

Bullets from the Boardroom

MAAGCS Secretary - Nick Vance, CGCS



A few of our members have called the office or one of the Board of Directors to ask why the Professional Golfers Association has changed their policy regarding the admittance of spouses into their tournaments. We do not have any input into the regulations set forth by the PGA, so the best way to find out why the change was made would probably be to write the local PGA office and also send a copy to the national PGA. We should get some response from one or both of them as to why the change was made. To the best of our knowledge the game of golf is still being promoted as a family activity and one of the ways to keep it that way is to have the entire family involved.



Congratulations are in order for Mr. and Mrs. Allen Bohrer. Allen advised us at the July meeting that he and his wife have purchased Newsom Seed as of July 1, 1998. We are happy for them and we are looking forward to a continued good relationship with the company. We will all miss the business relationship we have had with Mr. and Mrs. Strick Newsom over the past several years, but we wish them continued success and happiness in all their future endeavors. We hope they stay around to enjoy the personal relationships we have formed from the industry.



On June 8, 1998 we received a Briefax from the Government Relations Department of GCSAA. It read as follows: The budget proposed by President Clinton for FY99 (starting in October 1998) again this year includes NO funds to support the National Turfgrass Evaluation Program (NTEP) in the United States Department of Agriculture. GCSAA and other turfgrass research supporters were successful the last two years in getting funding restored in the spending bills developed by Congressional appropriations committees (they do not have to follow the President's recommendations). Efforts are needed again this year to let Congress know that federal funding for this program should not be eliminated. Your elected officials in Congress are beginning to develop FY99 spending bills for government programs. Calls, letters and e-mails are needed nationwide to urge Congress to continue funding NTEP. For information on how to contact your members of Congress, visit GCSAA Online (members only) or call the GCSAA government relations department at (800) 472-7878 ext. 6 1 0 or e-mail at criordan@gcsaa.org.

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tournament was keeping green speed consistent from green-to-green, day-to-day. Bill says, "I just went into it with an attitude that we'll try to do everything we can to prepare the course in the condition that the PGA wants."

On July 4 the Columbia Association and the FORE Baltimore Foundation invited all those who volunteered to work on the golf course to a catered dinner at Fairway Hills to thank them for their tireless efforts. Chappy was also pleased with the volunteer efforts of area golf course personnel. He says, "Ninety percent of our volunteers have asked to come back next year. I think that shows what a success this was."

Hobbit's Glen has a three-year contract with the PGA Tour, so Bill and his cohorts can look forward to preparing the course for at least two more Senior Classic events. With this year's success to build on, one can only for see good things in the future for Hobbit's Glen.

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