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APRIL SPEAKER

Dr. Thomas Turner, of the University of Maryland will present the latest research regarding fertilizer technologies. Dr. Turner has done some extensive work with the "natural" organics and synthetic fertilizers. He will update us on those fertilizers and their respective applications. Knowing our group, there will not be a shortage of fertilizer spreading at the meeting, organic or otherwise.

Dean Graves, *Education Chairman*

GOLF NOTES

Due to the bad weather the march golf tournament was left out in the cold! Nonetheless, rumor has it that our president, who had his golf game in top condition, is pleading a case for some tournament points for the annual golfer-of-the-year award.

The April meeting at River Run Country Club will have a points tournament, both net and gross. Both members and guests are welcome to play. No tee times are required. Players wishing to play in the tournament may tee off between 10:00 a.m. and 12 noon. The cost will be \$5 per person. This does not include cart fee. Please sign up in the pro shop and pick up a rule sheet.

Thanks to the many sponsors we have this year for our monthly golf tournaments we will have four closest-to-pin contests and one longest drive contest—all valued at \$50—for each monthly tournament. There are still four openings for closest-to-pin contest sponsorship, three for the superintendent-pro tournament and several hole sponsorships for the superintendent-pro. Anyone wishing to help with these may contact me or Bernie Beavan, CGCS.

April's tournament sponsorships are: Long Drive Contest—Hoechst-Roussel (Acclaim); Closest-To-Pin—Pro-Lawn; Closest-To-Pin—Harford; Closest-To-Pin—Loft's; Closest-To-Pin—Hoechst-Roussel (Acclaim).

Bill Shirk, *Golf Chairman*

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

It was great seeing so many of you at Fountainhead for our March meeting. We had an attendance



of 95 and, most importantly, it matched the count given to Fountainhead on the Friday before the meeting. Thank you for being so considerate of your host and fellow superintendents. It was unfortunate that golf was unavailable but with the recent storm, Ken will still have snow in April. Ken Keller, his president, Bill Precilious, and his greens chairman, Bill Nooks have extended an invitation to you to come up for a round of golf at another time.

You will be receiving at least one survey this year requesting different kinds of information. Please take the time, decide what you want out of your association and what you are willing to put back in, and answer the survey as completely and honestly as possible. Your support is needed and your feedback is the information that the BOD uses to run the association and plan for the future.

The next meeting is being hosted by Fred Heinlen at River Run in Ocean City. Fred has made arrangements for hotel rooms, so take take some extra time and enjoy yourself.

Steve Potter, CGCS
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