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Tom Knoll to Host June 14 Meeting at Chantilly National Golf and CC

Tom Knoll and his crew are busy preparing the Chantilly course for our June 14 gross and net tournament.

Chantilly National G & CC is a private club located in Centreville, Va. It was built in 1959 on what was once the largest dairy farm operation in Fairfax County. Originally, the land was acquired by the Kena Temple of Alexandria. Operating as the Wimsatt Farms Syndicate, they originally planned a 36-hole complex on the 900 acres.

Ed Ault designed the golf course layouts. However, only the 18-hole course that exists today was built. In 1961 the syndicate sold the golf course and the 220 acres that it occupies today to the membership. The Club continues to exist as a membership-owned private club with approximately 500 members.

In 1992 P.B. Dye provided a re-design of the golf course. This vision included many additional sand and grass bunkers, additional tees, five sets of tee markers for each hole, tree planting, tree re-location, re-shaping certain contours and features, expanded irrigation coverage, and drainage improvements. Upon completion of this work, the golf course plays the range from 5,191 yards for the forward tees to 7,195 yards for the tournament tees.

Future projects are based on a five-year plan. Those slated for the

near future include lake management and further drainage improvements, among other things.

Obviously with all these renovations and all the usual maintenance, Tom is lucky to have



a fine staff. "The club has an outstanding staff. I feel quite fortunate to work with such a dedicated and conscientious group." Tom wishes to share full credit with Assistant Superintendent Rick Kent and full-time staff Jamie Altizer, Barbara Hartnett, Scott Parvin, Roger Saffer, Rich Sereno, and Albert Whitmer.

Says Tom, "Although my work requires a lot of time, I really enjoy spending my leisure time with my family—my wife Christine; Tommy, 8; Katie 6; and Emilie, 2. We are involved in a lot of activities including church, cub scouts, brownies, and various sports. Among our favorite hobbies are camping, fishing gardening, and hiking. I personally enjoy fishing, golfing, and hunting."

Dinner: \$30, formal. Cocktails at 6:00, dinner at 7:30.

Golf: Gross and net tournament, but you may play without entering tournament. Tee times from 12 noon to 2:00 p.m. You must call the pro shop: 703-631-9562. Cost: \$10 for golf, \$10 for cart.

Directions: From I-495 take I-66 West. Continue to exit 53—Rte 28/Centreville. Follow signs for Route 28 North toward Dulles Airport. After the left turn onto Route 28, immediately move into the left lane for the next traffic light. Turn left at light onto Braddock Rd (Rt. 620). Go approximately 2 miles to club entrance on your left.

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