



# Mid-Atlantic Association of Golf Course Superintendents NEWSLETTER

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*This panel, composed (l. to r.) of Sam Kessel of Country Club of Fairfax, Pat O'Brien of the USGA Greens Section (Middle Atlantic Region, Richmond), and Lee Dieter of Washington Golf and Country Club, which discussed bunker sand, with many contributions from the membership at the March meeting in Fairfax. A lot of opinions were expressed, but there seemed to be general agreement that sand must be 6-8" deep if power rakes are used, to avoid mixing it with clay; that sand of uniform size packs less, while balls tend to bury in closely graded sand; that irrigation causes sand in greenside bunkers to pack; that fairway bunkers should have finer sand than bunkers around greens; that in mixed sand, the coarse stuff comes to the top; and, that most golfers are never happy with whatever sand happens to be in the bunkers, especially the ones they frequently hit balls into.*

## President's Message . .

With Spring in the air, we are all looking forward to the lengthening of the days so that we can start back on some more serious work on our courses, including trying some of the new materials and chemicals released this past year.

It was a shame we were rained out last month at Penderbrook, but we have April 12 to look forward to, when we will start our fourth annual Match Play Tournament at Evergreen Country Club. Our host this month will be Leslie Hawkins, and please remember to call Leslie or send the card confirming your reservation for golf and/or dinner.

Ken Braun, *President*

(Reminder: All male members and guest must wear a jacket and tie in order to attend the Association meeting.)



## Supt.-Pro Tourney Scheduled May 10

Our annual Superintendent-Pro Tournament will be held May 10 at Washington Golf and Country Club in Arlington, and entries will be limited to the first 50 teams who sign up (an official entry blank is enclosed with this newsletter). It's a best-ball event, with both net and gross prizes, and 80% of handicap will be allowed; there will be a 1 p.m. shotgun start, and the entry fee is \$65 per team, which includes cart, prizes, and dinner. If either the superintendent or the pro is unable to play, he may designate his assistant to play in his place. The May 10 dinner (to be followed by the monthly meeting) is open to all members, at a cost of \$18.50, and golf at other local courses can be arranged for non-entrants by golf co-chairmen Walter Montross and George Renault. Don't forget to turn in all your scores if you want a Compu-Golf handicap this year. The charge is \$4.00

## Evergreen is Site Of April 12 Meeting

Mid-Atlantic members, golfers and otherwise, will trek down to Haymarket, Virginia, on April 12 to play and/or to meet at Evergreen Country Club at the foot of Bull Run Mountain. With Spring weather already greening up the course, it promises to be a splendid outing on a challenging layout.

Built in 1968, Evergreen was designed by local golf course architect Algie Pulley; from the white tees, it plays to 6,560 yards (be glad you're not playing the blues, which stretch out to 7,060 yards). Leslie Hawkins, the golf course superintendent, has been at Evergreen two years, having moved down from Goose Creek Country Club in Leesburg. The golf professional is Mike Wynn, a former Tour player who has been a strong contender in MAPGA tournaments and in the Virginia Open. Vince Hendrickson is the club manager.

Evergreen's tees and greens are bentgrass; the fairways, like most northern Virginia courses, are a bluegrass mixture. Leslie fertilizes tees and greens with 5 pounds of nitrogen (IBDU 20-0-16) a year, fairways with 3 pounds (IBDU 29-3-10). Greens are mowed daily to 3/16", tees three times a week to 1/2", and rough once a week to 1 3/4"

Lunch will be available at the club, but the staff would like for our tee times to begin at 11 in order to leave some starting times for members. Golf will consist of the first round of the match play championship for those entered, plus stroke play for non-contestants. Cocktails will be available from 6 to 7, and dinner will be at 7, with the meeting starting at 8.

There are several ways to reach Evergreen. If you take the Beltway to Virginia, get off on the 66 to Front Royal exit (or pick up 66 in Arlington). You can get off at Rte. 234 in Manassas and follow that road until in deadends at Rte. 15. Then jog left a short half-block and turn right (there's an Evergreen C.C.

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