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JUNE SPEAKER

Mrs. Stephanie Hau, a Hydrogeologist in her own firm, Chesapeake Environmental Management will be speaking to us at our June Chapter meeting. Topics of discussion will be: where does ground water come from; how we can utilize these resources, and how can golf course superintendents and the public perception of what we do improve. Stephanie will undoubtedly enlighten us on these necessary concerns.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Superintendent/Pro tournament held at Westwood Country Club was a great event. Our host, Walter



Montross, had the golf course in superb condition and the bentgrass fairways exceeded expectations. There was not a bad lie on the entire golf course; even the hazards were manicured. My pro told me about the playability of the fairways but I speak of the hazards from firsthand knowledge. Thank you, Walter, for all your efforts in making this tournament so memorable. The culinary hospitality of Westwood by Mr. Miranda, General Manager, was excellent also. It was a first-class event and all the way and a great way to start off the awarding of President's cup commemorating all of the past presidents of the MAAGCS. I hope the trophy finds its way into many superintendents' clubs for years to come.

The long Range Planning Committee is tallying results from the surveys and will start working on recommendations for the future of the association later this year. They are working very hard and they rely on your input so if you have any complaints or suggestions, get the survey filled out and return it to the office ASAP. They cannot recommend changes for situations that they do not know about. It is the hope of the BOD that we can start to make the necessary changes for the association in 1994.

The next meeting is at International Golf and Country Club with Steve Nash as our host. Steve has newly constructed greens that were sodded with bentgrass

grown for him on a compatible mix. It will be interesting to come play on yet another golf course where the greens were changed to accommodate modern play and maintenance practices. Steve informs us that tee times are a must!!! The meeting is on June 8 so make sure all of your arrangements are made by June 4 so you won't be left out. I look forward to seeing you all there.

**Steve Potter, CGCS
President, MAAGCS**

GOLF NOTES

Many, many thanks to Westwood CC and Walter Montross, CGCS, for hosting this year's Supt.-Pro tournament. There are many hours of hard work in preparing for this tournament and the result of it was certainly evident as the course was in perfect condition. We all get personal rewards from this profession and Walter should be very proud of a job well done. Thanks also to Walter's assistant Kirk Intermill and the rest of Westwood's maintenance staff. Glenn Brown, head pro, also should receive many thanks as he and his staff were a large help in organizing this tournament.

Thanks to Bernie Beavan for hole sitting #17 for the \$10,000 hole-in-one contest.

1st Net—Stephen Cohoon/Marty O'Rear (61) \$700; **2nd Net**—Mike Evans/Larry Ringer (62) \$550; **3rd net**—John Cain/Mark Weber (63) \$350; **4th net**—Paul Krout/Jeff Spague (63) \$350; **5th net**—Barry Graham/Tim Holbrook (64) \$300; **6th net**—Fred Heinlen/Bob Baldassari (64) \$200; **7th net**—David Rudinski/Mark Evenson (66) \$190; **8th net**—Steve Potter/Bob Fuhman (66) \$180; **9th net**—Jim McHenry/Bob Rementer (66) \$170; **10th net**—Ed Casper/Quinn Sullivan

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BOARD NOTES

Play or Pay!

By unanimous decision the Board of Directors decided to enforce the policy of punishing RSVP no-shows. This has been precipitated by the large number of people who have called in reservations and then not attended the meeting. Just as it is important that we inform our host of our intentions to attend, it is equally important that we let them know when we must cancel. Previously, if you RSVP to attend and did not show, it was the responsibility of the Association to pay for your meal. It is not fair that the entire membership must pay for individuals' inability to honor their commitments. Therefore, if you RSVP in the future and do not cancel by the published deadline, then you will be billed for the meeting just as if you had attended. This policy also includes those on the permanent reservation list as well.

This policy will not affect most members as they act in a proper and professional manner. It will put responsibility on the violators to honor the commitments which they have made. The Board also recognizes that sometimes things happen which are out of our control, making it impossible to cancel prior to the deadline. In this case, it is advisable to cancel as soon as you can as a courtesy to the host. If you feel that you are being charged unfairly, you may dispute the charge in writing to the Board of Directors no later than thirty days from the date you are billed.

This policy is in no way an effort to single out any individual but it is for the benefit of the entire membership. Only by conducting our affairs in a professional manner, can we be viewed as professionals by those with whom we do business.

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(66) \$150; 1st gross—Robert Vonderheide/Glenn McKinney (69) \$250; Closest to pin, *superintendents*: #7—Sean Remington \$100; #17 Donn Dietrich \$100; *Pros*: #5—David Hansinger \$100; #15—Mark Helfrich \$100; Longest Drive, *superintendent*—Craig Rhoderich \$100; *professional*—Jon Ladd \$100

Total Prizes: \$4,040.
Thanks to our many sponsors: G.L. Cornell—beverage carts and beverages; Ault Clark—lunch; Tesco—gross prize; Finch Turf Equipment—hole-in-one insurance—Summit Hall,

long drive; Ace Tree—closest to pin; Davison Landscaping—closest to pin. Hole Sponsors: Miles Inc., Hoechst-Roussel (2), Performance Turf, Tesco, Ruppert Landscaping, Davison Landscaping, Harford Minerals, Tebco Irrigation, Summit Hall, Scott's Sleepy Hollow.

Don't forget about June's Two-man Team Championship at International Town & CC. Details are on page one. MAAGCS is grateful to sponsors for this tournament: Longest Drive—G.L. Cornell; Closest to pin—Summit Hall, Pro-Lawn, Loft's, Egypt Farms.

Bill Shirk, CGCS
Golf Chairman, MAAGCS



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