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SUPERINTENDENT PROFESSIONAL TOURNAMENT - MAY MEETING CHANTILLY NATIONAL GOLF & C.C. — TUESDAY, MAY 9th

We will be the guests of Tom Knoll, CGCS, Richard Canney, PGA, and the Chantilly National C.C. at our May meeting. The 17th annual Superintendent-Professional Tournament for the Clare Emery Memorial Trophy and the meeting that will follow promise to be a highlight of our calendar this year.

The tournament will begin at 1:00 pm with a shotgun start. The field is limited to 50 pairs and reservations must be made with Tom Regan, our golf chairman. An invitation has been sent to all of our Superintendent members.

There will be a cocktail hour at 6:00 pm at which all members will be welcome. Dinner will follow at 7:00 pm. All members not playing in the tournament must make reservations at the office by the 5th, unless your name is on the permanent reservation list. A pleasant evening with our fellow professionals, the golf professionals at our courses. Why not cement those relationships before we become completely immersed in another Mid-Atlantic summer. Remember! Reservations (301) 381-0030.

Chantilly National Golf and Country Club was built in 1958 to the design of Ed Ault and Al Jamison. The course was opened in July of 1959. It is an interesting par 74 with a rating of 71.3 from the white tees and 73.4 from the back tees. The slope for the course is 120 from the middle and 126 from the back. Those of you who haven't played the course in a few years will be surprised by the development that has taken place in the Centreville area and particularly around the course in the past few years. Other Mid-Atlantic members who have spent part of their career at Chantilly include: Sheldon Betterly who was there when the course was built, Virgil Robinson, Joe Creninski, and Wayne Saffer.

Mid-Atlantic member Tom Knoll has been the Superintendent at Chantilly since the spring of 1986. It appears that he has done about ten years work during his tenure. Projects completed during Toms' three years include: the installation of a new plumbing station and completely

automatic computerized water system; a tree planting program has seen the addition of 400+ new trees of a dozen species; bunker renovation and construction; adding 4 new bunkers and rebuilding 8 others. Mounds have also been added on holes 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 8 and 11. Toms' department is also responsible for the complete landscape design and planting of the newly renovated clubhouse, presently being done in stages. Over 2½ miles of new cart path were laid by the golf course staff as well as repairs and amendments to the existing path system.

For the coming year, plans include the upgrade of the range facility, further bunker renovation, and continued landscape improvements. Additionally, TGR will be used in a limited manner to regulate the *Poa annua* and encourage bentgrass in several areas.

The course maintenance program includes the mowing of the greens 6 days a week at 5/32" to 11/64". The greens receive 4-5 lbs. of N. per year in a 3-0-2 ratio. The bentgrass tees (22) are mowed 3 days a week at 7/16" and are fertilized with 4-5 lbs. N. The ryegrass tees (13) are mowed 3-4 times a week and receive just a little less N., 3-4 lbs. The fairways are also mowed 3 times a week and are mowed at 11/64". The intermediate roughs are on the same schedule and are fertilized the same as the fairways, 3 lbs. of N. a year. The intermediate rough is mowed at 1¼" and the rough is mowed at 2¼".

The crabgrass control program varies on the different turf areas. Pendimethalin is used on the fairways and intermediate rough. Ronstar/Betesan is applied to the tees and greens. Acclaim is used as a post-emergent control as necessary.

We join Tom in asking you to attend the meeting and see first hand the results of his programs and projects.

Our host is a graduate of Northern Virginia Community College and has furthered his education by attending classes offered at Virginia Tech in his field. Tom worked at Westwood with Tom Haske as a member of the greens staff and as a crew foreman. He was an

assistant to Craig Roderick at River Bend and at Washington Golf and C.C. before accepting his present position. His wife Christine (Chris) and he live in Chantilly with their children Tom (3) and Katie (1½). Chris is currently working in the home and has plans to return to the job market as soon as the children are a little bigger. She was employed as a secretary with L.P. Bowden, Electrical Contractors, before the children came along. Toms' hobbies include fishing, skiing, and gardening. He is currently an instructor in the Turfgrass Management program at Northern Virginia Community College. Tom is now serving as the President of the Greater Washington Golf Course Superintendents Association.

THE MEETING: The regular meeting will begin following the Tournament. Cocktails will be at 6:00 pm with dinner following at 7:00 pm. The cost of the meal for those of you not playing in the tournament will be \$30.00. The meal is included in the tournament costs.

DIRECTIONS: From the Capital Beltway (495) take Route 66 West to exit 13 (Centreville). At the end of the ramp turn left on Route 28 N. and take an immediate left onto Braddock Road (Route 620). Proceed 2¼ miles on Braddock Rd. to the club entrance on the left.



The Knolls — Tom, Chris, Tom Jr., & Katie

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Lee Dieter, C.G.C.S.
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GOLF

by Tom Regan, CGCS

Our April golf outing was held at the Laytonsville Golf Course, and our host was Nick Vance, CGCS. We had 18 players play in unusually nice weather. Our low gross winner was Dean Graves of Kenwood Golf Club with a 76.

Scott Wagner of Leisure World Golf Club was runner-up. Our net winner was George Renault from Chevy Chase with a 68. Lou Rudinski from Eisenhower Golf Club was the runner-up in the net class. The long drive of the day belonged to Larry Cornell of the G.L. Cornell Co. Closest to the pin was won by Lou Rudinski.

We also played a skins game and had six winners: Dean Graves, Tom Walsh, George Renault, Nick Vance, Gary Williams, and Scott Wagner.

I would like to thank Nick and the Professional at Laytonsville, Dave Walker, for the hospitality extended to us. Dave provided us with a buffet lunch and free use of the golf carts. Thanks again Dave!

A brief reminder — Remember that the Superintendent Professional Tournament is at our next meeting May 9th at Chantilly National Golf and C.C.

QUESTIONNAIRE

Your Association, as Walter Montross mentioned in his President's Message, has purchased a computer. The questionnaire on page 4 has been composed to update our information on you and your family. Please fill it out now and return it to Tom Ritter. Your mail will be sent out by the resulting mailing list. DON'T DELAY!

President's Message

Television advertising, computers, seminars and the annual Superintendent/Professional Tournament are among the many activities with which your Board has been involved during the past month.

The MAAGCS Board of Directors has secured television advertising (utilizing the GCSAA ads) in both the Baltimore and Washington markets. Specifics will be forthcoming from Lou Rudinski, Editorial and Publicity Chairman, who did the leg work.

You may not be aware that the MAAGCS has purchased a computer. This idea was spawned by the immediate Past President, George Renault, and readily accepted by the previous Board. It should allow us to thoroughly modernize our record-keeping, dues billing and membership roster. With an eye to the future it could be used to produce the newsletter and become an information network by means of a phone modem hookup.

Through the efforts of Steve Cohoon, Educational Chairman, we have sponsored three GCSAA seminars in the last six months (attendance was full in each). We are also setting up a seminar with the help of the University of Maryland's Dr. Kevin Mathias on using computers. Information is enclosed.

Of course the big event in May is the Superintendent/Professional Tournament. This event will be held at Chantilly Country Club, with our host Tom Knoll. Tom has been involved in many major projects the last couple of years. I encourage you to share a day with the Professional of your club and see all of Tom's hard work. Our Golf Chairman, Tom Regan, has sent out the notice of this event, and since we are limited to 50 teams, do not delay in registering.

A special thanks to Nick Vance and Laytonsville Golf Course for hosting last month's meeting. The attendance continues to impress with 95 participants.

Walter Montross, CGCS, President



Education Notes

by Steven Cohoon, CGCS

As you can see in our schedule, the speakers and topics for this year's education program are the finest in the country. The MAAGCS is dedicated to bringing the membership the highest quality educational program. A program that will allow us to keep up with our ever changing turfgrass industry. We will spend more this year than at any time in the past to ensure that our program is the best that it can be. In addition, we have sponsored several seminars, the latest of which is the upcoming computer seminar. It will be held in conjunction with the "Institute of Applied Agriculture" and features Kevin Mathias as the instructor. The seminar will be held in two parts, one part being "An Introduction to Computers" to be held on May 31. This will be followed on June 2 with the second part, "Spreadsheet Operations."

You may register for either or both of these seminars with the enclosed form. Get your registration in early as space is limited. Each seminar will offer hands on training with computers and programs.

We are now working to set up speakers and topics for next year's program. If there is a topic or speaker that you are really interested in, now is the time to let us know. The educational program is tailored by your input, so let's hear from you. Help us make our program better.

NEW MEMBERS

by Donn Dietrich

The names of the following have been approved by the board for membership in our association. Introduce yourself to them the next time you see them and make them feel welcome.

Ronald Weaver, Superintendent, Class B
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Michael Evans, Superintendent, Class B
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David Cammarota, Sales Rep., Class F
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Rick Cornell, Asst. Superintendent, Class D
Chantilly National Golf and C.C.

Congratulations

To Joe and Kelly Hubbard, Wayne and Deb Brissey, and Donn and Torri Dietrich, all proud new parents.

JUNE MEETING

The June 13 meeting will be held at International Town and C.C., Steven Nash, CGCS.

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