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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Congratulations to Bill Shirk and the entire staff at the Queenstown Harbor Golf

Links for the great day.

Those of you who played enjoyed not only the 6th best new public golf course in the United States, but one of the finest conditioned courses in Maryland. I know many of us are busy at this time of year, but if you missed the MAAGCS Championship Tournament, you missed a great day! Congratulations to Cory Haney, winner of the low net Cliff Olinger Trophy, and to Bill Shirk, winner of the low gross W.H. Glover Trophy.

Speaking of busy...Mike Gilmore and the Long Range Planning Committee are in the final stage of selecting a management company. An ever-increasing workload necessitates professional assistance running the affairs of the association. More on this in November.

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Our next membership meeting will be at the Maryland Golf and Country Club. Donn Dietrich will host. This course always tests the skill of the best golfers in the Mid-Atlantic Region. Plan to attend this meeting. Sean Remington promises a lively education session.

Ohhh, I almost forgot. The John Deere Tournament was a huge success. Finch Turf Equipment again displayed a first-class, well-organized tournament. Congratulations to Gordon Caldwell and the Greenspring Valley Hunt Club staff for a wonderfully conditioned golf course as well as a grand buffet and awards ceremony. Thank you, Ray, for support to the MAAGCS.....by the way, Ray, what time did you say the plane leaves for Palm Springs??? Lou Rudinski, President

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Did you notice...

in the October issue of *Golf Magazine* that contestants in the Ohio Amateur. "were required to use Softspikes—courtesy of the Ohio Golf Association—in accordance with Scioto's [CC, Columbus] new policy banning spikes. No loud complaints were heard...and there were no complaints about spike marks on greens.

Scioto joins a prestigious list of clubs that have either outlawed metal spikes or strongly recommended to their members that they use Softspikes, including Pine Valley, Muirfield Village, Prairie Dunes in Kansas...and Robert Trent Jones Club in Manassas, Virginia, site of The Presidents Cup."

