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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