March 12 Meeting at Westwood Opens 1985

When MAAGCS members gather at Westwood Country Club on March 12 for their first meeting of 1985, they will find quite a different golf course if the weather permits them to play. The 30-year-old Vienna, Virginia, layout has completed a 12-year greens rebuilding program that converted its old, clay-based greens to USGA specification greens, and the new Eddie Ault designs have convinced Westwood members that their course now ranks among the area’s best.

Westwood began its life in 1954 as Westbriar Country Club, a proprietary club built by a land developer on an old dairy farm on the eastern edge of Vienna, a pre-Civil War town that is now a busy suburb. The original course was designed by Alfred H. Tull and built on relatively flat land, bisected by a flood plain. All but two of the new greens were Ault designs that incorporate challenging contours. Several thousand trees have been planted on the course in the last 20 years; its length is 6,384 yards from the white tees, 6,715 from the blues. All greens are Penncross bent, as are many of the tees, while fairways are mixed ryegrass, bluegrass and poa annua.

Larsen Is Re-Elected As MAAGCS President

Nominated from the floor for a second term, Mike Larsen was re-elected as president of the Mid-Atlantic Association of Golf Course Superintendents at the December meeting at Lakewood Country Club. Gerry Gerard was re-elected as vice president, George Renault was voted in as secretary, Lee Dieter remained as treasurer, and Virgil Robinson, Nick Vance, and Dick Gieselman were named to three-year terms on the Board of Directors. Ken Braun will remain on the Board as immediate Past President.