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Superintendent-Pro Will Be Played At Indian Spring C.C. on May 8

Indian Spring Country Club, the site of our 1984 Superintendent-Pro tournament on Tuesday, May 8, is a private club with 36 holes of golf; it has been at its present location since 1955. Both of its courses, the Valley and the Chief, were designed by Washington's best known golf course architect, Eddie Ault. The Valley course, on which our tournament will be played, is a flat but narrow golf course with a number of lateral water hazards. Because most professional tournaments at Indian Spring are held on the Chief course, few pros are familiar with the Valley, which has undergone extensive drainage and re-design work in the last few years that have made it an excellent test of golf.

Indian Spring is a busy club. In addition to catering to its more than 1,000 members, the courses play host to some 40 major outings each year. Among these are the Vince Lombardi Memorial, the H.E.R.O.E.S. tournament, the NFL Alumni tournament, and the National Democratic Club Speaker of the House tournament. The club has been the site of four Maryland state opens and one PGA Tour event, the Carling Open won by Gay Brewer in 1961. More than 80,000 rounds per year are played, mainly between April and October.

A number of new projects are nearing completion. The driving range has had a major facelift, with a new 8,000-square-foot practice tee being built and extensive drainage and grading work being done on the range area. A 700-square-foot satellite maintenance building is being built on the golf course to house nine triplex greens, tees, and apron mowers to cut down on transport time and turf damage.

The putting greens were originally C-1 and C-19 but have been overseeded many times with Penncross bent. They are verticut lightly every three weeks

The President's Message

Each and every May, the Mid-Atlantic Association of Golf Course Superintendents sponsors its annual Superintendent-Pro Tournament. Bearing in mind that the fundamental reason for people joining country clubs is to be able to play golf, what two people are more essential to a successful program than the golf course superintendent and the golf professional? And what better way is there to solidify the bond of cooperation and understanding between the two than a round of enjoyable competition with other members of our professional associations; If you and your pro have not yet entered, do so as soon as possible.

Our host for this year's tournament will be MAAGCS Secretary Wayne Evans and Indian Spring Country Club, and Tom List and Mike Fischer of Rehoboth Beach Country Club are expected to defend the Clare Emery Trophy they won last year at Washington Golf and Country Club. Whether or not you're playing in the tournament, be sure to get your reservations in for dinner and the May meeting by calling 964-0070.

Bill Neus is due a special vote of thanks for his hard work in providing a fun-filled Ladies Night at Burn Brae. Thanks also go to Ken Ingram for his fine effort in coordinating the disease identification seminar attended by 19 of our members at the University of Maryland last month.

Michael J. Larsen, *President*



and topdressed lightly 8 to 10 times during the season. Greens are cut six times a week to 5/32" or 3/16" and are fertilized with 1 pound of elemental sulphur in the winter, 1 pound N in two Spring applications and 2 pounds N applied in September and October.

Tees and aprons are ryegrass and are cut three times a week to 1/2". Ryegrass fairways are cut three times a week at 3/4" and fertilized with 1 pound each in September and October. Zoysia and Bermuda fairways receive 2 pounds of urea in half-pound applications in June, July, and August, plus 2 pounds in late August.

Wayne Evans, CGCS, has been superintendent at Indian Spring for the past 4 years. Prior to coming to Indian Spring, Wayne was at Marlboro Country Club for a year and at Brandywine Country Club for 6 years. He has been a superintendent for 13 years and a certified superintendent since 1982. Wayne and his wife Carol have two sons, Chris and Jason.

Directions to Indian Spring are as follows: From Baltimore, take 95 south to 495 (the Beltway), going west on 495 to Georgia Avenue. Then, along with those traveling from Virginia and other parts of the Washington area, proceed north on Georgia Avenue (Maryland Rte. 97) for 5 1/2 miles, turn right on Layhill Road (just past a small shopping center) and go 1 1/2 miles to the club on the right side of the road.

PROGRAM FOR MAY 8

Lunch — 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. barbecue (cash)

Golf — 1 p.m. shotgun start at Valley (non-tournament golfers can arrange to play the Chief course at noon)

Cocktails — 6 p.m.

Dinner — 7 p.m. (cost, \$26)

Meeting — following dinner

Coats and ties required