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## DECEMBER 12 - ELECTION MEETING - HUNT VALLEY C.C.

Hunt Valley Golf Club was founded by Richard B. Edgar in 1969 and opened for play in 1970. Dick acquired the land, hired Ed Ault as the golf course architect and built the course for McCormick Properties. In 1975 the third nine was added. This was designed by Algie Pully.

In the early eighties Richard sold his interest to McCormick & Company, the spice people. McCormick owned the course until 1983 at which time it was sold to American Golf Corporation.

From 1969 to March 1989, Bob Orazi, C.G.C.S. was Hunt Valley's only Superintendent. In March Jim Witkowski was given the title of Golf Course Superintendent.

Jim received his B.S. degree from the University of Nebraska in 1981 and has been a member of the G.C.S.A.A. since 1979. Jim worked as Assistant Superintendent to Bob Hadwick at Dub's Dread Golf Club in Kansas City, Kansas.

Hunt Valley is a busy golf club with a golfing membership of over 750 golfers. From April to October, golf outings are scheduled each Monday. Hunt Valley plays in excess of 60,000 annually.

The greens were U.S.G.A. constructed and consist of poa and pennncross mix. They have been on a T.G.R. program for 2 full seasons. This is a gradual conversion to all bentgrass by eliminating the poa. We hope to have a monoculture of bentgrass within 2 more years. Greens are mowed daily during the regular golfing season and receive approximately 6# N per year.

Tees consist mainly of bluegrass/ryegrass mixtures. However, you will find many having straight bentgrass, zoysia, and bluegrass areas. Due to the play demands and restricted tee space, several holes will have an area of zoysia grass for play during the warmer months and bluegrass areas for play during the cooler months. This program seems to be working quite well.

Fairways are mowed three times per week during the growing season and consist of ryegrass. Progress is being used to eliminate the poa. They are mowed at



*Bob Orazi  
Regional Superintendent  
American Golf Corporation*

$\frac{3}{4}$  inch and receive  $3\frac{1}{2}$  pounds of N per year.

If you've never played Hunt Valley, try to schedule the blue nine as one of your nines. I think you will enjoy the beauty as well as the challenge this nine has to offer. Please call the pro shop for tee times at (301) 527-3304. The cocktail hour begins at 5:30 with dinner being served at 6:30 p.m.

Your hosts for the day will be Jim Witkowski, Superintendent, Bob Orazi, Regional Superintendent, Greg Jones, Head Professional, and John Haines, General Manager.

**DIRECTIONS:** Exit 83 North off the Baltimore Beltway, exit east on Shawan Road (exit #20A) to York Road, turn right. Turn left at the first traffic signal, Paper Mill Road. Proceed for approximately 3 miles to Phoenix Road, turn left. Club is located approximately  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile on the right.

### Nominating Committee Report

*by George Renault, CGCS*

The nominating Committee, consisting of the chairman, Mike Larson, CGCS, and Ken Braun submits the following "Slate of Candidates" for the MAAGCS office in 1990.

President	William Neus, CGCS
Vice President	Nick Vance, CGCS
Treasurer	Steven Potter, CGCS
Secretary	Kenneth Ingram, CGCS

For Director (2 or 3 year terms, 1 for 1 year term): David Anderson, Nathaniel Binns, Dean Graves, James Kelly, John Laake, CGCS, and Scott Wagner.

Directors currently serving on the board are: Donn Dietrich (2 years remaining), Joel Ratcliff, CGCS (2 years remaining), and Lou Rudinski (1 year remaining).

Nominations will be accepted from the floor.

### PENN STATE PROUD

*by Lee C. Dieter, CGCS*

Penn State's annual GOLF Turf Conference sure brought back a lot of good memories for me. My first turf conference was at the Nittany Lion Inn in 1958. The conferences were golf oriented then and the attendees were all superintendents and students from the University. Penn State has brought us back to the concept of a conference devoted entirely to Golf Turf. A conference where Golf Course Superintendents and students can meet, learn, and go back to their courses with information that is relevant to our profession.

In the 60's when we were all trying to get more support for turf research and were forming Turfgrass Councils to draw the industry together, we abandoned our traditional meetings for the conference and show approach. The big shows these conferences have become while fulfilling our overall goals, have fallen short in

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