

# Turfgrass Matters



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## Tim Kennelly to host June Meeting at the U.S. Naval Academy Golf Club

The United States Naval Academy Golf Club and Superintendent, Tim Kennelly, will host our June 9 golf outing and dinner meeting at Hubbard Hall on the Naval Academy grounds, (see map p. 8).

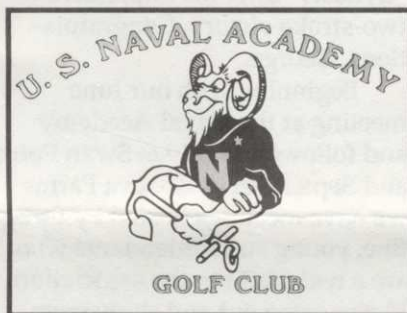
The United States Naval Academy Golf Club has served the Brigade of Midshipmen and the Academy staff since 1916. Originally located on the Academy grounds proper with sand greens, the 18-hole course across the Severn River from the Academy was established in the 1930s.

The USNA Golf Club is operated by the Naval Academy Athletic Association which operates strictly on dues and revenue which is generated at the course. No tax dollars are used to operate the facility. The Club has approximately 550 members consisting of retired and active duty military, and a limited number of civilian members. Also, all 4500 Midshipmen are considered members and pay no fee to play.

Primarily a William Flynn design, the course measures over 6600 yards from the blue tees and 6300 from the white tees. The location of the course also offers a fine vista of the Chesapeake Bay and its twin bridges.

In the five years that Tim has been at the Naval Academy, the course has taken on extensive renovations. With the help of his Assistant Superintendent, John Scheleur, and staff, they have cleared acres of trees and under-

brush from tees, greens, and fairway surrounds. "We had found that the underbrush was not only inhibiting turf growth, but the golf course was definitely not the same course as Mr. Flynn designed. Our goal is to restore



this club to its original design." Upcoming projects—part of a three-year capital projects plan—include the installation of cart paths around all tees and greens, rebuilding the bunkers and returning them to their original design, and rebuilding the bridge located on the first tee with bulkheading to define the pond around the first and seventh holes.

Tim, a native of Temperance, Michigan, graduated from the turf management program at Michigan State University in 1983. Before coming to the Naval Academy, he was Assistant Superintendent at Inverness Club in Toledo, Ohio and Beverly Country Club in Chicago, Illinois. In addition to his Golf Club duties, Tim serves in an advisory capacity to the Athletic Department on the management of its athletic fields including the recent

conversion to bermudagrass on the Navy-Marine Corps Memorial Stadium. Tim lives in Annapolis with his wife Sandy.

Because the club does not have dining facilities, the evening meeting will be held at Hubbard Hall (see map p. 8). Due to renovations to our pro shop and other facilities, there will not be shower facilities or lunch available. The dress for dinner will be casual.

**Agenda:** Golf: members and guests may tee off from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Please call pro shop for tee times: 410-757-2022. Cart fees will be \$9 per person. **Note:** Clubhouse undergoing renovation. Golfers should proceed to temporary trailer on left side between putting green and driving range tee.

**Cocktails:** 6:00 p.m. Casual dress.

**Dinner:** 7:00 p.m., Hubbard Hall

**Directions:** On entering the USNA at gate 8, you will encounter a United States marine. Tell him (very nicely) that you are attending a dinner sponsored by the USNA Athletic Association at Hubbard Hall.

**From D.C.,** Rte. 50 east across new Severn River bridge to exit 27 (450 south, USNA exit), go approximately 1 mile to traffic light (648) and turn left. Go 1/2 mile to next light. Proceed through it 1/4 mile to clubhouse on left.

**From Baltimore:** Take Rte 97 south to 50 east and proceed as above.