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BROOKE MANOR APRIL 12 MEETING

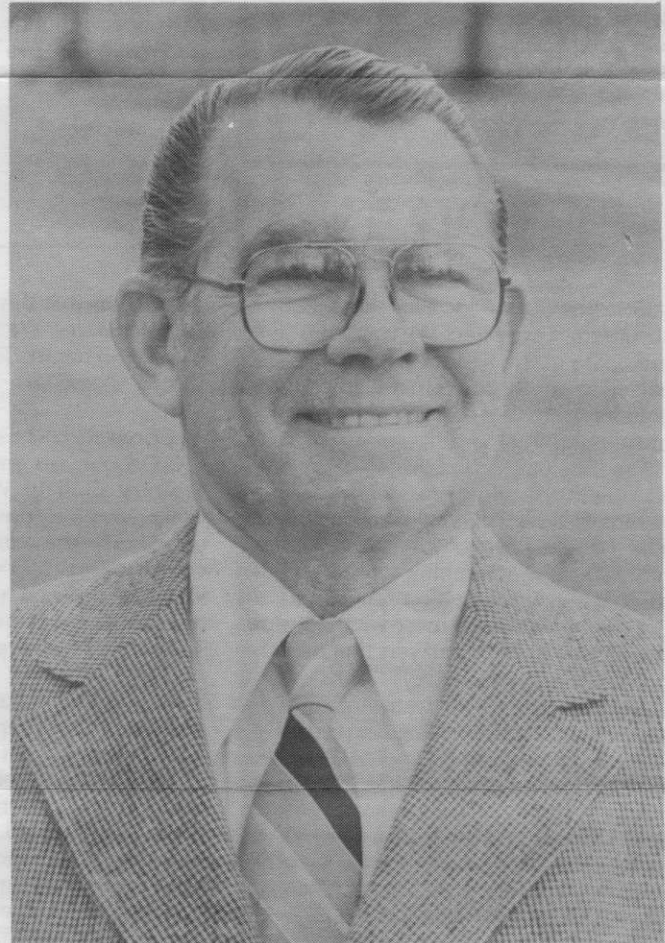
Brooke Manor, the Johns family and the entertainment business are all intertwined. The property called Brooke Manor has been in the Johns family since 1925 when it was purchased by Mr. Brooke Johns. For forty years he was involved in the entertainment business as a musician, song writer and singer. He performed in the Ziegfield Follies with some of the great names in the business such as Eddie Cantor, Fannie Brice, Al Jolson and W.C. Fields. A close personal friend was the Prince of Wales. Brooke Johns passed away last year, three weeks short of his birthday at the age of 93.

Mr. Johns was approached about building a course by architect, Alfred Tull, builder, Frank Murray and the pro at Manor Country Club, Dewey Rickets. The property was developed into a golf course in 1950. The family ran the course for the first five years and then leased it for twenty five years to F.O. Day and Clagget Stevens. Course operation was again taken over by the family in 1980. At that time, Mr. John Johns took over the dual role of General Manager and Superintendent of the golf course. Club operation is run as a family partnership involving the whole family.

John graduated in 1952 from the University of Maryland School of Law and served in the Coast Guard. For ten years he owned and operated Olney Contractors and is a licensed real estate broker. His experience in the field of golf dates back to 1949 when he worked under Jocko Miller as assistant caddy master at Congressional. John became a member of the Mid-Atlantic in 1984 and has deep regard for the association and its members.

The family plans to operate the current facility through the 1989 season. The course has been sold to developers who plan to continue operation of a golf facility on the site, perhaps as a nine hole regulation or an eighteen hole executive course.

The meeting presents an opportunity to visit and play the Brooke Manor course. It also offers us all an excellent chance to learn. John operates his course with three full time and five part time employees and only spends less than half as much on the maintenance of his course as the average private club does. Perhaps we can pick up a couple of cost cutting measures that will apply to our operation. He uses a pre-emergence crabgrass control on his greens, tees, and aprons only. The spray program is on a control basis and just the greens are treated. The fairways were overseeded with perennial ryegrass in 1982 and the tees are seeded every Fall. The irrigation system furnishes water to the greens only with a manual system. The cutting heights are greens $3/16"$, tees and aprons $1/2"$, and fairways are cut at $3/4"$. The Brooke Manor course measures 6117 yards from the white tees, has a par of 68.5 and a slope of 115. The course will be open to our members for tee times from noon to 2:00. Lunch is available at the club and may be charged to your club or paid for in cash. Cocktails will be served from 6:00 to 7:00 and dinner will be served at 7:00, the meal will be \$20.00. Please remember to call (301) 381-0030 with your reservation. Golf and dinner or dinner only.



John Johns, our host.

RESERVATIONS
(301) 381-0030

DIRECTIONS: The club may be reached from the Washington Beltway (495) by taking the Georgia Avenue exit (Rt. 97) North. Go 8.3 miles to Bachlor Forest Road, make a left U turn here, then the first right turn on the service road, proceed to the club entrance.

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GOLF

by Tom Regan, CGCS

Our first outing for 1988 was a better turnout than expected. We had 23 golfers participate in the first tournament of the year held at Reston Golf Club. Lentz Wheeler is to be commended on the course condition.

The "Big Guy" from Hagerstown, Mr. Jeff Yingling, was low gross winner with a smooth 79. Russ Bateman, who has vowed to be a threat all year, was the net winner with a 71. Carl Schoening won the affiliate/guest category with a fine round of 85. Congratulations to these winners, plus a thank you to all the players that participated in the tournament.

The first round of the point tournament started at this meeting. The results to date are: 10 points, Jeff Yingling; 9 points, Russ Bateman; 8 points, Nick "Sandbag" Vance; 7 points, Tom Regan; 7 points, Steve Cohoon; 6 points, Ron Hawkins; 6 points, Ken Ingram; 5 points, George Renault; 5 points, Ben Stagg; All other participants received 2 points.

Our next golf outing will be held at Brooke Manor. A skins match, plus the point tournament is scheduled. Everyone's Poa should be looking pretty good by then, so let's have a good turnout. Remember to make reservations. (301) 381-0030.

Thanks again to our host, Lentz Wheeler and his staff for an excellent afternoon of golf and a great meal.

Now is the time to get your partner in golf, the Professional at your club, lined up for our Superintendent-Professional tournament. The event will be held on May 10 at Green Spring Valley. A flyer will follow. Get your reservation in early. We expect a full field. Check with your pro and sign up!

President's Message

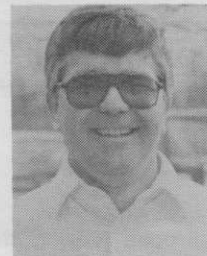
What a nice warm March day for our meeting at Reston Country Club. The weather certainly did cooperate and Lentz Wheeler did a marvelous job as our host.

Congratulations to the membership! Dinner attendance at Reston was right on the mark with the RSVP's called in. This is a major milestone for our first meeting. A situation which I hope becomes a habit since it reflects very favorably on the MAAGSC.

Upcoming events that are worthy of note include the Superintendent/Professional Tournament to be held the second Tuesday in May (May 10th) at Green Spring Valley Hunt Club. Mark your calendar now and get your partner lined up.

One of the areas of our association that I — and you — should take great pride in is the educational opportunities it offers. With a guest speaker at each and every meeting, the MAAGSC provides a monthly forum for increased educational opportunities. This benefit is not only available to you, but also to anyone you would like to bring along — your greens chairman, professional, or any club official. We need to take more advantage of this forum to develop public relations within the golfing community. Unless they are educated, they often misunderstand or can't understand the intricacies of our profession. The more understanding they have, the better cooperation we'll have. Take greater advantage of this — bring along your club official!

George Renault, President



Relocations

It seems that this has been the season of job changes. We thought you'd like to know who has made a career change this Spring. These are the ones we know about.

Congratulations to Tony Goodley, C.G.C.S. on his move to Cook Creek Country Club in Wrightsville, Pennsylvania. Tony's responsibilities will include overseeing the construction of a new course called Heritage Hill Country Club located between York and Lancaster. (The two Clubs are about eight miles apart.) Tony will be in charge of the maintenance of both facilities. Reports back from Pennsylvania are that you can actually hire people for maintenance work and that the hunting is great!

Joe Emanuel is off and running as they say in horse country, and that's exactly where he's headed. Joe has accepted the Superintendents position at the Lexington Country Club in Lexington, Kentucky. We all had a chance to say goodbye to Joe at the Reston Meeting. He knows we wish him all the best and, "have a good season, Joe."

John Laake, C.G.C.S., formerly of the Columbus Country Club, Columbus, Ohio has moved to our area as the Superintendent of the River Bend Country Club in Great Falls, Virginia. "Welcome to the Mid-Atlantic, John." Many of you will remember John when he was campaigning for GCSAA office, he visited with us at our turf conference. Many of us got to know John and were proud to support him in his election bid.

Dean Zeller has joined Lentz Wheeler at the Reston Golf Course as his assistant. "Glad to have you back in Virginia, Dean."

Chestnut Ridge Country Club has announced the appointment of Gary Crone as Superintendent. Gary was with the Baltimore City Courses.

Gerry Girard, our Past President and friendly bi-annual picnic host, has been offered and accepted the position of General Manager of the Bretton Woods Recreation Center where he has served as Superintendent since graduating from the turf program at the University in 1968. "Good luck in your new career, Gerry." We are pleased to announce that Gerry is accepting applications for the Golf Course Superintendents position at his club.

Milford Country Club, Sparrows Point Country Club, Crofton Country Club and Bretton Woods Recreation Area have all recently advertised for Superintendents. The Mid-Atlantic was pleased to help them with our employment referral service. Sparrows Point has announced their selection, Kevin Pryseski, formerly with the Baltimore City Courses as Superintendent at Pine Ridge, is their new Superintendent.

Dick Geiselman is working with Bob Brock of Golf Course Specialists as the Superintendent of the Rock Creek Golf Course.

Promotions at the Baltimore City courses include: Michael Gilmore, Superintendent Mount Pleasant; Michael Bull, Superintendent Clifton Park; Phil Plaskowitz, Superintendent Carroll Park, and Tom Cassat moves to Pine Ridge. All of the changes have left some openings for assistants. Anyone interested should contact Russell Bateman.

Education Notes

by Steve Cohoon

As the spring begins to approach and the days begin to warm up, all of God's creatures begin to stir. Not the least of which are the insects.

Insects can cause severe damage on fine turfgrass areas when not held in check. To help the turf manager in his war on insects, the MAAGCS presents Dr. Lee Helman as our guest speaker for the April 12th meeting at Brooke Manor.

Dr. Helman is an entomologist with the University of Maryland at College Park. He has given many lectures to local associations like ours, and is a very entertaining speaker. This month he will concentrate on nematodes, a problem that seems to have come into the limelight recently. Dr. Helman will show us how to identify the symptoms, and control the pest, to help us achieve our goal of beautiful turf.

The meeting promises to be interesting and informative so make your reservations today by calling (301) 381-0030.

1988 MAAGCS Schedule

Date	Location/Host	Speaker/Topic
April 12	Brooke Manor CC John Johns	Dr. Lee Hellman Nematodes
May 10	Green Spring Valley Grant Pensinger	Supt./Pro Tournament TBA
June 14	Pine Ridge GC Thomas Cassat	Dr. Joseph Vargas
July 12	Kenwood CC Dean Graves	EPA Official EPA Regulations & Operations
August 9	Hobbits Glen GC William Neus	Picnic
September 13-15	VPI Field Days Drs. Schmidt, Hall & Chalmers	Tournament, Research, Category 2 Recertification
September 13	Penderbrook GC Steven Cohoon	Kenneth Wagner Pond Water Management
October 11	Tentative	John Segui, GCSAA President, Certification
November 8	Bethesda CC Thomas Regan	Stanley Zontec, USGA Winter Play

New Members

Name	Business	Title	Class
Mark Douglas	Montclair CC	Superintendent	B
Andrew J. Coz	Chantilly CC	Assistant Supt.	D
Ronald D. Hawkins	East Potomac Park GC	Superintendent	A
Jay Greenstone	Hillendale CC	Assistant Supt.	D
Michael Layle	O.M. Scotts	Executive Tech. Rep.	F
Mark Waltz	Towson Golf & CC	Assistant Supt.	D
Robert Earl DeHaven	Millwood CC	Superintendent	D
Steven R. Wilson	Springfield CC	Assistant Supt.	D
Paul Brandon	Mid-Atlantic Equip. Co.	Sales Manager	F
Thomas A. Tuttle	Penderbrook GC	Student	C
James F. Adams	Hobbits Glen GC	Student	C
Robert Clark Collins	Manor CC	Assistant Supt.	D
Michael A. Weinmann	Cripple Creek Golf & CC	Assistant Supt.	D
Tod Cowling	T.E.S.C.O.	Sales Rep. Irrig.	F
Wayne Brissey	Cheasapeake Hill CC	Superintendent	B
James Darrel Owens	Sterling Park GC	Superintendent	D
Thomas Mynaugh	Turf Valley CC	Grounds Technician	D
Ray Finch	Finch Golf & Turf Co.	Vice President	F
Peter Furey	Twin Lakes GC	Park Manager-Supt.	B
John Gleason	Germantown CC	Superintendent	B
Jay Shideler	Germantown CC	Assistant Supt.	D

Our Sympathy . . .

Is extended to the family of Vince Triplett who passed away on the fifteenth of February after a long battle with cancer. Please remember him and his family in your prayers. Vince had worked at the Elkridge Club for Bill Wright from the age of fifteen. When Bill retired, Vince became the Superintendent. He was thirty-eight when he died. All of his friends in the Mid-Atlantic will miss him.

April's Alluring Allusions

by Walter C. Montross

Now that spring is right around the corner, I sit and reflect on last year with an eye towards the next few months. The following are a few observations:

1) The national GCSAA conference was excellent; the educational sessions and trade show were well done. One thought to the National: I cannot see or do it all in 9-10 days now; how much bigger do we need to be? I had a chance to serve our association as a voting delegate this year (first time and last, not my cup of tea!). Politics is fascinating at any level and I have a higher respect for the system than before. Congratulations to the winners.

2) Maintaining a poorly installed and designed tennis bubble is equivalent to combatting a pythium outbreak over the 4th of July weekend. How did I get conned into this and what's next, the pool?

3) Two agronomic notes: The performances of Apron-treated seed can be lessened significantly if you have 4" of rain after seeding, coupled with high temperatures and humidity. If you are on a Prograss program and skip a year following drill seeding, a lot of Poa annua will come back. Yes, Mr. Green Chairman, it was a tough summer.

4) How do we compete for quality help when the unemployment levels are below 2% and pizza delivery personnel make \$10.00 per hour?

5) I sincerely hope attendance at our monthly meetings increases. There is no doubt that, besides the comradery, I have learned more new and innovative ideas from you, my peers, than all the data gleaned at regional and national meetings combined. To quote a friend and mentor, "You only get out of an association what you put into it." For those who do not regularly attend, come see what it's all about.

6) I wonder what the new turf devastator will be this year. The region has seen June Beetle Grubs, nematodes, resistant diseases, black layer, etc. It really makes you look forward to another normal summer in Washington, D.C.

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