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Northwest Park and Manor CC to Host March 10 Meeting

Northwest Park Golf Course and Assistant Pro/Manager Lee Carroll will host our March 10 golf outing. The dinner meeting will be at nearby Manor CC with Mitch Williams hosting.

Northwest Park is one of three Montgomery County golf facilities operated by the Maryland National Capital Park and Planning

measures 7300 yards from the back tees. Trees and 82 bunkers tighten and define the course. Veteran member Carl Schoening remembers laying out the course with Ault and Bradley Strouth, the first superintendent and one of our honorary members.

The MNCPPC is an extremely large bi-county organization with

several divisions. Each golf facility is operated by a Pro/Manager with maintenance facilitated through an assistant Pro/Manager and a maintenance supervisor. Rich Conti is the Pro/Manager at Northwest, Lee Carroll, our host,

the Assistant Pro/Manager, and Glen Linton the Maintenance Supervisor. Like any organization, it has its advantages and disadvantages.

Lee Carroll has been at Northwest Park in different capacities for six years. He has been a member of the PGA for 15 years and because of work responsibilities and his personal interest, has continued his education in agronomy, finishing the two-year program at the University of Maryland and now taking classes toward the B.S. degree in Turf and Urban Agronomy. He and his wife Pat, a registered nurse, live in Greenbelt.

Like many clubs, Northwest Park lacks the facilities for a dinner meeting the size of the MAAGCS and we were lucky to make arrangements with nearby Manor CC for the dinner. Mitch "Always There When You Need Him" Williams and Manor General Manager Randy Fischer have been kind enough to accommodate those of us coming from Northwest after golf and those coming directly to dinner.

Agenda

Golf: Any time after 11:00

Cocktails: 6 p.m. Coat and Tie required

Dinner: 7 p.m., Manor Country Club

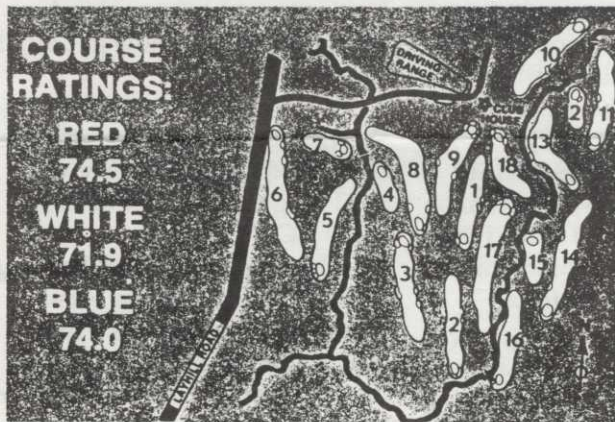
Directions:

From Washington: I-495; take Georgia Avenue north through Wheaton. Turn right at Layhill Road, course is on the right at 15711 Layhill Rd.

From Baltimore: From either I-95 or Rte 29, take Rte 198 west through Burtonsville. Turn right on Rte 650, then left on Ednor Rd. Ednor changes to Layhill at the light at Norwood Rd. Go straight through. Course is on the left.

To Manor CC: From Northwest Park take Layhill Rd south, turn right at Bel Pre Rd., go to Georgia Ave., turn right. Go north to Rte 28—Norbeck Rd. Turn left and left again in a few blocks on Carrolton Rd.

From Washington Beltway: take Georgia Ave. north through Wheaton to Bel Pre Rd. and continue as above.



Commission. Northwest and Needwood are 27-hole facilities, and Sligo Creek, a nine-hole facility on the beltway. A fourth facility is planned for the Little Bennet Regional Park in upper Montgomery County. MNPPC also owns and operates Enterprise, Paint Branch, and Henson Creek Golf Courses in Prince Georges County.

Northwest Park was designed by our long-time member Ed Ault, and built by another long-time member, David Canavan. The park opened in 1964. It is noted for its wide, open spaces spread over 400 acres, and boasts 9,000 square-foot greens. The course