

Superintendent Profiles

David Horton/Old Hickory Golf Club

Dave is a native of Australia. He is a keen golfer having played the game competitively all over the world. Dave settled in our area in the early 1990's, attended the IAA at Uof MD while working at Bethesda CC and graduated in 1993. Dave, his wife Ann, and two children live in the River Creek community in Leesburg.

Old Hickory is a relatively new course opening to rave reviews in July 2003. It is a sister course to Raspberry Falls in Leesburg, VA. Both clubs have the same ownership and other similarities. Both courses were designed by Tim Freeland, Raspberry Falls while he was with the Gary Player group and Old Hickory was his first individual effort. Our host David Horton and Head Pro Steve Clark both came over from Raspberry Falls.

Quent Baria/Towson Golf & Country Club

Quent started working at age 14 for Jack Baria, at Fincastle CC in Bluefield, VA. He attained a BS in Agronomy at Virginia Tech and started his career as an assistant at the Glen Oaks Club in Old Westbury, NY. He returned to SW Virginia and spent the next fifteen years as superintendent at Tazewell CC and Fincastle CC. Quent started at Towson in April of '02. Towson hosts a USGA sectional qualifier for the U. S. Open annually, and they hosted the Maryland State Amateur in '04. They recently renovated all 19 greens by installing slit trench drainage, gassing, and sodding to A-1 bentgrass.

He is married to Theresa and they have one son, Jackson, age 11, in addition to Theresa's older two children, Jordan and Angel. They have four grandchildren. (Theresa will happily tell you all about them. Make sure you have blocked out some time.) In his spare time he has been a Scout Leader and remains active in his church.

Steve Nash/Hidden Creek Country Club

Hidden Creek CC was designed by Eddie Ault and opened for play in 1963. It is located in Reston, VA and is owned and operated by Fore Golf Services, Charlie Staples president. Their management goal is to provide the membership with the best possible golfing conditions at all times. The greens, tees and fairways are primarily bent with Poa mixed in. The greens are seeded to A-1/A-4 each time they are aerified. The fairways are in the 10th year of a bentgrass-overseeding program. They have used many different varieties of bent but are currently using L-93/Trueline. The amount of bent ranges from a little here and there to 100%. They are currently in the final year of a three year tee leveling program. After 11/11, they start removing the old sod, level the mix and then resod with new L-93/Southshore bent sod. The roughs are a mixture of Ryegrass, Poa, Bluegrass and Turf Type Tall Fescue.

Steve is a 1972 graduate of the Institute of Applied Agriculture. U. of MD. He has been a CGCS since 1985 and recently recertified until 2010. He has been superintendent at Hidden Creek since May 1998. Steve has been married to his wife Carla for 25 years and has four children, Jessica 23, Tim 19, Lindsay 16 and Nick 11. Away from the golf course, he likes to fish, coach Cyo basketball and is an assistant scoutmaster.

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