



Mid-Atlantic Association of Golf Course Superintendents NEWSLETTER

VOLUME XXXVII

JULY 1984

NUMBER 5

It's Piney Branch For Our July 10 Meeting

It was July 1981 when the MAAGCS last visited Piney Branch Golf and Country Club in Hampstead, Md., and host Gene Dyke has extended a warm invitation to come out and enjoy some Baltimore and Carroll County hospitality at our July 10 meeting.

Piney Branch, which was designed by Eddit Ault, was built on 206 acres of rolling farmland. Its first nine opened in 1965 and the full 18 in July 1971. The course measures 6,850 yards from the blue tees, 6,508 from the whites, and lies in a secluded woody area of rolling terrain. Its greens are Penncross mixed with Poa, average 708 square feet, are cut 5 to 6 times a week to 5/32" or 3/16", and receive 4-5 lbs. of N per year. The tees, originally Merion blue and Pennlawn, have been overseeded in rye and are cut 3 times a week at 3/4". They receive 3-4 lbs. of N per year. Fairways, whose original seeding was Kentucky blue and red fescue, have been overseeded with ryegrass, are cut 1 1/4" 3 times a week, and receive 2 lbs. of N each year. Roughs are K-31.

Irrigation is manual, with water source a 5 1/2-acre lake and two ponds, all springfed. Facilities include a practice trap, green, and range. Shower facilities are available in the clubhouse, and towels will be provided.

Eugene Dyke has been associated with Piney Branch for 16 years. Prior to that, he spent 4 years at Sleepy Hollow Golf Club in Charles Town, W. Va., and worked in the maintenance department at various clubs in the Winchester, Va., area. He is a self-taught superintendent who doesn't claim to know all the answers. Gene and his wife of 20 years reside in Manchester, Md., and have one son, aged 12.

For those who don't want to play golf, golf carts will be available to tour the course. Points of interest include the complete reconstruction of No. 12 green by Gene's crew, who also built the 42' steel bridge at No. 7. The course is a

busy one, with some 72 golf outings and nearly 40,000 rounds being played.

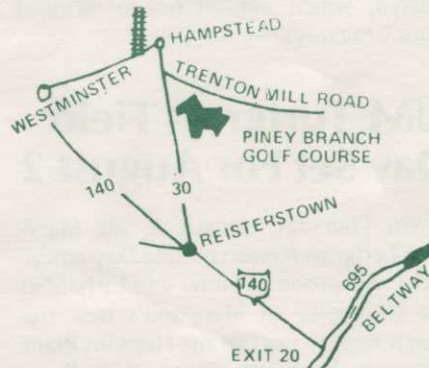
To get to Piney Branch, take the Baltimore Beltway (Rte. 695) to Exit 20, Reisterstown Road, go north to Rte. 30, continuing north for 8 miles, with the club being on the right. An alternate route is 495 to 270N, go right on Rte. 27 to Hampstead, Md., right on Rte. 30 for 1 1/2 miles, to the club on the left.



PROGRAM FOR JULY 10

Golf — After 11 a.m.
Lunch — cash basis
Cocktails — 6-7 p.m. (cash bar)
Dinner — 7 p.m., top sirloin and crab cakes (price, \$16)
Meeting — 8 p.m. (coats and ties)

Free beer will be available on the patio to all Mid-Atlantic members. Don't forget to call 964-0070 with your reservation.



AHEAD—THE PICNIC

Don't forget, on August 14 our annual picnic will be held at Bretton Woods, with food and fun for the whole family. Full details will be in next month's newsletter.

The President's Message

During the past month I have had several meetings with representatives of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America concerning our upcoming National Conference. Recently, I also met with Bonnie Stevenson and several interested wives of Mid-Atlantic members. Many excellent ideas and suggestions were relayed to Bonnie, and initial planning for the spouses' program is underway.



Along with next month's newsletter, we'll be sending you a list of the various National Conference committees for which the Mid-Atlantic is responsible, and you'll be able to use it to let us know how you plan to volunteer your time and effort to help make the 1985 meeting the GCSAA's best. The participation of wives in the many host activities is both welcomed and encouraged. If everyone cooperates and does his or her part, I'm convinced that this forthcoming conference in the nation's capital will be a most memorable one.

Our July meeting will be at Piney Branch, with Gene Dyke as host. For the June meeting, 80 out of the 83 who attended registered in advance, an excellent record. Keep up the good work and let us know at (301) 964-0070 if you plan to be on hand.

Michael J. Larsen, *President*

Meeting Schedule, 1984

July 10 — Piney Branch Golf Club
August 14 — Annual Picnic at Bretton Woods
September 11 — Chevy Chase Club
October 9 — Maryland Golf & C.C.
November 13 — Hobbits Glen
December 11 — Lakewood C.C.