



Mid-Atlantic Association of Golf Course Superintendents NEWSLETTER

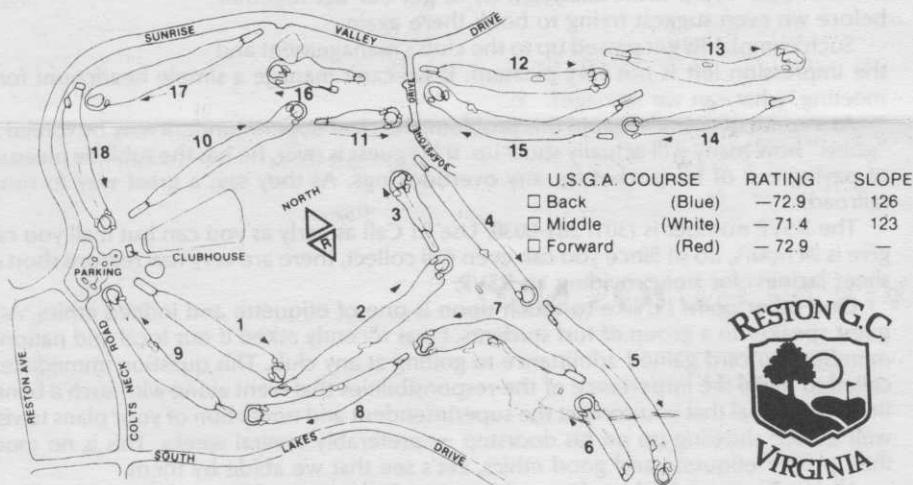


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RESTON SOUTH IN MARCH



Lentz Wheeler, Reston South G.C.'s Superintendent with wife Jane.



Our host, Lentz Wheeler, has been the Superintendent at Reston South Golf Course for the past 7 years. He has recently been asked by his employers, the Vazzana Enterprises Inc., to accept the responsibility for the supervision and maintenance of the Hidden Creek Country Club. The organization now manages both of the golf facilities in Reston. Lentz was born and raised in this area except for a couple years in his youth when his dad was transferred to North Carolina. He attended the University of Tennessee and graduated in 1979 with a B.S. in Ornamental Horticulture and Landscape Design. He started work at the Reston South G.C. in January of 1980 and became the superintendent in 1981. He was married in January of 1984 to Jane Goforth of Greenville, N.C. Jane is a kindergarten teacher at Forestville Elementary School in Great Falls, Virginia. Lentz has been quite active in the Greater Washington Association, serving as Secretary and Vice President in 86 & 87. He is currently President of the organization. He has hobbies that include "most all" sports as he says and Tennessee football.

The course we will be playing is the South Course and is the course for which Lentz has been responsible for during the past 7 years. The course was designed by Ed Ault and Associates and was constructed in 1969. The builder was DelVal, and the construction was supervised by Al Jamison. The 6,480 yard facility was opened for play in the spring of 1970 as a public course. When Mobil Oil ran the courses, Lentz was responsible to our old friend, Hugh L. (Jug) Bell, who was the golf course manager. Mr. Bell retired in 1986 and Lentz was put in full charge of Reston South.

Lentz would like to let you know as much as possible about how he maintains his course. He will welcome questions from anyone at the meeting and has submitted the following information for the Newsletter. The South course has bent-poa greens that are cut at 11/64 with grooved rollers six times a week. They are overseeded each fall at 1 1/4 lbs. M. after topdressing with

Penncross Bent in an effort to establish a better stand of bent. The tees and aprons are Ryegrass and are cut at 3/4 of an inch. They are overseeded each fall with a walk behind seeder. The greens, tees and aprons are treated for crabgrass control each spring. His program has been to use Tupersan early for soft crab and to follow up with Ron Star - Betesan later (mid-May) for goose grass. The fairways were smoothed with topsoil and overseeded with improved perennial ryegrasses as part of a three year improvement plan (1/3 each year) five years ago. Since then they have been overseeded each year. Palmer and Prelude Ryegrass as well as some Repel and Manhattan 11 have been their choice in this program. The fairways are treated each spring with Pendimethalin for crabgrass control. The fairways are cut three times a week with 5 gang hydraulic units at 1/2 of an inch. The only chemical application he has used on his fairways has been Sevin for Large Green June Beetles, and occasional spot treatment of disease. The irrigation system is an automatic electro-mechanical system with valve under head impulse sprinklers. Each valve has a manual cut-off. Projects currently under way at the club include dredging the lake, building a tee (with the material from the lake), and a bunker improvement plan laid out by Ault and Associates being done at Hidden Creek. An addition has been made to the club house at Reston South and a deck has been added on the side facing the course.

Lentz is looking for a good turn out at his meeting so let's not disappoint him. He has planned for the meeting to begin at 7:00. The meeting will be preceded with a cocktail hour from 6 to 7. Showers will be available for those who play golf at Hidden Creek. Remember the meeting will also be held at the Hidden Creek Course club house.

Directions to Reston South: Take 495 to Route 66 west, bear right on to the Dulles Toll Road, go approximately 9 miles to Reston Avenue. Exit here and turn left at the light on Reston

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Educational Notes

by Steve Cohoon

The educational program for our monthly meetings is nearly complete with all of the speakers and topics either confirmed or in the process of confirmation. As you can see by the schedule below, we have a good slate of speakers for 1988. Ten dates that are listed as to be announced are awaiting confirmation and will be finalized by the March meeting. At that time I will announce the remainder of the program.

Also this year an application is being sent to the GCSAA National Office so that CEU's can be credited to those members who attend the required number of meetings.

We begin our year with Dr. Sheri Robertson who heads the Horticulture Department at Northern Virginia Community College, Loudoun Campus. She will speak with us on Landscape Plant Materials and their use on the golf course. Dr. Robertson will have slides of some commonly used plants and discuss their requirements for successful use.

Along with the Horticulture program, Dr. Robertson is involved with a new turfgrass certificate program designed to educate the turf maintenance worker and prepare them for a career in turfgrass management. The program is a vital tool in providing an educated work force and future turfgrass managers.

So come out to the March meeting and learn about Landscape Plant Materials, and be sure to ask Dr. Robertson about the turf program offered at NOVA.

1988 MAAGCS Schedule

Date	Location/Host	Speaker/Topic
April 12	Brooke Manor GC John Johns	Dr. Lee Hellman Nematodes (tentative)
May 10	Green Spring Valley Grant Pensinger	Supt./Pro Tournament TBA
June 14	Pine Ridge GC Kevin Pryseski	Not Confirmed
July 12	Kenwood CC Deane Graves	Ms. Charlotte Ingert EPA Regulation & Golf Operations
August 9	Hobbits Glen GC Bill Neus	Picnic
September 13	Penderbrook GC Steve Cohoon	Mr. Ken Wagner Pond Water Management
October 11	Tentative	Not Confirmed
November 8	Bethesda CC Tom Regan	Not Confirmed
December 13	Turf Valley CC Bill Blackert	Election Meeting

RESTON SOUTH MEETING

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Avenue, go to the second light and turn left at the light on Reston Avenue, go to the second light and turn left on Sunrise Valley Drive. Turn right at the next light, Colts Neck Road. The entrance to the club is at this intersection on the left.

Directions to Hidden Creek: Follow the above directions to Reston Avenue, but turn right on Reston Avenue instead of left, go ½ mile and turn right on Temporary Road (that's the name). Follow it to the end where it intersects North Shore Drive, turn left and go ½ mile to the club entrance on the right.

Congrats . . .

Mr. & Mrs. Steve Cohoon on their new arrival. Daniel Cohoon was born January 4th.

Mr. & Mrs. Dick Gieselman on their 2nd boy — J. Scott on December 4th.

Our Sympathy . . .

Is extended to the family of Dr. George S. Langford who recently passed away. Our prayers are with you.

Virginia Conference Big Success

The twenty-eighth Virginia Turfgrass Conference and Trade Show, sponsored by the Virginia Turfgrass Council, the Virginia Cooperative Extension Service, and Virginia Tech was held in Richmond this year on January 18-21. Over 1,200 people in allied turfgrass industries registered for the meetings and equipment show. The annual banquet was the highlight of the show with over five hundred attending.

The week began with a G.C.S.A.A. educational seminar attended by forty superintendents and assistants. On Tuesday the Equipment Show opened with over 150 exhibitors displaying their wares. Nematodes, cold tolerant Bermuda grasses, Poa annua, water quality, fall fertilization and avoiding fungicide resistance were among the many talks that were of special interest to area superintendents. Talks on "Improving Your Professional Image" and "Avoiding the Burnout Blues" on Thursday were well received by the superintendents attending. The entertainment was by Pat Paulsen, our favorite Presidential candidate. A visit to the show by Doug Williams and Bobby Mitchell of the Washington Redskins was enjoyed by everyone, especially when Doug gave Natural Turf a big boost over local live television.

GOLF

by Tom Regan, CGCS

The Mid-Atlantic Association was well represented at the annual GCSAA golf tournament. The Woodlands was an excellent facility, and the golf courses we played proved to be a tough test for all participants. We had three teams at the tournament, unfortunately we failed to produce a winning team. Individually, Tom Regan won 2nd net in the Black Division, and Grant Pensinger won 4th net in the Senior I flight. Congratulations to all winners.

Our "portly" President (GR), failed to come home a winner this year, but he was heard to say as he rode out of Texas, "I've got to work on my handicap." Special thanks to Ron Hall and Hal Parr for playing for the Mid-Atlantic team. Next year the GCSAA is working on having the tournament in Palm Springs, so start planning on going to the desert.

This coming year we will continue to use the point system for our overall winner. We are also planning on a skins game, a two-man team championship as well as individual tournament winners. If anyone has some ideas for some unique tournaments at the meetings, please give me a call. Our first meeting is just around the corner so start working on your game.