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Regan, Kessel Win Championship Trophies



Tom Regan (l.) receives the Ruben Hines Trophy for low gross from Larry Cornell of G.L. Cornell Co., while at right, Sam Kessel is presented with the Bob Shields Trophy by Lynn Matson of the Turf Equipment and Supply Co.

The sun shone brightly and briefly as competitors in the 1986 MAAGCS Championship teed off in a shotgun start at Hidden Creek Country Club on October 14. Then the rains came. After soaking the course, the showers moved along, and play was resumed. Light rain interrupted golf from time to time, but the cloudburst hit just as most golfers had two or three holes left. Despite the flow of water across the greens, every one stuck it out, and when the soggy scorecards were handed in, Tom Regan of Bethesda Country Club had won low gross with a 79 and Sam Kessel of Country Club of Fairfax had taken low net with a 70. Respectively, they received the Ruben Hines Trophy donated by G.L. Cornell Co. and the new Bob Shields Trophy presented by TESCO.

Other prize winners were Virgil Robinson, who was second gross with 81; Joel Ratcliff, third with 82; and Jeff Yingling, fourth with 89; Tom Walsh, who took second net with 71; Steve Nash, third with 73, matching out Walter Montross, who also had 73. In the guest division, Ed Cashman won gross with a 77 and Claud Corrigan took net with 76.

Diamond Ridge Set For Nov. 11 Meeting

One of the busiest courses in the Baltimore-Washington area will be host to the November 11 meeting of the MAAGCS, and Diamond Ridge Golf Course will also be the scene of the final round of the 1986 point tournament. Diamond Ridge, which was built in 1968, was designed by architect Eddie Ault and is operated by the Baltimore County Department of Recreation and Parks; its 6,356 yards (white tees) are laid out on rolling, wooded land outside the Baltimore Beltway.

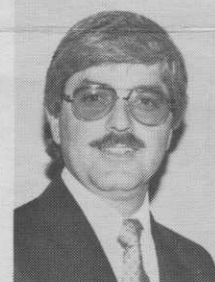
Howard Gaskill, superintendent at Diamond Ridge and the county's other two courses for the past five years, comments that a USGA Public Links Committee member has evaluated Diamond Ridge as the top public course he had played, based on standard criteria of shot value, playability, design balance, memorability, esthetics, and condition. He points out that the courses two major problems are its popularity (some 60,000 rounds a year are now played, compared to 40,000 in 1980) and its

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President's Message

Now, at last, is the time when most of us can breath a sigh of relief because the hot, dry weather is behind us and those glorious, crisp days of Fall with all the leaves in their autumn colors are here. You thought they'd never get here, didn't you?

Recently, I received a letter from an old friend and retired MAAGCS member, Alex Watson. Al wrote to let



me know that he is now classified as a Class AA Life Member by the GCSAA because of his 25 years of national membership, and his CGCS title is a permanent designation. Congratulations, Al, from everyone in the Mid-Atlantic.

A special thanks goes to Dick Gieselman, who was our host at the well-attended October meeting at his course, Hidden Creek Country Club. Our November meeting will take place at Diamond Ridge Golf Course, and Howard Gaskill will be our host. Please make sure you call our office to make reservations, and remember, we have a new telephone number, (301) 381-0030.

Jerry Gerard, *President*

Candidates Picked For December Vote

This year's Nominating Committee has presented its slate to the Board of Directors, and running for office are the following, who are to be voted on at the December 9 meeting at Green Spring Valley Hunt Club: For President, Lee Dieter; Vice President, George Renault; Secretary, Bill Neus and Ken Ingram; Treasurer, Walter Montross; three-year terms as directors, Howard Gaskill and Steve Cohoon. Nominations can also be made from the floor.