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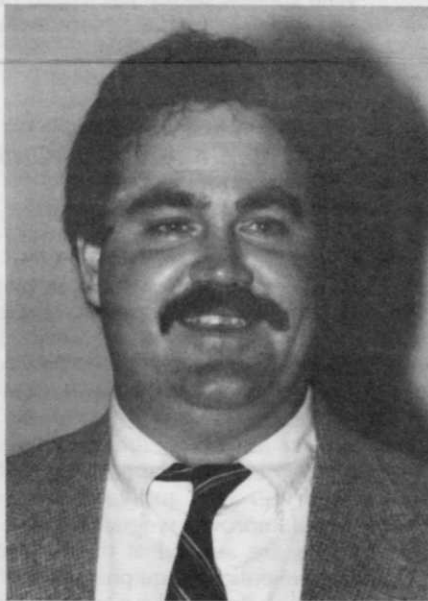
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## NOVEMBER MEETING — FIRST TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7 Please Note Change

The Mid-Atlantic Association of Golf Course Superintendents will meet at the Manor Country Club on Tuesday, the seventh of November. This date is the first Tuesday of the month, not the usual second Tuesday. Please make note of this change. Our host for the meeting is Mitchell Williams. He has been Superintendent at the club since February, 1987. Prior to accepting the job at Manor, Williams was the Golf Course Superintendent at the Maple Dale Country Club in Dover, Delaware and the Assistant Superintendent to Steve Potter at the Woodholme Country Club in Baltimore, Maryland. When he was in high school he worked for Bill Blackert on the crew at the Turf Valley Country Club in Ellicott City, Maryland. Mitchell graduated from the University of Maryland in 1983 with a B.S. degree in agronomy. He and wife Stacey live in Columbia, Maryland.



Mitchell Williams  
Superintendent at Manor Country Club

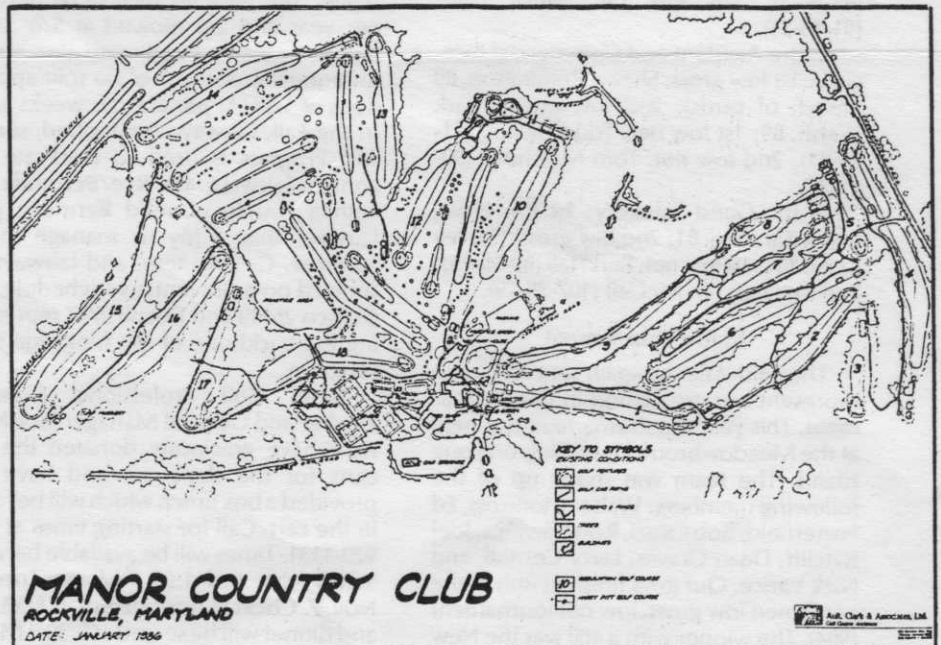
the sand bunkers was used to build a practice tee that measures just under 20,000 square feet. The new tee was sodded using locally grown zoysia. The turf has stood up well to the pressure that practice tees are subjected to and the members thoroughly enjoy the new surface. The biggest project undertaken to date, however, was the installation of an entirely new irrigation system installed by Irrigation Services and Aqua Flo. The heart of the system is an IBM PS/2 Model 30 computer that changes irrigation scheduling from a chore to a joy. In the future, the club has plans to complete the cart paths on the back nine of the Championship 18 and to build an additional maintenance building to store equipment and supplies.

The Manor Country Club consists of a Championship 18 hole course and an executive 9 hole course named the Harry Pitt 9. The club has 9 outdoor tennis courts and 3 swimming pools.

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The Manor Country Club was founded in 1922 by E. Brooke Lee, T. Howard Duckett and Charles Zeller to provide professional and business men respite from the heat and pressures of the city. At that time (1922) the club was described as being located "at the extension of Georgia Avenue, when the nearby Glenmont area consisted of a single gas station and a general store." The original clubhouse, once owned by Contantia Bache, a great granddaughter of Benjamin Franklin, burned to the ground on January 27, 1952. On July 14, 1953 the new clubhouse was officially dedicated by then Vice President Richard M. Nixon.

When Mitchell was hired, his first goal was to establish turf on four greens that had recently been reconstructed. Having accomplished that feat he moved onto projects that had been outlined in a Master Plan created by Ault and Associates. In the Winter of 1989, all the bunkers on the Championship 18 were reconstructed and new sand was added to them. All this work was done in house and was a project Williams says he would be happy to undertake again, in another twenty or thirty years. In the Spring of 1989, the material that was excavated from



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Editor

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## GOLF NOTES

by Nick Vance, CGCS

The winners of our annual memorial tournament were Nick Vance (low gross 78), who won the Bill Glover Memorial Trophy, donated by the G.L. Cornell Co., and Grant Pensinger, the winner of the low net trophy (83-14-69). This year was the low net trophy was dedicated to the memory of Tommy Doerer, and was presented by Turf Equipment and Supply Company.

Other winners were: 2nd low gross, Scott Wagner, 79 (match of cards); 3rd low gross, Paul O'Leary, 79; 2nd low net, Ed Porterfield (80-9-71); 3rd low net, George Renault (93-20-73); 4th low net, Bob Orazi (82-9-73); 5th low net, Steve Nash (91-16-75).

In the Assistant and Commercial category: 1st low gross, Shawn Remington, 89 (match of cards); 2nd low gross, Mark Walsh, 89; 1st low net, Tod Cowling (91-20-71); 2nd low net, Tom Malehorn (90-15-75).

In the Guest category: 1st low gross, Frank Zanzaro, 81; 2nd low gross, Harvey Kelly, 104; 1st low net, Bert Hall (89-18-71); 2nd low net, Jim McCall (107-28-79).

### Metro Tournament

The Mid-Atlantic again sent a team to represent our association in this tournament. This year the tournament was held at the Meadowbrook Hunt Club on Long Island. The team was made up of the following members: Walter Montross, Ed Porterfield, Bob Orazi, Ron Hawkins, Joel Ratcliff, Dean Graves, Larry Cornell, and Nick Vance. Our guys finished fifth in the combined low gross, low net tournament (504). The winner with a 480 was the New Jersey team.

## President's Message

Many thanks to Ken Braun and Bonnieview Country Club for hosting the October meeting. This was also our annual golf tournament and I would like to thank G.L. Cornell for presenting the Bill Glover Trophy and TESCO for presenting the Tom Doerer Trophy. These awards are presented to the low gross and low net winners and honor our past members who started the Association and made it prosper. The course was excellent, as was the meal and if you didn't attend you missed a fine speaker in Dr. Niemczyk.

Congratulations to Steve Cohoon and Joel Ratcliff who have accepted new positions outside the area. Both Steve and Joel were on the Board of Directors and have done outstanding jobs. Steve has been primarily responsible for the slate of speakers over the last two years and Joel has handled Social and Benevolence. Also John Hoover has left to try his hand at something else. We wish all of you many successes.

Ladies Night will be held November the 3rd at Indian Springs Country Club. A mailing has been previously sent and I hope you will all see fit to attend. It is a nice payback to our ladies for tolerating our summers.

Well another season has roared past and it seems that I accomplished half of what I hoped to, this is frustrating sometimes, but at least I know where to start next year.



Walter Montross, President

## NOVEMBER MEETING (Continued from page 1)

As for maintenance procedures, the greens receive 4# of nitrogen per year and this year were treated with Scott's TGR and then overseeded with Penncross and Pennlinks creeping bentgrass. Crabgrass and Goosegrass control is provided by Oxadiazon and Bensulid. The Poa/Bentgrass greens are deep tin aerified twice a year and topdressed at this time. The greens are mowed six times per week at 5/32". The tees at Manor receive 6# of nitrogen per year and seeded using a variety of improved ryegrasses in the fall. The tees are aerified at this time also, using conventional equipment. They are treated with Acclaim for goose/crabgrass control, and are mowed three times a week at 1/2". Topdressing and seed mixture are provided on the tee for divot repair. The fairways receive 6# nitrogen per year and are mowed at 5/8" three times per week. Pendimethaline is used for annual grass control via split applications of 1.5#/AI per acre six weeks apart. In the Fall, fairways are aerified, seeded and Progress is used to eradicate Poa annua. Fairways are Rye/Bermuda mix with a couple of solid Bermuda grass fairways that a joy to manage in the Summer. Greens, tees, and fairways are sprayed on a preventative schedule with Chipco 26019 and Dacnil 2787 representing the backbone of the fungicide spray program.

Head Golf Professional Coleman Plecker and General Manager Jack Molinaro have graciously donated the golf carts for the day's use and have also provided a box lunch which will be found in the cart. Call for starting times at (301) 929-1131. Times will be available between 11:00 A.M. and 1:00 P.M. on Tuesday, Nov. 7. Cocktail hour begins at 5:30 P.M. and dinner will be served at 6:30 P.M. Call for reservations at (301) 381-0030.

Directions to Manor Club: From Washington Capital Beltway (455) exit onto Georgia Avenue (Rt. 97) exit 33 heading north for approximately 9 miles. Turn left onto Norbeck Road (Rt. 28). Proceed approximately 1/2 mile and turn left onto Carrolton Road. Club will be on your left at 14901 Carrolton Road. From Baltimore Beltway (695) exit onto I-70 West (exit 16). Proceed west for approximately 15 miles and exit onto Route 97 south (exit 74). Proceed south for approximately 16 miles. Turn right onto Norbeck Road (Rt. 28). Proceed approximately 1/2 mile and turn left onto Carrolton Road. Club at left at 14901 Carrolton Road.

## 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
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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.



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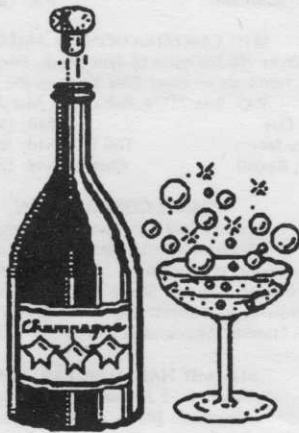
Come to the party on Friday. If you haven't already made plans to attend, call Joel Ratcliff. See if he can find room for you and your lady. The evening will give you a chance to say good-bye to Joel and Deana Ratcliff and Steve and Michele Cohoon. As we mentioned earlier in the Newsletter, they have both accepted new positions outside the area. Both of these families have been involved in our activities for quite a few years and will be missed by us both professionally and personally.

# 1989-1990 MAAGCS SCHEDULE

Date	Location/Host	Speaker/Topic
November 7	Manor Country Club Mitchell Williams	Dr. James Beard, Texas A&M Warm Season Turf Management in the Transition Zone
December 12	Hunt Valley Country Club James Witkowski, Bob Orazi	Election Meeting
January 8-10	Maryland Turfgrass 90 U. of Md., Md. Turfgrass Council	Conference and Show Dr. Thomas Turner
January 15-18	Virginia Turfgrass Conference V.P.I., Va. Turfgrass Council Marriott Hotel, Richmond, Va.	Conference and Show Dr. Jack Hall

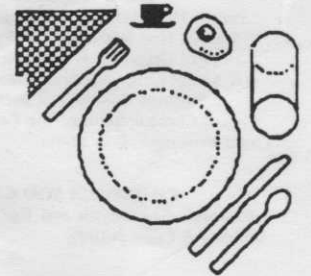
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