

April Mid Atlantic Meeting

Greg Bayor

Green Spring Valley Hunt Club
April 17, 1979, **Third Tuesday**

Joint meeting with the Central Penn Association

Host: Grant Pensinger

Golf: Anytime Cocktails: 6:00 p.m., cash bar

Carts: Fee will be charged Dinner: 7:00 p.m., \$12.00

Lunch: Available after 12:00

Course Notes

Length: 6089 yards Traps: 72

Water holes: 4 pond, 9 stream

Irrigation: Quick couplers/fairways, manual pop-up/
greens & tees

Fairways: 100% rye overseed for the past 2 years

Greens: 60% bent, 40% poa

Grant Pensinger, Superintendent at Green Spring Valley since 1973, came here from Chambersburg Golf Course, Scotland, Pennsylvania. He is a 2nd generation golf course man, and his son Phillip continues the tradition as a recent graduate of the University of Maryland School of Turf. Grant and his wife Marlene have 3 other children: Gary, Mike and Karen. Grant's mechanic, Bob Gualtney, is also a recent graduate: he had just finished the Jacobson Mechanics School in Wisconsin, courtesy of Green Spring Valley.

The Green Spring Valley Hunt Club was organized in 1892 to promote the then very popular sport of fox-hunting. Today there is still a dedication to this sport, but now it takes place further away in Worthington Valley, where it's known as the "Upper Club."

The "Lower Club's" primary function is Golf/Tennis/Dinner. In 1912 nine holes were designed by the club members. In 1930 two more holes were added, with one par 3 deleted; these 10 holes remained unchanged until 1957. Club member, Jess W. Sweetser, former U.S. and British Amateur Champion, had his personal friend Robert Trent Jones, design an additional 8 holes, completing the present 18 holes. The courses' length is deceptive, compared to today's "championship" lengths; and all players had better come prepared to "hit-it-straight" or else bring along a few extra balls.

This meeting has a special aspect, in that it is a joint meeting with the Central Penn Association. The golf will be a match play tournament with our Northern friends. The Mid Atlantic has a long tradition of very fine joint meetings; so let's all be there to promote our fellowship.

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Directions: Balt. beltway 695, to exit 20, Reisterstown Rd. Go NORTH 1.7 miles to Green Spring Valley Rd. Rt. 130, turn right the club is 1 blk. down on the left. If you have any problems, call 363-0433.

Board Meeting Briefs

Ben Stagg

A few notes of interest from the February Board Meeting held at the Naval Academy:

- The Board approved for Class A membership of the Mid-Atlantic Association:

Merrill J. Frank—Baltimore C.C.

Gerald F. Luttrell—Prince Georges C.C.

- Bob Orazi will be the Mid-Atlantic coordinator for the Musser Turfgrass Foundation Tournament, (see this month's feature article), Indian Springs C.C., August 21, 1979.

- Social Chairman, Mike Larsen, would like to change the format of Ladies Night. Anyone with ideas/suggestions, please contact Mike ASAP.

- Stan Lawson, Membership Chairman, is starting to assemble our new directory. If you're not listed correctly in the present directory, call Stan: work—301-278-2825, or home—301-272-0590.

I Want To Be Your Friend

*I see you at the meetings; but you never
say hello,*

*You're busy all the you're there,
with those you already know.*

*I sit amongst the members and yet
I'm a lonesome guy;*

*The new ones are as strange as I, but
you old members pass me by.*

*But darn it, you folks asked us in,
and talked of fellowship,*

*You could just step across the room,
but you've never made the trip.*

*Why can't you nod and say hello, or
stop and shake my hand; then go
and sit among your friends, now
that I'd understand.*

*I'll be at your next meeting, perhaps
a nice time to spend;*

*Do you think you could introduce
yourself? I want to be your
FRIEND.*

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Benevolence

Mike Larsen

Just as soon as word comes that Chuck Darrah is out of the hospital, we learn that Russ Bull has gone into a hospital: I know we all share in the desire for Russ's speedy recovery.

Our sincerest regrets to Mike Hanna on the recent death of his father.