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From left to right: George Renault, Steve Cohoon, Bill Neus, Nick Vance (standing), Lee Dieter, Gerry Gerard (standing), Tom Regan, Steve Nash, Lester Tanner, Virgil Robinson and Walter Montross (missing).

1987 Golf Roundup

by Nick Vance

With the 1987 golf season just around the corner and all of us thinking about the work we have at our respective courses, I would like to give everyone a quick look at the schedule we have for this year.

To start with, I would like to congratulate all of the individual winners from the Mid-Atlantic who participated in the National Tournament in Tucson in January.

In the RED Flight, George Renault won 2nd low net and Ken Braun won 5th low gross. In the GREEN Flight, Dave Kroll won 9th low gross, and last but certainly not least, the Mid-Atlantic #2 team (George Renault, Steve Cohoon, Ken Braun and Nick Vance) won 2nd low net.

At this time I would like to thank our membership for the support given to our teams by way of the 50/50. This money helps offset some of the expenses while we are at the tournament and I know all of the participants are grateful. THANK YOU.

With a good start like we had in Tucson, we would really like to keep the ball rolling back home by getting a lot of support with our own golf program. Our program is only as good as the participation we receive. If it doesn't work, we have no one to blame but ourselves. If you don't like something we are doing, let us know. The golf committee is very receptive to new or different ways to make golf a major part of our program.

To start the year off at Fredericksburg Country Club in March, we would like to have our own Skins Game. In order for

this to work, we need you to play. It would help the scoring team tremendously. The price for the Skins tournament will be \$5.00 and all prize money will be used for prizes for that day.

Starting in April we will start our Point Tournament. This year we will change the scoring around a little. Last year we gave more points to low gross than we did to low net. After seeing this done one year, the golf committee feels the tournament will be more competitive if we give more points to low net. We will start with first low net getting 10 points and have 10th place getting 1 point. Low gross will get 7 points and 7th will get 1 point.

The reason for the change is the low gross prize is usually won by one of about 5 players. On the other hand, low net can and usually is won by a number of players, therefore the points are distributed more among the participants. Our goal is to try to make things fun and keep them competitive.

Also starting in April, we are going to start our qualifications for the MET tournament to be held in October. When we received our invitation last year we had only once chance to qualify and we did not have much time to prepare and select a team. This year I would like to hear from anyone who would like to compete in the tournament. I will put their names on the qualification list and we will pick the 6 best to represent us in Long Island. We will use the 3 best scores from our April, June, July and September meetings. That gives anyone a chance to qualify and should give us a good team to send up there. This tournament is open to all members so sign up early.

I will have information on our Supt.-Pro and Annual Meeting in the next issues. Have a good season.

Tip of the Month . . .

Little over a year ago I quit smoking. One reason among many that I didn't kick the habit sooner was that whenever I tried to do without in the summer, the gnats, flies, and mosquitoes almost carried me away. So I would light another one, puff, and buy myself a temporary reprieve.

But I was determined to quit and finally found a solution to my summer-time pests — Vitamin B. A complete (all the various B's combined) vitamin B tablets once a day and the bugs no longer find me a sweet treat. They may buzz inches from my face but they no longer get in my eyes, up my nose, or suck my blood. Occasionally one may land but he doesn't stay.

Maryland Turfgrass Conference '87

In past years, the Maryland Turfgrass Conference lived up to every expectation. While the switch from banquet to luncheon format was well received, this year's conference left many confused and muttering under their breath. The reduced accessibility of the trade show was a major drawback and fueled the concerns of a number of distributors.

If you were one of those disgruntled attendees, please pass on your comments to Dr. Tom Turner at the University of Maryland or to the MAAGCS for forwarding. This conference is a worthwhile regional event and certainly deserves our input and support.