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Maryland Golf and Country Club

From Ron Hall

I have been employed at Maryland Golf and Country Club for 6 years. Previously at Belair Golf Course in Bowie, Maryland, of which I'm a native, I worked two years (1960-61) under Bernie Heilig and was assistant for Charles P. Nason one year before becoming superintendent in 1963.

Most of my knowledge has been acquired from fellow superintendents brought forth by Mid-Atlantic Association and the GCSAA.

I attended Dr. Deals' Agronomy Short Course in 1968. I would have to say the highlight of my career was becoming certified in February, 1973.

Our course was built in 1959-60. Front nine designed by William F. Gordon, back nine by Russell Roberts. Construction was done by local contractors and supervised by Ed Morse, who died in January, 1969. Course measures 6,658 yards, par 73. Greens average 7,000 square feet and are C-1, C-19 and penncross, cut 3/16". Tees average 4,500 square feet and are windsor, A-34 pennstar, manhattan rye and colonial bent, cut 3/4". Fairways - non-watered, bluegrass, tall fescue, manhattan rye and poa, cut 3/4" spring and fall, and 1" to 1 1/4" in summer.

We are currently on a program of reseeding our fairways with manhattan rye. The result speaks for itself as you will see if you play the course.

We are also on a blacktop cart paths program. The installation is being done with our golf course crew. We install approximately 3,500 feet @ \$1.50 per square yard. Pretty good savings in these inflated times.

Paul Haviland is our golf pro and has been with the club since its existence, which is 14 years. Paul was born and raised at the Baltimore Country Club Five Farm Course. After a hitch in the navy he served a four-year assistant apprenticeship with Johnny Bass of Pine Ridge Course in Baltimore County.

Russ LaGreca is our club manager, coming from the Duponts Wilmington Country Club, where he was assistant for two years.

Golf: Between 12 noon and 2 p.m. Lunch available.

Cocktails: 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Dinner: 8:00 p.m.

Plenty of golf carts are available.

Directions to Club: North on 95 to Exit 4, US 24. Left on Rt. 24, approximately 4 miles to MacPhail Road. Right on MacPhail Road, approximately 2 miles to Club.

3rd Annual Superintendent-Pro Tournament Maryland Golf and Country Club Bel Air, Maryland 21014

This tournament will be played best ball of twosome with professional sweeps and superintendent gross and net prizes with an added purse of \$300.00.

If your head pro is not available to participate, invite your assistant pro.

There also will be gross and net prizes for supers with or without guests.

Team entry fee	\$15.00
Member or guest	3.00

President's Message

It won't be long before we hear the continuous sounds of tractor engines, mowing reels, rotary mowers, etc., on a daily basis as another golfing season starts in the Mid-Atlantic area. Once again we schedule procedures of firm and reliable past practices into our turf management programs. Some of us will no doubt try a few new innovative ideas picked up from other superintendents, or at one of the conferences in the past few months. No matter how we go about making our various management programs workable and effective for our many different country club sites, we all have the same goal, and that is to satisfy the club members.

In the past few years a number of episodes have occurred which we feel might have been prevented or overall results been less severe if certain individuals had availed themselves of aid or advice from neighboring superintendents of our association. We realize that either through embarrassment, ego, or other personal feelings, one isn't prone to ask for help when problems arise. . . . This is the wrong attitude. . . . Read your by-laws, under Article I, Section C. This is what our association is all about, and we would hope that if troubles seem headed in your direction you would ask your fellow superintendents or your association for advice.

Danish Proverb: "The man who is afraid of asking is afraid of learning."

Anon: "The greatest of faults is to be conscious of none."

Alex Watson