

Around The Mid-Atlantic

Virginia Clubs Build New Practice Facilities

Belle Haven and River Bend have built world class Practice facilities to open this spring. River Bend acquired a large tract of property near the entrance to the club while Belle Haven drastically altered an existing driving range.

At River Bend, Superintendent Tom Kessel described years of planing where thirty-two (32) acres of land along the entrance road was acquired subdivided and eventually developed into an eighteen (18) acre range with a Bentgrass fairway, seven target greens, bunkers, and almost two acres of Bentgrass tee.

Belle Haven Superintendent Mike Augustin directed a major engineering and earth moving project designed by Joel Weiman and built by McDonald & Sons, Inc. Over thirty thousand cubic yards of fill was trucked to the facility for the project and another sixty thousand cubic yards of fill already on site was

used. The project included a full service range with a large Ryegrass tee, separate teaching tee, five target greens, target bunkers, practice bunkers, a thousand feet of paths, and a storage building.

Westwood Sod's Rough

What does a Green Committee do when you have great greens, tees, and fairways? You guessed it, they go to work on the rough. Superintendent Walter Montross, CGCS had decided that Kentucky Bluegrass was the best turf for intermediate rough after disease problems with Ryegrass and questions about the quality of Tall Fescues. Efforts to establish Bluegrasses by overseeding had been futile. Plans for renovation with Roundup and seeding complicated play and cart traffic. The solution was to strip away six feet of sod and replace it with three and a half acres of improved Bluegrass sod. Walter used a combination of contractors and his own staff and finished within one week.

Heritage Hunt Set To Open in June

Heritage Hunt Golf & Country Club in Gainsville, VA is a new two thousand home, gated community for active adults developed by U.S. Homes. The centerpiece of the development will be an Art Hills designed golf course set to open June 23rd. Long time MAAGCS members Steve Cohoon, CGCS is growing in L-93 greens, L-93/ Southshore tees and fairways, Bluegrass and Hard Fescue roughs. The course has multiple tees, generous fairways, and small well protected greens. Water comes into play on nine holes with forced carries on five holes. Several creeks have stone waterfalls.

The main clubhouse features billiard and card rooms, craft and woodworking shops, a library, a three hundred fifty (350) seat auditorium and media room. Adjacent to the clubhouse is a pool and fitness center. A second clubhouse on the course is a renovated mansion with a halfway house, grill, library, computer

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2000 MAAGCS Calendar

April 11	Hobbit's Glen Golf Club	Bill Neus
May 9	P. B. Dye Golf Club Superintendent/Pro Tournament	Tom Lipscomb
June 12	Cripple Creek Golf & CC	Bob Collins
July 11	Wakefield Valley Golf Club Supt/Club Official Tournament	Gary Angell
August 9	Bretton Woods Rec. Center Annual Family Picnic	Ken Ingram
August 28	South River Golf Links Reasearch/Govt Relations Tournament	John Newcomb
September 12	Hampshire Greens GC	Tom Ritter
October 10	Bull Run Golf Club Annual Championship	Kirk Intermill
November 14	Montgomery Country Club	Andrea Bakalyar
December 12	TBA Annual Meeting & GCSAA Seminar	

All dates and locations are subject to change.



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room, chapel, and large formal gardens.

Belmont CC Underway

Long awaited Belmont Country Club off Route 7 in Ashburn, VA is underway. Toll Brothers has joined forces with Arnold Palmer Design to develop a twelve hundred (1200) acre premiere private gated golf community. This partnership has developed several similar projects in four states. Ryan Golf is the contractor and Joe Hubbard, CGCS has returned from Florida as the superintendent at Belmont.

The golf course will feature great elevation changes, streams, and extensive wetlands. There will be five sets of tees and forty (40) acres of fairways and large greens. The greens will be planted with G-2 bentgrass, tees and fairways with G-2, Princeville, and Grand-Prix. Rroughs will be a bluegrass/fescue mix with twenty-one (21) acres of native-grass plantings. They will participate in the Audubon Signature program.

Malehorn Goes Global

Long time MAAGCS member Tom Malehorn has been appointed Director of International Sales for Lesco. Ed Walker will fill Tom's position. Robert Larsen, formerly the Assistant Superintendent at Four Streams, will take over truck sales.

Pryzeski Heads West

In the Mid-Atlantic's first confirmed case of mid-life crisis, Kevin Pryzeski, CGCS, 46 has left Cattail Creek Country Club to build the course at Stonetree Golf Club in Novato, California, forty miles north of San Francisco. Stonetree was designed by Sandy Tatum and local legend Johnny Miller. It is the first project by Spieker Properties and will be managed by Western Golf Properties. Pryzeski, a long time MAAGCS member, worked at Sparrows Point before building Cattail Creek in 1992. Steve Lutz is returning to Cattail Creek to become the Superintendent.