

## NOVEMBER MEETING

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Ambassadors were in attendance. The United States tree was dedicated to Clara Barton. Joan of Arc, Cleopatra, and Florence Nightengale were honored by their countries. Unfortunately, Dutch elm disease destroyed many of those original trees in the 1970's. It was certainly fitting that the Club was just recently involved as the host to the LPGA's Greater Washington Open. A tribute to its heritage as the National Womens' Club. The Club will continue to host this event through 1991. This year's tournament winner was Ayako Okamoto of Japan.

The course was originally designed by Fred Finlay. The building of the Washington beltway in 1962 caused the club to undergo major reconstruction. At the present time, there are only four of the original greens remaining (2, 6, 9, and 18). Ed Ault was the architect for the reconstruction and is credited with the existing design.

The course is open twelve months of the year and averages 40,000 plus rounds. The Bent/Pos greens are maintained at 5/32nds and are mowed daily with walk-

ing greens mowers from April through October. A triplex mower is used the remaining months. A Poa annua control program was started this Fall on all of the greens using TGR at the full rate. The fairways are a mixture of Poa, Bluegrass, Ryegrass, and a smattering of Bermuda, according to Tom. The fairways are overseeded in the Fall with Perennial Ryegrass. Consideration is being given to start seeding areas of the fairways with Bermudagrass in the Spring. The tees are predominately Ryegrass/Poa and are maintained at 1/2 inch with Bunton 26" tee mowers. The greens, tees, and fairways at Bethesda are sprayed preventively. Tom says that summer patch has been the biggest problem at Bethesda. At the recommendation of Dr. Pat Sanders and Cieba-Giegy, a program using Banner at 4 oz. per thousand was used this season. Beginning around the second week in April (or when the soil temperature hits 45 degrees) and continuing until Mid-August, monthly applications of the product were made. This was the first season that summer patch was not a problem at Bethesda. Crabgrass control for the entire course is with Acclaim EC. The greens are sprayed at 3 oz./acre every two to three weeks mixed with

nutriculture at an 1/8 lb.N/per thousand. Tom begins this program in late May and continues until the end of August. Tees and fairways are sprayed at 16 oz./acre every three to four weeks during the same period. The irrigation system on the tees and greens is Toro automatic and the fairways are manual. A new automatic system is being designed for the fairways. Also on the drawing board is a new maintenance facility, construction will begin in February.

**THE MEETING:** Golf will be available at your convenience, however, you must call the starter (Jim Bailey) at 365-1703 to make arrangements for a tee time. Cocktails will be served at 6 p.m. (cash will be accepted), and dinner will be at 7 p.m. The cost of the meal will be \$25.00. We would like to remind you that coat and tie are the required dress at all of our association meetings.

**DIRECTIONS:** From the Washington beltway (495) exit at River Road (exit #39) toward Potomac, Md., at the first light (Seven Locks Rd.) turn right, proceed on Seven Locks Rd. to the next light (Bradley Blvd.) turn right. The Club entrance is approximately 1/4 mile on the left hand side.

## GOLF

by Thomas Regan, CGCS

The annual Memorial Tournament was held at Rehoboth Beach C.C. All who attended were treated with a great golf course and dinner. A special thanks to our host, Tom List and the golf professional Ron Barrows for the courtesies that were extended to us.

We played for the Vince Triplet Memorial (low net) donated by the G.L. Cornell Company and the Bill Glover Memorial (low gross) donated by TESCO. This year's winners were Steve Potter of Woodholme with a net 70, and Nick Vance of Laytonsville with a gross 78.

The results: 1st gross - Nick Vance, 78; 2nd gross - Tom Regan, 78; 3rd gross - Bob Orazi, 81; 4th gross - John Hoover, 81. 1st net - Steve Potter, 70; 2nd net - Jeff Yingling, 71; 3rd net - Mike Smith, 72; 4th net - Bil Neus, 76. The longest drive was won by John Hoover of Hillendale, and the closest to the pin was won by Dean Graves of Kenwood, six feet one inch (he made a four on the hole).

I would like to personally thank Larry Cornell and Lynn Matson and their companies for the contributions made to the tournament and our association. These two gentlemen donated the first prize trophies for this tournament and are always willing to support us. I'm proud to be associated with both of you. Thanks again for your continued support.



## 1988-1989 MAAGCS Schedule

Date	Location/Host	Speaker/Topic
November 8	Bethesda Country Club Thomas Regan, CGCS	Stanley Zontec, USGA Winter Play
December 13	Turf Valley Country Club William Blackert	Election Meeting
January 9	GCSAA Seminar Budgeting and Forecasting	Virginia Conference
January 9-11	Maryland Turfgrass Expo 88	Conference and Trade Show
January 16	GCSAA Seminar Negotiating	Virginia Conference
January 17-19	Virginia Turfgrass Conference	Conference and Trade Show