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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 lets 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 MAAAGSC.

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 MAAAGSC 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 Prysieski, 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.