

Nov. 11 Meeting— Piney Branch. . .

Years ago, long before my generation even considered turf management as a career, The Mid-Atlantic Greenskeepers Association was formed which gave forth the birth of exchanging information pertinent to turf management. This radical view of letting your neighboring superintendent know your secrets was in the form of an open discussion of the host's golf course. In that many of us have not experienced such an educational meeting, I feel compelled to generate interest to all of us to attend such a meeting.

Speculating, I would guess we will formalize our social hour! Quite often I have come home from a meeting and have been grateful for ideas other superintendents have given me during a moments talk before our dinner and educational program. After years of attending meetings I have learned to value the social hour equally as much as our educational program, for at this time we can discuss our common problems or seek advice on a particular problem. Our upcoming meeting on "An Open Discussion of the Golf Course", will be along this line and certainly well worth attending. Don't miss this opportunity to participate with everybody in exchanging knowledge on all aspects of golf turf management.

The meeting will be held at Piney Branch Golf and Country Club. Eugene Dyke will be our host superin-

tendent and has provided us with the following information.

Piney Branch is situated in the rolling farmland of Baltimore and Carrol Counties, the course covers approximately 206 acres of prime farmland. Designed by Eddie Ault, the contractors for the course were Del-Val Company and Robert Vincent and Co. The course was opened in 1965 for 9 hole play and was completed in June 1971 for 18 hole play. The course is 6,915 yards long. The grasses on the greens are Penncross bent, the tees have Merion Blue and Pennlawn fescue, the fairways are Kentucky blue and creeping red fescue and the roughs are Kentucky 31. The greens average 7,000 to 8,000 square feet and tees are 35 x 70. The irrigation system is manually controlled for greens, tees and fairways. The course has a nicely nestled five acre lake and 2 small ponds fed by nearby springs. For your convenience there is a practice green, tee, fairway and sand trap. Par is 71.

Our PGA pro Tim McCoy and his assistants will meet you in the pro shop, and the dining facilities are handled by Ronnie Warehime and his staff.

Our host Eugene Dyke has been associated with Piney Branch since 1970. He is a self taught superintendent with 10 years experience between Piney Branch and Sleepy Hollow, Charlestown, West Virginia. Prior to becoming a superintendent he was associated with several golf courses in their maintenance department.

Golf may be played anytime after 11 a.m. There will be prizes awarded, including the use of a 1976 Plymouth Duster free for one year to the superintendent having a hold in one on the 9th hole. Social hour will be 5:30 to 6:30 and dinner will be at 6:30. Golf carts will be available to those people who want to see the golf course before the meeting. Directions are as follows:

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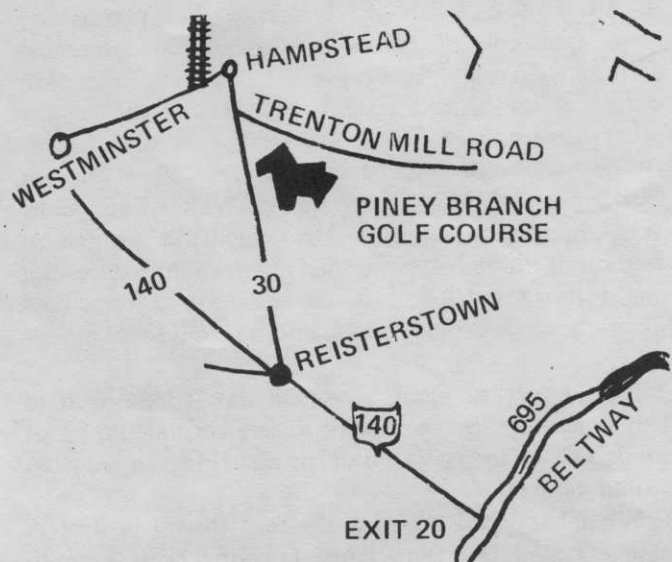
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Take Reisterstown Road (U.S. Route 140, 695 Beltway Exit 20) to Reisterstown. Then take the Hanover Road (Md. Route 30) for about eight miles to Trenton Mill Road. Turn right and drive about 1/2 mile to Piney Branch entrance.