



# TURFGRASS MATTERS Bulletin

Mid-Atlantic Association of Golf Course Superintendents

July, 1996

## July Meeting Site: Hidden Creek Country Club

Tuesday, July 9, 1996 Host Superintendent—Lentz Wheeler

Two Man Championship  
Tee Times 10am - 12 noon  
\$12.50/Person-Cart & \$10/Person Tournament Fee  
Call Pro Shop @ (703) 437-4222 for tee time  
Lunch Available (Cash or Chargeback to Club)

Dinner: Cocktails @ 5:30 / Dinner @ 6:30  
Dress - Coat & Tie Required  
Dinner Fee: \$25.00  
Call MAAGCS @ (800) 726-6501  
by Friday, July 5th to RSVP  
Make Checks Payable to "Hidden Creek C.C."

Education: Dr. Eric Nelson from Cornell University  
"Managing Microbes for Improved Turfgrass Health"

### == Hidden Creek Country Club: A Brief History ==



Hidden Creek Country Club, owned by the Washington Hall Corporation, lies on 160 acres of rich, rolling terrain in Reston, a quieter slice of Northern Virginia. The Ed Ault designed layout takes excellent advantage of the hills, woods, and numerous creeks — Hidden Creek comes by its name honestly. Originally named the Reston North Course, Hidden Creek was built by the Gulf Oil Corporation, opening for play in 1964. The club was bought by private investors in 1983, then finally by Washington Hall in 1990. The membership is now private with 475 active full golf memberships. With a #6 Hole still regarded by many as the toughest hole in Area Code (703), Hidden Creek plays 6450 yards from the white tees, with a par 71, slope 127.

Lake Anne feeds offsite water into the golf course irrigation reservoir at #17 pond. This bevy of water is then

pumped into the new irrigation system installed just last year. Brian Ault has also been updating his father's work with some course design improvements and renovations. He designed the six newly installed tees, three fairway bunkers, the mounds at #17 green, and yes, another creek. The club's master plan calls for construction to begin this summer on a new indoor tennis facility as well as an improved parking layout.

If you believe that Lentz Wheeler and his staff have their hands full with construction, look under your feet as you play the ryegrass tees and fairways. Note the encroaching bentgrass that was first introduced last August. Imagine the carpet in the next three to five years when the bent has completely taken over. Reston may be a quiet slice of Northern Virginia, but there will be plenty of activity this summer in the corner called Hidden Creek. ■

#### Directions to Hidden Creek Country Club

Work your way to the Washington Beltway, Route 495, to the Dulles Toll Road, Route 267, in Northern Virginia. Take the toll road (Only runs outbound from Beltway) to the Reston Parkway exit and turn right at the end of the exit ramp after paying your exit toll (75¢ total each way). Temporary Road is your third light on Reston Parkway—Take it to the right. Follow Temporary Road until it deadends at North Shore Drive. Take a Left onto North Shore Drive—Hidden Creek's entrance will be a mile on your right. Remember to save 75¢ for your return trip!