YOU’RE ALL INVITED
To our
1988
ANNUAL MID-ATLANTIC
AGCS FAMILY PICNIC
Tuesday, August 9, 1988
Hobbits Glen GC — Columbia, Maryland
Bill Neus, CGCS — Host
1:30 p.m. — Until ???
— Plenty to eat and drink —
— Clowns & Entertainment for the kids —

OUR HOSTS —
HOBBITS GLEN GOLF CLUB AND BILL NEUS

The Hobbits Glen Golf Club was
opened in September 1967 and was the
Columbia Associations’ first facility. This
private, non-profit corporation now owns
and operates 19 pools, 3 tennis clubs, 2
complete indoor athletic clubs, 1 indoor
ice rink, over 2,000 acres of park land, the
ColumBus public transportation system,
community centers in each village, and
the largest before and after school day
care program in the country. All within
the town of Columbia.

Hobbits Glen was designed by Ed Ault
and is spread out over 200 acres. In the
past several years major renovations and
construction have taken place. #1 green
was rebuilt and opened two years ago.
This year dramatic relocations were made
to greens #5 and 7 to be opened in late fall
or early spring. These projects were
designed by Lindsay Ervin and con-
structed by McDonald & Sons. This past
winter a sewer line went through the
entire golf course. The scars from this are
still very evident. Over the past five years
23 tees have been built, rebuilt, or en-
larged and they are currently in a five year
program to completely renovate all of the
bunkers. So even if you don’t play golf on
the 9th there is still plenty to see at
Hobbits.
The maintenance of the course which
serves over 55,000 rounds per year and
measures 7,196 yards from the blue tees
includes: greens mowed at 7/32", 5-6
times per week with approximately 6 lbs.
N applied through a combination of IBDU
in the fall and spoon feeding in the
summer to repair the traffic damage. They
are aerified twice per year with the Verti-
Drain which has had a dramatic positive
impact on these heavy clay greens. Tees
and fairways are mowed at 3/4", 3 times
per week with 3 lbs. N applied in the fall
and winter. For the first time this year no
pre-emerge crabgrass control was ap-
plied, instead Acclaim will be used. Due
to the weather, the rough hasn’t been
mowed in weeks (it may never have to be
mowed again) and at this writing the
fairways won’t be watered or mowed
again until it rains.

Bill Neus, our host, has been at Hobbits
since 1981 and had previously been super-
intendent at Fauquier Springs CC in Vir-
ginia. He attended UMBC and then The
Institute of Applied Agriculture graduat-
ing in 1976. Bill and his wife Lynne have
been married for 13 years and have
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