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The July meeting of the Mid-Atlantic Association of Golf Course Superintendents was held at the Winchester Country Club, Winchester, Virginia. The date was Tuesday, July 7, 1959. Winchester, about 75 miles northwest of Washington, D.C., is one of the principal cities of the beautiful Shenandoah Valley and is the hub of Virginia's apple growing country.

Prior to our evening meeting, about 45 members and guests enjoyed a very delicious buffet dinner in the dining room of the Winchester Country Club. The Club Manager, Mr. Gunter Skole, saw to it that we were served in a royal fashion. We thank him for his efforts in our behalf. The following Winchester club officials were present and in attendance at our meeting: Mr. James Sargent, President; Dr. E.C. Stuart, Greens Chairman; Dr. Leon Salvin, Golf Committee Chairman; Mr. Billy Phillips, Golf Professional; and last but not least - Mr. Lewis Lamp. We thank our hosts for a most enjoyable day and we are looking forward to a return visit at some future date.

We do not know if apples had any thing to do with the organizing of the Winchester Country Club, if they did, a perfect setting and site for a golf course was chosen. The club is one of the oldest in the valley, and existed as a nine hole layout until about three years ago when the need for increased golf facilities brought about the acquisition of additional property for the construction of a second nine hole golf course.

The first nine holes, which is the original layout, is a valley course and is divided in two by a clear swift running mountain stream. This water course adds much to the beauty of the property, and to the design and attractiveness of the inside nine holes. A new modernistic clubhouse sits on a hillside above these nine holes; and when one steps out of the locker rooms and pro shop, the view inspires him to put his best foot forward golf-wise.

The outside nine is new and can be classified as a hill course, as most of its design follows the contours of the ridges. Like most new courses that have just been opened to play, one finds the fairways in need of further work and development. This the club plans to do in the near future as they are able to secure large quantities of poultry manure from a nearby source. During the coming fall and winter months the plan is to top-dress the new fairway areas with this organic material. If it is well rotted and comminuted it should prove very beneficial to the new grasses, but we believe that additional applications of commercial fertilizers will also be needed.

All of the eighteen greens on the course, both old and new, are a golfer's dream of perfection in their appearance and playability. Their quality compares with any we have seen so far this season. The putting surfaces on the new outside nine were seeded to Penncross bent, and their present condition speaks well for the use of that bent grass seed.

Lewis Lamp, golf course superintendent for the Winchester Country Club, told us about the construction of the new nine. He started clearing the land for the course in 1956. In the spring and summer of 1957 the bases for the greens were roughed in and that fall the top-soil