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by Tom Regan, CGCS

The April meeting was held at Brooke Manor Country Club, and we had 22 players brave the cold and windy weather conditions. We had several participants feeling no pain at the conclusion. Our low gross winner was Tom Regan with a 78. Kenny (no pain) Ingram from Columbia shot an 80 and finished 2nd in the gross division. Kenny played extremely well, and had 3 consecutive birdies on the back 9, good round Kenny! Our net winner was Steve Potter from Woodholme, Steve had a net 64, Grant Pensinger from Green Spring Valley was 2nd with a 71. A special thanks to John Johns our host for the day. John went out of his way to make it a very enjoyable meeting. We played a skins match at Brooke Manor, and Steve Potter collected 3 skins, Ken Ingram won 2 skins, and Dave Ingram won 1. We have a new leader in the point tournament. The man who vowed to be a threat all year has taken the lead with 16 points.

STANDINGS: Russ Bateman 16, Ken Ingram 15, Jeff Yingling 14, Tom Regan 14, Nick Vance 13, Steve Cohoon 10, Steve Potter 10, George Renault 7, and John Newcomb 7. The point tournament will continue at our June meeting to be held at Pine Ridge.

A REMINDER... Our Superintendent/Pro tournament is May 10, a 1 p.m. shotgun with lunch being served beginning at 11 a.m. If you haven't submitted your entry please do so, the field is filling fast. The tournament format will be 100% handicap for the Superintendent and gross for the Professionals. We will be playing 3 closest to the pins for the Supt. and 3 for the Pro. One long drive for the Supt. and one for the Pros. **PLEASE** to be

President's Message

Here it is May already and our season is in full swing. A round of applause for John Johns and Brooke Manor for hosting our April meeting.

Shine your shoes and clean your clubs. Grant Pensinger and staff and Tom Regan, our Golf Chairman, have planned a super day for the annual Superintendent/Pro Tournament. There will be high talking and lots of fun as we compete for the Clare Emory Trophy.

Anyone catch the GCSAA promo which aired on "Inside the PGA" on the ESPN channel? Having been critical in the past of the National's efforts toward publicity, this spot is right on the mark. It draws your interest and tells the public what we do with taste and speed. It's a start that the regional associations can build on — not with costly ads but by our demeanor. How we view ourselves — as professional turf specialists. How we dress — as specialists ready for management oversight in the field or a quick meeting with committee members over lunch at the club. How we remain current in our field — by bringing officials to our meetings to hear guest speakers. All of this, from the ad on down to your day-to-day appearance is PR. It builds a positive image, an image we must have if we are to be readily accepted as professionals.

Mr. Lee Dieter is doing a fine job as our newsletter editor. Since Lee has indicated this may be a one year post for him, we're soliciting candidates for next year. While it may seem a bit premature and it would be great if Lee decides to continue on, there's a good deal of ground work that goes into a smooth transition. If you're interested and have a sincere desire, notify the MAAGCS Board of Directors.



George Renault, President

fair to our hosts don't wait till the last minute to sign up.

One last reminder, fair and honest handicaps are the backbone of Amateur golf.

Relocations

Larry Ott, formerly Superintendent of Buildings and Grounds at Galudet College has been hired as Superintendent of Grounds at Bretton Woods Recreation Center. Larry has worked part time at the course for the past four years.

David Kardos has recently joined John Laake at River Bend C.C. as his assistant. David is a Penn State Graduate (87) and has previously worked in Morgantown, W. Va. at the Sheraton Lakeview and at the Longue Vue Club in Verona, Pa.

The new assistant at Indian Spring Country Club is Calvin Nolke. He will be working with Wayne Evans. Wayne leaves June 1st to begin his new career as irrigation sales representative for the G.L. Cornell Co.

Congrats...

Jennie and Brian Dunn are the proud parents of their first child, a son, Michael Brian born on March 19th.

An addition to the John Hoover family is a daughter, Kristen Irene.

Another March baby is Charles Perry Fisher, son of Debbie and Dick Fisher.

The Clare Emory Memorial Trophy

When Clare Emory died, a need to recognize him and what he stood for was felt by many of his friends. From this need an effort grew that materialized in the trophy that we will present as the award to the winning team on May 10th. This is the seventh year that the trophy has been awarded. It's a traveling trophy that we hope will go back to the winners' club to be displayed. Permanent matching cups are also presented to the winning team. Let this award symbolize for us those things that we all admired so much in Clare Emory, a true professional and gentleman. A friend to all who knew him.

Tip of the Month

Congratulations are again in order for Carol Offenbacher. Carol was our scholarship winner last year. A recent graduate of the Institute of Applied Agriculture at the University of Maryland, she works at Eisenhower Golf Course as Lou Rudinskis' assistant. Carol is the winner of our May Tip of the Month.

The following are the reasons why Carol modified a TORO aerifier so that it could be pulled by a maintenance vehicle. 1. Man hour savings. 2. Convenience. 3. Decrease in operator fatigue. 4. Provides a vehicle to carry necessary tools; cup

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