

many member-residents of the area. Mr. Ed Carr, a local developer, built the course using his equipment to do the rough grading. The front nine was fine graded and seeded by Thomas E. Carroll and Sons, the back nine by the superintendent on the job at that time. In play just a little over two years, it is fast becoming a finished course.

MAINTENANCE

The greens on the front nine are C1, C19 and with some C7; the back nine are C1 and C19. Greens are cut at $\frac{1}{4}$ inch till approximately the first of June, then are raised to 5/16 inch through the hot weather. They are fertilized every 2 weeks with 6 pounds of 10-6-4 UF and 4 pounds natural organic. Tees are Merion Bluegrass cut at $\frac{3}{4}$ inch and fertilized approximately every 3 weeks with 6 pounds 10-6-4 UF and 4 pounds natural organic. The fairways are Bluegrass cut at 1 inch. Fertilization includes 600 pounds per acre of 10-6-4-25% UF in spring and fall. Much work has gone into the second nine with the rebuilding of tees, re-seeding of poor areas and filling and sodding washes. Severe slopes, poor soil and bad weather conditions helped to create this situation. The water system, which is all plastic, also presents its problems.

FUTURE

The club is expanding its facilities this year by adding a second floor, new lobby and wing to the present clubhouse. These new additions will make room for a 350 seat dining room and additional office space. Four new quick drying tennis courts will be among the new facilities. Plans for the course include the building of alternate tees (winter and summer). The Bermuda tees will be used as nurseries for obtaining material to sprig the fairways. An electric motor will replace the engines presently supplying the power for the irrigation system.

DIRECTIONS TO THE CLUB

Turn off Shirley Highway at Springfield Franconia interchange. Take Keene Mill Road through Springfield. The club is 3 miles from traffic light in Springfield.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The April meeting at the Prince Georges Country Club was a well attended one, it was the group's first gathering there in about 10 years. The club has not stood still during the last decade, they have made progress in all directions. An enlarged and modernized clubhouse, a new grille and a beautiful new golf shop greeted us. Also in step with the streamlining is an up-to-date equipment shed serving as the operating base for the golf maintenance crew.

Along with all of the above mentioned changes and keeping pace with the improvements, those who played golf found a well groomed golf course awaiting them. Two old and familiar landmarks still remain at Prince Georges, namely, golf course superintendent, Andrew Sweeney; and golf professional, Al Houghton. Without a doubt, Andy and Al have contributed much to the present success of the club. These two gentlemen are tops in their respective fields and their members, no doubt, are very proud of them.

Mr. Houghton and George Bird, President of the Mid-Atlantic P.G.A., gave us their views on Pro-Superintendent relations. Colonel Harry Eckhoff gave an interesting talk, "A Look Into the Future of Golf Course Development".

Mr. Frank Scuderi, greens chairman, was unable to be present and we regret not having had the pleasure of meeting him. Mr. Walley Doctor, club manager, was co-host along with Andy and Al. We thank them for a delightful evening, refreshments, and a fine roast beef dinner.

THE MID-ATLANTIC 10 YEARS AGO

Ten years ago this month the members of this association met at the Country Club of Virginia in Richmond where Tom Dawson was superintendent. The club president, Mr. Charles Luck, Jr.; the chairman of the greens committee, Mr. Harry Easterly, Jr.; and a past president, Mr. Austin Aynor were present. These men are still active in the club and are the big boosters of golf in their area.

President Thomas called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M. and thanked the club officials for making the day a success - as he put it, "from the first tee off to the strawberry sundae". There were 38 members and guests present. Mr. Luck presented an interesting talk discussing the improvement program they had put into operation to improve the condition of

their courses and to stimulate interest in the game. As he explained, the program included the expanding of Bermuda Grass on the fairways and tees; the overseeding with Rye in the fall; extensive fertilization; improved drainage conditions; rebuilding several greens to incorporate improved strains of bents and adding new equipment. He stated that the success they had already attained and hoped to attain in the future was due to improved maintenance and cultural practices developed by their superintendent and the fine cooperation between superintendents everywhere.

Of great concern to all superintendents in 1953 was the increasing cost of labor. Difficulty was being experienced in finding men who wanted to work on weekends or any other time. The price of repair parts and supplies were also increasing. There was a problem of obtaining a high standard of maintenance and staying within the allotted budget. To overcome this obstacle we were urged to keep accurate cost records, to use power equipment wherever possible, to take good care of machines, to attend conferences to obtain more knowledge, to learn to use new and old chemicals and adopt cultural practices to control weeds, insects and disease.

A LOOK INTO THE FUTURE OF GOLF COURSE DEVELOPMENT

The following is the introduction to a series of articles the NEWSLETTER will carry by Colonel Harry Eckhoff. They are excerpts from the talk given by Colonel Eckhoff at the April meeting of the Mid-Atlantic.

Why has golf become such a popular sport? The United States is in the midst of a recreational splurge unparalleled in its history. Americans, as a whole, no longer seem to be content to sit on the sidelines and enjoy their leisure as spectators. A growing number is actively participating in recreational activities and the game of golf, once regarded as only for an exclusive group, has become a favorite pastime enjoyed by individuals at almost all economic levels.

There are numerous reasons why golf is enjoying such a tremendous growth. Major golf tournaments and golf television programs have had an influencing effect. People become interested in watching the game, then often cannot wait until they can try it themselves. Television program planners are giving an increasing amount of time to golf.

Newspapers and magazines continue to give greater coverage of golf. Reader interest has never been higher. The National Golf Foundation has had more queries for background information for feature stories on golf this year than ever before in history.

POSITIONS OPEN

WESTWOOD COUNTRY CLUB (formerly Westbrier) in Vienna, Virginia, is seeking a qualified man for the position of golf course superintendent on their course. Westwood is a private, member-owned club. The starting salary is open to suitable individual, fringe benefits are available. Reliable references required. Send resume and references to Mr. W. S. Templeton, 1100 East Maple Avenue, Vienna, Virginia, or call office JE 2-9200, home WE 8-2805.

GREEN HILL YACHT AND COUNTRY CLUB, Salisbury, Maryland, is seeking a qualified man to fill the position of golf course superintendent on their course. The course is an 18 hole layout with Bent greens and Bermuda tees. The equipment is new and in good condition. Starting salary will be around \$6,500.00 and a three bedroom home will be furnished the superintendent. An education fund is provided for. Address all inquires to Mr. Joseph Schiller, Tony Tank Lane, Salisbury, Maryland.

JOB CHANGES

We all wish Mike Burkholder loads of success as he leaves Westwood Country Club to devote all of his time to his lawn and garden business at Lee Highway and Cedar Lane in Fairfax, Virginia.

Woodrow Pitman from Greenspring Valley Hunt Club, Baltimore, Maryland, to Laurel Pines Country Club, Laurel, Maryland.

William Swick from Chantilly National Golf and Country Club, Centreville, Virginia, to Sterling Park Golf Course, Sterling, Virginia.

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