

Hole of the Month

HOLE NO.

18

WHITEMARSH VALLEY COUNTRY CLUB ► LAFAYETTE HILL, PA

Designed in 1908 by the legendary George C. Thomas Jr., Whitmarsh Valley Country Club in Lafayette Hill, Pennsylvania sits on grounds rich with American history that extends back long before the course's inception.

Now home to one of Pennsylvania's Top 25 Golf Courses, the land on which Whitmarsh Valley stands was once a campsite for the Continental Army led by General George Washington, while the original clubhouse acted as headquarters for General "Mad Anthony" Wayne during the Revolutionary War.

Whitmarsh Valley Country Club began to build its own history in 1917 by playing host to the Patriot Open, which took the place of the US Open during World War I. After holding the 1934 Women's US Amateur Championship, Whitmarsh Valley was the site of the PGA Tour's Philadelphia IVB Classic from 1963 to 1980, played and won by legends such as Jack Nicklaus, Arnold Palmer and Tom Kite.

With help from Ed Shearon III, Whitmarsh Valley experienced a sympathetic restoration that coincided with the club's centennial celebration in 2008. The renovation included the stunning Hole #18, which features a gorgeous central view of the Whitmarsh Valley clubhouse along with several well-placed bunkers, creating "one of the most challenging finishing holes in golf," according to Whitmarsh Valley's Certified Golf Course Superintendent Tony Gustaitis.

Gustaitis, a University of Maryland Turf Management graduate, has overseen the grounds at Whitmarsh Valley alongside green chairman Jack Rowe since 1988. Gustaitis uses fast-acting Dismiss® herbicide for lasting postemergence control of sedges and kyllinga along with a reduction in future weed populations. "I rely on fast-acting Dismiss to keep kyllinga and sedges under control on our course." Combined with Segway® fungicide, which Gustaitis calls "a weapon" used for pythium control, historic Whitmarsh Valley Country Club looks to be in for an even brighter, more beautiful future.

HOLE STATS

Distance: 466 yards, Par 4

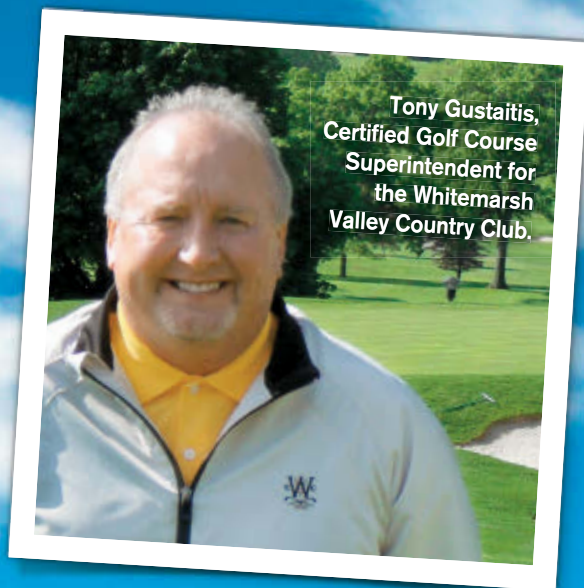
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