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March 8 Meet Set For Penderbrook GC

Penderbrook Golf Club, where the Mid-Atlantic's first meeting of 1983 will be held on March 8 and where George Renault is superintendent, is a relatively new course, built in 1979 and opened to play in June 1980. A fee course owned by Wayne Lynch, who is a member of the well-known golfing Lynch family, it stretches 6,465 yards from the blue tees, and its naturally rolling fairways were carved out of deliduous woodland on Route 50 in Fairfax County, across the highway from the busy Fair Oaks Mall shopping center. Mark Guttenberg is the PGA professional.

Local architect Eddie Ault designed Penderbrook, and Moore Golf Co., Inc., was the prime contractor. The greens were built on a modified USGA specification 90-10 formula foundation and were sown in Penncross bent. The fairway seed mix (100 pounds per acre) was a 30% combination of Pennfine and Manhattan rye grass, 20% each of A-34 Blue and Adelphi, and 15% each of Baron and Fylking; the same mixture was sown on the tees, which have a 2-4" layer of sand mixture over the basic clay. The greens are mowed to 3/16", tees to 3/4", and fairways to 7/8". The greens receive seven to eight pounds of nitrogen per year, fairways and tees two pounds.

When the course was built, Superintendent Renault reports, the debris cleared from the fairways was pushed into the wooded areas bordering each hole. One of his primary tasks has been to clean out this debris and scrub undergrowth, which may take as long as five years. He has also been thinning out the deciduous trees to give those retained a chance to grow. Because the land originally contained very few evergreens other than some holly trees, he has started a pine nursery and is raising young pines for future transplanting.

Penderbrook is a busy course and has been well received by Northern Virginia

The President's Message . . .

I would like to thank all of you for your help and participation in nominating and electing our officers and directors for 1983. Also, Turfgrass '83 is over and once again was a success, with attendance up for the fifth straight year. Those who missed the educational sessions this year missed some of the best ever. I would like to thank the Maryland Turfgrass Council and the University of Maryland staff for their contributions to the meeting's success.

In this issue of the Newsletter, you will find a list of this year's officers and directors, along with their committee assignments. If you have any questions concerning the association, don't hesitate to call a director in your area and ask. If he can't provide a satisfactory answer, have him take your question to the Board meeting and we'll get an answer for you.

Our first meeting of this year will be at Penderbrook Golf Club in Fairfax in March, so don't forget to send cards or call George Renault and let him know that you'll be there. And remember, the rule on wearing jackets and ties to all meetings will be enforced this year.



Ken Braun, *President*

ADDRESS CHANGES

All changes of address should be reported promptly, both to Secretary Paul O'Leary for the record and for the directory and to the Newsletter editor and his mailing list. If a wrong address is still being used and the Newsletter is being forwarded to you, please let us know about that, too.

golfers. Its men's golf association of more than 100 members is affiliated with the Virginia State Golf Association. The course closed for the winter on January 7 and will reopen March 12, so Mid-Atlantic golfers will actually be playing the course four days before it is officially opened for the 1983 season.

Program for March 8

Lunch — Not available at Penderbrook, since the course is not yet open (limited showers will be available, but no towels).

Golf — 12 noon

Cocktails (cash bar) — 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Dinner (buffet, cost - \$13) — 6:30 p.m.

Cocktails and dinner will be served at the Holiday Inn on Route 123 in Fairfax
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Schedule of 1983 Meetings

- March 8 — Penderbrook Golf Club
- April 12 — Evergreen Country Club
- May 10 — Washington Golf & Country Club
- June 14 — Andrews AFB Golf Club
- July 12 — Mount Pleasant
- August 9 — Annual Picnic
- September 13 — Bonnie View Country Club
- October 11 — Ocean City Yacht & Country Club
- November 8 — Leisure World
- December 13 — Belle Haven Country Club

All 1983 monthly meetings will be on the second Tuesday of the month with the exception of the July meeting, which will be on the first Tuesday.

New Job Openings

Assistant Superintendent,
Leisure World

Assistant Superintendent,
Herndon Centennial Golf Club

Call or write Ben Stagg for details