Turfgrass Matters

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JEFF BLIND WELCOMES MAAGCS TO HILLENDALE CC

Jeff Blind and Hillendale Country Club welcome MAAGCS members for the April 9 meeting.

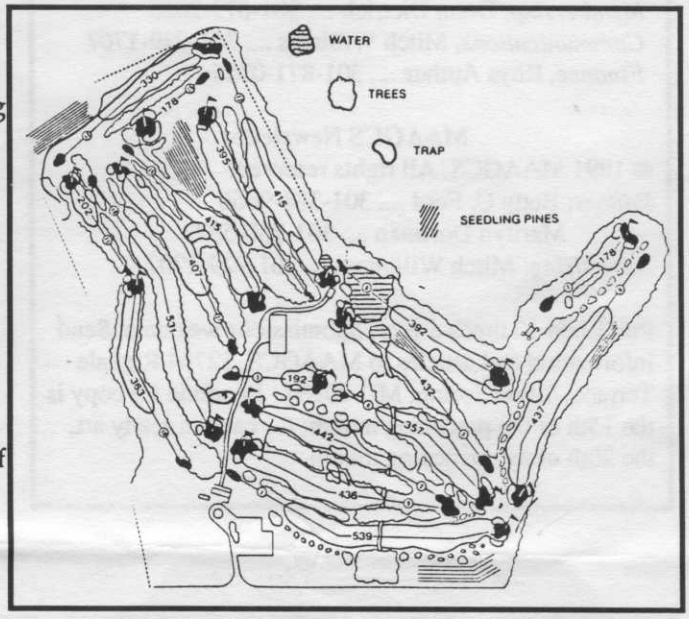
Hillendale, a private country club in Phoenix, Md. with approximately 400 members, lies six miles north of Towson. The course was designed by William Gordon and opened for play on July 9, 1954.

Jeff, who graduated from Ohio State University with a degree in turf, has been superintendent since December 1989. Prior to that he was assistant superintendent at Baltimore Country Club for five years.

The course, a par 72, is about 6,700 yards from the blue tees, 6,500 from the white and 6,200 from the red. Fairways and tees are mowed three times a week at 1/2"; greens are mowed six times a week at 5/32". Fairways and tees are ryegrass; greens are bent and poa. Greens receive 4 to 5 lbs N a year and 10 to 12 lbs K per year.

Jeff and the club's seven other full-time employees have been busy this year overseeing installation — by Tanto Construction — of a new Toro VT-4 irrigation system. "This is definitely a major project," says Jeff. "We were lucky to get Tanto. They've been on site five weeks and are probably 85 percent finished." It has kept Jeff so occupied that he was could not get away for the March meeting. "Last year we enlarged a pond, but it was nothing compared to this; I feel lucky to have been here for it." By the April meeting all will be finished except some clean-up.

Jeff and his wife Marlene, a billing clerk for a check printing company, live in Belair. In the off-season Jeff enjoys hunting, especially in Western Maryland. He plays golf to an eight handicap. "I try to play once a month, if I'm lucky. I play mostly here, I try to play other places, but it's much more difficult to get away."



For tee times call the pro-shop: 301-592-9404.

Cocktails are from 6 to 7 p.m., dinner at 7. Cost is $25 for dinner, $30 for lunch, golf and dinner. Cash bar. For reservations call 301-381-0300.

Directions: From D.C.: take 95 N to 695 N toward Towson. Continue about 10 miles to Dulaney Valley Road N; go 2 to 3 miles crossing the bridge over the reservoir. Bear left, go one mile to Blenheim Rd., turn right. Hillendale is 2 miles on the left.

From Baltimore: take the Beltway, follow directions above.

Golf Notes

Congratulations to our March winners.

In the Scotch Tournament, Low Net honors went to George Renault and Nick Vance with a score of 73. In Second Place were Ron Weaver and Donn Dietrich at 75, followed by Mike Gilmore and Mark Waltz with a 77, and Lee Dieter and Walter Montross at 78. Low Gross winners were Ken Ingram and Scott Wagner with an 83.

The April meeting at Hillendale Country Club will feature golf between 12:00 and 1:00. The format will be individual play with prizes awarded in both the gross and net divisions. This event will allow at least one round of golf before our Superintendent-Pro Tournament.

And speaking of Superintendent-Pro, watch for the entry form which will be in the mail shortly. Ben Stagg of Hog Neck has promised us a day of fine golf and food.

Scott Wagner
Golf Chairman