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GOLF NOTES

September's golf tournament will find us at Newark CC. Jim Kelley, CGCS, will have his course well-prepared for our first Superintendent-Greens Chairman or Club Official Tournament. The match will be at 1:30 with a shotgun start.

The field will be limited to 68 players—first come, first served. The team must consist of a superintendent and a club official—greens chairman, member of the club's board, or club owner, etc. The tournament will be a better ball of team, both net and gross. Full USGA handicap will be given. Please call Newark pro shop for reservations: 302-368-7008.

Golfer-of-the-year scores. The following are points accumulated through July's tournament: (1) Scott Wagner—90; (2) Mike Gilmore—80; (3) Lentz Wheeler and Ron Hawkins—70; (5) Bill Shirk, Sean Remington, George Renault, and Kirk Intermill—60; (9) Mike Evans, Jim Halley, Greg Rosenthal, and Lester Tanner—50. Twelve others at 40 points or less.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Everyone had a great time at the MAAGCS picnic at Bretton Woods. Larry Ott, our host, provided for our every



need, and our families as well. It was a typically hot, humid day with thunder-showers but everyone stayed dry and certainly had enough to eat and drink. Special thanks to Mark Merrick, director of Social and Benevolence, for all his efforts in making this picnic a success. There was plenty of time to talk to fellow superintendents and meet their families and I hope you all took advantage of the opportunity to do so.

Ladies Night is coming up soon—October 9—and Mark Merrick has planned a unique evening. We sailed the seas last year and are seeing the mountains by rail this year. I'm wondering where Mark is flying us next year for \$70. All kidding aside, the ladies nights are a huge success so please take the opportunity to show your best friend how special she is and join us on the train to Thurmont. If she put up with you *this* summer, you know she deserves a treat.

The next meeting will be at Newark Country Club in Newark, De. Our host is Jim Kelley, long-time supporter and active member of our association. He is just over the Maryland line and it is a pleasure to be invited there for a meeting. Please make the special attempt to attend and meet fellow superintendents from the Eastern shore and Delaware area. It is a luncheon meeting so pay close attention to details in this issue.

*Steve Potter
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isn't enough. Where is the other 80% going? Shouldn't it be a goal to allow the golf course to be maintained at a level where all the departments are humming and everyone is happy?

Only you can know. It bothers me that golf course maintenance budgets often do not receive their fair share of the club income, and when the course is not perfect, the superintendent is criticized. I submit the real culprit is the budget policy—not providing what is needed to do the job well. Perhaps a better sales pitch is needed.

I hope these comments will help people realize the obvious—the game of golf is played on grass, and providing properly for its maintenance should be a course's number-one priority.

Cryptogram Solved!

A number of readers worked the cryptogram that appeared in our August issue. **Walter Montross** said it kept his mind off this summer for a few minutes. **Dottie Stancill**, of Harford Industrial Minerals entertained herself during a lunch hour, and **Rhys Arthur** found time over a weekend to solve it. **Dr. R. J. Seibel**, Director, IAAA, took time out from coursework to send in the answer. For the rest of you, here's the solution: "...golf's gift to the spirit is space, and the space in this case was organically designed..." —John Updike.

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Arthur Hills to Address September Luncheon

The education program speaker for September is Mr. Arthur Hills of Arthur Hills and Associates. Mr. Hills is the past president of the American Society of Golf Course Architects and is regarded as one of the best architects of the 90s. This is a great opportunity for you and a club official to listen to his presentation on modern-day golf courses and play a great golf course.

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Sponsors. This month's tournament sponsors are: *Longest Drive*—Tesco; *Closest to the pin*—Summit Hall, Harford, Loft's, and Egypt Farms. Please support them and all other supporters of the 1993 golf competitions!

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