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President's Message

Our fifteenth annual Superintendent-Professional Tournament is now history, congratulations to Bob Orazi and John Haines of Hunt Valley Country Club, the winners of the Clare Emery Trophy. Mother Nature didn't co-operate, but we're used to that aren't we? We all finished after a brief rain delay and had an enjoyable social hour and dinner with our partners in the Golf Business. Thanks again to Chestnut Ridge and our host Mark Bertoldi.

Our June Meeting will feature a different format, after a morning meeting we will have lunch and then have a shotgun start for our golf. We're trying this at the request of our host James Kelley and the Green Hill Yacht and Country Club, let's show them we care with a big turn out. I'm sure that we'll see a lot of our friends from the Eastern Shore there. Try the different format and get home early or stay and eat some crabs and enjoy some of that great shore hospitality.

The problem of accurately predicting how many of our members and guests will attend our meetings and play golf continues to plague us. When we have to guess the attendance we have situations that cost the Association money and misunderstandings with our hosts. Please remember to call in your reservation to the office. Thanks!

Lee Dieter, *President*



June Meeting . . .

Greenhill and Bald Eagles

If you're a wildlife lover, strap your binoculars onto your golf bag when setting out for the June 9th meeting. Jim Kelley, our host for the June meeting at Greenhill Yacht & Country Club advises that the course is abundant with wildlife and it's not uncommon to catch a glimpse of a Bald Eagle or Osprey along the river and marsh areas.

Located on the scenic Wicomico River seven miles west of Salisbury, Maryland, Greenhill is a par 72 course measuring 6511 yards from the white tees and 6798 from the blues. Although predominantly flat, the course does offer some rolling terrain interspersed with eight ponds and a series of ditches and waterways that lead down to the Wicomico River.

Arriving at Greenhill in 1982 after graduating from the University of Maryland Institute of Applied Agriculture, Jim assumed the superintendency in 1985. Originally from northern California and the state of Washington, Jim settled in Maryland in the early 70's and he and his wife have a 20 month old son. Prior

experience includes Columbia Country Club and Maryland Golf and Country Club. Living on the Wicomico River, bird-watching, needless to say, is a favorite diversion along with canoeing, fishing and hiking.

The greens at Greenhill Yacht & Country Club are primarily bentgrass and are small in size. They are cut at 3/16" four to five times a week and receive 5 lbs/n per year. The Bluegrass/Bermuda teens are cut at 3/4" three times a week and fed 3.5 lbs/n annually. The fairways, comprised of Bermuda/Poa receive 4 lbs/n each year and are cut at 5/8" three times each week. As mentioned above, the area is abundant with wildlife. Coupled with its peaceful serenity, we should enjoy a relaxing but interesting day of golf.

Greenhill was originally a 9 hole course built in the 1920's by Lou White's father. Lou followed in his Dad's footsteps. Lou retired in 1985 after 20 years service. It is interesting to note that some old time records from Greenhill show that the going rate for a superintendent in the early 30's was 12½ cents an hour. That's right — \$.12½/hour! An additional 9 holes were added in 1956 by then superintendent Russ Kerns.

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'88 SCHEDULE

The following clubs and hosts deserve recognition for scheduling 1988 MAAGCS functions. If you are contemplating hosting an upcoming meeting, plan on the 1989 season. While this may seem a bit far off, the advance scheduling allows for easier access to top notch speakers and a well rounded and improved educational program. You can take pride in your continued support and participation.

Requests or suggestions for educational topics/speakers are always welcome and should be forwarded to Steve Cohoon. We will make the complete educational program available at a later date.

March 8 — Reston G.C., Lentz Wheeler, host

April 12 — Brooke Manor G.C., John Johns, host

May 10 — Green Spring Valley, Grant Pensinger, host

June 14 — Pine Ridge G.C., Kevin Pryseski, host

July 12 — Kenwood C.C., Deane Graves, host

August 9 — Hobbits Glenn G.C., Bill Neus, host

September 13 — Penderbrook G.C., Steve Cohoon, host

October 11 — River Bend C.C., Tony Goodley, host

November 8 — Bethesda C.C., Tom Regan, host

December 13 — Turf Valley C.C., Bill Blackert, host

Golf Results . . . April

Our April 14 meeting at Redgate GC in Rockville was a resounding success. 44 players — 27 superintendents and 17 guests — enjoyed the weather and a good game. Results were: Low gross — Nick Vance with a 77; 2nd gross — Bob Orazi, 78; 3rd gross — Tom Regan, 80. Low net — Steve Potter, 69; 2nd net — John Tutich, 74; 3rd net — Grant Pensinger, 74.

Guest Categories: Low gross — Jack Montecalvo, 77; 2nd gross — Herb Carter, 82; Low net — Greg Baylor, 68; 2nd net — Jack Hewitt, 74.