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Superintendent Pro Tournament, TPC At Avenel Mark Kingora, Golf Committee Chairman April 22, 2004

With temperatures hovering around the 90-degree mark and a stiff 15mph wind, TPC Avenel was not only a test of golf skills but also a test of endurance. In several instances, the wind added what seemed to be at least another fifty yards to the holes that played into the wind. It was an up-close and personal experience into the understanding of just how good the touring PGA professionals are while watching my club pro playing from the "tips" and shooting a very respectable eight over par, 79. Thanks to Dennis Ingram, CGCS and his staff, the professional staff and all other TPC Avenel staff for providing the MAAGCS members with a great golf course, clubhouse facility, dinner and an overall outstanding event.

Superintendent/Pro Results

Net Division

- 1st Place: Glen Stowers/Jim Demallie (Prospect Bay)
- 2nd Place: Paul E. Masimore/Brian Huus (Marlton Golf Club)
- 3rd Place: David Anderson/Chris Hall (Evergreen Country Club)
- 4th Place: Bo Jumbercotta/Steve Cramer (Crofton Country Club)
- 5th Place: Steve Cohoon/Mark Jansen (Heritage Hunt)
- 6th Place: John Anderes III/Tony Madera (South River)

Gross Division

- 1st Place: Archie Hall/R.J. Butler (Cedar Point)
- 2nd Place: Jonathan Urbanski/Mark Helffrich (The Suburban Club)
- 3rd Place: Mark Menusan/Tim Rahnin (Greystone)

Open Division

- 1st Place: Joe Herkalo/Ed Gasper (CJH Greens/Manor Country Club)
- 2nd Place: Richard Sweeney/Michael Ceston (Mount Vernon Country Club)

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President's Message

Ken Ingram, CGCS

According to "Miss Manners" in the Washington Post the other day, one of the most embarrassing and traumatic things that can happen to a person socially is to throw a party and have nobody come. Those of us on the MAAGCS Board know what she means. We have scheduled some first class events and are lucky to get 10% of our membership to attend. After a few years as a Superintendent it's hard to get embarrassed or traumatized, we've seen it all, the feeling is more anger and frustration than anything else.

Associations have spent an inordinate amount of time nationally and locally discussing this trend. We hear the reoccurring themes of travel, expense, etc. and we try to change meeting times, formats, etc. but the problem still exists. Drastic and philosophic measures are taken such as PDI and Dual Affiliation, and the problem still exists. I'm beginning to feel like it's a "can't see the forest for the trees" situation. The problem isn't so much a professional one but more a social one, we are all just too darn busy.

Fortunately you are all so busy that you won't take the time to read this. But just in case this reaches you on a rainy day, listen to one of the older guys in this business today.

Nothing will do you more good than attending a Superintendents meeting once a month. Get away for half a day, look at some other guys' problems, talk about your problems with some people that have a much better than average chance of helping you. Do yourself, your employer, and your family a favor. Try and attend some meetings.

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, 6/8, Individual/Stableford, Hog Neck GC

Tuesday, 7/13, Picnic, Mayo Beach

Tuesday, 8/10, Stewards, Prospect Bay

Tuesday, 9/14, Two Man Team, Olde Hickory

Monday, 10/25, Annual Tournament, Towson CC

Tuesday, 11/9, IAC Election/Scramble, Hidden Creek

Tuesday, 12/14, Seminar, Greenbelt Marriott



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Notes

Delaware golf course superintendent recognized for his writing

Robert Collins wins 2003 GCSAA Leo Feser Award

Robert C. Collins, certified golf course superintendent at Cripple Creek Golf and Country Club, Dagsboro, Del. was presented with the 2003 Leo Feser Award, Feb. 12, 2004, at the Opening Session of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America's (GCSAA) 75th International Golf Course Conference and Show in San Diego (Feb. 9-14).

The annual award honors the best superintendent authored article published in the association monthly magazine, Golf Course Management (GCM). The winner receives an all-expenses-paid trip to the conference and show and will have his/her name engraved on a plaque for display at the GCSAA headquarters in Lawrence, Kansas.

Hobbits Glen Golf Course \$1.2 million renovation

Hobbits Glen Golf Course is scheduled to re-open the back nine holes April 8 and the entire course May 31, after a 1.2 million dollar renovation. MAAGCS member, William Neus, CGCS, Golf Course Superintendent, said the opening was split because the grass on the front nine needs more time to grow due to the weather delays. The project which began last fall and was originally expected to open May 1, was delayed after 43 days of rain and Tropical Storm Isabel. Seeding was expected to take 45 days; however, it took considerably longer. 75 trees had to be removed due to the renovations. The club house was renovated which included improving the bar and lobby, renovating the men's and women's locker rooms (moving the women's locker room from the basement to the first floor) and purchasing new furniture and carpet. Bill said golfers who have been visiting Hobbit's Glen can not wait to get out and experience the renovated course.

Information obtained from Laura Cadiz of the Baltimore Sun.



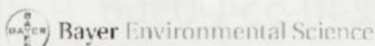
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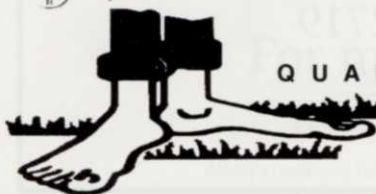


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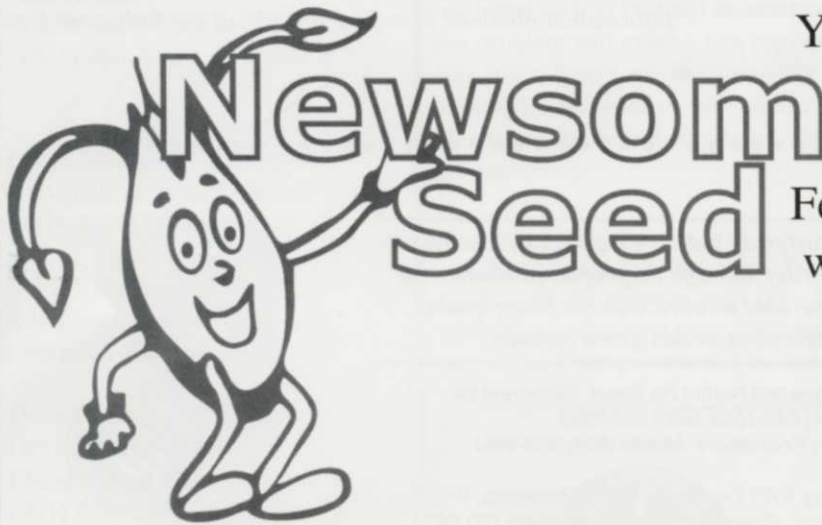


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Bullets from the Boardroom

MAAGCS Secretary - Tom Ritter, GCGS

- * The GCSAA Chapter Affiliation Agreement was sent to GCSAA Headquarters in Lawrence, Kansas before the March 31st deadline.
- * The Board approved a \$1500.00 donation to the University of Maryland Student Chapter to help offset expenses relating to the Turf Bowl competition at the 2004 GCSAA Conference & Show in San Diego.
- * In an effort to reduce mailing costs, the Board approved a new policy to send hard copies of employment referrals via U.S Mail only to members without email addresses. All members with email addresses will receive employment referrals via email only.
- * The 2004 budget was approved at the March board meeting.
- * Special thanks to Mark Kingora, Ken Ingram, and Dennis Ingram and the TPC at Avenel staff for a great superintendent/pro event in April.
- * March 8, 2005 will be the date for the MAAGCS day of education at the University of Maryland.
- * Woodholme Country Club will hold the USGA's Mid Atlantic Green Section meeting March 17, 2005.
- * Meeting sites are still needed for 2005. Please contact Drew Scully at 410-887-8216 if you are interested.
- * A survey of the Class F membership will be released soon in order to help re-evaluate and improve the role their role in the MAAGCS, please respond to help the Association grow.



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Host Superintendent – Scott Reeside**

Golf

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David Cammarota

Hog Neck Golf Course Profile and Superintendent Profile

Scott Reeside has been golf course superintendent at Hog Neck Golf Course since October of 2003. He currently lives on the course with his wife Amy. They have two boys Noah (5 years old) and Tristan (2 years old) and his goose chasing golden retriever Zoysia. He has been a class A superintendent for 7 years and has been working on numerous golf course for 17 years. He is a graduate of the turf program from Penn State and has relocated back to the area in which he grew up. He enjoys golfing, fishing, and family.

Hog Neck is a Talbot County owned 27 hole course and plays over 7000 yards from the tips and has numerous lakes and creeks that come into play. The greens were recently rebuilt on the Championship course to U.S.G.A specs and grassed with L93 bent. The fairways are ryegrass and the course has 73 sand bunkers. The course is designed by Lindsay Irvin and opened for play in 1976.

Directions To Hog Neck Golf Course

Rt. 50 East over the Bay Bridge, continue 26 miles on Rt. 50 and turn left on Rabbit Hill Rd. Turn right at the first crossroad (Old Cordova Road) and follow the signs to Hog Neck.

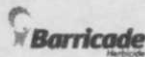


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Superintendent Profiles

Ray Evans/Redgate Golf Course

Ray got his start in the golf course field as a seasonal employee at River Road Country Club (now Poolesville G.C.). After attending college for two years and basically majoring in nothing, he enrolled in the IAA program at U of Md. graduating in June of 1974 with a certificate in Turfgrass and Golf Course Management. He did his summer work study at Bretton Woods Recreation Center and worked there as the Assistant Supt. until April 1975. He worked at Congressional Country Club as the Assistant Supt. from April 1975 until March 1977 when he left to accept the position at RedGate Golf Course as the Golf Course Superintendent. He has been at RedGate in this position for 27 years. He became a Certified Golf Course Superintendent in May 1983 and has retained his certification continuously since then.

RedGate is an 18 hole municipal course owned and operated by the City of Rockville and was first opened for play in June of 1974. Recent renovations include the installation of a double row Rainbird irrigation system and the rebuilding and remodeling of all the sand bunkers and addition of numerous grass hollows.

Ray has been married to Bobbie since June of 1975 and has two grown children. His daughter Kristy is married to Christopher West and resides on Long Island NY. His first grandchild Makaela Ann West was born on Aug. 15, 2003 and is growing like crazy. She is now crawling, standing, taking some tentative attempts at walking and gets into everything. His son Michael still lives at home and says he always will. They have other plans.

Ray is an avid hunter and when not tied up at the golf course spends his time in the woods, in a duck blind or traveling back in forth to Long Island visiting his granddaughter.

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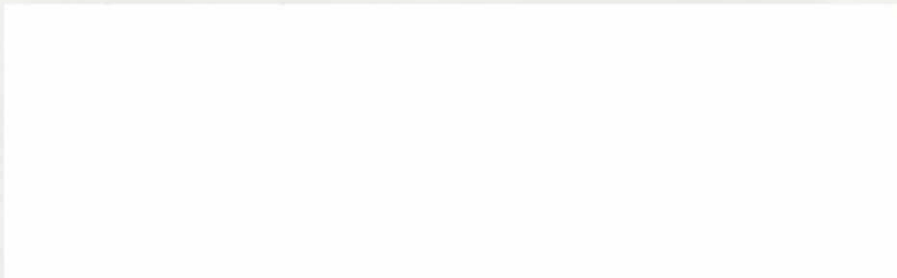
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