

# Turfgrass Matters



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## November 13th meeting slated for Piney Branch Golf and Country Club

Gene Dyke will be our host for the November meeting. In the past, Gene has hosted the July 1984, July 1981, and November 1975 meetings. Needless to say, he has taken to heart the sometimes problematic responsibility of hosting the MAAGCS meeting. He is to be congratulated for his selflessness.



Gene has been at Piney Branch for 23 years. Quite an impressive statistic. In the preceding years, he has also been associated with the Carpers Valley Golf Club, the Millwood Country Club, and the Sleepy Hollow Golf Club. When not at work, he enjoys woodworking, looking for antiques, and the great outdoors. Gene and his wife, Darlene, have been married for 27 years. They have a son, Gene, who is 19 years old.

Piney Branch Golf and Country Club has the unique distinction of being located in two counties, Carroll and Baltimore. It occupies 206 acres and was designed by Eddie Ault. The first nine holes opened in 1965 and the full 18 were complete in 1971. The course measures 6850 from the blue tees and 6508 from the white tees. Par for the course is 71. Jeffrey Zachma is the P.G.A. professional at Piney Branch.

Over the years, Gene and his crew have done a myriad of

projects. They have built greens, tees, bridges, shelters and installed cart paths. Hopefully, we'll have good weather on the 13th, and everyone can come out and enjoy the fruits of labor of one very dedicated man and his staff.

One note—make your reservations early by calling 301-381-0030. Piney Branch has limited seating and an exact count is important. The speaker at the November meeting will be Mr. Tom Aiken. Tom is Director of Planning for the GCSAA. He will bring us up to date on what's new and interesting on the national Association level.

### Schedule

**Golf:** 12 noon. Shotgun.  
Call pro shop for reservations:  
301-239-7115

**Lunch:** Available

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

**Dinner:** 7:00 p.m.; cost: \$25

### Directions

**From Washington:** Take 270 north to 118 East (right). Route 118 will dead end into 355. Turn left. Take 355 to 27, bear right. continue on 27 to Hampstead, Md. Turn right on Route 30 for 1.5 miles to left on Trenton Mill road. Piney Branch is 1/2 mile on the right.

**From Baltimore:** Take I-695 north to I-795 west. Continue on 795 to Route 30 north. Continue 8 miles on Route 30 to Trenton Mill Road, and turn right. Piney Branch is 1/2 miles on the right.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Is it really November already? Or should I say, "Thank god I made it to another November?"



A special thank-you goes to Mike Larson and Woodmont Country Club for providing an unbelievable day for our October meeting. Dr. Joe Duich captivated everyone with his thoroughly entertaining talk and slide presentation on the Japanese Agriculture Expo.

This month brings us to Piney Branch Golf Club and Gene Dyke. If you've never been there, treat yourself to a round of golf on a great golf course that seems to be a well-kept secret. See you there.

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

## Golf Notes

Congratulations to the 1990 Annual Champions. Ken Braun who was the winner of the J. E. Thomas Trophy for Low Net, and to Scott Wagner who was the winner of the Bill Glover Trophy for Low Gross. A special thanks goes out to the pro shop staff at Woodmont Country Club for all their help in making our tournament a huge success.

**RESERVATIONS**  
**(301) 381-0030**