

Turfgrass Matters



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1993 Annual Meeting to Be at Turf Valley

Mike Gilmore will host the December 14 meeting at Turf Valley Country Club in Ellicott City, Md.

Since the last time MAAGCS met at Turf Valley, nine more holes have been added, bringing
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Golf: See Golf Notes, page 2.

Dinner: Cocktails 6:00, hors d'oeuvres 6:30, dinner 7:00.

Formal. Cost: \$30.

Reservations: 301-490-6202

Directions: From Baltimore: I-695 to I-70 W to Marriottsville Rd exit. Left on Marriottsville Rd. At first stop sign turn left on Rt. 40. Go 7/10 mile to Turf Valley Rd. From D.C. I-495 to Rt. 29 N. Go to I-70 west & follow above directions.

Dues Increase Update

by Steve Potter

It was announced in last month's issue that the BOD set the dues to be \$120—a \$35 increase. Broad parameters were set on what the dues are to be used for but there has been some interest in specifics. This will attempt to answer some of these questions. As always, you are encouraged to call a board member to ask any questions you may have.

In fiscal year 1992 the association operated at approximately a \$2,000 loss. This loss was due to increased expenses, not loss of revenue. The growth of the membership was moderate and as

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We had a great meeting at Swan Creek last month. The weather was terrific for November and everyone enjoyed playing a scramble format with members they usually don't play golf with. The course was in excellent shape and the meal was more than most could finish. Geoffrey Blind from Hillendale had some great information to be used by the superintendent who is having poa or drainage problems on greens—so if you have some kind of renovation being considered at your club, give him a call.



The MAAGCS continues to grow as do its needs and responsibilities. An effort was made this year to plot a course that will accommodate these needs for the future. The Long Range Planning Committee, headed by director Mike Gilmore, was created this year to focus on the changes needed to accommodate the membership. It is purposefully moving at a moderate pace both to protect the association fiscally, and to allow the membership time to assist in these changes. These changes are being done in stages in hopes that in several years all the changes will blend to benefit the members and establish a means for meeting future needs of

the association. Your input is valued and I urge you to contact a board member to voice your concerns or suggestions.

The December meeting at Turf Valley is the election meeting. Past President Ken Ingram as chairman of the nominating committee is presenting an excellent slate of individuals to run for the BOD. If you are interested in serving the association, nominations are taken from the floor in accordance with the by-laws, or contact the next Past President for next year. (That's me, folks.)

The last thing I want to say through the president's message is to tell the entire membership what an enjoyable experience it has been serving you over the past year. I greatly enjoyed working with the gentlemen you have elected to the BOD. All of us are busy at our jobs—as you are—yet each and every board member always took the time to do his job for the membership and have a report ready for each board meeting. Time is growing increasingly precious and I admire and commend each board member for his attention to his board duties. I want to sign off by thanking these men for their dedication and professionalism. Thank you.

