



# Mid-Atlantic Association of Golf Course Superintendents NEWSLETTER



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## YOU'RE ALL INVITED

To our  
1988

**FREE**

## ANNUAL MID-ATLANTIC AGCS FAMILY PICNIC

Tuesday, August 9, 1988

Hobbits Glen GC — Columbia, Maryland

Bill Neus, CGCS — Host

1:30 p.m. — Until ???

**FREE**

— *Plenty to eat and drink* —  
— *Clowns & Entertainment for the kids* —



### OUR HOSTS — HOBBITS GLEN GOLF CLUB AND BILL NEUS

The Hobbits Glen Golf Club was opened in September 1967 and was the Columbia Association's first facility. This private, non-profit corporation now owns and operates 19 pools, 3 tennis clubs, 2 complete indoor athletic clubs, 1 indoor ice rink, over 2,000 acres of park land, the ColumBus public transportation system, community centers in each village, and the largest before and after school day care program in the country. All within the town of Columbia.

Hobbits Glen was designed by Ed Ault and is spread out over 200 acres. In the past several years major renovations and construction have taken place. #1 green was rebuilt and opened two years ago. This year dramatic relocations were made to greens #5 and 7 to be opened in late fall or early spring. These projects were

designed by Lindsay Ervin and constructed by McDonald & Sons. This past winter a sewer line went through the entire golf course. The scars from this are still very evident. Over the past five years 23 tees have been built, rebuilt, or enlarged and they are currently in a five year program to completely renovate all of the bunkers. So even if you don't play golf on the 9th there is still plenty to see at Hobbits.

The maintenance of the course which serves over 55,000 rounds per year and measures 7,196 yards from the blue tees includes; greens mowed at 7/32", 5-6 times per week with approximately 6 lbs. N applied through a combination of IBDU in the fall and spoon feeding in the summer to repair the traffic damage. They are aerified twice per year with the Verti-

Drain which has had a dramatic positive impact on these heavy clay greens. Tees and fairways are mowed at 3/4", 3 times per week with 3 lbs. N applied in the fall and winter. For the first time this year no pre-emerge crabgrass control was applied, instead Acclaim will be used. Due to the weather, the rough hasn't been mowed in weeks (it may never have to be mowed again) and at this writing the fairways won't be watered or mowed again until it rains.

Bill Neus, our host, has been at Hobbits since 1981 and had previously been superintendent at Fauquier Springs CC in Virginia. He attended UMBC and then The Institute of Applied Agriculture graduating in 1976. Bill and his wife Lynne have been married for 13 years and have 3

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