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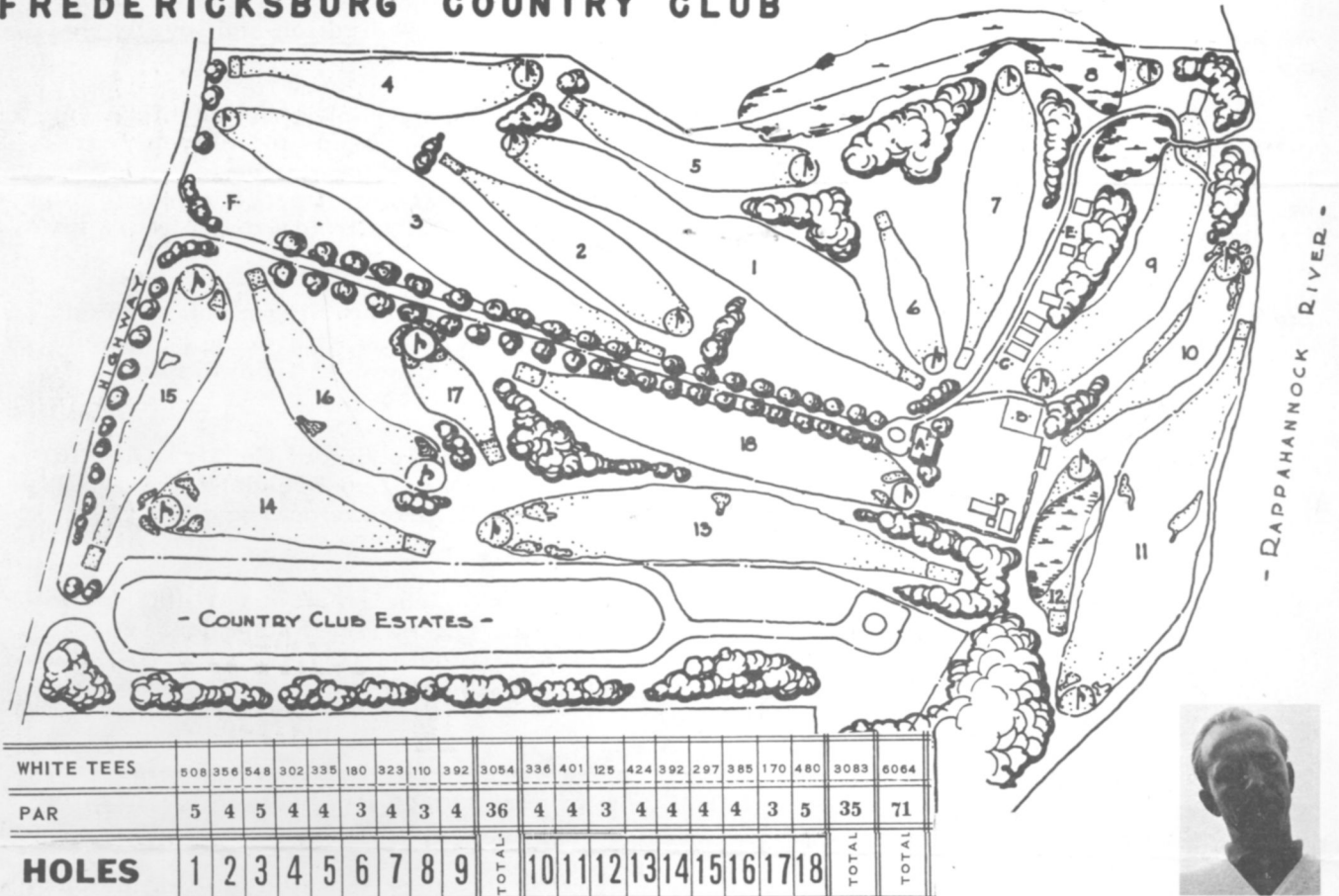
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FREDERICKSBURG COUNTRY CLUB



NOVEMBER MEETING - FREDRICKSBURG COUNTRY CLUB

The next meeting of the Mid-Atlantic Association will be a joint meeting with the Central Virginia Association. Their Association will be hosts for the meeting which will be held at Fredricksburg Country Club, Fredricksburg, Virginia, on Tuesday, November 5. Mr. Paul Wiess, Sr., superintendent at Lehigh Country Club in Allentown, Pennsylvania, will speak on "Maintenance Methods".

OUR HOST

Mr. Emory Stafford, a member of the Central Virginia Association, has been professional-superintendent at Fredricksburg for the past three years. Mr. Stafford entered this profession in 1958. He relies on the advice of Earnest Stanley and Jim Reynolds on turf matters and also keeps well informed by attending the superintendents association meetings. Emory was pro-manager at Winter Quarters Country Club in Pocomaker City, Maryland, in 1958. He went from there to Hermitage Country Club in Richmond where he held the position of assistant pro for two and one half years after which time he moved to Fredricksburg.

THE COURSE

Fredricksburg is a private 18-hole golf course. The front nine has been in play for two years. The new nine was designed by Carl Raswik and was built by Mr. Raswik and Mr. Stafford; it has been in play for three years. The layout has a yardage of 6,302 for a par of 71.

DIRECTIONS TO THE CLUB

Take Route No. 1 south to Fredricksburg, in Fredricksburg take Routes No. 2 and 17 south. The club is three miles from the heart of Fredricksburg, turn left to the club.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

by James E. Thomas

The Association's October meeting, held at Woodmont Country Club, was interesting and enjoyable and one well attended. Our host superintendent, L. R. (Bob) Shields, Jr., presented an illustrated slide tour of the Woodmont golf courses pointing out many of his maintenance methods and construction accomplishments. Bob has done an outstanding job at Woodmont, and his attainments there are a shining example of dedication and loyalty to one's vocation.

Continuity and team work plus long range planning has played its part in the development of the Woodmont property. Bob Shields has been in charge of the grounds for eleven years. Mr. Leo Freudberg (Mr. Woodmont) was chairman of the greens committee for many years; his successor, Mr. Chips Cantor, served as a member of the committee before becoming its chairman. Golf clubs which have followed this practice are, with few exceptions, always outstanding and have golf layouts to be proud of.

Mr. Freudberg and Mr. Cantor greeted us with inspiring talks containing much sage advice on how to meet our daily problems, and how to better our relations with the golfing members we serve. Mr. Jacques Aimi, the Woodmont manager, took time out from his duties to welcome us to the club and say a few words of greeting.

The Mid-Atlantic Superintendents express appreciation to the Woodmont Country Club for their hospitality. We especially thank our principal hosts, Mr. Leo Freudberg, Mr. Chips Cantor and Mr. L. R. Shields; also Mr. Tony Marlowe, golf professional and Mr. Jim Talley, caddymaster.

We all owe a vote of thanks and appreciation to Frank Haske, chairman of our golf committee, for the successful handling of the annual tournament. Likewise, Frank deserves special praise for the outstanding party he arranged for us and our ladies at the Washingtonian Motel on Tuesday, September 24th. -We should not fail to mention here the refreshments provided by several of our dealers.

THE MID-ATLANTIC 10 YEARS AGO

by L. Robert Shields

Ten years ago on November 10, 1963, fifty five members and guests of the Mid-Atlantic met at Manor Country Club where Ernest Parsley was superintendent.

Greens chairman, Louis Fuchs, and club president, Mr. Carney, pointed out that despite the fact that their club house had recently burned down making house social functions impossible, the membership in the club had increased by 100 members indicating that the golf course is the main attraction at Manor.

Officers were elected for the year 1954. They were: Jim Thomas, president; Charles Schalestock, vice president; Bob Scott, Jr., secretary-treasurer. A new set of By-laws was read at this meeting and with the exception of a few minor changes were accepted as read. The president extended thanks to the committee co-chairmen, John Connolly and Admiral Phillips, for their work and efforts in preparing the new By-laws.

Guest speaker, Bob Hagan, began his talk by giving some interesting experiences with Charlie Wilson who had just left the area, then went on with his subject "Grass Roots Irrigation".

Some basic definitions given were:

A Saturated Soil - is one such as we experience after a heavy rain. The soil has all the water it can possibly hold - all pore spaces are completely filled.

Field Capacity - sometimes designated as normal capacity. That water which is held in

the soil after the gravitational water has drained down.
Wilting Point - The point at which a plant begins to wilt for lack of moisture.
Available Water - the difference between field capacity and the wilting point. The normal moisture range over which plants grow.

There was no Constructive Suggestion Report at the Manor meeting, there was no golf and no one saw the golf course - it was covered with snow.

ELECTIONS

Elections will be held December 3, 1963, at the Washingtonian Country Club meeting. In accordance with the Mid-Atlantic Association of Golf Course Superintendents By-laws the nominating committee has submitted the following list for publication.

PRESIDENT

Thomas A. Doerer, Jr.
Fort Belvoir Golf Club
Fort Belvoir, Virginia

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Sparrows Point Country Club
Sparrows Point, Maryland

Jack Oulla
Lakewood Country Club
Rockville, Maryland

Charles Shalestock
Country Club of Fairfax
Fairfax, Virginia

Nominations may also be made from the floor.

THANKS FROM THE LADIES

The wives of some of our members have asked that we thank the Association and in particular Frank Haske and the program committee for the wonderful evening enjoyed by all on September 24th.

A LOOK INTO THE FUTURE OF GOLF COURSE DEVELOPMENT VI by Harry C. Eckhoff
The National Golf Foundation - a non profit corporation founded in 1936 by the major manufacturers of golf equipment - was organized to meet the need for a national clearing house for information essential to the planning, construction, operation and maintenance of golf courses and to increase public interest in the game.

By 1953 the need for new facilities became so critical that the Foundation sponsors decided to establish a field service to directly assist in the development of all types of golf courses. Today the Foundation maintains four regional field service offices available to any group or individual actively considering the development of new golf courses. In my capacity as Director of the Eastern Region (territory Maine to Florida, which includes 17 eastern states and the District of Columbia) I met with almost 300 planning groups last year to give assistance on overall organizational, operational and maintenance problems.

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