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GOLF NOTES

Our September meeting will be at Prince Georges Country Club in Mitchellsville. Tee times will be available from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

For starting times please call the pro shop at 301-249-6104. Carts are free.

Prizes will be awarded in both the net and gross divisions.

We will also have a Long Drive Contest on the course, so please make plans to play.

Another note. Anyone wish-

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Once again Larry Ott and the staff at Bretton Woods Recreation Center worked very hard to make our annual picnic a huge success.

Thanks, Larry, for a job well done. A special thanks also goes out to Mark Merrick, Ken Ingram and all their helpers for planning and supervising the event.

This week I received our invitation to the Metropolitan Golf Course Superintendents Association annual tournament to be held Tuesday October 15, 1991 at Fenway Golf Club in Scarsdale, NY. The Mid-Atlantic will again enter an 8-man team in the event, but we need to know in advance the names and handicaps of those wishing to participate. The format of play will be the same as last year with four designated as gross and four as net. The team title will be decided by adding the three lowest net and three lowest gross scores. There will also be prizes awarded for low individual gross score, closest to the pin and longest drive. Proof of handicap will be required on the day of the tournament. Anyone interested should contact Scott Wagner or myself.

See you at Prince Georges CC on Tuesday, September 10.

*Nick Vance, CGCS
President, MAAGCS*

ing to play at the National Tournament, please let me know so we can start putting our teams together now.

See you at Prince Georges C.C. on the 10th.

*Scott Wagner
Golf Chairman, MAAGCS*

**SEPTEMBER SPEAKER**

September's speaker is James Belville, Meteorologist in Charge, National Weather Service Forecast Office in Washington, D.C.

Mr. Belville will speak about lightning, a topic that has unfortunately been very much in the news. It is a topic that is critical for people on golf courses, yet one of which the general public is surprisingly ignorant.

Did you know that lightning can strike five miles outside a thunderstorm? Or that during one bad thunderstorm in Northwest Washington several weeks ago there were approximately 1200 cloud-to-ground flashes in the period of an hour over a 10-square-mile area? Mr. Belville will present these and other interesting

**Can lightning strike twice?
Find out at the September meeting.**

and informative facts, will review safety rules and precautions and discuss new tracking technology and how the NWS has used this equipment during golf tournaments like the Kemper and LPGA.

A native of Texas, Mr. Belville earned his B.S. at Texas A&M. He has worked for the NWS for 23 years and was a forecaster in Lubbock and in New Orleans before assuming his post in Washington. His current position in the Forecast Office encompasses managing the resources of NWS over a four-state area: Virginia, Maryland, Delaware, D.C. and part of West Virginia. He played golf a lot in college—almost daily—but over the years has played less and less as his job became more demanding. He hopes to reverse this trend immediately. "Being around all those golf tournaments last year made me really want to start again."