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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!