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International Town and Country Club Hosts June 13 Meeting

International Town and Country Club was first organized as the Falls Church Golf and Country Club in 1959. They had a nine hole course at a location next to the Capital Beltway on Lee Highway. The original owners had planned to build a full size course to be called "the Suburban Course," and it is on this tract that the Club's present golf course is located. The course was designed by Fred Bolton, a golf professional who was one of the original owners. Buck Whetsell and Carl Wilkinson participated in the initial construction as consultants. When the owners found themselves in financial difficulties, the club members undertook the completion of the new course and assumed the responsibilities of ownership. The new club house was begun in the Spring of 1967, and the in town club house and course were closed in the Fall of 1968. The in town course has been completely rebuilt by Fairfax County and is operated as the Jefferson Golf Course (9 hole Executive). The club house and pro shop of the new facility were opened in December of 1968. A number of changes have been made to the course since then, and a master plan for remodeling, done by Edmund Ault and Associates, is being implemented. The course plays to 6,839 yards from the blue tees, 6,484 from the white, and 5,776 from the red. The slope for the course is 125, from the white tees.

The Summer of 1988 brought big changes to ITCC. The State of Virginia had been planning to take a part of the course to build the Fairfax County Parkway a.k.a. the Springfield Bypass. The acquisition and construction was to take place on January 1, 1989. In the middle of June 1988, the B.K. Seale Construction Company started construction of a new par 5 hole to take place of the par 5, thirteenth hole. This new hole designed by Bill Love of Ault, Clark and Associates became the new 15th hole. The old 15th hole became the 13th. The new hole was cut completely out of the woods. The green and the tees were built with Egypt Farms construction mix. The green was sodded with Penncross Bent by Rohoza Turf Professionals on September 9. The fairway and forward two tees are seeded



THE NASH FAMILY

Steve, Carla, Jessica, Timothy and Lindsay

with Palmer/Prelude ryegrass and the back two tees are seeded to SR 1020 Bent. The construction also included the straightening of the sixteenth hole. Both holes were opened for play in March. At this time plans are being formulated for the rebuilding of all the greens, hopefully Steve says, in the next two years.

Our host for the June meeting is Steve Nash, CGCS. Steve has been a member of the Mid-Atlantic since 1971. He attended the Institute of Applied Agriculture at the University of Maryland, where he was a GCSAA scholarship winner, and graduated in 1972. After working two seasons at Bretton Woods for Gerry Gerard he became the Superintendent at Potomac Valley C.C. He remained there until the Spring of 1979, when he became the Assistant Superintendent at Woodmont Country Club, where he worked with Bob Shields. After three years at this position he accepted an offer from O.M. Scotts to work as their Maryland sales representative. He decided sales were not quite his cup of tea and went back into golf course maintenance. He worked at several area clubs during the 1983 season before accepting the position of Golf Course Superintendent at International in January of 1984. He added CGCS

to his name in 1985, passing the tests for certification at the Washington GCSAA Conference. He has served our association and his profession by editing the newsletter in 1980, 81, and 82. He served on the Board of Directors of the Association in 1979 and again in 1986, 87, and 88.

Some of Steve's maintenance practices at International are outlined below. The bent-poa greens are cut at 5/32" six times a week. The fairways, collars, tees, and approaches are cut 3 times a week at 5/8" and are perennial ryegrass. They are treated annually with Progress and overseeded in the Fall at approximately 200 lbs. per acre. The greens and tees are treated each Spring with Scotts' Crabgrass/Goosegrass control. The fairways are treated with Scotts' Pendimethlin. Acclaim will be used as needed to take care of any leaks in the premerge. The roughs are cut at 2" once a week. The greens and tees are treated for disease on a preventive basis, and the fairways are sprayed 5-6 times a season as needed.

Steve, his wife Carla, and their three children live in Centreville, Virginia. Jessica, the Nashs' oldest child is eight, Tommy is four, and the baby Lindsay is now ten months old. Carla finds that raising the youngsters keeps her plenty busy at the present time and has no plans to work outside the home in the near future.

Steve would like to recognize the rest of the management at the club. The Professional is Michael Ryan, the Manager is Laszlo Balazas, and Robert Carnei is the Assistant Superintendent.

DIRECTIONS: From the Washington Beltway (495) take Route 66 West. Approximately 8 miles from the Beltway take Route 50 West toward Dulles Airport/Winchester. The club is three miles on the right.

THE MEETING: Lunch will be available after 11:00 a.m., cash or charge. Golf after 11:30 a.m., call for starting times, (703) 968-7070. Cocktails and hors d'oeuvres at 6:00 p.m. Dinner (buffet) at 7:00 p.m., cost \$25.00.

RESERVATIONS: Please call the Mid-Atlantic office before Saturday, June 10 at (301) 381-0030.

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GOLF NEWS

by Tom Regan, CGCS

Our 17th Annual Superintendent/Professional Tournament was held at Chantilly National Golf and Country Club. Our host, Tom Knoll, is to be commended for the job he is doing at Chantilly. A special thanks to Dick Canney, professional at Chantilly for a job well done.

The Clare Emery Memorial Trophy was won by the team from Holly Hills, Craig Rhoderick, Superintendent and Mike McGinnis, professional. Their best ball score was 63. The top ten finishers are as follows: 1) Holly Hills - Craig Rhoderick, Mike McGinnis; 2) Golf Gridiron - Gary Mitchell, Mel Rifman; 3) Baltimore Municipal - Russ Bateman, John Ladd; 4) Caroline C.C. - Jim McHenry, Bob Rementer; 5) Eagle Head - Kim Davies, Jimmy Hayes; 6) Indian Springs - Joel Ratcliff, Brian Boltz; 7) Bonnieview - Ken Braun, Jeff Sprague; 8) International - Steve Nash, Mike Ryan; 9) Glen Dale - Jim Halley, Glen Barrett; 10) Prince Georges - Mike Evans, Tim Cockrell. Long Drive Winners were Superintendent Jim McHenry, Caroline Country Club and Professional Mike Fischer, Westwood Country Club. Closest to the Pin Winners were Superintendents Paul O'Leary, Towson and Scott Wagner, Leisure World and Professionals Larry Ringer, Naval Academy and Tim Sanders, Forest Park.

We had 52 teams participate in this year's tournament. Congratulations to all the winners. A special thank you to the following sponsors: G.L. Cornell Co., Leas Green Meadows, Tesco, Finch Golf and Turf, and EZ Go.

Next month's meeting will be held at International Country Club. Our host will be Steve Nash, CGCS. Remember to make reservations.

President's Message

Many thanks to Tom Knoll and Chantilly Country Club for hosting the May Superintendent/Professional Tournament. In spite of a rainy day a good time was had by all. The golf course, food and camaraderie were all superb.

If you have not heard by the time you receive this newsletter, Tom Regan is leaving Bethesda Country Club to accept a position in Arizona. Tom, we wish you all the best and extend thanks for your service on the Board.

Everyone received a membership survey in last month's newsletter. It is imperative that you return it. We need to update our records and can only to it by means of this survey. I warn you . . . if we do not receive it, Mr. Dieter will start calling. Enough said?

If you are not light weight mowing fairways, give it a thought this winter. We have been able to mow with a quality cut in conditions for which we wouldn't even have taken the old mowers out of the building. We are also mowing as fast as we used to.

Please join me at the June 13th MAAGCS meeting at International Town and Country Club, with our host Steve Nash. I am sure it will stop raining by then, but if not, repeat these words over and over: Rain, rain go away . . .

Walter Montross, CGCS, President



1988-1989 MAAGCS SCHEDULE

Date	Location/Host	Speaker/Topic
May 31	University of Maryland Computer Lab Animal Science Building	Workshop 1 - Computers Introduction to Computers
June 7	University of Maryland Computer Lab Animal Science Building	Workshop 2 - Computers Spreadsheet Operations
June 13	International Town and C.C. Steven Nash, CGCS	Dr. Houston Couch, VPI Synergism of Pesticides
July 11	Ocean Pines Country Club Randy Dayton	Dr. Carl Danneberger Agronomist, Ohio State Univ. Agronomic Update - Research
August 9 (Wednesday)	Bretton Woods Country Club Gerald Gerard, CGCS	Annual Family Picnic
September 12	Suburban Club of Baltimore Co. Robert Miller, CGCS	Dr. Michael Hurdzan Design for Maintenance
September 19-21	VPI Field Days, Blacksburg, VA Virginia Turfgrass Council	Plot Tours, Educational Prog. Drs. Schmidt, Hall & Chalmers



Winners of the Clare Emery Trophy were Craig Rhoderick, Superintendent and Mike McGinnis, Professional from Holly Hills Country Club.

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MANAGING THE STORM

by Joel Ratcliff, CGCS

As Golf Course Superintendent, we are required to manage many different kinds of STORMS. A STORM of golfers on a frosty weekend morning in late April, a STORM of June Beetles or Gypsy Moths. We manage the Pythium or Brown Patch outbreak that occurs after the summer thunderSTORM. We manage the drought conditions when no thunderSTORMS come our way.

These are all difficult STORMS to manage but this article is going to address the erosion problem and our solution to the 100-year to 200-year STORMS that seem to arrive every 1 or 2 years.

Indian Spring Country Club is a 310-acre, 36-hole complex located 6 miles outside the Washington Beltway in Silver Spring, Maryland. One of the courses, the Chief, is located on the high side of the property and drains very well. Unfortunately, it drains onto the Valley course which wraps around the Chief in a flood plain for two waterways, Northwest branch and Bel-Pre creek.

Due to extensive development in the last decade, the amount of run-off in these creeks/watersheds has dramatically increased. Even a 1-inch storm that comes too fast can cause the streams to come out of their banks. This became apparent to me on May 6th when 5.2 inches of rain fell in 5 hours. The Valley course was inundated three greens, two tees, and several fairways were under water. Most of the damage from this STORM was repaired relatively quickly.

The club's primary concern is the erosion of the stream banks and loss of property adjoining the stream banks. When the state began to widen Layhill Road from a small 2-lane country road to a modern 4-lane highway, run-off into Bel-Pre creek was dramatically increased, thus causing even more erosion along the stream banks.

Three years ago a long process was begun to protect our property. Lawyers were retained to negotiate with the state to help defray the cost of the erosion control program. Engineers were hired to design the rip-rap plan. More negotiations to obtain the necessary permits from local and state agencies were held.

My management skills will be required in July and August when a contractor will be hired to install the rip-rap along Bel-Pre creek. Approximately 7,000 tons of stone will be needed with about 3,000 tons of extra soil to be removed. This translates into approximately 350 round trips with 10-wheel dumptrucks across the golf course. Stream crossing and silt dams will need to be constructed to protect other downstream properties. Trees need to be marked that must be saved, truck routes to be roped off, mounding of soil over irrigation lines to protect them from the trucks' weight. Top soil will have to be replaced, seed will be sown, sod will be laid, asphalt cart paths and driveways will be repaired and storms of golfers will have to be kept happy.

This long, hard project will be worth the effort if Murphy's Law can be managed and the course will be safer and more enjoyable for future years to come.

Education Notes

by Steve Cohoon, CGCS

The educational program for the June 13 meeting of the Mid-Atlantic Association of Golf Course Superintendents features a man who is no stranger to the association. Dr. Houston Couch will be with us once again to shed some insight into the technical world of pesticides. This month he will talk on the synergism of certain pesticides and what that means to the turfgrass manager. Dr. Couch's presentations are always both informative and entertaining with his unique style making it fun to keep abreast of the latest technology. This would also be an excellent meeting to bring your Assistant or Spray Foreman, to help make them a better employee. So come on out and see how you can use your pesticides more effectively.

I have also been pushing the computer seminar taught by Dr. Kevin Mathias. This is an excellent program and I encourage anyone who has a computer, or thinking of purchasing one, to attend. If you did not receive an entry form please contact Kevin or myself of your intention to attend. Do it soon as space is limited, and if you are certified, each seminar day is worth .6 CEU's.

I look forward to seeing you all at International Town and Country Club on June 13, and don't forget to RSVP your reservation to the Mid-Atlantic office as a courtesy to our host.

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