

MAAGCS Golf Notes

Golf: A year in Review

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When you think of the 2003 Golf season, the one condition that will stand out in everyone's mind is rain, but if you think back to all of this year's meeting sites, what should also stand out is the fantastic playing conditions that were provided in conjunction with the record rainfall this season. We played three bermudagrass courses. Bernie Beaven, CGCS at Breton Bay, John Stern at Potomac Ridge and Jim Halley, MAAGCS President, Glenn Dale. Thank you. A cool, wet year with an abbreviated growing season, a difficult season indeed.

For the remaining hosts, this season wasn't much easier. Rain nearly every day in the month of May with one exception being the day of the Annual Superintendent/Pro, didn't prohibit Scott Reeside and his staff at Worthington Manor from providing tournament conditions. A similar scenario in August at the Stewards of the Chesapeake Tournament at Army Navy of Fairfax, we actually played in some rain and had a

few delays due to thunderstorms, but again the course was in great condition. Thank You Tim Norris, CGCS.

The month of November had the added twist of a frost delay. Gary, I hope that Brian and Ben didn't do too much damage to your great course. Of all of the months, October had to be the most difficult for host superintendent Ken Ingram, CGCS due mainly in part that it was the Annual Championship but it was also combined with the Mid- Atlantic's 75th Anniversary. To top it off, Ken was having a new irrigation system installed. Again, the day was a great success.

I know that all superintendents are their own worst critics, but also we are the most understanding of the circumstances and in this year's case uncontrollable circumstances that affect the overall condition of the golf course. In my opinion, everyone that hosted an event in the 2003 season did an outstanding job! Thanks again!

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