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President's Message

I want to thank the membership for their support during the past year as I served as president of our association. Thanks also for the encouragement you've given me on the announcement of my nomination for national office. Serving my association has been enjoyable and rewarding to me. I appreciate the opportunity that you have given me.

My disappointment this year has been in attendance at the monthly meetings and other association functions. Your board has been doing a great job of scheduling and running an excellent program. As a member the very least you can do is support your board with your attendance and participation at these functions and activities. Let's all make a resolution to do better next year.

Remember that our election meeting is on WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 9th. Show your support by being there.



Lee Dieter, President

December Elections at Army Navy Country Club

Army Navy Country Club and Dave Fairbanks, CGCS, will host our December 9th monthly meeting. *Note that this is a Wednesday, and not our usual Tuesday.*

Army Navy's main course of 27 holes is located in Arlington, Va. and is golfing home to our country's military graduates from West Point and the Naval Academy.

Originally founded in 1924, the course measures 6472 yards from the blue championship tees and 6041 yards from the white tees. The short course (middle 9) measures 2929 from the blue tees and 2876 from the white.

The Bermuda/rye fairways are mowed to 3/4" 3 times a week and receive 3 lbs. nitrogen annually. Bermuda/rye tees receive 4 lbs. nitrogen annually and are mowed at 5/8" 3 times weekly. Those tees that are bentgrass are mowed at 3/8". Bentgrass greens are mowed 7 times/week at 5/32" and receive 3-1/2 lbs. nitrogen/year. The middle 9 greens are german bent which were vegetatively planted. Other grasses on the middle 9 are C-9 and C-19.

Our host, Dave Fairbanks, a 1959 graduate of Penn State, began his tenure as superintendent of Army Navy in January of 1973. Dave also teaches a "Turf Pests" course in the Turf Management Program at the Northern Virginia Community College — Loudoun Campus. Dave's Asst.

Supt. is Bob Wilburn. Army Navy's General Manager is LTC Joc Sims, Greens Chairman is Lt. Gen. Wallace Robinson, and Steve Tobash is the Golf Pro.

In addition to its main 27 hole course in Arlington, Army Navy boasts an 18 hole annex in Fairfax that is maintained by Superintendent Charles Mock. The club is currently renovating the interior of its Arlington clubhouse.

Golf is available after 11 a.m. and carts are free. Towels/locker room and lunch are available. Cocktails begin at 6 p.m. followed by dinner at 7 p.m. Dinner cost is \$20 and consists of prime rib, baked potato and green beans with a fruit cup and lemon mousse. Note NO CASH. RSVP to the MAAGCS hotline at (301) 381-0030.

REMEMBER, THIS IS A WEDNESDAY MEETING, not Tuesday. Also, this is an election meeting so be there. Support your association, vote!

DIRECTIONS: North I-395 to Rte. 120 (Glebe Road). North approx. 1/2 mile to 18th Street. Turn right onto 18th St. S. and follow to dead end to Club; OR George Washington Parkway to I-395 South. I-395 South to Rte. 120 (Glebe Road). North approx. 1/2 mile to 18th Street. Turn right onto 18th St. S. and follow to dead end to Club.

And The Winner Is...

In last March's issue we issued you, the members, a challenge — could you contribute a Tip of the Month or an Article of the Year. To make the challenge interesting, we offered a prize. A \$25 bond for the best tip published each month and a \$100 bond for the best Article of the Year published in 1987. Judging from the lean number of entries, our contest certainly didn't cut into the DC or Maryland Lottery business. Never the less, the winners are:

Article of the Year: We had five entries for this category and topics included selling, drains, perennials, equipment replacement and nematodes. They were all informative and best of all contributed by our members. A loud hurrah for Russell Bateman, Lester Tanner, Brian Finger, Steve Nash and Bill Neus. They took the time and effort to share with us and we are thankful. As to who wins the prize, it was a tough decision but it goes hands down to Bill Neus for "The Unseen Enemy" published in our September issue. I say hands down because of the amount of feedback it got from the members. Congratulations Bill!

Tip of the Month: This offering didn't fare so well. Disallowing the initial tip contributed by your editor to get the ball rolling, we had only two entries. Steve Nash suggested a means of avoiding the confusion that results from using both diesel and gasoline engines and Nick Vance turned worn out bedknives into serviceable trash can holders. Both deserve recognition for their time and effort. As to who gets a \$25 bond — they both do! It's a bond for the best tip of the month — not tip of the year. In short, if you submit a tip and it gets published, you get a \$25 bond.

While 5 entries for Article of the Year out of 10 issues is a respectable beginning, the fact that only two people could bother to share tips with us is rather pathetic. Come on people, this is your newsletter. We can't afford a roving reporter and the Board is certainly not going to spring for a trip to Silver Spring let alone Bermuda. Let's get creative, stop holding back and get your tips in for next year! Go for the distinction and pride of seeing your ideas in print!

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Editor

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Candidates for 2 Directors Slots Speak Out

In this issue as well as our last issue we presented the slate of candidates that are seeking election to the MAAGCS Board. These include four members, Ken Ingram, John Hoover, Mim Meier and Steve Potter, running for two directors' seats. In order to assist you in casting an informed vote, three standard questions were put to the candidates. Below are the questions followed by their responses.

Questions:

1. In your opinion, in which direction would you like to see the association heading?
2. You have just become a wizard and have the power to change any single thing within the association. What would it be and why?
3. Why would you like to become a Director of the Association?

Ken Ingram

1. I would like to see more growth and believe we could use the GCSAA as a guideline in terms of how they run the operation. While the important decisions are made by elected officials, the day-to-day time consuming operation is carried on by actual staff members, not in someone's spare time. Maybe for us it would mean a part or full time one person staff. Of course, we need more money to undertake such a venture; but I believe we could tap into the commercial money available to cover the cost.

2. Our reservation system for meetings is not working. At my meeting at Columbia Country Club, I had reservations for 70

and 129 showed up — an overflow of 84%! There have been many cases like this and not only does it create mass confusion, it also reflects badly on our association. We need to come up with something better, be it an automatic reservation and payment unless you cancel or a computerized phone call checking on a reservation — something needs to be done.

3. I've worked in both the Baltimore and Washington areas. There are good people in both and I believe I have a feel for both areas. I've supported the association in many ways, including regular attendance at meetings for the past 6-7 years.

John Hoover

1. In my opinion, I would like to see the Association continue to promote the professionalism and educational standards of the golf course superintendent.

2. If I had the power to change one thing within the association, I would do away with any feeling of division. With this removed, we could work together as a complete group to set higher goals and achieve greater things for the profession of the superintendent.

3. As a member I feel it is my obligation to help the association achieve the goals set by past and present board members. I feel the work done by the Board is very important, but time consuming, and at this point in my career, I have time to dedicate to the works of the association.

James Meier, CGCS

1. In my opinion the direction the association should be moving is more toward news coverage. When events are held like the Kemper, we should strive to get news coverage of the men behind the scenes. Not only supers, but the crew also. There should be coverage of everyday life on courses from the small ones to the largest.

2. The single thing with the association I would change would most likely be to run the association like the PGA. They seem to get the salaries for their men in the clubs they want to.

3. I'd like to become a director to see if I can handle more responsibility and possibly help out.

Steve Potter

1. I would like to see the MAAGCS head towards a goal of unity. I feel it is important that we continue to grow as a singular group. It troubles me that we make geographic distinctions, particularly between Baltimore and Washington. I hope the time will come when the only concern given to voting on candidates and policies is how they will benefit the association as a whole.

2. As a wizard, I would enable the MAAGCS to employ an executive director, at least part time to handle such tasks

as coordinating and getting out the newsletter; monthly meeting arrangements; coordination with the National on general info, certification, convention; and the day to day operation such as mailings, membership rosters, etc.

3. I would like the opportunity to give back some of my time and efforts to the association. I have climbed the ladder of professionalism at my club to the point where I am seen as the director of golf course management at Woodholme, not just a greenskeeper. This is, in part, due to my affiliation with a professional organization, the MAAGCS, and I am grateful.

On the Tee . . .

Well, what do you think of that little white surprise we had last Wednesday? I'm beginning to think that we complained a little too loudly about this past summer and good old mother nature decided to show just what she can do when she sets her mind to it. Perhaps we should offer up a meaningful sacrifice. How about every first born male assistant super? Any volunteers?

For those of you who are looking forward to the winter — aren't we all — and particularly snow, snow, snow, join us on our 2nd Annual Ski Trip to Bryce. It's great fun and the price can't be beat, \$32/person for lodging and \$12/day for lift tickets. If you've never skied before and want to try it, this is the time!

Items to remember are our December Meeting which will be held on WEDNESDAY, Dec. 9th. Remember, it's WEDNESDAY, not the usual Tuesday. Mark your calendar and be there, it's MAAGCS election night and to borrow a phrase, voting's a duty not a privilege.

Also, I highly recommend the one day GCSAA regional seminar "The Assistant Superintendent: Functions & Responsibilities" being offered in conjunction with the Virginia Turfgrass Conference on January 18th at the Richmond Marriott. Take advantage of it, whether you are an assistant or a super.

I will have to admit that so far the response to the newsletter survey has not been overwhelming. In fact the data indicates that it is either absolute perfectionism or you don't really give a damn about it. The first assumption is highly unlikely given the old dictum that you can't please all of the people all of the time. That leaves us with the second assumption which is rather pathetic. When you can imagine how difficult it is to pull an article out of them.

If you are aware of a member not receiving our mailing, please let us know — in writing please so there's no confusion on the address.

Since this is our last issue until next year, I will take this opportunity to wish you and yours a very safe and happy holiday season!

Regional Seminar — January 18, 1988

GCSAA is presenting a regional seminar in conjunction with the Virginia Turfgrass Conference to be held Jan. 18th at the Richmond Marriot Hotel. While the one day seminar entitled "The Assistant Superintendent: Functions & Responsibilities" is self explanatory, there will be heavy emphasis on communications — a skill we could all stand to improve. Instructors for the course are Mary T. Rau, a communications training consultant, and Bruce R. Williams, CGCS, superintendent at Bob O'Line Golf Club and a former teacher. Their combined experience should provide a fresh approach into the principles of managing people, something we all do day in and day out, whether you're an assistant or a super. Take advantage of the opportunity. Register now with GCSAA. For more info call 1-800-472-7878.



Houston in 1988 is not news to anyone. But what may be news is that the 59th International Golf Course Conference and Show is expected to draw more than 13,000 people from around the world. Attendance is expected to break even those records set at the Phoenix Convention last year.

For those of you who would like to know the numbers, Phoenix offered more than 350 hours of instruction presented by 150 instructors, with 29 educational seminars offering continuing education units. More than 300 commercial exhibitors displayed their wares in over 300,000 sq. ft. of convention floor space. The 1988 Houston event holds promises of even more.

Jim Tunney, perhaps best recognized as #32 in his NFL referee uniform will be the keynote speaker. He has had the honor of refereeing three Super Bowls and is the only referee to officiate consecutive Super Bowls. Tunney is a widely recognized consultant and professional speaker. Having been awarded the prestigious CPAE award from the National Speakers Assn., he promises to hold our attention.

Legendary golfer Gene Sarazen has been selected to receive GCSAA's Old Tom Morris Award. Sarazen is the sixth recipient of the award, one of golf's most

prestigious. He joins Arnold Palmer, Bob Hope, Gerald Ford, Patty Berg and Robert Trent Jones, Sr. in this distinction.

Sarazen was the first of only four men to win all four of golf's major events. In addition to being the 1935 Masters Champion and the 1932 British Open victor, Sarazen won the U.S. Open twice and the PGA Championship three times. At 85, he continues to be actively involved in promoting golf and working with the Sarazen Scholars at Siena College. The award will be presented to Sarazen on February 8, 1988, at the closing banquet.

Speaking of the closing banquet, it will feature the comedy duo the Smothers Brothers — Tom and Dick and their old sibling rivalry. I wonder if their mother really did like Dick better?

On the serious side, National candidates include John Sequi, CGCS (Waynesborough Country Club, Pa.) for President; for Vice President: Gerald L. Faubel, CGCS (Saginaw Country Club, Mich.) and Dennis D. Lyon, CGCS (City of Aurora, Golf Div., Colo.); and our own Lee Dieter among 6 candidates nominated for three director spots.

Mid-Atlantic's Hospitality Suite — Turfgrass '88

On Monday evening, January 4, 1988, the Mid-Atlantic A.G.C.S. will sponsor a reception for all Mid-Atlantic members, their wives, Turfgrass '88 speakers and guests. The reception will be held from 8-10 p.m. in the Mid-Atlantic hospitality suite in the Sheraton Hotel. As always, the suite will be open on Sunday, Monday and Tuesday evenings.

Repeat for Skiers!

For those of you who missed last year's Mid-Atlantic Ski trip, be sure to get in on this years! Once again, it is being held at Bryce Resort, a mere 2 hours from Washington. The slopes range from easy to difficult and are great for those of us who enjoy skiing but don't want anything death defying. It's perfect for beginners and kids.

If you didn't get a flier with all the details, contact Steve Nash now at work (703) 968-7090 or at home (703) 378-4790. To rehash, dates are Feb. 17 & 18; cost is \$80 per person and includes one night lodging, lift tickets both days, step in rental equipment and one group lesson. Lodging involves a 2 bedroom (one king and 2 singles) townhouse with full kitchen and is shared among 4 people. Bring your own food and your own bottle. Note that while dining facilities are available, there are no child care services. Your reservation with payment must be in to Steve

Nash by December 12th.

Remember to wear warm, waterproof clothing. I speak from experience, it's no fun skiing when you're cold and wet! While rental clothing is not available at Bryce, many local ski shops do carry it.

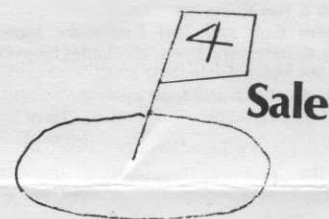
Those of us who went on last years' trip enjoyed it thoroughly, the fresh powder that greeted us both days, the impromptu cocktail party, dinner and most of all sitting around the lodge nursing our sore muscles and trying to one up each other on spills taken. Don't miss the fun!

Job Opening

Assistant Golf Course Superintendent. To assist and replace Superintendent retiring within the year. This future key man must be strong in organizational and administrative skills to handle 18 hole golf course, club grounds and \$250k budget. Located on the Eastern Shore of Maryland with an automated irrigation system and plans for new course development by Lindsay Ervin. Two year Turf Management degree required with 5 years course experience preferred. Mechanical abilities a plus. Excellent benefit package including housing, vehicle, dues, etc. Salary negotiable. Please send resume with salary history to Marcel Belisle, General Manager, Talbot Country Club, R.R. #4, Box 420, Easton, Maryland 2160.

It's A Girl!

Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Tom Knoll on the arrival of their new daughter, Katie May Knoll. Tom is Superintendent at Chantilly C.C.



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Dates Worth Remembering

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January 4-6, 1988, Maryland Turfgrass Conference & Trade Show, Baltimore, MD. Dr. Tom Turner, (301) 454-3716.

January 18-21, 1988, Virginia Turfgrass Conference & Trade Show, Richmond Marriott. Dr. Jack Hall, (703) 951-1527.

February 1-8, 1988, 59th International Golf Course Conference & Show

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