

TurfTalk



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Mid-Atlantic Golf Course Superintendents

Donn Dietrich welcomes MAAGCS to Maryland GCC on April 10

The April meeting of the MAAGCS will be held Tuesday, April 10th. Golf course superintendent Donn Dietrich and Maryland Golf and Country Clubs will be our host.

Maryland Golf and Country Clubs is a private 18 hole golf facility located in Bel Air, Maryland. The facility also includes 10 har-tru tennis courts, a swimming pool and restaurant facilities. Currently the club has 360 golfing members, and more than 500 total members, averaging 28,500 rounds of golf per year.

The original owner was Colonel Larry MacPhail, former part owner of the New York Yankees. In 1962 the course was bought by the members. At this time the clubhouse, tennis courts and pool were built, and Paul Haviland, our current pro, was hired. The first golf course superintendent, Ed Morse, was hired and held that position until the early seventies when Ron Hall took over. In 1985, when Ron moved on, Donn was hired as superintendent.

Maryland Golf is said to be a tough course to score well on. The course rating is 72.6 from the white markers with a slope rating of 132. It, like other older courses, is surrounded by many beautiful old trees. With the growth of Harford County, the course has also become the center of the building boom with high priced houses popping up all around the surrounding area.

Over the years many improvements to the course have been made. The automatic irrigation system was completed in 1989, the irrigation pond expanded and a new P.S.I. pumping facility installed. Currently the 10th hole, a par 5, is being played as a par 3 during the pond renovation. Hopefully, things will be back to normal by May. The club is considering other capital projects on the golf course in the near future, such as tee space expansion and up-grading the maintenance facility.

The greens are fertilized with 3 1/2 lbs. N, 1 1/2 lbs. P, and 4 lbs. K per year. The fairways and tees receive 4 lbs. N, 1 1/2 lbs. P and 3 lbs. K. The intermediate rough is fertilized with the fairways. The greens and tees are also treated spring and fall with Scott's T.G.R. This program has been in effect for two and one half years with good results. The greens are mowed six to seven times per week at 9/64", fairways are mowed at 11/16", three times per week and tees at 5/8", three times per week.

The rough is mowed once a week at 2". The fairways are also treated in the fall with progress and seeded. This program has been in effect three years. Also, in 1989, the fairways were added to the preventive spraying program with excellent results.

"I feel that the biggest assets I have at Maryland Golf are the people," says Donn. "The membership is excellent to work for and



Donn Dietrich, Superintendent at Maryland Golf & CC, will host the April 10 meeting.

the staff professional. Besides inheriting a very well-maintained golf course, I also inherited an excellent staff: Assistant Superintendent, David Boniface; Equipment Manager, Paul Hemling; Maintenance Staff, Walter Hortzell, Joe Martin, Bill Breeden and John Jubb."

Maryland Golf is looking forward to hosting the April 10th meeting. See You there.

Directions:

From I-95 North: Exit 77 to Bel Air on Route 24. Right onto Route 924 at first light. Approximately 4 miles to MacPhail Road. Right onto MacPhail Road. Approximately 3 miles down MacPhail Road on the left is the main entrance to the club.

President's Message

Wow! What a turnout for our first meeting of the year.

Lester Tanner did a terrific job as host, with the Newton White



Mansion providing the perfect setting for a perfect evening. Dr. Reed Funk got me so excited about the work being done with different turf varieties, I decided to create one of my own and it's going to make me rich. It never dies, remains in the perfect playing condition no matter what and is more beautiful than you can imagine. I even have a catchy name: *Roboturf*. It may be awhile before you see it because of the obligatory safety impact studies by OSHA, EPA, MOSHA, FIFRA, IRSA, AFL-CIO, NAACP, NRA, NCR, MIA. . . . My next invention might be *Roboworker*. The possibilities are endless.

See you at Maryland Golf & Country Club on the 10th.

Bill Neus, C.G.C.S., President

Bits and Pieces

○ A binder, containing material safety data sheets (MSDS) for nearly every product used in turf and ornamental application is available from Lea's Green Meadows, Inc.

The cost of the item is \$60 which is what it costs Lea's to print the manual. Please contact Rick Fritz or Harry Fridley at 899-3535 to discuss this essential grouping of information.

○ Most members have paid their dues for 1990. But a few members still have not gotten their money to Steve Potter. The board of directors has been kicking around the idea of printing a delinquent list in the newsletter. Please don't make them go to that extreme. If you have received a second notice please be prompt in returning payment.

○ The Superintendent-Pro Tournament is fast approaching. This year's field will be limited, so keep your eyes on the mailbox for the entry form. The entry fee this year will be \$150 per team. Expedited return of the form and

fee will be advantageous. Many thanks to Bill Shirk and his professional staff for hosting this stellar event.

○ Scott Wagner has informed us that the September meeting must be moved to Wednesday, September 12. It seems that Leisure World is a voting site in Montgomery County and won't be conducive to holding a meeting on the formerly scheduled date. Those seniors are serious about their voting rights. Please make a note of the change in the date.

○ The response to the "Name the Newsletter Contest" has been underwhelming.

Come on guys, we're talking about making \$50 for simply using your imagination.

Thanks to those people who have sent in their ideas. They will be seriously considered. Send ideas to:

Mitch Williams
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Special Thanks

The MAAGCS would like to thank Ciba-Geigy, Lea's Green Meadows and Cornell Chemical for their generous contribution to our Association at the March meeting. This is part of a program whereby a percentage of the proceeds from buying Ciba-Geigy products is returned to the local chapter through these distributors. This money will be well used in our increased effort to promote the superintendent in the Mid-Atlantic. This is another example of the great support provided by the distributors in our area.

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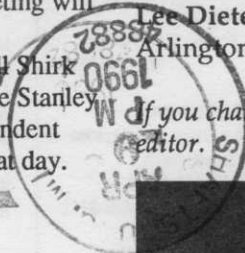
Starting times will be available at the April Meeting at Maryland Golf and Country Club between 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. Please call the pro shop at 301-838-5022 to reserve your time.

This month's tournament requires a \$5 entry fee. Both the low net and low gross scores will be awarded prizes from the pro shop. Cart fees will be \$16 per cart. Come on out and enjoy a day with your fellow superintendents.

May Meeting to be held at Prospect Bay

The May 8 MAAGCS meeting will be held at Prospect Bay in Graysonville, Md. with Bill Shirk as host. The speaker will be Stanley Zontek. The Pro-Superintendent tournament will be held that day.

Mark Your Calendar!



Thomas Haske, formerly at Westwood Country Club, Vienna, Virginia, is now at the Tournament Players Club at Avenel, Potomac, Maryland.

Walter Montross, formerly at the Springfield Golf and Country Club, Springfield, Virginia, is now at the Westwood Country Club, Vienna, Virginia.

James Kelly, formerly at the Green Hill Yacht and Country Club, Salisbury, Maryland, is now at the Newark Country Club, Newark, Delaware.

Jeff Carson, formerly at the Newark Country Club, Newark, Delaware, is now at the Country Club of Fairfax, Fairfax, Virginia.

Fred Heinlen, formerly at the Bay Club, Berlin, Maryland, is now at the Hunt Valley Golf Course, Fallston, Maryland.

Rhys Arthur, formerly at the Woodlawn Country Club, Alexandria, Virginia, is now at the Indian Spring Country Club, Silver Spring, Maryland.

Michael Gilmore, formerly with the Baltimore Municipal Golf Corporation, is now at the Turf Valley Country Club, Ellicott City, Maryland.

Geoffrey Blind, formerly at the Baltimore Country Club, Baltimore, Maryland, is now at the Hillendale Country Club, Phoenix, Maryland.

Joel Ratcliff, formerly at the Indian Spring Country Club, Silver Spring, Maryland, is now at the Sedgefield Country Club, Greensboro, North Carolina.

Lee Dieter is still at the Washington Golf and Country Club, Arlington, Virginia.

If you change jobs or know of any job changes, please contact the newsletter editor.

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