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May 10 Meeting Follows Superintendent Pro Tourney at Washington Golf

The May 10 meeting of the Association will follow the annual Superintendent-Pro tournament to be played at Washington Golf and Country Club in Arlington, Virginia. Cocktails will be at 6 and dinner at 7, with the meeting to follow. Because play at the course is restricted to tournament competitors, open play at nearby Virginia clubs will be arranged by the Golf Committee if you so indicate on your return card or when you call Lee Dieter at 532-5259.

If you're entered in the tournament, you will be able to have lunch at the club prior to the 1 p.m. shotgun start. Lunch will be buffet style, which should speed things up for the superintendents and their golf professional partners.

Site of the tournament, Washington Golf and Country Club can trace its beginnings back to 1894, a very early date in American golf, but it moved to its present location in Arlington in 1908, where Donald Ross is credited with having laid out the original course plan. It was redone in 1919 by Toomey and Flynn and has had additional design work done by local architect Algie Pulley, who designed five new greens

and enlarged all the tee complexes starting in 1969. A relatively short (5,812 yards from the white tees, 6,104 from the blues) hilly course, it requires considerable local knowledge for proper placement of tee shots on a number of holes.

Lee Dieter has been superintendent at Washington G&CC for 22 years, starting there on March 2, 1961, after leaving the Bolling AFB Officers' Club course at South Wales. In addition to routine maintenance, he has overseen the rebuilding of new greens at Nos. 4, 9, 11, 17, and 18 as well as the renovated

tees. He began overseeding his fairways with rye grass (Manhattan and Pennfine) 10 years ago and feels it has been a successful move.

Lee's greens are bent grass with the usual poa annua infiltration found in this part of the world, and they're cut to 9/64" six days a week. Fairways are cut three times a week, as is the intermediate rough. Longer rough is cut once a week or every 10 days. Of his tees, 13 are bentgrass, while the other five are overseeded annually with perennial rye, as are the approaches. The club's ambitious tree-planting program is in its 20th year.

The best route to the club is via newly opened Route 66, taking the Glebe Road exit north, toward the Potomac. The club is at 3017 Glebe Road, on your right shortly after crossing Lee Highway and Old Dominion Drive.

The May 10 program is as follows:

Lunch - 11 to 12:30 p.m.

Golf - 1 p.m. shotgun (Non-contestants play at another course)

Cocktails - 6 p.m. (cash bar)

Dinner - 7 p.m. (\$18.50)

Meeting - 8 p.m.



President's Message

Spring is here, we think, and this one may go down in history as being one of the wettest Springs to hit us, something like the one in 1979. That much water creates problems for all of us.

We would like to express our thanks to Leslie Hawkins and the rest of the staff at Evergreen Country Club in Haymarket, Virginia, for hosting our April meeting. Despite the recent heavy rains we were able to play golf, enjoy a great dinner, and listen to an interesting guest speaker, Dr. John Davidson, whose gypsy moth



DIRECTORS' MEETINGS

The May meeting of the Board of Directors will be held on Thursday, May 5, at 1 p.m., at the Woodmont maintenance building. Also, the June meeting will be on Thursday, the 9th, also at Woodmont.

talk is summarized in this newsletter.

Our next meeting will be with Lee Dieter at Washington Golf and Country Club, immediately following our annual Superintendent-Pro Tournament, which incidentally was started 11 years ago at Washington G&CC. Plan on spending a day with your golf pro for golf education, and let's make sure we have a full field.

Ken Braun, *President*

Match Play Event Reaches 2nd Round

The first round of match play was completed on April 12 at Evergreen, with the exception of two matches yet to be played, and the second round will take place on June 14 at Andrews Air Force Base course. First round results were as follows:

Bill Neus defeated George Renault, 4 and 3; Craig Rhoderick won by default from Paul O'Leary; Tom Regan edged Harry Allen, 1 up in 19 holes; Alex Watson defeated John Tutich, 2 and 1; Sam Kessel won by default from Lou White; Bob Orazi also had a default, from Bill Shirik; Dick Gieselman defeated

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