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KEN BRAUN HOSTS OCT. 10 MEETING AT BONNIE VIEW C.C. ANNUAL MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT

The October meeting of the Association will be held at Bonnie View Country Club. We will be the guests of the Club and the management team at Bonnie View; or fellow member Ken Braun, the superintendent, Mike Killian, golf professional and John Mooney, club house manager. The meeting is on our regular schedule, the second Tuesday, Oct. 10th.

Bonnie View was built in the early thirties as a public course. In the fifties it was purchased by the members and continued as a private club. The course measures 6,006 yards from the white tees and has a slope rating of 119. Past Superintendents at Bonnie View have included Mid-Atlantic members: Lou Rudinski, Angelo Cammarota, and Bob Scott, Jr.

The fairways at Bonnie View are planted to perennial ryegrass and are cut at 5/8 in. with lightweight mowers. They are overseeded each fall at 150 lbs. per acre, then sprayed in November with Prograss at 1 gal. per acre. The irrigation system on the fairways is manual and Ken reports that he irrigated only once to date this year. They receive 2½ lbs. of N, 1 lb. of P, and 2½ lbs. of K during the season. The tees are bent and perennial rye and cut four times a week at 1/2 inch. The putting surfaces are bent and poa annua and are cut every day at 5/32 of an inch. The greens, tees, and aprons all are on the same fertilizer program. They receive 4 lbs. of N, 2 lbs. of P, and 4 lbs. of K a year. The crabgrass control program at Bonnie View is post emergence. Acclaim has been used on tees, greens, aprons, and fairways for the past several years. Ken started on a TGR program on the greens two years ago with the first application at a light rate. This past spring the full rate was applied and on August 28th the third application was put on the greens. This operation was followed two weeks later with a severe verticuting and overseeding.

The course itself remains much the same as it was during its early years. The greens remain the same as they were originally built with the exception of 1, 2, 3, 6, 15, and 16. These greens have been rebuilt in the past. The club is on a tee



Ken Braun
Superintendent at Bonnie View C.C.

rebuilding program. Ken has rebuilt 6, 7, 10, 12, 15, and 17 tees and plans include rebuilding 11, 13, and 14 and all of the ladies tees in the near future.

Ken and his wife Ann have two children, both girls. Jackie, the oldest, is three years old and the baby, Kendal, is four months old. Ann has been the office manager at Towson Golf and C.C. for the past eight years. Ken has been the Superintendent at Bonnie View since the spring of 1973. He graduated from Stockbridge in 1971 and worked for two years as George Thompsons' assistant at Columbia Country Club before moving to Bonnie View.

THE MEETING: Lunch will be available after 11:30 a.m. Those wishing to play golf must call for a starting time. Times will begin at 10:30. Please try to have your foursome made up when you call (301) 484-2787. Cocktails will be served from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. (cash bar). The dinner and meeting will follow. For reservations call (301) 381-0030.

DIRECTIONS: From the north, take route 695 (Baltimore Beltway) to exit 22. At the end of the ramp turn right onto Greenspring Avenue, go south 2 traffic lights and turn left on Smith Avenue. Follow Smith Avenue 3/4 of a mile to the Club on the right. Exit 22 is on the northwest side of Baltimore. From the south, take route 695 (Baltimore Beltway) to exit 22. At the end of the ramp turn left onto Greenspring Avenue, go south 2 traffic lights and turn left on Smith Avenue. Follow Smith Avenue 3/4 of a mile to the Club on the right. Exit 22 is on the northwest side of Baltimore.

GOLF NOTES

by Walter Montross, CGCS

ANNUAL MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT

The Associations' annual tournament will be held at the Bonnie View meeting. The Bill Glover (low gross) and Reuben Hines (low net) trophies and some great prizes will be awarded to the winners. Come and play, make up your own foursome and call for a starting time, (301) 484-2787.

Last month's tournament winners were: Low net: Bill Neus, 83-18, 65; 2nd low net: Bob Orazzi, 80-9, 71; Low gross: Jeff Yingling, 77; 2nd low gross: Nick Vance, 79; Guest winners were: Low net: Mike Milligan, 77-11, 66; Low gross: Tom Miller, 76.

LADIES NIGHT

Just a little advanced notice so you and your lady can fit our annual social event into your schedule. Indian Spring Country Club will be the site and the event this year is a Dinner-Dance. Set Friday night, November 3 aside to come and socialize with your old friends and make a few new ones. It's a great chance for the ladies to get to know one another. Please plan to come.