March Superintendent Profile Jim Weaver

What is a dream-come-true and yet a most daunting prospect? Consider the opportunity to take the reins of the oldest golf course maintenance department in the Washington, DC area. Consider also following in the

footsteps of one of the area's most creative, durable, experienced and politically active superintendents. Who would have the right mix of education, experience, luck and downright moxie to take over Washington Golf & CC in the wake of Lee Dieter? That individual would bear a striking resemblance to Jim Weaver.

Jim is a 1990 alumnus of the University of Maryland Institute of Applied Agriculture with a degree in Turf Science/Golf Management.. His background reads like a roadmap of notable golf establishments in the Metro area. spent five years at Woodmont Country Club under Mike Larson, CGCS. He then moved up to assistant superintendent under Rhys Arthur at Indian Springs CC. Two and a half years more as assistant at Montgomery Country Club led him up to his most current assistant's post: over three years as Glenn Smickley, CGCS's assistant at the Robert Trent Jones Golf Club in Gainseville, VA. Anyone who has toured RTJ (Just try getting a tee time!) quickly see why it took a job head superintendent like Washington Golf to lure him away.

Jim is looking, as are many of us, to follow in his bosses' footsteps to become a Certified Superintendent. While his immediate goal is to continue the fine conditions at Washington Golf and add his own vision to the layout, Jim would like to host a major tournament in the future. A PGA event would suit him fine, and he looks forward to the challenge if it presents itself.

Golf course maintenance is a passion and a way of life for Jim Weaver. However, when he is not doing the things that we all do for a living, Jim likes to slip away to some open water that doesn't have Titleists splashing into it, throw out a line, and reel in the odd fish that passes by. He has yet to worry about parents-in-law, gymboree, school lunches, and daycare, but if his past is any indication, Jim Weaver will be around making his mark on the golf course industry in the Mid- Atlantic Area for the foreseeable future.

