

Turfgrass Matters



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Michael Larsen to host October 2 meeting at Woodmont Country Club

Woodmont Country Club began at the turn of the century when the Progressive and Hexagon Clubs merged. In 1913, they formed the Washington Suburban Club which was located in Bethesda on the site now occupied by the National Institutes of Health. In 1930, the Club took the name Woodmont. With the purchase of 515 acres in 1948, the club moved to Rockville. Woodmont has a large active membership of 3800 individuals.

Michael Larsen has been the Superintendent of Woodmont Country Club for seven years. He has held all the offices of the Mid-Atlantic Association and was President in 1984 and 1985. Mike has also been active on the national level serving on both the Nominating and Scholarship/Research Committees. Mike and Assistant Superintendent Lenn Weidenhammer are both graduates of the University of Maryland's

Institute of Applied Agriculture.

In addition to maintaining 36 holes of golf, Mike and his staff are responsible for the extensive Clubhouse grounds, 22 Har-Tru courts, maintenance of the golf car fleet and the maintenance, inflation and disassembly of a four-court tennis bubble.

The full-time staff consists of 17 employees. During the summer the staff totals 26. A separate four-man crew works on the tennis component's, also under Mike's supervision.

The North Course, where our tournament will be played, was designed by Alfred Tull and measures 6496 yards from the white tees. The North Course has been the site of numerous Maryland State Golf Tournaments and has been host to the U.S. Open Qualifier the last four years.

Michael and his wife Peggy, who is Director of Alumnae Programs at Hood College, live in Sykesville, Maryland.



Directions to Club:

From Baltimore and Washington
Take Capital Beltway (495) to exit 34, Route 355 Rockville Pike. Go north on Route 355 3.8 miles. Entrance to Club is on your left, directly across from Tom Hatton Pontiac.

From Northern Virginia
Take Route 270 to exit 4, Montrose Road. Go east on Montrose 1.8 miles to Route 355 (Rockville Pike). Go left on Rockville Pike. Go 1.3 miles and Club is on your left directly across from Tom Hatton Pontiac.

Golf Notes

Our October golf outing will be a 12:30 Shotgun Start. Please call the golf shop at 301-424-7200 ext. 167 with your paring.

Lunch will be available at 11:30 on a charge-to-your-Club basis only. Cocktails will begin at 6:00 p.m. Dinner will be served at 7:00 p.m. at a cost of \$30.00.

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