Sept. 9 Joint Meeting
Philadelphia-Mid-Atlantic
Green Spring Valley Hunt Club
Garrison, Md.

The Green Spring Valley Hunt Club was organized in 1892 to promote the very popular sport of fox-hunting. The kennels of the hounds, which were used in the chase, were kept on the original tract of land for many years but, as more space was needed, they were moved to the Worthington Valley. This branch of the Club became known as the “Upper Club.” Several dozen of the Hunting Members still participate in the thrice-weekly hunts during the late fall and winter.

Tennis and Golf are now the primary activities at the “Lower Club” in the Green Spring Valley. Many of the present members are the children, grand-children and great-grandchildren of the original eighty members.

Construction of the Golf Course was begun in 1912 at which time nine holes were laid out by the members. In 1930, two more holes were added and 1 par 3 eliminated, making a total of ten holes which it remained until 1957. About this time, Jess W. Sweetser, former United States and British Amateur Champion, became a member of the Club and his personal friend, Robert Trent Jones, designed an additional eight holes which were then built, making it an eighteen hole Golf Course. The course is 6,489 yards long from blue tees and 6,089 yards from white tees. In 1974, a record 11,200 round of golf were played.

Grant Pensinger, Superintendent at Green Spring Valley since August of 1973, came here from the Chambersburg Golf Club, a private nine hole course located in Scotland, Pennsylvania, where he had been employed for seven years. Grant is of the “old guard” type of superintendent in that much of his education in Golf Course Management is self accumulated. He has spent many years working and learning on the course itself, having served an apprenticeship under Arthur Edgar, Golf Course Pro and Superintendent at Chambersburg for forty years before he died in 1967. Mr. Edgar was widely known and respected for his expert knowledge of Turf Management. Grant has also taken many special courses at Penn State and attended a large number of seminars held there. In January of 1975, he attained certification, a fact of which he is quite proud.

Directions: Interstate 95 to Balt. Beltway 695 to Exit 20 (Reisterstown Rd.) Turn right — go approximately 2 miles to Green Spring Valley Rd. Turn right, club on left 1/2 block.

Golf Tournament: Two man team 11:00 A.M. — 1:00 P.M. 1st Tee
Social Hour: 6:30
Dinner: 7:30
Speaker: Warren Bidwell, Supt., Congressional C.C., Bethesda, Md.