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Nat Binns and Lakewood Country Club to Host Annual Meeting

The annual election will be held at Lakewood Country Club on Tuesday, December 13. Nat Binns, Golf Course Superintendent there, will host this month's meeting. Nat came to Lakewood in October, 1986. Previously he was at Hopewell Valley Golf Club in Hopewell, N.J. He was also Assistant Superintendent for Ken Braun at Bonnieview Country Club in Pikesville, Md.

Nat is a graduate of the University of Massachusetts' Stockbridge School of Agriculture and was a member of the UMass golf team. He still plays golf to a single digit handicap. He and wife Maureen have two children, Nat Jr. and Colleen, and reside in Germantown, Md. Nat lists among his hobbies golf, of course, and small-scale model building. He recently hired Chris Fagan as Assistant Golf Course Superintendent and has been very pleased with this addition to his staff.

Lakewood, located in Montgomery County, Md., opened in 1961. A District Court decision to take control of the club away from the original promoters and give it to the membership was made that year. The club has been a member-owned concern since then. The course, an Ed Ault design, measures 6,375 yards from the white tees and 6,835 yards from the blue; par is 72. John Hafera is the PGA Golf Professional at Lakewood. The club has 525 members and receives 35,000 rounds annually.

Some of the more notable projects undertaken on the golf

course include construction of a stone wall around the pond at the ninth green, new irrigation on the tees, rebuilding the eighteenth tee, and the recently begun renovation of all the sand bunkers. This winter, work will commence on constructing a bulkhead around the pond on the twelfth hole. Nat has also started looking into the feasibility of a large-scale irrigation renovation. This fall he began a fairway program which includes applications of Prograss and Scott's TGR, along with the overseeding of ryegrass. Nat would like to thank Golf Professional John Hafera and General Manager Ralph Pecca for their efforts in making the annual meeting a pleasant and successful event.

Schedule: Golf: available after 12 noon. Call Pro Shop for reservations: 301-762-9074.

Lunch: Available, must be charged to your club.

Cocktails: 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Dinner: 7:00 p.m. Cost: \$25.

Directions: From Washington: From 495 take 270 north to rt. 28 west toward Darnestown. At the third traffic light, turn left onto Glen Mill Rd. Lakewood is one-half mile on the left.

From Baltimore: From 695 take 70 west to rt. 27 south. Where rt. 27 merges with rt. 355, veer left. Continue on rt. 355 for a half mile, turn right on route 118. Take 118 to 270 south to rt. 28 toward Darnestown; go 1.2 miles, turn left on Glen Mill Rd. Lakewood is one-half mile on the left.

Annual Election

This month the MAAGCS elects its directors for 1991. The nominating committee, comprised of Walter Montross, CGCS, Bob Miller, CGCS, and Ben Stagg CGCS, offers the following people for officers:

Nick Vance, President

Ken Ingram, Vice President

Steve Potter, Treasurer

Lou Rudinski, Secretary

Donn Dietrich, Rhys Arthur, Scott Wagner, and Mitch Williams will return in 1991 as directors. On Tuesday, December 11 those present and eligible will vote for two additional directors for three-year terms from the following list of candidates:

Bernie Bevan, CGCS, Breton Bay Golf and Country Club

Mike Evans, Prince Georges Country Club

Dean Graves, Bethesda Country Club

Tom Knoll, Chantilly National Golf and Country Club

Jim Meier, CGCS, Belle Haven Country Club

Mark Merrick, The Elkridge Club
Ed Porterfield, CGCS, Evergreen Country Club

Tim Sage, Cove Creek Club

Lentz Wheeler, Hidden Creek Country Club

In addition, nominations may be made from the floor by any voting member in good standing. Each candidate for office will be permitted a nominating speech and seconding speech on his behalf.

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