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Winners in the 1986 Superintendent-Pro tournament, Mike McKenzie and Larry Ringer, hold the Clare Emery Memorial Trophy and their own individual trophies; the two have agreed that the big trophy will be on display in the pro shop for six months and in the maintenance building for the other six months of the coming year.

McKenzie-Ringer Top Superintendent-Pro

A sizzling 65 by professional Larry Ringer aided by three net birdies by superintendent Mike McKenzie gave the U.S. Naval Academy team a net score of 62 and a one-shot victory in the annual Superintendent-Pro tournament played at Springfield Golf and Country Club on May 13. Taking second place with 63 were pro Mark Guttenberg and superintendent Steve Cohoon of Penderbrook Golf Course. Two teams tied at 66 — Jim McHenry and pro Bob Rementer of Caroline Country Club and Virgil Robinson and pro Steve Ranney of Burning Tree Club — with the match of cards giving third place to the Caroline duo.

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JUNE 10 MEETING IS AT COUNTRY CLUB OF SWAN CREEK

The June 10 MAAGCS meeting will be held at the Country Club of Swan Creek near Belair, Md., and the day will feature the second round of the match play tournament in which Tom Regan leads Virgil Robinson by a point.

In describing his course, host superintendent Dan Rozinak says that Swan Creek's original nine holes were designed and built by Russell Roberts in 1956, with an assist from local architect Frank Murray, at that time Russell's partner. The second nine holes were designed and built by Eddit Ault in 1974, the full 18 holes coming into play in 1976. The course now plays to 5,816 yards from the white tees and has a par of 70.

Part of Swan Creek's history is that the club went under in 1983 and was sold at auction. The new owner had his own construction company, which enabled Dan to start an extensive renovation program. So far, 13 tees have been expanded, 2 miles of blacktop cart path have been installed, drainage problems improved, and the three lakes on the course were rebuilt as were 65 of the 85

bunkers on the course. Some 500 deciduous trees were planted in 1985, and this Spring a double 48" diameter drainage line 330 feet long was installed to stop above-ground runoff from neighboring farms. Dan added, "When all the MAAGCS golfers arrive in June,

Call Collect to Reserve

For members forced to make long-distance calls for meeting reservations, the MAAGCS office in Columbia will now accept calls on 301-964-0070. The directors hope this will solve a long-standing problem of too many unexpected people showing up for dinner meetings.

the grass should be growing — if rain arrives in time."

Swan Creek's front nine is partially wooded with tree lines, while the back is more open as tree lines develop. The bentgrass-poa greens are mowed six times a week to 5/32", the perennial

rye and poa fairways three times a week to 3/4", and the rough once a week to 1 3/4". The fertilizing schedule is 4# N per year on greens, 3# per year on fairways.

Directions to the club are as follows: From Baltimore — take I-95 north from the Baltimore Beltway, bear right at the Aberdeen exit and follow Rt. 22 to Old Post Road, turning left at the light; go 2 miles and turn right on to Oakington Road and proceed to the clubhouse. From Washington, follow I-95 north to Aberdeen exit, bear right to Rt. 22 to Old Post Road, turning left at traffic light; go 2 miles, turn right to Oakington Road, which leads to club.

The program for June 10 is:
Lunch — 11 a.m. on
Golf — 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Cocktails — 6 p.m. (cash bar)
Dinner — 7 p.m. (cost, \$16, jacket and tie required)
Meeting — 8 p.m.
Reservations — call 301-964-0070 (collect, if long distance call)