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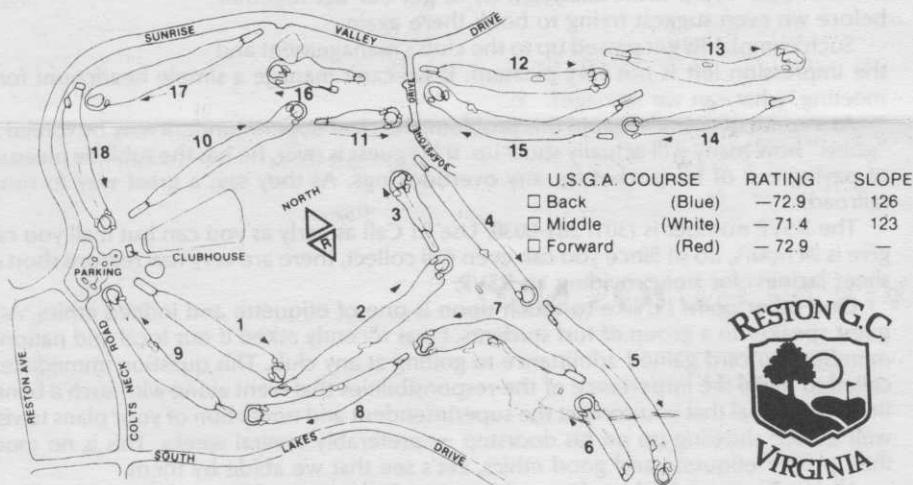


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RESTON SOUTH IN MARCH



Lentz Wheeler, Reston South G.C.'s Superintendent with wife Jane.



Our host, Lenz Wheeler, has been the Superintendent at Reston South Golf Course for the past 7 years. He has recently been asked by his employers, the Vazzana Enterprises Inc., to accept the responsibility for the supervision and maintenance of the Hidden Creek Country Club. The organization now manages both of the golf facilities in Reston. Lentz was born and raised in this area except for a couple years in his youth when his dad was transferred to North Carolina. He attended the University of Tennessee and graduated in 1979 with a B.S. in Ornamental Horticulture and Landscape Design. He started work at the Reston South G.C. in January of 1980 and became the superintendent in 1981. He was married in January of 1984 to Jane Goforth of Greenville, N.C. Jane is a kindergarten teacher at Forestville Elementary School in Great Falls, Virginia. Lentz has been quite active in the Greater Washington Association, serving as Secretary and Vice President in 86 & 87. He is currently President of the organization. He has hobbies that include "most all" sports as he says and Tennessee football.

The course we will be playing is the South Course and is the course for which Lentz has been responsible for during the past 7 years. The course was designed by Ed Ault and Associates and was constructed in 1969. The builder was DelVal, and the construction was supervised by Al Jamison. The 6,480 yard facility was opened for play in the spring of 1970 as a public course. When Mobil Oil ran the courses, Lentz was responsible to our old friend, Hugh L. (Jug) Bell, who was the golf course manager, Mr. Bell retired in 1986 and Lentz was put in full charge of Reston South.

Lentz would like to let you know as much as possible about how he maintains his course. He will welcome questions from anyone at the meeting and has submitted the following information for the Newsletter. The South course has bent-poa greens that are cut at 11/64 with grooved rollers six times a week. They are overseeded each fall at 1¼ lbs. M. after topdressing with

Penncross Bent in an effort to establish a better stand of bent. The tees and aprons are Ryegrass and are cut at ¾ of an inch. They are overseeded each fall with a walk behind seeder. The greens, tees and aprons are treated for crabgrass control each spring. His program has been to use Tupersan early for soft crab and to follow up with Ron Star - Betesan later (mid-May) for goose grass. The fairways were smoothed with topsoil and overseeded with improved perennial ryegrasses as part of a three year improvement plan (1/3 each year) five years ago. Since then they have been overseeded each year. Palmer and Prelude Ryegrass as well as some Repel and Manhattan 11 have been their choice in this program. The fairways are treated each spring with Pendimethalin for crabgrass control. The fairways are cut three times a week with 5 gang hydraulic units at ½ of an inch. The only chemical application he has used on his fairways has been Sevin for Large Green June Beetles, and occasional spot treatment of disease. The irrigation system is an automatic electro-mechanical system with valve under head impulse sprinklers. Each valve has a manual cut-off. Projects currently under way at the club include dredging the lake, building a tee (with the material from the lake), and a bunker improvement plan laid out by Ault and Associates being done at Hidden Creek. An addition has been made to the club house at Reston South and a deck has been added on the side facing the course.

Lentz is looking for a good turn out at his meeting so let's not disappoint him. He has planned for the meeting to begin at 7:00. The meeting will be preceded with a cocktail hour from 6 to 7. Showers will be available for those who play golf at Hidden Creek. Remember the meeting will also be held at the Hidden Creek Course club house.

Directions to Reston South: Take 495 to Route 66 west, bear right on to the Dulles Toll Road, go approximately 9 miles to Reston Avenue. Exit here and turn left at the light on Reston

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