



# Mid-Atlantic Association of Golf Course Superintendents NEWSLETTER



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## October Meeting is the 14th at Hidden Creek C.C. in Reston

A testing golf course laid out over the rolling hills of Reston, Virginia, Hidden Creek Country Club will play host to the MAAGCS annual golf championship and monthly meeting on October 14. Playing to 6,450 yards from the white tees, Hidden Creek was designed by Eddie Ault in the mid-1960's and was initially known as the Country Club of Reston. After a change of ownership, however, it was renamed and has prospered ever since.

Dick Gieselman has been Hidden Creek's superintendent since December 1977; although not a native Virginian, having been born in Des Moines, Iowa, he attended W.T. Woodson High School in Fairfax and went to Louisburg Junior College and North Carolina State. He cuts his greens, which are Poa overseeded with Pennecross and Penneagle, six times a week to 3/16" and his ryegrass fairways 3 to 5 times a week to 11/64" or 3/4". Rough is cut weekly to



2", and greens receive 3-5# of N each year, primarily in the Fall. All future changes and revisions to the golf course will follow a long-range plan prepared by Ault, Clarke and Associates.

Directions to Hidden Creek Country Club are as follows: From Baltimore, take I-95 or other routes to Capital Beltway toward Virginia via Cabin John Bridge. Leave Beltway at Dulles Toll Road (Rte. 267), going west to Weihle Ave., turn right onto Weihle, then left on North Shore Drive. Turn right on Club House Dr. to Hidden Creek sign across from Lake Anne Elementary School. Directions from Washington are the same, using the Beltway to reach the

Dulles Toll Road.

Speaker for the evening is Dr. Bill Lewis of North Carolina State, who will discuss the use of Progress. The complete program for October 14 is:

Lunch – Available in clubhouse (bill back to club)

Golf – Shotgun start at 1 p.m.

Cocktails – 6:30 p.m. (cash bar)

Dinner – 7:30 p.m. (cost is \$25; coat and tie required)

Meeting – Immediately after dinner

Reservations: Call 301-964-0070 (call collect if out of area).

### LADIES NIGHT PLANNED

The annual MAAGCS Ladies Night has been set for Saturday, October 18. Social Chairman Bill Neus has arranged a trip to Charles Town race track, including dinner, and full details will go out shortly.

## Tom Regan's 69 Pads Point Lead

A subpar round of 69 at Falls Road on September 9 increased Tom Regan's lead in the 1986 point tournament, which now has but one round remaining. Regan has 38 points, well ahead of Nick Vance's 27 and Virgil Robinson's 24. In fourth place with 19½ is Tom Walsh, while George Renault is at 18½, Dave Fairbank at 16½, Ken Ingram at 13, and Grant Pensinger at 12. The final round will be played at Diamond Ridge on November 11, and four prizes will be awarded.

In open play at the September meeting, Tom Regan's 69 won low gross, followed by Virgil Robinson with 73. Steve Cohoon and Brian Finger tied for low net with 64, the latter winning the match of cards.

## President's Message

As most of you have already learned from the flyer that went out with last month's Newsletter, the Mid-Atlantic will be offering a highly interesting seminar in how to use computers in golf course management. To be held December 2 at Computer-Ease in Washington, D.C., this seminar is the result of a lot of effort on the part of our Educational Chairman, Ken Ingram, in developing a seminar that would fill the needs of those who know little about computers but want to learn as well as those who have gained some working knowledge of these energy and time-saving machines. I can't urge you strongly enough to consider attending this unusual seminar that has been tailored to our specific needs.

Our special thanks go to host Ralph Strouth for a delightful day at the September meeting held at his Falls Road Golf Course. The course featured two sharply contrasting nines, and a number of our members responded by playing excellent golf.

Next month, on the 14th, we'll be meeting at Hidden Creek Country Club with Richard Gieselman CGCS as our host. I don't believe the MAAGCS has ever been invited to Hidden Creek, so I join you in looking forward to the visit. We'll have a good golf course, a great meal, and an excellent speaker, and be sure to make your reservations in advance by calling 301-964-0070.



Jerry Gerard, *President*