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Correction

Your editor's face is the color of ink in her correcting pen. In last month's article, "Golf Course Construction in Maryland," Mr. Ault's first name was given incorrectly. The renowned golf course architect's name was EDMUND. Then, if that weren't bad enough, another article "renamed" Mr. Clark (of Ault, Clark & Associates). As most of you no doubt know, his name is TOM. He is now immediate past President of the ASGCA. The current President is Gerald Matthews of Lansing, Michigan. Sincere Apologies.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The July meeting was held at Washington Golf and Country Club, known to be the first golf club in Virginia —it dates back



to the late 1800s. It was a hot, memorable day and Lee Dieter was a great host as expected. Lee has been privileged to hold the superintendent's job at Washington Golf for over 30 years. There is a lesson to be learned: Lee said the key to this success is maintaining an open line of communication at all times, good and bad. The association thanks him for his hospitality and we hope that Lee may finish out his career at Washington Golf and Country Club.

The speaker, golf course architect Craig Steiner, made a very comprehensive presentation of Golf Course Master Planning. It fit right in if you had played golf there that day. It was impressive the way a new green and playing area can be incorporated into an existing course to benefit both the player and the turf without disrupting the intent of the original architect. Craig deserves a lot of credit for the work he has done at Washington Golf and we thank him for all of his information.

The next meeting, the annual picnic, will be at Bretton Woods golf course on Wednesday August 11. Please note the day change. This is an excellent opportunity for your families to get to know other MAAGCS families and celebrate, or at least commiserate. There will be plenty of food and activities for the kids, so please don't miss this family event.

I hope that the heat has not made your jobs too much harder but remember that many of us are in the same boat and it only takes a phone call to get some information and support. Best of luck to you for the rest of the summer and I'll see you in Poolesville.

GOLF NOTES

Many thanks to Lee Dieter and his fine staff for the wonderful job in preparing for our July tournament. Mother Nature has given us some very harsh weather conditions to deal with the month of June and the beginning of July, but only Washington Golf and CC had to prepare for a golf tournament of his peers. The whole staff should be proud of a job well done. Being a superintendent in the Mid-Atlantic region for 21 years now, I always look forward to meeting and talking with Lee. He always has interesting ideas and advice on turf management. Thanks, Lee, for being an active member of the MAAGCS all these years!

Thanks to Finch Equipment for sponsoring the hole-in-one and longest drive contests. Please take time to thank Ray Finch and all our golf tournament sponsors. Results of the July Tournament: 1st Gross: Greg Rosenthal (76); 1st Net: Michael Evans (66); 2nd Gross: Scott Wagner (77); 2nd Net: George Renault (68); 3rd Gross: Jim McHenry (78); 3rd Net: Craig Schaiener (69). Closest-to-pin contests-#2: Ron Hawkins (5'3"); **#9:** Bill Shirk (5'5"); **#11**: Michael Evans (10'9"); #14: Ron Hawkins (7'9"). Longest drive: Walter (Kong) Montross (303 yds.).

August is our annual picnic a time to relax so the golf chairman will have a chance to catch up on other more turf-related matters. In other words, there will not be any organized golf tournament. However, if you wish to play, please contact our host, Larry Ott, for arrangements.

An update on the **golfer-of-theyear** award points will be published in the September newsletter.