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Golf Results

by Nick Vance

Following are the golf results for the July 14th meeting and up-to-date golf totals. 57 started. 32 finished.

Low Gross: Nick Vance, 76; Mark Bertoldi, 76; Tom Regan, 77. Low Net: Ken Graun, 66; Don Dietrich, 66; Grant Pensinger, 71.

Guest — Low Gross: Doc Sanzaro, 76; John Terminella, 77. Low Net: Harry Fridley, 71; Dick Riche, 73.

Points after 3 months with September and November to go are as follows:

1. Nick Vance, 25; 2. Tom Regan, 19; 3. Bob Orazi, 18; 4. Grant Pensinger, 15½; 5. George Renault, 15; 6. Steve Potter, 14½; 7. Wally Whetzel, 12; 8. Howard Gaskil, 10; 9. Ken Ingram, 10; 10. Jim Kelly, 9.

For September's meeting, we will add a little to our monthly tournament by having a four ball match. We will be using the Stableford Point System for the day so you can get your teams together ahead of time if you wish. I will need to know by Friday, September 4th, who will be playing so we can work out tee times.

The Stableford Point System works as follows: players will receive 0 points for a double bogey; 2 points for a par; 4 points for a birdie and; 10 points for an eagle. Quota needed for each player will depend on your handicap. Please try to let me know ahead of time if you are playing so I can work with the pro shop to set up the tournament.

With our annual tournament coming up in October, those of you who have not obtained USGA handicaps still have time to do so. There is no reason why all of us should not be able to present a card at the tournament to verify our handicaps.

On the Tee . . .

By now everyone should have received their 1987 Mid-Atlantic Association Golf Course Superintendents Membership Directory and By-Laws. If you haven't, or you recognize a typo of some nature, please advise a Board member of the correction needed to update this directory. Hopefully this booklet will prove helpful in locating members or those needed suppliers in a hurry. We'd like to thank those suppliers who placed advertising and supported the publication. Hopefully some time will be spent reading the By-Laws of the Association, and reviewing the Code of Ethics. Both are located in the back of the directory.

Some GIANT strides have been taken by most of the membership to RSVP for golf and/or dinner. To those, our thanks for taking time to assist your fellow Superintendent. It's pretty tough coordinating when some of us can't take the time or can't plan the time far enough in advance to RSVP. For those who forget once in a while, make a better effort. For those who can't ever remember — Take a second or two and read the Code of Ethics again. Before arriving on another Superintendent's golf course, we are to announce our intentions and call upon the Superintendent. Now try to remember to call (301) 381-0030. Your help is needed, and expected — at least 72 hours could really be helpful.

On September 17, you are invited to an equipment demonstration at Buck Whetsell's Twin Lakes Golf Course. More information will be made available from Buck at the September 8th meeting. Or you may call Buck at (703) 941-5000.

GCSAA recently mailed a news release announcing the stream of "Early Bird" registrations being processed weekly. More than 7,000 packets were mailed to the membership by late July. In order to take advantage of discounts, preference in available seating at the banquet or just being able to take the seminar offered before it fills, beat the September 15 deadline!

Contributions and donations have made possible the establishment of the Robert Trent Jones Endowment Fund. The \$50,000 initial funding level was raised through Mr. Jones' own personal gift, and those of friends and associates. Jones, now 81 years old, is well renowned for his architectural design of some of the world's most famous golf courses. Greatly honored by the endowment fund, Mr. Jones commented, "We can build the greatest golf courses in the world, but if they are not properly maintained, they are nothing. To golf course superintendents around the world I owe a great debt, and every architect in America owes a great debt. We can only continue to provide these great facilities with well educated professionals to maintain them.

That education does not come easily to all and must be supported by every aspect of this industry." President Donald E. Hearn, CGCS, made the announcement saying, "We have never before made this kind of commitment with any one person or even any single organization. The Florida GCSA contributed \$2,000 to the Jones Endowment, 'over and above' their annual scholarship and research donation. It was only fitting and proper to make such announcement during the PGA Championship in Florida."

It's too bad the PGA doesn't heed Mr. Jones words of wisdom. As evidenced in their promo spot televised during the same championship, the "pro's" do it all, from walking the course every morning for playability, to advising their greens committee of pin and tee placement. Golly gee, I feel like the invisible man!

For those of you interested, Bill Neus at Hobbits Glen will be demonstrating the Floyd McKay Aerifier beginning August 31st on the course. Bill has also recorded, and is making available, a VHS video demonstrating this machine and the Verti-Drain, which has only been commercially available the past 60 days. Since he is willing to lend this out, other area super's trying out this equipment later in September might want to get in touch with Bill at (301) 730-5962.



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