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KEN BRAUN HOSTS OCT. 10 MEETING AT BONNIE VIEW C.C. ANNUAL MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT

The October meeting of the Association will be held at Bonnie View Country Club. We will be the guests of the Club and the management team at Bonnie View; or fellow member Ken Braun, the superintendent, Mike Killian, golf professional and John Mooney, club house manager. The meeting is on our regular schedule, the second Tuesday, Oct. 10th.

Bonnie View was built in the early thirties as a public course. In the fifties it was purchased by the members and continued as a private club. The course measures 6,006 yards from the white tees and has a slope rating of 119. Past Superintendents at Bonnie View have included Mid-Atlantic members: Lou Rudinski, Angelo Cammarota, and Bob Scott, Jr.

The fairways at Bonnie View are planted to perennial ryegrass and are cut at 5/8 in. with lightweight mowers. They are overseeded each fall at 150 lbs. per acre, then sprayed in November with Prograss at 1 gal. per acre. The irrigation system on the fairways is manual and Ken reports that he irrigated only once to date this year. They receive 2½ lbs. of N, 1 lb. of P, and 2½ lbs. of K during the season. The tees are bent and perennial rye and cut four times a week at 1/2 inch. The putting surfaces are bent and poa annua and are cut every day at 5/32 of an inch. The greens, tees, and aprons all are on the same fertilizer program. They receive 4 lbs. of N, 2 lbs. of P, and 4 lbs. of K a year. The crabgrass control program at Bonnie View is post emergence. Acclaim has been used on tees, greens, aprons, and fairways for the past several years. Ken started on a TGR program on the greens two years ago with the first application at a light rate. This past spring the full rate was applied and on August 28th the third application was put on the greens. This operation was followed two weeks later with a severe verticuting and overseeding.

The course itself remains much the same as it was during its early years. The greens remain the same as they were originally built with the exception of 1, 2, 3, 6, 15, and 16. These greens have been rebuilt in the past. The club is on a tee



Ken Braun
Superintendent at Bonnie View C.C.

rebuilding program. Ken has rebuilt 6, 7, 10, 12, 15, and 17 tees and plans include rebuilding 11, 13, and 14 and all of the ladies tees in the near future.

Ken and his wife Ann have two children, both girls. Jackie, the oldest, is three years old and the baby, Kendal, is four months old. Ann has been the office manager at Towson Golf and C.C. for the past eight years. Ken has been the Superintendent at Bonnie View since the spring of 1973. He graduated from Stockbridge in 1971 and worked for two years as George Thompsons' assistant at Columbia Country Club before moving to Bonnie View.

THE MEETING: Lunch will be available after 11:30 a.m. Those wishing to play golf must call for a starting time. Times will begin at 10:30. Please try to have your foursome made up when you call (301) 484-2787. Cocktails will be served from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. (cash bar). The dinner and meeting will follow. For reservations call (301) 381-0030.

DIRECTIONS: From the north, take route 695 (Baltimore Beltway) to exit 22. At the end of the ramp turn right onto Greenspring Avenue, go south 2 traffic lights and turn left on Smith Avenue. Follow Smith Avenue 3/4 of a mile to the Club on the right. Exit 22 is on the northwest side of Baltimore. From the south, take route 695 (Baltimore Beltway) to exit 22. At the end of the ramp turn left onto Greenspring Avenue, go south 2 traffic lights and turn left on Smith Avenue. Follow Smith Avenue 3/4 of a mile to the Club on the right. Exit 22 is on the northwest side of Baltimore.

GOLF NOTES

by Walter Montross, CGCS

ANNUAL MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT

The Associations' annual tournament will be held at the Bonnie View meeting. The Bill Glover (low gross) and Reuben Hines (low net) trophies and some great prizes will be awarded to the winners. Come and play, make up your own foursome and call for a starting time, (301) 484-2787.

Last month's tournament winners were: Low net: Bill Neus, 83-18, 65; 2nd low net: Bob Orazzi, 80-9, 71; Low gross: Jeff Yingling, 77; 2nd low gross: Nick Vance, 79; Guest winners were: Low net: Mike Milligan, 77-11, 66; Low gross: Tom Miller, 76.

LADIES NIGHT

Just a little advanced notice so you and your lady can fit our annual social event into your schedule. Indian Spring Country Club will be the site and the event this year is a Dinner-Dance. Set Friday night, November 3 aside to come and socialize with your old friends and make a few new ones. It's a great chance for the ladies to get to know one another. Please plan to come.

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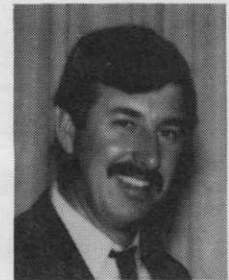
Education Notes

by Stephen E. Cohoon, CGCS

The October 10, 1989 educational program for the MAAGCS meeting will feature Dr. Harry Niemczyk of Ohio State University and its Agricultural Research and Development Center. Dr. Niemczyk is a nationally recognized entomologist and author of "Destructive Turf Insects". The text has become one of the most widely used books by all turf managers. He also teaches a GCSAA seminar on insect control and identification, as well as being a frequent guest speaker at the national GCSAA conference.

President's Message

Many thanks to Bob Miller and the Suburban Country Club for hosting the September meeting. As per the norm everything was perfect. In reading about Bob before the meeting, I was impressed to hear that he has been with the same club for over 25 years. Of course we all know others who have spent their entire careers at one club, but I wonder if this will continue. It seems that after 7 to 10 years the club or the Superintendent grow tired of one another. How often do we hear the lament from the Superintendent: "If they would only give me the resources, I could fix the problem," or "after so many years you would think I wouldn't have to keep answering the same dumb questions," or "this job should be getting easier but every year seems more difficult." Now look at it from the club's perspectives: "He doesn't seem to be giving us the dedication that he did when he started with us," or "how is it with all the money we are spending, XYZ Country Club (which is naturally spending less) is so much better than we are," or "with the amount of money we are spending, you should never inconvenience us with maintenance or closing the course, after all they don't do it at XYZ Country Club. There are no pat answers or solutions to these situations but, just like marriage, once the honeymoon is over you better start communicating. All of us at one time or another think the turf is greener on the other side of the fence, but is it really? Many times a change is needed and can be a positive step but, before you do, reflect on your situation and make the change for the right reasons.



Please join me October 10th at Bonnie View Country Club with our host Ken Braun. This is our annual golf tournament and promises to be an enjoyable day.

Walter Montross, President

Congratulations!

Terry Hill and his wife Belinda are the proud parents of a baby girl born on August 31. Emily Elizabeth is their third daughter. She weighed in at 8 lb. 3 oz. and was a big 21 inches long.

NEW MEMBERS

Timothy Sage, Class A
Superintendent, Cove Creek Club

Robert Dale, Class A
Superintendent, Placid Harbour Ed. Ctr.

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James Prekop, Class D
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Jeffery Blind, Class B
Assistant Superintendent, Baltimore C.C.

RELOCATIONS

Bob Wilbur, Dave Fairbanks' assistant at Army Navy Country Club (10 years) has been named the Superintendent of the Arlington facility. Congratulations Bob.

Our best to Steve Wilson. He has just accepted the Superintendent's position at the Perry Hollow Country Club now under construction in Concord, New Hampshire.

Kirk Intermill, a recent graduate of Horey - Boston Technical College, is now working at Springfield Country Club as Walter Montross' assistant.

1989-1990 MAAGCS SCHEDULE

Date	Location/Host	Speaker/Topic
October 10	Bonnie View Country Club Kenneth Braun	Dr. Harry Niemczyk 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
December 6 (Wednesday)	Hillendale Country Club John Hoover	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
February 19-26	Golf Course Superintendents Association of America Orlando, Florida	International Golf Course Conference and Show G.C.S.A.A.

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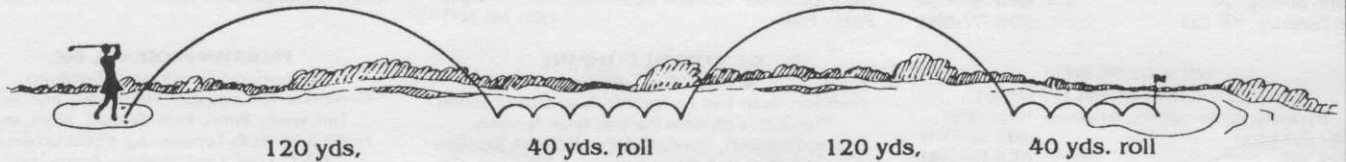
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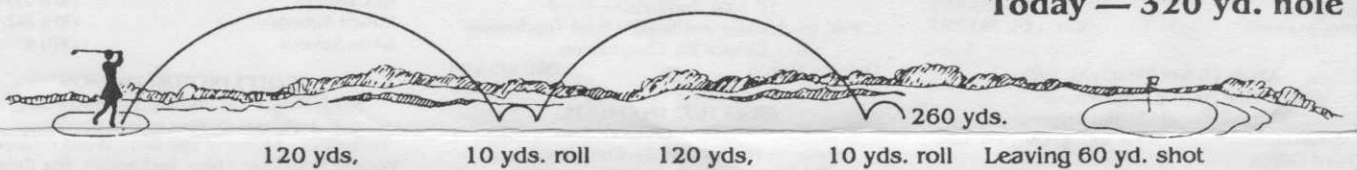
American Society of Golf Course Architects Says It's Time to Move Forward!

Yesterday — 320 yd. hole



Formerly an average woman player could reach a 320 yd. hole in regulation with the additional roll when fairways were more firm.

Today — 320 yd. hole



Today the average woman player will need three shots to reach a 320 yd. hole with today's lush fairways

Women are making their presence felt in golf, and now golf courses must be adapted to their game, according to the American Society of Golf Course Architects.

With one in our golfers a woman, and 41% of all new golfers women, the Society's members are designing forward tees on most of their new and remodeled courses.

Alice Dye, the only woman member of the Society, points out that research shows the average woman golfer drives the ball about 130 yards. She says the low handicap woman golfer is most comfortable playing a course that is approximately 5,440 yards long, while the average woman golfer would find a 4,800 yard course most enjoyable.

The ASGCA architects note that today's lush, watered courses have reduced the roll of the ball. On firm fairways, 33% roll previously was expected and designed into the hole. The two illustrations above show that the average woman golfer could reach a 320-yard hole in regulation with 40 yards of roll, but cannot when the roll is reduced to 10 yards.

Those interested in how forward tees can enhance the playability of a golf course may obtain further information and illustrations by sending a \$5 check to the American Society of Golf Course Architects, 221 N. LaSalle St., Chicago, IL 60601.

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