clubs suffered from near-drought conditions at a time when nearby clubs were receiving record amounts of rainfall as thunderstorms dodged about the area. But, by now many of us are well into our annual renovation programs and can begin to look forward to cooler weather and the less intensive day-to-day pace of Fall. I think we all agree that there isn't anything much nicer than being on a golf course during the Fall months.

A special note of thanks goes to Bill Neus for organizing and to Gerry Gerard for hosting another successful family picnic. The continued growth of this annual event is testimony to its popularity.

Our September meeting will be on the 10th at Hobbits Glen with Bill Neus as our host. It's been many years since the Mid-Atlantic has met at Hobbits Glen, and I anticipate a good turnout. Remember to register by calling our office at 964-0070.

Michael J. Larsen, *President*

*It was picnic time at the Bretton Woods Recreation Center, and one of the largest groups ever of MAAGCS members and their families gathered to enjoy Chesapeake crabs, hamburgers, hot dogs, fresh corn, and tables full of homemade goodies - not to mention a few kegs of brew. At top left, host Bill Neus welcomes some new arrivals; top right, past presidents Mike McKenzie and Ben Stagg tell their latest fishing story; bottom left, there was plenty of everything, even this large a crowd; bottom right, George Renault and Mike Larsen hold an impromptu Board meeting.*

