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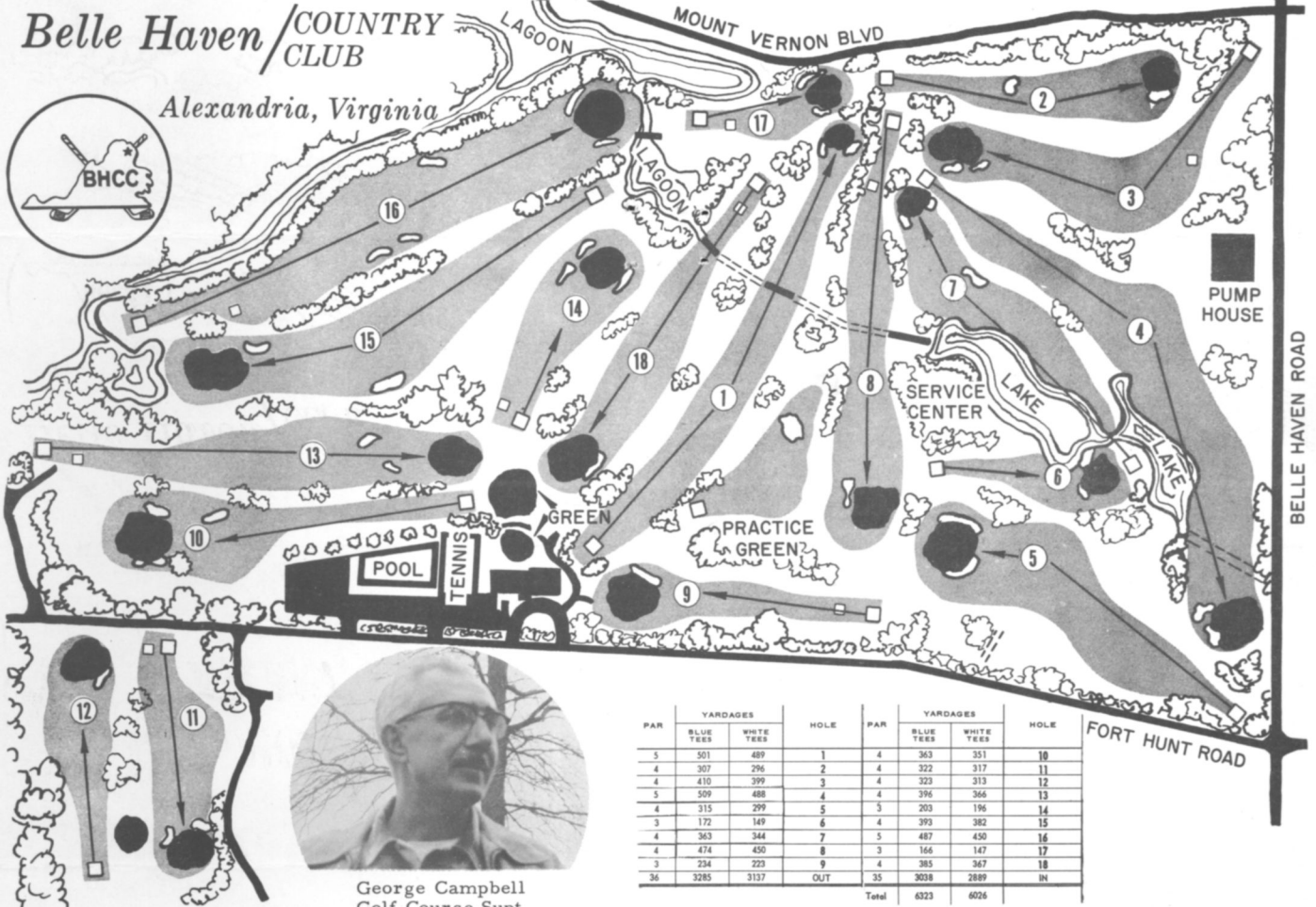
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Belle Haven/COUNTRY CLUB

Alexandria, Virginia



George Campbell
 Golf Course Supt.

PAR	YARDAGES		HOLE	PAR	YARDAGES		HOLE
	BLUE TEES	WHITE TEES			BLUE TEES	WHITE TEES	
5	501	489	1	4	363	351	10
4	307	296	2	4	322	317	11
4	410	399	3	4	323	313	12
5	509	488	4	4	396	366	13
4	315	299	5	3	203	196	14
3	172	149	6	4	393	382	15
4	363	344	7	5	487	450	16
4	474	450	8	3	166	147	17
3	234	223	9	4	385	367	18
36	3285	3137	OUT	35	3038	2889	IN
				Total	6323	6026	

MARCH MEETING - BELLE HAVEN COUNTRY CLUB

The march meeting of the Mid-Atlantic Association of Golf Course Superintendents will be held on Tuesday, March 5th at Belle Haven Country Club. For those interested in seeing the course first hand it will be open for golf at noon. There will be a social hour from 5 to 6 P.M. and dinner will be served promptly at 6:30 P.M. The guest speaker for the evening will be Mr. Edward Campbell, Greens Chairman at Belle Haven. Mr. Campbell, of the Campbell Ferrar Nurseries, will discuss tree landscaping of the golf course. We all hope to see Belle Haven's manager, Ben Hillard, and golf professionals, Charles Muck and Patrick Gardner, while visting the club.

OUR HOST

George Campbell, Superintendent, will be our host for this meeting. George, a member of the Mid-Atlantic Association for thirteen years, has been superintendent at Belle Haven for the last twelve years.

He started in his profession in 1936 at Washington Golf and Country Club under Dave Thompson, Pro-Superintendent, and remained there, except for Army service, until 1949. He then went to work for Ruben Hines, Sr. at Rock Creek Golf Course. In 1951 he was hired for his present position at Belle Haven.

THE COURSE

The 6,026 yard course layed out along the bottom land next to the Potomac River offers a challenging par of 71. The original nine is thirty five years old. The new nine, designed and built by William F. Gordon, was completed a couple of years before George was hired.

George has assisted in the remodeling of the course and in the rebuilding of the greens. Moore, Kelly and Reddish were contractors in remodeling several of the holes. Greens that have been rebuilt are 4, 6, 7, 10, 11, 16, 17 and the putting green. These were greens from the old or original nine. They were small and their turf consisted mostly of *Poa annua*, they have been replanted to C-1 and C-19 Bentgrass. The traps guarding the greens have been renovated and filled with white sand.

MAINTENANCE

The greens are C-1 and C-19, number one is C-7. They are cut at $\frac{1}{4}$ inch and fertilized every two weeks with a mixture of 5 pounds of 10-6-4 U.F. and 3 pounds of Agrinite. The main fungicides used are Teresan 75 and Cadminate. Temporary greens are played all winter at Belle Haven.

Tees are predominately Bermuda cut at $\frac{3}{4}$ inch and fertilized with 7 pounds of 10-6-4 U.F. every two weeks.

Bluegrass and creeping fescue dominate the rough, are cut at 2 inches and fertilized every three or four years.

The fairways are a mixture of Bermuda and Bluegrass cut at $\frac{3}{4}$ inch and fed Bolgiano's 10-6-4 U.F. in early Spring, Nutro pelletized 10-3-7 June 1 and 10-6-4 chemical in Fall at 300 pounds per acre. The Annual Bluegrass forms an ideal transition with the Bermuda grass giving the fairways fine Winter color.

FUTURE

The long range program at Belle Haven calls for the rebuilding of number 14 green. The construction of two holes on the land reclaimed on the river will enable the elimination of holes 11 and 12. All traps will be converted to the silica type white sand. Additional trees will be planted as part of this program. An addition is also planned for the present maintenance building.

DIRECTIONS TO THE CLUB

Take route 1 south through Alexandria and turn left at the first traffic light, Fort Hunt Road.

THE MID-ATLANTIC 10 YEARS AGO

by L. Robert Shields

In February, 1953, the Association has just held the annual Turfgrass Conference in Baltimore with Dr. Ernest N. Cory as Director of Proceedings. This meeting was the 25th or Silver Anniversary of the Association and the occasion was used to honor the Charter members.

Those recognized were O. B. Fitts, the first President, who gave a brief summary of the first meeting which was held at the Emerson Hotel in Baltimore on December 22, 1928; Bob Scott, Sr. expressed concern over the problem of replacements to fill the shoes of superintendents who retire. Ruben Hines Sr., the late Reg Giddings and Dick Scott gave some interesting accounts of their early experiences and paid tribute to Dr. Grau, Dr. Cory and O. J. Noer for the help they gave the Association. Others honored were Dick Watson, Dave Edgar, Tom Ryan, Carroll Hitchcock and Tom Fisher.

Of some great interest at the Conference were some 65 permanently mounted soil profiles on display. The profiles had been prepared by the Green Section, located at Beltsville, Maryland by Al Radko and Bob Elder. Some are still on display in superintendents' offices in this area.

The 1953 National Meeting was held at the Ambassador Hotel in Atlantic City, February 8-13. The Mid-Atlantic had a booth in cooperation with the U.S.G.A. and displayed the mounted soil profiles, samples of the NEWSLETTER and the Constructive Suggestion Report, pictures of Charter members, group pictures of the Association members and color slides taken during the *Zoysia* fairway planting project at Fairfax in April, 1952.

Local speakers appearing on the National program included Dr. F. V. Grau on "Warm Season Grasses in Today's Turf"; Bill Glover explained "Operation Zoysia"; Charles Schalestock covered "Golf Course Records"; and Bob Shields told about "Fertilizing Turf Grasses". Admiral Phillips asked the question "Why Interfere with Our Golf?".

Dr. Grau announced his resignation from the U.S.G.A. Green Section and explained his reasons for doing so. He was given a standing ovation and a plaque honoring him for his work in turfgrass by the National Association.

On February 17, 1953, the local meeting was held in the auditorium of the USDA at Beltsville. Al Radko and Bob Elder assembled a group of USDA speakers equal to that of any National program. Included were Dr. K. W. Kreitlow, "Plant Diseases"; Dr. M. S. Anderson, "Synthetic Soil Conditioners"; Dr. K. G. Clark, "Further Studies on Urea-Form"; Dr. W. C. Shaw, "Crabgrass Control"; Dr. P. C. Marth, "New Aspects of Growth Regulators" and R. R. Knight, "Station Grounds".

Many important events took place 10 years ago and much progress was made under the leadership of Mr. Thomas. These events will be reviewed in this section of your NEWS-LETTER as the year progresses. Next Month - Farmington and Washington Golf Meetings.

NEWS FROM OUR DISTRIBUTORS

National Capital Toro, Inc. announces that Paul O. Bond, formerly with Toro Manufacturing Company, has been made sales manager of their organization.

Grandville W. Ruckman, Jr. has been appointed by F. W. Bolgiano and Company as their representative to call on Golf and Country Clubs. He is a very pleasant young man, known as "Junior" to his friends and fellow employees. He has been in the Sales Department of F. W. Bolgiano and Company for about four years.

POSITION WANTED

Jerry H. Cheesman, who is attending the Iowa State University and is working toward his masters degree in Turf Management, would like to find an opening as assistant to a superintendent in our area. He plans to complete his requirements August 1, 1963, and would like to correspond with anyone interested. Contact him at the Horticulture Building, Room 307, Iowa State University, Ames, Iowa.

EXPRESSION OF SYMPATHY

The Association would like to express its deepest sympathy to Barclay Whetsell upon the loss of his father, Thomas Lee Whetsell. The 66 year old retired farmer and native of West Virginia died earlier this month of a heart attack in Leesburg, Virginia.

NATIONAL GCSAA CONFERENCE

Off to San Diego, California to attend the National Turf Conference from our area are: Bob Shields, Woodmont Country Club; William Wright, Norbeck Country Club; A. D. Watson, Sparrows Point Country Club; Charles B. Schalestock, Court House Country Club; Frank Haske, Washingtonian Country Club; Angelo Cammarota, Green Hill Yacht and Country Club; Bradley Strouth, Falls Road and Sligo Golf Courses; Sheldon Betterly, Chantilly National Golf and Country Club.

SAVE YOUR NEWSLETTERS

The staff of the NEWSLETTER is working on a folio to be distributed about May 1st. It will contain the new By-laws of the Association, a current Membership Directory, and additional space to keep your back issues of the NEWSLETTER. We hope you think they are worth saving both for interest and reference.

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