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July 14 Piney Branch Golf Club

— Gene Dyke

It's been since November, 1975 that we have visited Piney Branch Golf Club. We look forward again to the visit and Gene Dyke's hospitality in Carroll and Baltimore counties. Gene extends a cordial invitation to all superintendents and guests. Maybe July isn't the greatest month to host a meeting but he will do his best to see that you have an enjoyable day at his facility. Please return cards because the facilities are somewhat limited. Come out and enjoy someone else's problems for a change. Enjoy yourself.

Piney Branch is situated in the rolling farmland of Baltimore and Carroll counties, consuming 206 acres. Designed by Eddie Ault, the contractors were Robert Vincent Co., and Del Val Co. The course was opened for 9 hole play in 1965 and 18 holes in 1971. The course measures 6,508 from white tees and 6,850 from blues. The grasses are as follows:

Greens - Penncross and Poa, 7 to 8,000 sq. feet., cut 3/16" to 1/4" five times a week depending on outings, and receive 5 lbs. of N/yr.

Tees - Original seeding Meriod and Pennlawn, over-seeded to just about everything, New Blues and Rye, cut 3/4" 3 times a week, and receive 4 lbs. of N/yr.

Fairways - Original seeding Kentucky Blue and Red Fescue, overseeded to New Blues and Rye, cut 1 1/4", set on firm base, 3 times a week, and receive 2 lbs. of N/yr.

Roughs - Tough set of k-31.

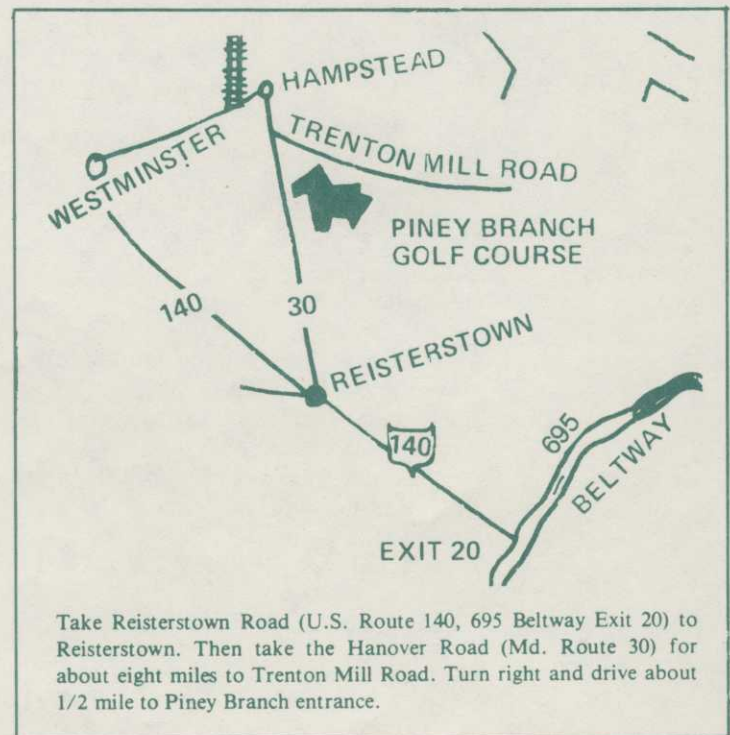
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President's Message

As always George Thompson had Columbia Country Club in fine condition. The three new holes are very attractive, interesting to play, and talk about a premium on accuracy, well, you needed it here. Those of you who didn't play missed a beautiful golf course. George has done a lot to improve the image of a golf course superintendent. His love of the game, his loyalty, his dedication, his eagerness to learn and try new things, and his help of fellow superintendents is unquestionable. As I looked around the room at the June Meeting I could see his success story in front of me. There were five golf course superintendents that had worked for George as Assistants or placement students. That is quite an accomplishment and I'm sure there will be more of them. Thanks again, George, for a super day.

Eugene Dyke was brave enough to invite us to Piney Branch Golf Course for our July meeting, so let's support Gene and go to Hampstead, Maryland July 14th.

Mike McKenzie



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The irrigation is manual - greens, tees and fairways. The source is a 5 1/2 acre lake, and 2 ponds fed by nearby springs. There is a practice trap, green, tee and range for your convenience. Par is 71.

PGA pro and director of operations, Tim McCoy, will meet you in the pro shop. The banquet and dining facilities are handled by Barbara and Erroll Houck.

Our host, Gene Dyke, has been associated with Piney Branch for 13 years. Before that, he was associated with Sleepy Hollow, Charlestown, W. Va. for 4 years. Prior to becoming a superintendent, he spent several years in the maintenance department of various clubs in the Winchester, Va. area. He is a self-taught superintendent and doesn't claim to know all the answers. Gene and his wife Darlene have one child and reside in Manchester, Md.

To those that do not play, golf carts are available, just for the asking, to see and ride the golf course. A point of interest may be the complete reconstruction of #12 green by our own maintenance staff. Post cards would be appreciated

1981 Meeting Places & Dates to Remember

July 14	Piney Branch Golf Course Hampstead, Md. Gene Dyke - Host
August 11	Mid-Atlantic Picnic Bretton Woods Recreation Center Germantown, Md. Gerald G. Gerard, C.G.C.S. - Host
August 26	U.S.D.A. Field Day Beltsville, Md.
September 15	Mid-Atlantic/Philadelphia Joint Meeting Hunt Valley Golf Club Bob Orazi - Host
October 13	Annual Glover/Hines Memorial Tournament River Bend Golf & C.C. Great Falls, Va. Craig Rhoderick - Host
November 10	Chesapeake Country Club Lusby, Md. Michael Claffey - Host
	Election Meeting Bonnie View Country Club Baltimore, Md. Ken Braun - Host

PROGRAM FOR THE DAY

Golf	After 11:00 Match Play - 12:00 to 12:30
Lunch	Available (cash)
Cocktails	6:30 — 7:30 p.m. (cash)
Dinner	7:30 p.m. — \$15.00 Breast of Chicken and Crab Cakes

Free beer on the patio to all Mid-Atlantic members.

July 3rd Round of Match Play

The Match Play Tournament continues this month at Piney Branch. Our hosts Gene Dyke and golf professional Tim McCoy are doing everything possible to make our visit an enjoyable one. Make an effort to get out and play golf but make sure you call Tim McCoy at (301)239-7115 for a starting time.

All scores and matches must be played to completion. All players must report to Golf Chairman, Paul O'Leary, at least 1/2 hour before your tee time.

Tee times are as follows:

12:00	Bill Emerson (13) vs Bob Orazi (15) Stanley Lawson (16) vs Tom Turner (15)
12:10	Al Watson (28) vs Ben Stagg (29) Lou White (29) vs Mike McKenzie (32)
12:20	Wayne Evans (37) vs Steven Nash (24) Walter Montross (19) vs Mike Larsen (35)
12:30	Ken Braun (18) vs Dave Knoll (12) Sam Kessel (18) vs Paul O'Leary (8)

All matches will start on time so don't be late. There will also be a low net and low gross. All handicaps for everyone will be revised for the July meeting, see Paul.

History's Largest Divot

Rick Werner, now professional at the Country Club of Ashland, Ohio, may have taken the largest divot ever during a round at the Quaker Ridge Golf Club in Scarsdale, N.Y. Playing a 185-yard second shot on the par-4 14th hole with a 9-iron, Werner took a divot later measured at 22 inches long and 14 inches wide. Playing partner Jim McLean, professional at the Sunningdale Country Club in Scarsdale, reports that the shot flew the green.

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