

President's Message

It was certainly a treat to sample the Eastern Shore hospitality for a second time last



month. Jim McHenry and Caroline CC provided a magnificent day with Dr. James Beard mapping a path to our turfgrass future. Once again attendance was over 100. Pretty soon we'll have to start renting out the grand ballroom to host our meetings.

Now we come to what might be the most important meeting of the year, *The Picnic*. This is a therapeutic event. You can drown your sorrows, lick your wounds, try to tell a bigger lie than the next guy, give a count of your crabgrass (if you have calculation big enough), or just forget the golf course for awhile and enjoy crabs, corn, ribs, burgers, hot dogs, clowns, swimming, beer, soda, etc., etc. The festivities start at 4:00 p.m. If you prefer to play golf, tee times start after 11:00 a.m. Call the day before for a time.

Where else can you get all this for free? Don't miss the best of the summer at my place, Hobbit's Glen.

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

Bits and Pieces

○ Bill Neus has graciously agreed to host the annual picnic this year on Tuesday, August 14. The festivities begin at 4:00 p.m. Wives or girlfriends and children are encouraged to attend, but don't invite both your wife and your girlfriend. Guests are also allowed. However, guests will be charged a \$5 fee at the door. This month we will not have a speaker and it is not necessary to make reservations.

Golf is available on the 14th starting at 11:00 a.m. Call the starter at Hobbit's Glen Golf Club at 997-9810. Carts are \$10.00 per person for an 18-hole round. Besides Bill Neus, Ben Stagg, Dick Doyle, John Strickland, Lynn Matson, Paul Barefoot, and Rhys Authur are deserving of thanks for the efforts they have donated in making this picnic possible. Special thanks to Ken Ingram for agreeing to slave over the hot grill, although he doesn't know about this development yet.

○ John Woodson from Monsanto will be on hand on the 14th to show those who are interested several fairways that have been treated with Demension.

○ Five skins were won at the June meetings at Caroline Country Club. Jack Montecalvo, Gary Mitchell, Earl Mason, Nick Vance, and Steve Cahoon each received one skin. Thanks to Jim McHenry for hosting a wonderful event.

○ The John Deere Championship Golf Tournament will be held at Maryland Golf and Country Club in Bel Aire, Maryland on Tuesday, September 18. (Donn Dietrich is the Golf Course Superintendent.) Teams will compete for

prize money, gift certificates, and use of John Deere turf equipment at your golf course. The winning regional team will advance to the National Championship to be held in Palm Springs, California on November 13-18. Finch Golf and Turf will donate 10% of the entry fees to the superintendents association with the most members participating. The entry fee is \$200 per team.

Teams are comprised of a superintendent, a general manager, a golf professional and a club officer. The field will be limited to the first 32 teams which respond. Call Finch Golf and Turf at 1-800-445-5119 (in Maryland) or 1-800-233-7404 (outside Maryland) if you have any questions.

○ A two-man team format will be played at the September meeting at Leisure World Golf Course. Scott Wagner is the Golf Course Superintendent. Further information will be forthcoming in the next few weeks.

○ The Maryland Turfgrass Council Golf Research Tournament will be held October 16 at The Suburban Club in Pikesville, Maryland. This event will include lunch, golf, and dinner. Only in its second year, this tournament has already acquired the reputation of being a first class event. The tournament proceeds fund the research done by Drs. Turner, Dernoeden, and Carroll at the Turfgrass Research Facility. Bob Miller is the Golf Course Superintendent at The Suburban Club.

○ Ladies Night will be held on Friday, November 9 at the Indian Spring Country Club. Look for details in the coming months.