

Mid-Atlantic Association of Golf Course Superintendents NEWSLETTER

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The results of the first annual 2-man team championship held at Ocean Pines Golf Club are as follows:

1st place - Todd Cowing and Mike Minard - +12; 2nd place - John Malkowski and Tony Griecoltz - +10; 3rd place - George Renault and Harry Fridley - +3; 4th place - Tom Malehorn and Grant Pensinger - +1; 5th place - John Mockmuller and Lance Ernst - 0; 6th place - Ron Hawkins and John Tutich - -4.

The long drive contest was won by Nick Vance. This was deemed a mild upset by a few self-proclaimed long ball hitters, who were unable to keep the ball straight.

The closest to the pin on #7 was won by Ron Hawkins at 11'. The closest to the pin on #13 was won by Steve Nash at 13'5".

A special thanks to the following companies for their support: Lea's Green Meadows - Herb Lea and Harry Fridley; Prolawn - Tom Malehorn; Cornell Chemical - Don Klein and Tom Walsh; TESCO - Lynn Matson and Bill Hughes.

RESERVATIONS
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RELOCATIONS

After 25 years as a Golf Course Superintendent, the past 17 at the Army Navy Country Club, Mid-Atlantic past president (1976) David Fairbank is making a career change. He isn't leaving the golf course business, his new position will be that of sales representative for the G.L. Cornell Company. Dave will be selling golf course equipment and supplies in the Northern Virginia area.

President's Message

Thanks go out to Randy Dayton and Ocean Pines Golf Club for having hosted the July meeting. This was also the site for the 2-man team championship which was a lot of fun and quite competitive. The course and hospitality were superb as always.

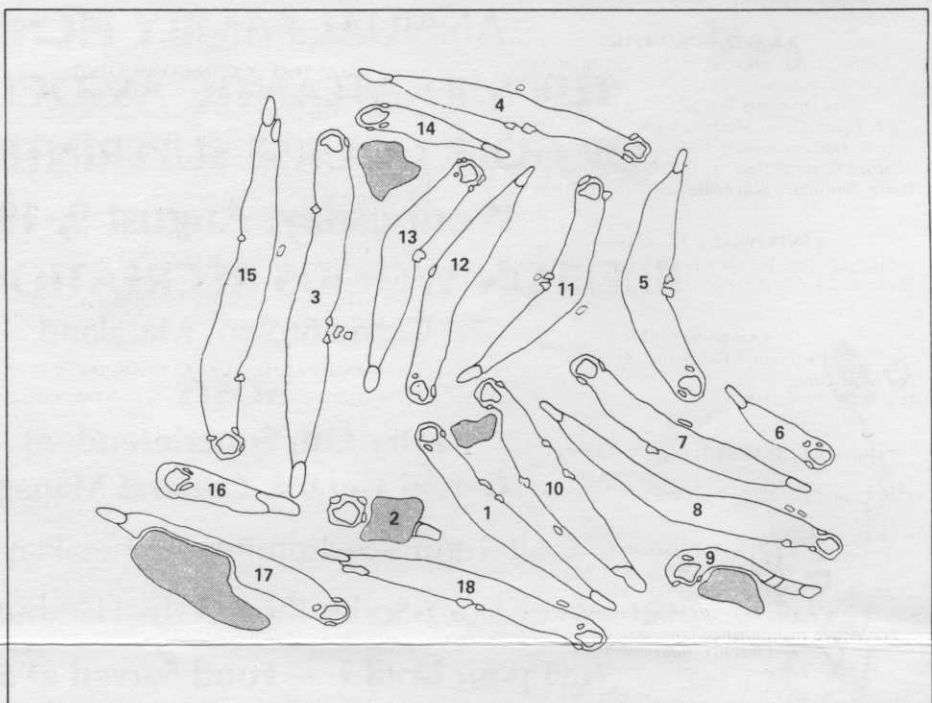
Next month's meeting is the annual picnic. Please bring the family out. I promise good food, good drink and a good time, plus a clown act for the kids. This event will be held at Bretton Woods with our host Gerry Gerard. The date is Wednesday, August the 9th.

Now down to business. Recently everyone was mailed a survey to allow the MAAGCS to update our files. The response has been underwhelming. If you have not responded, do so now. If you need a copy of the survey, call any of the Board members. Secondly, a gentle reminder to call in your reservations for the monthly meetings and if you are on the permanent sign up list, you must call if you are not going to attend. This is a professional courtesy we owe to the clubs we are visiting.



Walter Montross, CGCS, President

Bretton Woods Rec Center & Staff - Our Hosts



Bretton Woods Recreation Center is located on 280 acres along the Potomac River near Germantown, Maryland. It consists of an 18 hole golf course, swimming pool complex, picnic area, tennis complex with 14 courts, two soccer fields, two playgrounds for children, and large undeveloped areas of woods and fields at the perimeter of the property. Bretton Woods is owned by the International Monetary Fund; they developed the property in the late 1960's as a recreational facility for their employees.

The golf course was designed by Eddie Ault. It plays to 6327 yards from the middle tees and 6663 yards from the back tees. The slope rating is 120. The course originally featured wide fairways and open rough areas. In recent years, fairway acreage has been reduced, and tree

planting and growth have reduced the open space in the rough.

Larry Ott has been the Grounds Superintendent at Bretton Woods since May, 1988. During the past year, he has concentrated on the details of the existing maintenance programs. A tree project, including pruning of existing trees on the course, removal of selected trees, and planting of new trees, is continuing at this time.

The soil greens at Bretton Woods are primarily bentgrass, with some poa annua. They are mowed at 5/32" four to five times weekly. The tees are mostly combinations of bentgrass and ryegrass, in varying proportions. There are some zoysia tees also. Tees are mowed at 5/8" twice a week. The fairways are ryegrass,

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with some areas of bermuda and smaller patches of bentgrass. They are mowed at 3/4" three times weekly. Fertilizer applications for these areas are at a moderate level, with most of the fertilizer applied in the fall.

Pesticide use is also at a moderate level. The crabgrass controls are Scott's Goosegrass/Crabgrass Control on greens and tees, and pendimethalin on fairways. A supplemental application of Betasan goes on the collars. Acclaim is used for post-emergent crabgrass control along the edges of fairways and ryegrass tees. Fungicide use includes weekly preventive applications of various materials on the greens, and biweekly applications on tees and fairways. There are monthly fungicide applications on the fairways during the summer for management of Phythium diseases. Oftanol and Triumph are used for control of white grubs, and Proxol is used for cutworm control on the greens. Poa annua is managed with Scotts TGR on the greens and collars, and Prograss on the fairways.

In 1970, Larry received a Bachelor's degree in Biology from Marietta College



Larry Ott, Superintendent

in Ohio. He then worked on the crew at the Kittansett Club, a links type course near Cape Cod for five years. He returned to school at the University of Rhode Island and received a Bachelor's degree in Resource Management in 1976. After two years with a lawn service company, he was Asst. Manager and then Manager

of the Grounds Dept. at Gallaudet University in the District of Columbia for a ten year period. Returning to golf course work at Bretton Woods meant an escape from the city, and an opportunity to concentrate on turfgrass management in a beautiful setting. Larry has been a member of the Mid-Atlantic Association since 1988. When he is not at the golf course, he relaxes by reading and/or adding to his book collection, following baseball, and observing the weather.

Larry notes that any description of Bretton Woods would be incomplete without mention of Gerry Gerard and the maintenance staff. Gerry was the Superintendent at Bretton Woods for twenty years, and is now the General Manager. Through his efforts, the facility evolved from bare soil to fine turf, and his assistance during the past year has been especially valuable. And although the maintenance staff — Wendell Lewis, Jim Barnes, Bill Beachley, Ray Finger, Earl Fox, Buddy Kinsey, Earl Stine, and Jerry Stine — is a small group, they form an example of reliable and capable golf course maintenance.

1989 MAAGCS SCHEDULE

Date	Location/Host	Speaker/Topic
September 12	Suburban Club of Baltimore Co. Robert Miller, CGCS	Dr. Michael Hurdzan Design for Maintenance
September 19-21	V.P.I. Field Days, Blacksburg, VA Virginia Turfgrass Council	Plot Tours, Educational Prog. Drs. Schmidt, Hall & Chalmers
October 10	Bonnie View Country Club Kenneth Braun	Dr. Harry Nymcheck Vertical Mobility of Pesticides
November 14	Manor Country Club Mitchell Williams	Dr. James Beard, Texas A&M Warm Season Turf Management in the Transition Zone

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