

## Candidates for MAAGCS Board of Directors *election slated for December*

**Mike Gilmore**, superintendent at Turf Valley Golf Course in Ellicott City, Md., has been a member of MAAGCS since 1983.

A native of Lutherville, Md., Mike graduated from the University of Massachusetts at Stockbridge and began his career at Woodmont Country club working for Mike Larsen. "He was," notes Mike, "a big influence on me. I learned a lot of valuable information there." Mike then spent a year at Glendale Country Club in Greenbelt before becoming a superintendent for the Baltimore Golf Corporation which supervises five public courses. Before beginning his job at Turf Valley, however, he was superintendent for two years at Clifton Park and two years at Mount Pleasant.

Mike is in his second year at Turf Valley, a 45-hole private golf and resort facility. His big project since coming here has been to rebuild a dozen or so tees—six or seven on the north course and four or five on the south course. In addition, Mike and the crew have done extensive planting this year; annual and perennial beds added a lot to the courses and grounds.

Construction of the final nine holes, designed by Ed Ault—as was the entire layout at Turf Valley—is slated to begin soon, perhaps in the spring.

The biggest challenge to overseeing 45 holes is the organization, Mike declares. He credits his smooth-running operation to the help and enthusiasm of three excellent assistants. "You're only as good as the people you have working for you and their willingness to carry out plans. They are the ones who make my job easier."

Most of Mike's off-hours are spent with his family. Newest member, Christopher Michael, born September 12, occupies much of his time and attention, but the other three, Lucas, Megen and Katie—the youngest of whom is eight—are a big help. When he does have time for golf these days, he prefers to play on other courses—he'd rather not look at his own problems, he laughs.

**Bill Shirk**, superintendent of Queenstown Harbor Golf Links, Queenstown, Md., has been a member of MAAGCS since 1978 and a member of National since 1972. He became CGCS in 1989. Bill is a board member of the Maryland Turfgrass Council and has held all offices in the Eastern Shore Superintendents' Association.

Bill has been at Queenstown Harbor just over a year, coming to this position from Prospect Bay Country Club, also on the Eastern Shore. Prior to that Bill was superintendent at Seaford Golf and Country Club in Seaford, De.

Bill graduated from Penn State with a degree in turf management in 1972 and worked at Sparrows Point Country Club while in school.

Queenstown Harbor is a brand new 27-hole course, just opened July 1. Designed by Lindsey Ervin, it is unique in that it is on 750 acres on the Chesapeake Bay where there are no houses; the Critical Areas Commission finally consented to their building a pro-shop. Arthur Birney, who has owned the farm for 22 years and wanted to turn it into an elite public course, had quite an ordeal getting permits. With so much wetlands area to

negotiate, the process took seven years and about 43 public hearings.

Bill, who has been on site since the first shovel of dirt was turned, has had a very good year. The bentgrass fairways at Queenstown have done well. "I'm impressed with it," he says. This turf requires less maintenance than ryegrass or bluegrass, he finds.

Is it very exciting open a new course, and to be in on construction from the beginning? "Yes," says Bill, "I did the same thing at Prospect Bay. I've done it twice. This will probably be the last time."

Bill enjoys golf, fishing and activities with his children, Adrian, 9, and Ashley, 7.

**Lentz Wheeler**, superintendent of Hidden Creek Country Club, Reston, Va., has been a member of MAAGCS since 1983. He has held three offices in the Greater Washington Association—president, vice president and secretary, and is currently treasurer of the National Prayer Breakfast Committee.

Lentz graduated from the University of Tennessee in 1979 with a degree in ornamental horticulture and landscape design. He has always loved golf and became interested in the turfgrass aspect because of that. He also took a grad-level golf course design course while in college.

Lentz has been superintendent at Hidden Creek since November 1987. Prior to that he was superintendent at Reston Golf Course. After he took over Hidden Creek, he ran both courses for three years. He began working at Reston in 1980 and became their

superintendent in 1981.

Hidden Creek has ryegrass fairways, ryegrass and bentgrass tees, poa and bentgrass greens. The course did pretty well this summer. Although he had problems, they were no worse than anyone else suffered, he declared. "Our roughs are in bad shape right now. They are not filling back in like they should, but overall, we didn't do too badly."

Lentz' major projects at Hidden Creek include building eight tees in the last two years, one new green and putting in a cart path on all 18 holes. In the future they hope to replace the antique irrigation system, but in the meantime, they will be putting in about 35 lateral lines to catch some of the rough and will continue building tees.

Lentz and his wife Jane, a third grade teacher in Fairfax County, have lived in their new

house in Herndon since December. They both keep busy chasing two-year-old David. "He's wired," says his father. Lentz' other big preoccupation is Tennessee football—he's a diehard fan. He has two tickets on the 50-yard line for the Notre Dame game on November 9.

### Environmental General Session Slated for GCSAA Conference

On Friday, February 14, 1992, Victor Kimm, the Environmental Protection Agency's deputy administrator of pesticide programs, will speak about how EPA's Pollution Prevention Program will affect pesticide use and availability. Jay Feldman, the national coordinator for the National Coalition Against the Misuse of Pesticides (NCAMP), will talk about pesticide use risks

from NCAMP's perspective. John Stossel, ABC-TV "20/20" correspondent, will comment on the media's perspective and interpretation of pesticide use on golf courses.

This Environmental General Session is being offered to further enhance our members', and the industry's, understanding of today's pesticide issues. The recent Supreme Court decision concerning pesticide use, along with stepped-up media scrutiny, has led many in our communities to question all chemical usage.

Put this program on your itinerary if you are going to be in New Orleans for the Annual Conference.

### Quotable Quote

"You don't know what pressure is until you play for five bucks with only two in your pocket."

*Lee Trevino*



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