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KENWOOD COUNTRY CLUB, SITE OF JULY 12 MEETING

The Kenwood Golf and Country Club was founded in 1928. It has been owned and operated by the Chamberlin family since the beginning. Mr. Ashbey Chamberlin is presently involved in the club operation as was his father Donald before him. The Superintendent of the golf course is our fellow member Dean Graves, the General Manager is Carlos Puga, and the Golf Professional is Rod Thompson. It is run as a private club with 2,200 members, 500 of these are golfing members. There are eighteen holes of golf, eight bowling alleys, eighteen tennis courts (four indoor, eleven Har-Tru, and three all weather), a diving and a racing pool, and full club house facilities. The tight 5808 yard course is built on only 87 acres of the club's modest 107 acre total.

Dean Graves, our host, has been at the club for the past four years. The club has been involved in a major face lifting during this period. A master plan by Rees Jones includes new and redesigned bunkers, as well as mounding and a few tee changes. Nine holes are nearing completion.

The maintenance of the course includes the mowing of the greens seven days a week at 9/64 of an inch with wylie rollers and turf groomers on a Toro Greens Master 3000. The greens are toppedressed about every three weeks. Dean is a believer in deep tine aeryfication and Scotts TGR product. His "Rolling Tees" as he calls them, are mowed two or three times a week at 9/16. The fairways are mowed two or three times a week at 11/16 of an inch. His fertilization varies from year to year; the average nitrogen application is two and a half pounds for greens, and three for tees, the fairways receive two pounds. All of his fertilizer is applied on a one to two ratio of nitrogen to potash. His crabgrass control program is Scotts Goosegrass — Crabgrass on the greens and tees and Pendimethalin on the fairways. He applies his fairway control in two applications, April and early June; greens and tees mid-April in one application.

Dean has been married for what he describes eight "fantastic" years. They met while attending college. He and Margie, their two year old son Nick and their dog Shank live in Gaithersburg. He describes his educational background as "fairly broad," he has a B.S. in Agricultural Economics with a minor in Plant Science from the

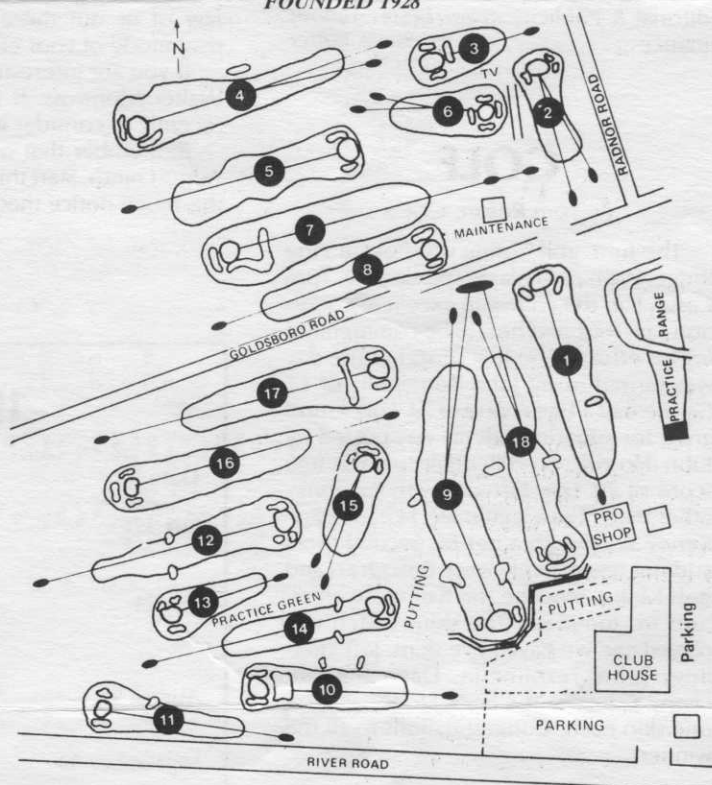
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University of Delaware. He then graduated from the Turfgrass Management program at the Pennsylvania State University. While attending school, he worked four seasons with David Kroll at Wilmington, C.C. After graduating from college he was Merrill Franks' assistant at Baltimore Country Clubs Five Farms for

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Dean Graves, Superintendent, Kenwood Country Club with Margie and Nick.