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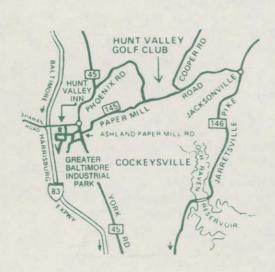
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The Great Mid-Atlantic/Philadelphia Shoot Out



President's Message

What a successful annual picnic! Many thanks to our host - Jerry Gerard, and to the Bretton Woods Recreation Center. Special recognition must go to our social chairman, Paul Barefoot, to Dick Doyle for that super sweet corn, to John Strickland for the stove to cook the corn, to the wives who whipped up some great dishes and to you, the Mid-Atlantic members, who came and made the day a success.

The September meeting with our friends from Philadelphia will be held at Bob Orazi's Hunt Valley Golf Club. Make a special effort to come on out and renew some old acquaintances. Please note that the meeting is on the 15th of September, which is the third Tuesday.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at Hunt Valley. Let's beat Philly and win back that "Beautiful" team trophy.



This year the Mid-Atlantic/Philadelphia Team Matches will be held at Hunt Valley Golf Club. Hunt Valley is a 27 hole private golf club with over 450 golfing members. The original red and white nines were constructed in 1969 and designed by Ed Ault. The blue nine was added in 1975-1976 and was designed by Algie Pulley. Outings of over 100 golfers are generally scheduled throughout the season on Mondays and Fridays. Our seasonal play is over 40,000 rounds. Because of the terrain, carts are used approximately 80 percent of the time. Our present fleet consists of 87 gas carts.

The irrigation system is manual on the red and white nines and automatic on the blue. Water is pumped from one source and is lifted 240' to the blue nine. Both systems cannot operate at the same time.

The fairways have been essentially bluegrass with perennial ryegrasses being groove seeded annually. The present blend is approximately 60 percent bluegrass and 40 percent rye. This marriage of rye and bluegrass along with two applications of Tersan 1991 at 4 ozs. has lessened the perennial fusarium problem. The University of Maryland may have their test plots lined out and labelled for your observation of some of their fusarium studies. Look for them on Hole No. 7 and No. 8 on the white nine.

Bob Orazi is a 1960 graduate of the University of Rhode Island with a B.S. in Agronomy. He worked 1½ years in golf course construction, worked as an assistant to Al Watson at Sparrows Point for 2½ years and helped with the construction of Hunt Valley. He served on the Mid-Atlantic A.G.C.S. Board for 5 years. He is presently chairman for the Mid-Atlantic Booster Tournament.