



# Mid-Atlantic Association of Golf Course Superintendents NEWSLETTER



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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.