

Turfgrass Matters

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Caroline Country Club to welcome MAAGCS members

by Jim McHenry

Caroline Country Club is a private, 18-hole family-oriented facility just outside Denton. It began as a nine-hole course in 1965 with an additional nine holes added in 1974. The clubhouse overlooks the Choptank River and the club also has a swimming pool, lighted tennis courts and a dock. The 300 golfing members enjoy the privilege of not having tee times any day of the week.

The large greens, averaging over 8000 sq. ft., are Penncross bentgrass and are mowed at 5/32" 6 times per week. They receive 4 lbs. N, 1 lb. P, and 4 lbs. K per year. A TGR program was started 2 years ago with applications being made in the fall. We have also recently purchased a Toro GM 3000 with grooming reels to add to our maintenance program.

The fairways are Tufcote bermuda grass. Except for the winter of 1977-78, they have experienced very little (knock-on-wood) winter kill. However, spring dead spot continues to be a problem. The fairways are cut to 1/2" 3 times per week using an F-10. They receive 3 1/2 lbs N and 4 1/2 lbs K per year. The cutting height is gradually raised through September to 1" to promote winter hardiness.

The tees are one of our biggest problems because they are small and consist of a hodge-podge of grasses. Some tees are ryegrass, some bermuda grass, some bentgrass, and a few have all

three. We are beginning a 5-year improvement plan for tees to include building some new tees for ladies, rebuilding others, and reseeding all tees to bentgrass.

Currently they receive 3 lbs N, 1 lb P and 3 lbs K and are mowed 3 times per week at 7/16".

Other projects that keeps Caroline C.C.'s 5 full-time crew busy are rebuilding sand traps (5 holes have been done so far this year using Egypt Farms C-144 trap sand) and completing our cart path system to protect the bermuda grass during its winter dormancy.

I was hired as golf course superintendent in October 1985 and worked previously as assistant superintendent at Prince Georges C.C. and Manor C.C.

I have been married for 10 years and have finally convinced my wife, Gaye Ann, to play golf. My two boys, Todd, 8, and Brandon, 4, enjoy playing golf and come out with Dad as much as possible.

Caroline C.C. looks forward to being your host. Please come and enjoy your day!



Craig Roderick and Mike McGinnis receive their trophies from Scott Wagner upon winning the Supt-Pro Tournament

DIRECTIONS:

Follow 50 east to Rt 404 east to Denton. Take Rt 404 past Denton to traffic light at Rt 16 (approximately 2 miles east of Denton). Turn right. Proceed 1 mile to Pealiquor Rd. Turn right and follow Pealiquor Rd. to club.

Golf Notes

The July 11 meeting at Caroline Country Club will begin with lunch at 11:30 a.m. Cost is \$8.

Golf available after 1:30. No tee times required. Carts are \$11/person. No greens fees.

Anyone wishing to stay for dinner following golf may do so, Reservations must be made by Thursday, July 5. Golf attire is permitted. Order from the menu.

Notice

The Md. Turfgrass Research Field Day/Products Exhibit will be held on Wed. July 18 at the University Research Facility: 301-454-3717.