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JUNE 14 MEETING — PINE RIDGE GOLF COURSE

The June meeting of our association will be held at the famous Pine Ridge Golf Course, operated by the Baltimore Municipal Golf Corporation. Our host will be Tom Cassat who just recently accepted the position when our fellow member Kevin Pryscki left to become the superintendent of Sparrows Point C.C. Tom has been in the business for the past 10 years. He graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture in 1982, and received a B.S. in Jurisprudence in 1980 from the University of Baltimore. He has worked as an assistant at Bonnie View and at Towson Golf and Country Club, was employed as Golf Course Superintendent of the Prince William Gold Course, and was promoted to Director of Golf for Fore Golf Inc. — Philadelphia Golf Inc. in 1985. He accepted the position as the Superintendent of Pine Ridge in March.

The Pine Ridge Golf Course has been operated as a public course since it was built in 1958. It was designed by Gus Hook, then Director of Parks and Recrea-

tion for the City of Baltimore. It has been the site of many local tournaments as well as the Eastern Open. It was the host for the Lady Carling L.P.G.A. for many years. The course has an excellent reputation as a good test of golf. Are you up to the challenge?

Tom has sent the following information on the maintenance programs at Pine Ridge. GREENS - Mowed seven days a week, 6/32 of an inch, fertilized 4½-5 lbs. per year, aerified three times a year, pre-emergence consists of 1 application of Scott's Goosegrass crabgrass control and a half rate follow up of Betesan. The Turf on the greens consists of 60% poa annua and 40% Creeping Bentgrass. TEES - Mowed three times a week, 3/8 of an inch, fertilized 4½-5 lbs. per year, aerified three times a year, pre-emergence control is the same as for the greens. The turf is primarily ryegrass. FAIRWAYS - Mowed four times a week, 1/2 of an inch, fertilized 3 lbs. of N per year, aerified in the fall at the time of overseeding, pre-emergence control consists of one appli-

cation of Lesco pre em at the 5 lb. rate per acre. The turf is 50% perennial ryegrass and 50% poa annua.

DIRECTIONS: Take the Baltimore Beltway (695) West to exit 27 North (Rt. 146). Follow Rt. 146 (Dulaney Valley Road) north 2 miles to the club on the right. Golf may be played from 11:00 to 1:00.

Dinner will be at Peerces' Plantation Restaurant, cocktails at 6:00, dinner at 7:00. To reach the restaurant follow the directions to the club, then continue north on Dulaney Valley Road approximately 2 miles to Peerces' on the left (just past Towson Golf and Country Club). The cost of the meal will be \$25.00. PLEASE MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS EARLY BY CALLING (301) 381-0030. THANKS!

RESERVATIONS
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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

by Steve Nash, CGCS

The Mid-Atlantic Association of Golf Course Superintendents would like to introduce you to our four newest members. They are:

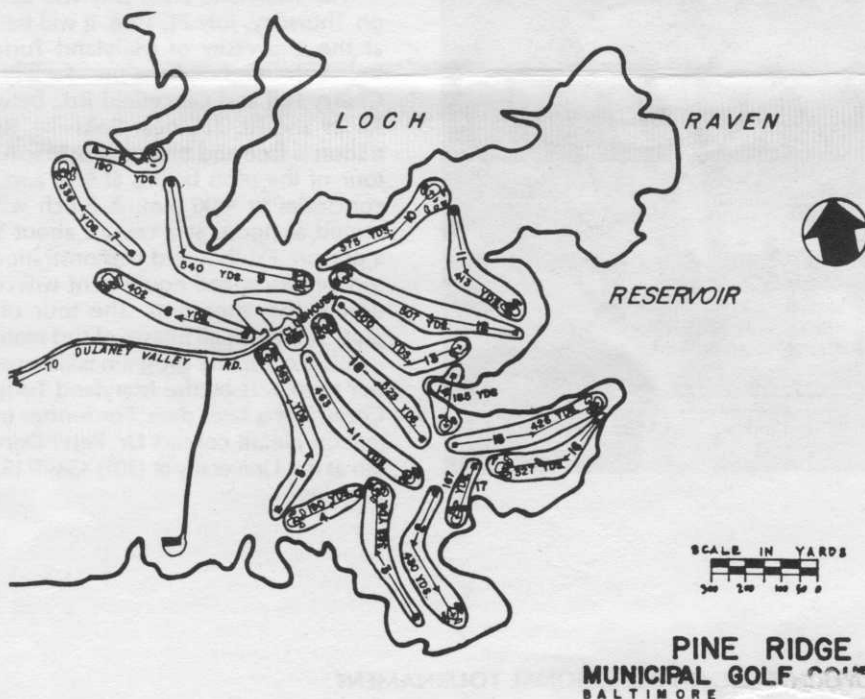
James Halley, Class D
Superintendent at Glenn Dale G.C.

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David Burkhart, Class C
Student - Woodholme C.C.

Jim Halley is taking over for Bernie Heilig, Jr. who has recently retired after 23 years as the Superintendent at Glenn Dale. Congratulations are due to both.



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Congratulations

John Hoover and his wife Roxanne are the proud parents of a baby girl, Kristen Irene. Kristen was born on April 12.

GOLF

by Tom Regan, CGCS

The Supt./Pro. tournament held at Green Spring Valley Hunt Club last month was a huge success. The weather, the golf course, and the entire facility was outstanding. Grant Pensinger, our host superintendent, is to be commended. The golf course conditioning was excellent.

We want to offer a special thanks to the following distributors for coming forward with donations for the tournament: The G.L. Cornell Company, E Z Go Company, Lea's Green Meadows, Turf Equipment and Supply Company.

The team of Jim Halley and Glen Barret from Glen Dale Golf Club won the Clare Emery Memorial Trophy with a best ball net of 62. Congratulations guys. They will have possession of the trophy for this year, for display at the club. Permanent cups (matching the trophy) were presented to them at the tournament.

The results of the tournament: 1st - Glen Dale, 2nd - Woodholme, 3rd - Hunt Valley, 4th - Columbia, 5th - East Potomac, 6th - Suburban Club, 7th - Rock Creek, 8th - Cripple Creek, 9th - Westwood C.C., 10th - Hog Neck.

Long Drive winners: Superintendent - John Hoover; Professional - Chuck Bassler. Closest to the Pin winners: Hole #1:

Superintendent - John Newcomb, Professional - Paul Haviland; Hole #5: Superintendent - Lee Dieter, Professional - Bill Horney; Hole #18: Superintendent - John Hoover, Professional - Bill Strausbaugh.

We will be sending photographs taken during the tournament to each participant. I want to apologize to the teams who were not admitted into the tournament. We had a deadline set and it was strictly adhered to. Next year we'll have to get our entries in ahead of time. Thanks for your understanding.

Our next golf outing will be held in conjunction with our meeting at Pine Ridge. Tom Cassat is our host on the fourteenth, and our point tournament will resume.

Get Well Quick

We all wish the best to Jack Murray, research leader of the Germplasm Quality and Enhancement Laboratory at the U.S.D.A. in Beltsville. Jack is at home recuperating from surgery and expects to be back at work July 1.



Maryland Turfgrass Field Day and Products Exhibition

The Maryland Field Day 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 Rd., 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 at (301) 454-3715. See you there!

President's Message

The annual Superintendent/Professional Tournament held at Green Spring Valley Hunt Club was a terrific success. Many thanks to the many who contributed their time and efforts toward making this a most enjoyable event . . . Tom Regan, our Golf Chairman, who coordinated the day . . . our host, Grant Pensinger, who helped refine the tournament events . . . his Professional, Curtis Mabry, and the remainder of the GSVHC staff for their fine contributions.

A special thanks to our very special guest speaker, Bill Mayhue of WMAL Radio fame, for helping us to appreciate ourselves, our fellow colleagues — professionals — and just how important it is to feel "wanted!"

And not to be forgotten, a sincere thank you to those unsung contributors behind the lines, our tournament sponsors, who are always there with whatever support they can provide — G.L. Cornell, Lea Green Meadows, T.E.S.C.O., and E.Z. Gro.

To those who waited too late to sign up for this event — mark your calendar for '89, the second Tuesday in May. The MAAGCS is proud of the fact that our events are increasingly booked well in advance. So, don't wait till the last minute or you may find yourself "teed off" instead of "teeing off."

George Renault, *President*



RELOCATIONS

Good luck to Wayne Evans as he begins a new career in irrigation sales with the G.L. Cornell Company. Taking over the duties of Golf Course Superintendent at Indian Spring when Wayne leaves on June 1 is Joel Ratcliff, CGCS, formerly of Bryce Resort. The new Superintendent at Tantallon Country Club is Steve Cohoon. He leaves an opening at Penderbrook Golf Course, which was recently advertised in our employment referral service. Tom Walsh is working with Ralph Jones as his assistant at Fort Mead Golf Course. Tom will be taking over when Ralph retires. Greg Borzok, Colonial Country Club, Harrisburg, has gone to work with the Lawn and Golf Co., the Jacobson distributor in Phoenixville, PA.

EDUCATION

by Steve Cohoon

The education program for the June meeting of our association will be one of the year's highlights. Dr. Joseph Vargas of Michigan State University will be on hand to relate his findings on the work he has been conducting on BLACK LAYER. The black layer topic is one which has been the subject of a great deal of controversy recently. Dr. Vargas is nationally recognized as a leader in researching the potentially devastating problem. The management of black layer, its possible causes and effects, is something every turf manager should be aware of. Plan on attending this important meeting!

Coming soon will be an educational seminar on pesticide use and safety. Kevin Mathias, in conjunction with the MAAGCS, will present a program geared to educate pesticide handlers and applicators. The safe use of equipment, protective gear, and materials commonly used on golf courses will be covered. The cost of the program will be kept low and will be a one day affair. We encourage every one to attend. Further details on the program will be mailed later.

1988 MAAGCS Schedule

Date	Location/Host	Speaker/Topic
June 14	Pine Ridge G.C. Tom Cassat	Dr. Joseph Vargas Black Layer
July 12	Kenwood C.C. Dean Graves	EPA Regulations & Operations
July 21	University of Maryland Drs. Dernoedin & Turner	Field Day - Research, Equipment & Products Show
August 9	Hobbitts Glen C.C. Bill Neus, CGCS	Annual Picnic
September 13-15	VPI, Blacksburg Drs. Schmidt, Hall & Chalmers	Field Days - Tournament, Reserach & 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

IS IT POSSIBLE TO HAVE A PROPER BALANCE?

by Lester Tanner, CGCS

The profession of Golf Course Superintendent is one that requires long hours and an unreliable work schedule. This catch 22 situation requires a difficult balance of job and family responsibilities.

The typical Superintendent has a feeling of guilt if he is at work when he should be with his family. Conversely, when he is with his family, he feels guilty spending the time with them, especially when personnel or turf conditions are stressed. His personal feelings tell him that his family should be first, but remember that loyalty to our courses is also beneficial to our families. Our families must realize this aspect of the problem, we are responsible for the income it takes to maintain their lifestyle.

Golf clubs too must recognize that we need to have family time and should have the understanding to know that our families need us as much or more during the summer as during the winter when we do have more time. Our budgets should be large enough to allow for trained personnel to assist us during these difficult and trying times. We should not be expected to work every weekend and late every day to keep our courses in good condition. This type of situation can lead to job burn out and many other related problems. This problem will certainly not go away easily, it is part of every profession.

We will continue to feel guilty when we feel our work and family life seem to be out of proper balance. A family and a club that understand is the start, the rest is up to us as individuals. We must find and make the proper balance.

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