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## KENWOOD COUNTRY CLUB, SITE OF JULY 12 MEETING

The Kenwood Golf and Country Club was founded in 1928. It has been owned and operated by the Chamberlin family since the beginning. Mr. Ashbey Chamberlin is presently involved in the club operation as was his father Donald before him. The Superintendent of the golf course is our fellow member Dean Graves, the General Manager is Carlos Puga, and the Golf Professional is Rod Thompson. It is run as a private club with 2,200 members, 500 of these are golfing members. There are eighteen holes of golf, eight bowling alleys, eighteen tennis courts (four indoor, eleven Har-Tru, and three all weather), a diving and a racing pool, and full club house facilities. The tight 5808 yard course is built on only 87 acres of the club's modest 107 acre total.

Dean Graves, our host, has been at the club for the past four years. The club has been involved in a major face lifting during this period. A master plan by Rees Jones includes new and redesigned bunkers, as well as mounding and a few tee changes. Nine holes are nearing completion.

The maintenance of the course includes the mowing of the greens seven days a week at 9/64 of an inch with wylie rollers and turf groomers on a Toro Greens Master 3000. The greens are toppedressed about every three weeks. Dean is a believer in deep tine aeryfication and Scotts TGR product. His "Rolling Tees" as he calls them, are mowed two or three times a week at 9/16. The fairways are mowed two or three times a week at 11/16 of an inch. His fertilization varies from year to year; the average nitrogen application is two and a half pounds for greens, and three for tees, the fairways receive two pounds. All of his fertilizer is applied on a one to two ratio of nitrogen to potash. His crabgrass control program is Scotts Goosegrass — Crabgrass on the greens and tees and Pendimethalin on the fairways. He applies his fairway control in two applications, April and early June; greens and tees mid-April in one application.

Dean has been married for what he describes eight "fantastic" years. They met while attending college. He and Margie, their two year old son Nick and their dog Shank live in Gaithersburg. He describes his educational background as "fairly broad," he has a B.S. in Agricultural Economics with a minor in Plant Science from the

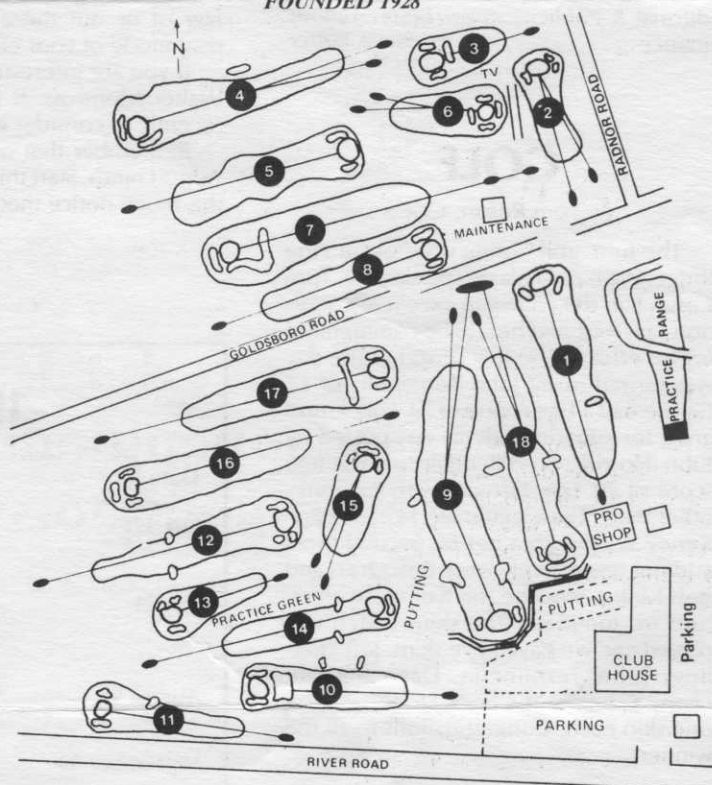
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University of Delaware. He then graduated from the Turfgrass Management program at the Pennsylvania State University. While attending school, he worked four seasons with David Kroll at Wilmington, C.C. After graduating from college he was Merrill Franks' assistant at Baltimore Country Clubs Five Farms for

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Dean Graves, Superintendent, Kenwood Country Club with Margie and Nick.

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## GOLF

by Tom Regan, CGCS

The June golf outing was held at Pine Ridge. We had 47 players participate. Tom Cassat had the course in excellent condition I am told, and he is to be commended for his efforts. The low round of the day was turned in by John Terminella of EZ Go, he had a fine round of 74. Low round gross for superintendents was posted by John Hoover of Hillendale with a fine score of 79. Low net was won by none other than "I'm a legitimate 14 handicap" Kenny Braun with a net 65. Second gross and net respectively were Bob Orazi and Bob Miller, must be the Baltimore areas' turn to dominate. The skins match was played and we played five skins. Jeff Yingling, John Terminella, Dave Ingram, Lenny Cook, and Chuck Stone, all won one skin each. Congratulations to all the winners.

In conjunction with these two activities, we continued our point tournament. We have a new leader at the halfway point of this format. Ken Ingram of Columbia is leading with 23½ points followed closely by Russ Bateman with a 21. Following the leaders are the rest of the top ten. Nick Vance, 19½; Jeff Yingling, 16; Tom Regan, 14; Steve Potter, 13; John Newcomb, 13; Bob Orazi, 12½; Bob Miller, 12½; Grant Peninger, 12; Ken Braun, 10; Steve Cohoon, 10; and George Renault, 9.

Our next golf outing will be at Kenwood Golf and Country Club. Everyone should try to attend and see what a great job Dean Graves has done. Please remember to make reservations for Golf and/or Dinner. We must ALSO call the club for a starting time, (301) 320-3605.

## President's Message

Summer is well underway and the welcome temperatures and humidity of Spring are now just a fading dream. Along with hot fun in the summer sun comes summer stress to turf populations and the guilt of declining free time for our families. This is something Lester Tanner touched upon in his article last month on the proper balance between course commitments and family commitments.

Lester's article evoked a response to me from Dr. Fred Grau who suggests that perhaps we are reluctant to take advantage of the new "tools" available. He believes that the "marriage of a grass that exhibits no summer stress and is managed the organic way will take us far toward care-free turf." Rarely does Mother Nature (Note that I'm sufficiently respectful to capitalize her name!) deal us the same hand year after year. How well we adapt to this constantly changing environment usually dictates whether we survive in this area. Continual evaluation of our turf programs are crucial, as the best made plans can go astray.

It is difficult for people outside of our profession to comprehend the enormity of tasks involved in maintaining a quality golf course. It is almost impossible for them to realize the work involved in preparing one for a nationally televised tournament. Hats off to Dave Anderson and his entire crew at TPC Avenel. We want you to know that there are a few of us out there (your fellow members) who sympathize and appreciated the magnitude of your efforts.

If you are interested in hosting a MAAGCS monthly meeting in '89, please contact Walter Montross. It would be nice for those superintendents who haven't done so recently to consider it.

Remember that our annual picnic will be held at Hobbits Glen Country Club on August ninth. Start thinking about your favorite covered dish recipe to bring along. With this much notice there's no good reason to miss it.

George Renault, President



## 1988 MAAGCS Schedule

Date	Location/Host	Speaker/Topic
July 12	Kenwood C.C. Dean Graves	Jay Owenberger Pesticide Rating & Review
July 21	University of Maryland Drs. Dernoedin & Turner	Field Day - Research, Equipment and Products Show
August 9	Hobbits Glen C.C. Bill Neus, CGCS	Annual Picnic
September 13	To Be Announced	Kenneth Wagner, Database Environmental Consultants Pond Water Management
September 13-15	VPI, Blacksburg Drs. Schmidt, Hall & Chalmers	Field Days - Tournament, Research, and Pesticide Cert.
October 11	Rehobeth C.C. Thomas List, CGCS	John Segui, GCSAA President, Certification
November 8	Bethesda C.C. Thomas Regan, CGCS	Stanley Zontec, USGA Winter Play
December 13	Turf Valley C.C. William Blackert	Election Meeting
January 9-11	Maryland Turfgrass Expo 88	Conference and Trade Show
January 17-19	Virginia Turfgrass Conf. Richmond Marriott Hotel Richmond Centre, Richmond, Va.	Conference and Trade Show

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four years before accepting the position at Kenwood.

The course will be open to our membership from noon to 2:00. **STARTING TIMES MUST BE MADE.** Call (301) 320-3605. Lunch will be available in the grill room and may be paid for in cash or charged to your club. Cocktails will begin at 6:30 with the dinner meeting starting at 7:30. The cost of the meal will be \$25.00.

Directions: Take the capital beltway (495) to River Road (exit 39), go east toward Washington, D.C. for about four miles, the club is on the left. Dean hopes "to see all his old friends and make some new ones at the meeting July twelfth."

## Education

by Steve Cohoon

The education program for the July twelfth meeting will feature Mr. Jay Owenberger of the Environmental Protection Agency. Mr. Owenberger works in the special review branch which is responsible for the evaluation of pesticides and their approval for use. He will enlighten us on the processes a pesticide goes through before it is approved, and the rerating of previously approved materials.

Mr. Owenberger was directly involved in the controversy surrounding the restriction of Cadmium and Diazinon use on golf courses. He will explain why these chemicals were restricted and comment on other agriculture pesticide reviews. This promises to be an interesting and informative session and one that anyone who uses pesticides should plan on attending.

Don't forget to RSVP your reservations to the Mid-Atlantic hotline (301) 381-0030 and we look forward to seeing you on July twelfth.

## ATTENTION ASSISTANTS

The MAAGCS Board of Directors is extremely interested in making our association more interesting to you. They would like to hear from you with your suggestions and comments. This is your association, let us know how you feel about your relationship with the other members of the association. Just grab some board member by the collar and give him the strait scoop. We need your input. We want to make the association more responsive to your needs. Put some of yourself back into your profession.

## Maryland Turfgrass Field Day and Products Exhibition

We'd like to remind you again to attend the Maryland Field Day which will be held on Thursday, July 21, 1988. It will be held at the University of Maryland Turfgrass Research and Education Facility on Cherry Hill and Gracefield Road, between Rt. 29 and Rt. 212, near Beltsville. Registration is free and begins at 8:30 a.m., the tour of the plots begins at 9:00 a.m. and concludes at 4:00 p.m. A lunch will be served at noon, at a cost of about \$7.00 a person. Exhibits and demonstrations of turf products and equipment will occur during the afternoon. The tour of the plots will cover all phases of turf management. A complete program will be sent to our members by the Maryland Turfgrass Council at a later date. For further information please contact Dr. Peter Dernoedin at the University. (301) 454-3715. See you there!

## IT'S TIME FOR US TO GET OFF OUR BUTS

by Nick Vance

I know it's been said many times this season and I'm going to say it again, "It looks like we're going to have a rough summer." That started me thinking about what I can do to insure my own insanity and what I can do to hold my crew together. One of the things that keeps coming to mind is the negative attitudes that hot humid weather brings. Some of these negative things that effect us and our staffs can and should be prevented.

Example: We're riding around the course and see that one of our employees has been trimming around the trees on the front nine and has missed the 150 yard markers on the fifth hole. The normal thing for me to do would be to find that employee and let them know. I would probably say something like, "you did a good job on the front nine, BUT you forgot the 150 yard markers on the fifth hole." After giving some thought to this statement, I believe that most employees would only hear the words that followed BUT. That negative word seems to discount the first part of the sentence. Even though I mean the part about the good job, I doubt if the employee believes it. I think that a much better way to say what I meant might be something like, "you really did a good job on the front nine.

Before you start on the back, I would like you to check on the 150 yard markers on number five. They look a little shaggy." Even though I said the same thing I think the second way would be accepted a lot better. It didn't cost any more and the employee felt a lot better about his job.

We probably get so used to the word BUT that we forget what a negative effect is has on some people. Even in our private lives we use it for getting out of something or to keep from doing something. A couple of examples might be: "I would really like to go to the monthly meeting BUT I just have too much to do." Or how about, "I should go to church Sunday BUT that is the one day I get to sleep in." My own personal best is, "I know I should go on a diet BUT with my work schedule I get so tired and I have to eat. I know that I should eat better food, BUT the junk food is so convenient during the day." If we all took the word BUT out of those examples and tried to insert a positive word, we probably would be able to control our lives to a better degree.

I think it's about time we got of our big BUTS, what do you think?

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

by Steve Nash, CGCS

The Mid-Atlantic Association of Golf Course Superintendents would like to welcome three new members:

Joseph Hubbard, Class A  
Superintendent at Goose Creek G.C.

Philip Plaskowitz, Class D  
Carroll Park G.C.

Jeff Miskin, Class F  
Owner, Ace Tree Movers

Joe Hubbard comes to the Mid-Atlantic area after spending the last five years as a superintendent in Oklahoma at the Lake Texoma G.C. and the Durant Country Club. Philip Plaskowitz becomes a member after serving as an assistant at two area courses, Heritage Harbor and Forest Park Golf Course. He is now the Superintendent at Carroll Park Golf Course in Baltimore. Jeff Miskin returns to our membership roles as the owner of his own business, Ace Tree Movers. He previously was a class A member, he was the superintendent at Montgomery C.C. in Laytonsville, Maryland.

Your Board of Directors at its last meeting added the following Class C complimentary members to our ranks — Dr. Lee Hellman and our favorite M.C. Bill (WMAL) Mayhugh.

Please welcome our new members at our next meeting. Lets make them feel that Mid-Atlantic hospitality.

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