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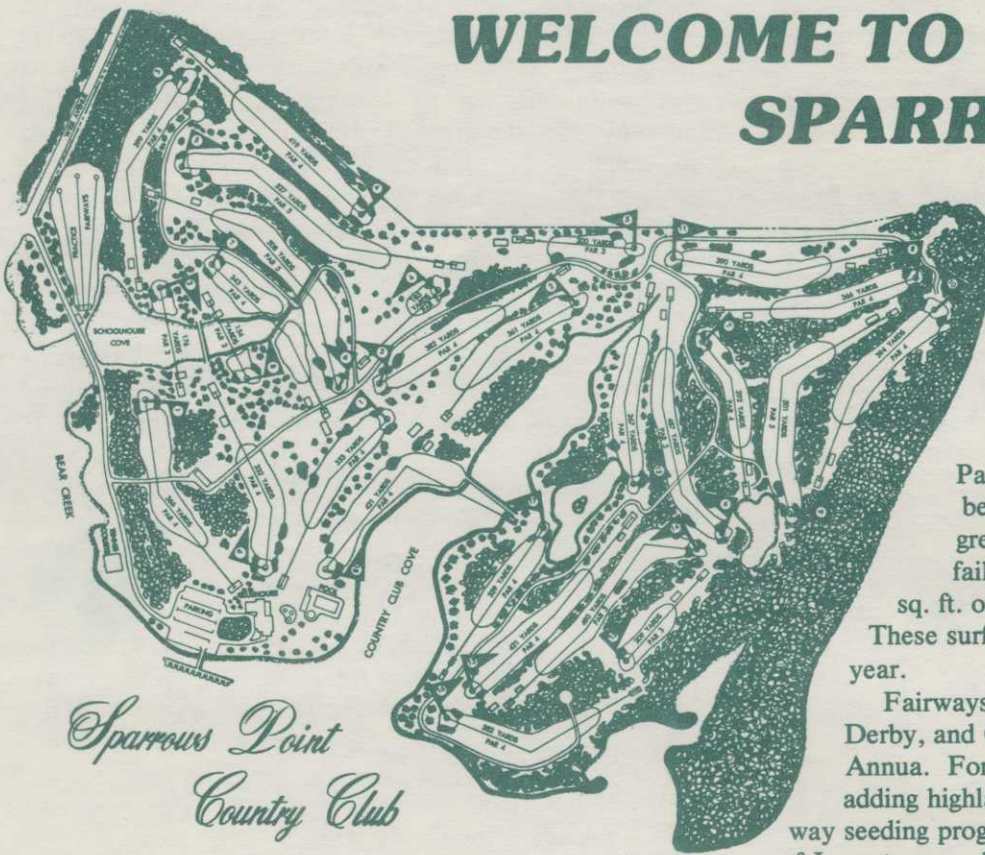
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WELCOME TO SPARROWS POINT

for the June Meeting



*Sparrows Point
Country Club*

The Sparrows Point Golf Courses were designed and constructed by the former William F. Gordon and his son David Gordon of Doylestown, Pa. The greens are primarily C-1 & C-19 bents. Two green (# 17 & 2/3 of putting green) are C-7 bent. In case of bent-grass failure we maintain approximately 20,000 sq. ft. of C-1, C-19 & C-7 bentgrass nurseries. These surfaces receive 5-6 lbs of N per 1000 per year.

Fairways are primarily a mixture of Manhattan, Derby, and Citation Perennial Ryegrasses plus Poa Annuua. For the past several seasons we have been adding highland and Astoria bentgrasses to the fairway seeding program. This year several hundred pounds of Jamestown and Banner fescues will be incorporated in the overseeding program. The fairways receive 3 lbs. of N per 1000 per year.

Tees are a mixture of Manhattan, Derby Ryegrasses plus Jamestown and Banner Fescues. A few tee surfaces have some areas of Meyer Z-52 Zoysia. The tee surfaces receive 3.5 - 4 lbs. of N per 1000 per year.

Over the years we have reconstructed 5 greens on the courses, built a practice chipping and sand trap area, and put in many drainage sumps and installed 1000's of feet of drainage tile. Drainage work is a continuing effort on our facility. In 1975 a JM-Binar irrigation system was installed and at the present time is doing an excellent job on the courses. Last year we installed cart paths in the complete 27 holes. This now enables golf patrons to have the use of golf carts during inclement weather. during the late fall of 1979 our driving and practice range



Alex D. Watson

President's Message

A big THANK YOU to all that attended the Superintendent/Pro meeting at Maryland Golf & C.C. on May 13. It was very gratifying to have had such a big turn out. 39 Superintendents and Pros teamed up for the event, 14 played in the guest division, for a total of 92 golfers; 119 attended dinner. I feel honored to have had such a big turn out and hope everyone enjoyed their day at Maryland Golf & C.C. Once again THANK YOU.

Sparrows Point Country Club always rolls out the red carpet for us, I can't think of anything I like better than battling the tree lined fairways at the Point.

Hope you plan to attend.

Ron

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May Meeting Maryland G&CC

8 Years ago the Mid-Atlantic AGCS started the Superintendent/Pro Tournament in an effort to broaden the relationship between the Golf Professional and the Golf Course Superintendent.

The Maryland Golf and Country Club meeting had a turnout of over 119 with 92 participating in the Golf tournament. Success is a word that seems to be used each time a meeting has been described and is a very adequate description of the May meeting. We were greeted by a beautiful day and a beautifully prepared golf course.

Ron Hall, our host, received many compliments about the fine condition of his golf course.

Everyone enjoyed their day of golf and also the fine fellowship, conversation and buffet dinner. New acquaintances were started and old friendships were renewed.

After dinner, Fred King, Bob Lamberts' Pro from Andrews AFB Golf Course, favored us with "about 4 or 3" cajun stories, which everyone greatly enjoyed. Our guest speaker for the evening was Bill Buchanan. He spoke on the subject of marking the golf course for membership play. Bill said that he was going to recommend the Maryland Golf & C.C. for some future USGA golfing event.

The golf prizes were handed out, the 50-50 was won by Tim McCoy, Gene Dyke's Pro from Piney Branch G.C. and the meeting was adjourned for the evening.

1980 Superintendent/Pro Tournament Results

LOW PROS

- 72 - Mark Herrman, Hogs Neck
- 74 - Bob Haley, Ocean Pines
- 74 - Tim Austin, Tantallon
- 75 - Brad Schiefelbein, Sparrows Point

AMATEUR GROSS

- 82 - Bill Emerson
- 83 - Harry Allen
- 84 - Paul O'Leary

LOW TEAM GROSS

- 64 - Tom List, Bob Haley; Ocean Pines
- 65 - Lou Rudinski, Jim Shuey Eisenhower
- 66 - Ben Stagg, Mark Herrman Hogs Neck

New Members

The Mid-Atlantic A.G.C.S. would like to welcome 2 new members:

Bruce Carlson	Class F	John Sleeman	Class D
PBI Gordon		Red Gate Golf Course	
P.O. Box 126		62 W. Deer Park Rd. # 103	
Dallastown, Pa. 17313		Gaithersburg, Md. 20760	

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Alex D. Watson (Al for short) was born in Glasgow, Scotland. He came to the U.S.A. when he was 22 months old and was raised in Hilton Village, Va.; now the city of Newport News. He served in the U.S. Navy during W.W. II and then attended and graduated from the V.P.I. & S.U., Class of '49. He also graduated from The American Landscape School. He was Park Superintendent and Landscape Engineer for the former city of Warwick, now the city of Newport News, Va. Superintended the layout and construction of the front nine at Williamsburg Country Club and roughed in the back nine before resigning to accept the Superintendents position at Sparrows Point C.C. He has been in this position for 20 years. He has Superintended the latter stages of construction, of the 3rd 9 holes at the Point.

GOLF: After 11:00 a.m.

COCKTAILS: 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Beer - 60¢; Cocktails - \$1.50

DINNER: 7:00 - \$15.00

PLEASE return cards or phone 477-1500 to confirm attendance.

Directions: From 695 north thru the harbor tunnel to exit # 1. Follow Holibird Ave. straight (it eventually becomes Wise Ave.) to club on right.

From Washington; Eastern Shore, etc., cross the new Francis Scott Key bridge, which is the Baltimore Beltway, to exit 4A Beth Blvd., to North Point Blvd. (Rt. 151) to Wise Ave. turn left at stop light - "Pop's Tavern" - to club on the left.

New shop phone no. 388-7498.

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