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July 14 Piney Branch Golf Club

— Gene Dyke

It's been since November, 1975 that we have visited Piney Branch Golf Club. We look forward again to the visit and Gene Dyke's hospitality in Carroll and Baltimore counties. Gene extends a cordial invitation to all superintendents and guests. Maybe July isn't the greatest month to host a meeting but he will do his best to see that you have an enjoyable day at his facility. Please return cards because the facilities are somewhat limited. Come out and enjoy someone else's problems for a change. Enjoy yourself.

Piney Branch is situated in the rolling farmland of Baltimore and Carroll counties, consuming 206 acres. Designed by Eddie Ault, the contractors were Robert Vincent Co., and Del Val Co. The course was opened for 9 hole play in 1965 and 18 holes in 1971. The course measures 6,508 from white tees and 6,850 from blues. The grasses are as follows:

Greens - Penncross and Poa, 7 to 8,000 sq. feet., cut 3/16" to 1/4" five times a week depending on outings, and receive 5 lbs. of N/yr.

Tees - Original seeding Meriod and Pennlawn, over-seeded to just about everything, New Blues and Rye, cut 3/4" 3 times a week, and receive 4 lbs. of N/yr.

Fairways - Original seeding Kentucky Blue and Red Fescue, overseeded to New Blues and Rye, cut 1 1/4", set on firm base, 3 times a week, and receive 2 lbs. of N/yr.

Roughs - Tough set of k-31.

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President's Message

As always George Thompson had Columbia Country Club in fine condition. The three new holes are very attractive, interesting to play, and talk about a premium on accuracy, well, you needed it here. Those of you who didn't play missed a beautiful golf course. George has done a lot to improve the image of a golf course superintendent. His love of the game, his loyalty, his dedication, his eagerness to learn and try new things, and his help of fellow superintendents is unquestionable. As I looked around the room at the June Meeting I could see his success story in front of me. There were five golf course superintendents that had worked for George as Assistants or placement students. That is quite an accomplishment and I'm sure there will be more of them. Thanks again, George, for a super day.

Eugene Dyke was brave enough to invite us to Piney Branch Golf Course for our July meeting, so let's support Gene and go to Hampstead, Maryland July 14th.

Mike McKenzie

