# THE EARLY YEARS

## CLUB HISTORY

December 3, 1892, a meeting of the residents of Green Spring Valley and its vicinity was called by Mr. Redmond C. Stewart "for the purpose of definitely organizing a foxhunting club." The first fixture card was sent out for December 1892 and invited 127 men from both the surrounding neighborhood and sportsmen in Baltimore. Annual dues were $5.

**~ 1893 ~**

In 1893, the first joint meet with the Elkridge Fox Hunting Club was held, and started a connection that survives to this day in the form of joint meets with the Elkridge Harford Foxhounds, as well as race meets such as the Maryland Hunt Cup and the Grand National. That same year, the club moved from Cliffholme, Redmond Stewart's home off Park Heights Avenue, to rented quarters at the Ten Mile House on Reisterstown Road. The move to new kennels and a clubhouse necessitated the increasing of dues to $10.

**~ 1897 ~**

In 1897, having again outgrown their accommodations, the Club purchased ten acres lying between the Green Spring Valley Road and the Green Spring branch of the Baltimore and Susquehanna Railroad. A shingle clubhouse with a spacious front porch, kennels and stable were constructed, and while the Clubhouse was rebuilt following a fire, this is still the site of the Green Spring Hunt Club. The Club expanded again, both in acreage and in activities, adding card games and clay tennis courts, and in 1914 a 9 hole golf course.

First Green At Green Spring Valley Hunt Club

Across the fairway just short of the green stretches a road and between the road and green there is a shallow ditch. The second tee is shown on the left and in the background is the slope leading to the fourth hole.

Green Spring Valley Course Has Scenic Charm

By W. A. BIGGS.

Tucked away in a corner of the famous Green Spring Valley, where many of the wealthy Baltimore families have their country estates, is a golf course little known to the general run of Maryland golfers. It is that of the Green Spring Valley Hunt Club, and while the course has only nine holes one gets as much satisfaction out of it as from a full-route course.

The majority of the members of the club are devotees of riding and hunting, but about 125 of them also are addicted to golf to a limited degree. The course was built about 11 years ago, and while not elaborate in construction has several holes that will prove the mettle of even a crack wielder of wood and iron.

The course, a few blocks off the Emory Grove car line and almost opposite the Garrison Forest station of the Green Spring branch of the Pennsylvania Railroad, has a distinctive scenic charm. The tree-clad hills of the Valley furnish an eye-resting background, and in the spring, when the apple trees which dot the course and near by dogwood are in bloom, one is tempted to turn from chasing the elusive par to trying paint on canvas.

**Greens Of Excellent Turf.**

The course is gently sloping, with only one decided elevation, and across virtually all the fairways bubbles a grass-banked brook, waiting to catch an overlong tee shot or on another hole a topped second or on another a dubbed approach. The greens, while not unusual in size or conformation, have the excellent turf that brings joy to the good putter. They are adequately trapped, with here and there a bunker helping guard the territory around the pin. The tees are of both turf and dirt.

From the first tee to the ninth flagstick is 3,146 yards with a par of 37. Twice around will give the average golfer all he wants for one afternoon and he need not think because he finished the first trip with a good score that he will repeat on the second journey, for the course is just difficult enough to cause one or two poor shots to double themselves in your final reckoning.

For instance, take the two rounds of W. Glenn Spencer, the long-driving club professional, setting a course record. His card showed a 34 for the first trip and it looked as if he was going to hammer par so badly that bogie would not be able to recognize his partner. But the best he could do for the second trip was a 38, which gave him a 72, two better than perfect figures.

**Second And Eighth Tests.**

The second and eighth holes are considered the best tests on the course. The second, 397 yards with a par of four, while shorter by 30 to 35 yards than the long par fours of other clubs around Baltimore, will yield more fives than fours even to the above-average golfer and the ordinary player who finishes it with a five will have cause to pat himself upon the back. Your drive must clear a swampy rough that extends about 100 yards in front of the tee. There are trees on the left to catch a long ball with a distance-giving hook and the gently bubbling brook awaits the slugger with the topped second. After you pass the brook the fairway begins to climb rather steeply, thus reducing any run you might hope to get on your second. The green is raised at the back and trapped at the front. At the back of the green is a roadway and out of bounds for him who goes for the green too strongly.

The eighth is only 228 yards with a par of four, but the stranger who thinks the lack of length is going to smooth his path to that par will learn otherwise to his regret. A 100-yard swath of rough stretches in front of the tee and a long sand trap parallels that part of the right side of the fairway where a sliced drive is likely to find a resting place.

**Brook Borders Green.**

The fairway begins to narrow as you approach the green until there is but a restricted entrance just short of the area around the pin. A crump of trees guards the left corner of the green and a poorly directed second will land you among their roots. Further tribulation is added by that same gently bubbling brook which stretches across the front of the green and a topped second that lands in its shallow flow will send a glimmering all hopes for a four and mayhap a five.

The two one-shot, or three-par holes present different problems. The fourth hole, 186 yards, calls for a spoon, as the green rests on the only real hill on the course. Between the tee and the foot of the hill there is a flat 90 yards wide. The hill climbs sharply and a shot without sufficient elevation and carry will fail to reach home, for the slope is enough to prevent any climbing by your ball. A stretch of rough parallels the left of the fairway and the green, which is partly sunk in the top of the hill, is guarded by a high bank at the left and back.

**Elevation Is Needed.**

The other one-shotter is 147 yards and here again you must get plenty of elevation. An out-of-bounds extends all the way on the left and about 65 yards from the tee there is a ditch, then a concrete roadway and another ditch to cause trouble for too short a shot. There is a small triangle of fairway beyond the second ditch and 20 yards short of the green is a shallow sand trap at least 10 yards wide, backed by a small bunker, so you must go boldly for the green or face double trouble.

The fifth, 5-par, while not extra long, measuring only 466 yards, is one of the most interesting holes on the course for the average golfer. The tee is on the hill to the right of the fourth green and at the foot of the hill an out-of-bounds and clump of trees protrude like an elbow. The fairway then turns to the left at about 45 degrees and a row of trees extends along its left. The fairway narrows on the right. The bold player will attempt to go over the top of the trees in the elbow, but if his intentions are not backed by excellent execution he will land out-of-bounds. The second half of the fairway is bounded by trees and a ditch on the right for a sliced second.

**Ninth Longest Hole.**

The ninth is the longest hole on the course, measuring 498 yards, and calls for a drive, brassie and iron. Accuracy is required on each shot, for the hole turns slightly to the left, with an out-of-bounds on the left threatening all the way, and trees and a ditch on the right if you bear away too much from the out-of-bounds. A big apple tree stands in an angle just where you will try to put your drive if you are attempting to shave the elbow. The fairway climbs gently to the elevated green, which is trapped on the sides and has an out-of-bounds at the back.

*This is the eighth of a series of articles describing the golf courses in and around Baltimore. The next probably will appear next Sunday.*

Card For The Course

| Hole. | Fis. | Par. |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | 354 | 4 |
| 2 | 397 | 4 |
| 3 | 450 | 5 |
| 4 | 186 | 3 |
| 5 | 466 | 5 |
| 6 | 147 | 3 |
| 7 | 360 | 4 |
| 8 | 228 | 4 |
| 9 | 498 | 5 |
| | 3,146 | 37 |

Fourth Consecutive Win For Glenmores

The Glenmores won their fourth consecutive game by defeating the Marshall Athletic Club, 6 to 1. Ford fretted by striking out 14 men. This makes 56 strikeouts for Ford in 20 consecutive innings.

GLENMORES

| | AB. | R. | H. | O. | A. | E. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| C. Smick, 3b | 4 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Whitt, c. f | 4 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Padgett, lf | 4 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Gribben, 2b | 4 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Grabowski, 1b | 4 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| Hunter, ss | 4 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Metzer, r. f | 4 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Green, ger, c | 4 | 2 | 1 | 14 | 0 | 0 |
| Ford, p | 4 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 0 |
| Totals | 36 | 6 | 9 | 24 | 10 | 2 |

MARSHALLS

| | AB. | R. | H. | O. | A. | E. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Schaly, lf | 4 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Force, c | 3 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 2 | 0 |
| Joyce, 2b | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| Burgess, c | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| H. Burgess, ss | 3 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 1 |
| Wendell, 3b | 3 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| Stone, 1b | 3 | 0 | 0 | 9 | 0 | 0 |
| Reichert, rf | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Hofmann, c. f | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Kegler, rf | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Totals | 28 | 1 | 4 | 21 | 11 | 3 |

Glenmores.....0 0 0 0 4 1 1 0—6
Marshalls.....0 0 0 0 0 1 0 0—1

Two-base hits—Graham (2), Padgett. Stolen bases—Padgett, Hubbard, F. Burgess, H. Burgess. Base on balls—Off Joyce, 1. Struck out—By Ford, 14; by Joyce, 4.

BRIGHT STARS TRIUMPH

The Bright Stars defeated the Youngs Men's Pleasure Club, 4 to 3. The game was featured by the splendid pitching of Jenkins and the timely hitting and base stealing of A. Simms.

BRIGHT STARS.

| | AB. | R. | H. | O. | A. | E. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| R. B'gan, 3b | 4 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Waters, lf | 3 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Simms, ss | 4 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Smith, c. f | 4 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Dugan, rf | 4 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Gary, 2b | 3 | 0 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 1 |
| Weber, 1b | 4 | 0 | 0 | 7 | 1 | 0 |
| Price, ger, c | 4 | 0 | 1 | 9 | 0 | 0 |
| Jenkins, p | 3 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 0 |

Y. M. P. C.

| | AB. | R. | H. | O. | A. | E. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Herman, rf | 4 | 1 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Robins, ss | 5 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 3 |
| Woods, 1b | 4 | 0 | 2 | 7 | 0 | 0 |
| Schlosser, c | 2 | 0 | 0 | 10 | 1 | 1 |
| Krause, 3b | 4 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Jeffries, cf | 4 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| O'Keefe, 2b | 3 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 0 |
| Collins, rf | 3 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 |
| Meade, c | 2 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Hansman, p | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 |

TOM BENDELOW

**Golf Architect & Spalding Expert**

Tom Bendelow, Golf Architect, staked out the routing for the club's original 9 hole golf course. Member, Robert Harrison, and golf pro, George Leif, oversaw the construction of the new golf course. Mr. Bendelow was an ambassador of the Spalding Company, paid to spread the game of golf and the Spalding brand.

SOCIETY

Clock Golf Tournament Will Take Place At The Green Spring Valley Hunt Club. While Course Is Being Laid Out Members Hold Putting Matches—Singles In Men's Handicap Tennis Tourney Start Today.

Mr. And Mrs. Edwin P. Baugh Will Give Dinner Tonight. The Occasion Being Mrs. Baugh's Birthday—Most Of Their Guests Will Remain At Uchllyn-On-Severn For The Week-end.

THE initial golf event at the Green Spring Valley Hunt Club will take place this afternoon when the clock golf tournament, arranged by Mr. W. Donnell Stewart, will be played. Those making the eight best scores will play for the silver cup which will be awarded to the winner.

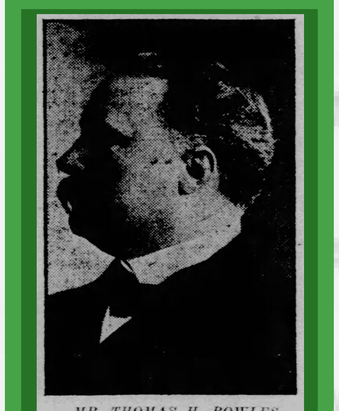
The golf course, which is now under construction, will probably be completed by the late summer. A professional golfer, George Leif, and Mr. Robert B. Harrison are superintending the work of the course and many golf enthusiasts are eagerly awaiting it completion.

In the meantime putting matches are being frequently arranged on the lawn of the club, and Leif is there to train out the members.

Some of those who are expected to play in the tournament this afternoon are Mrs. John McHenry, Mrs. Gustav Lurman Stewart, Mrs. Charles Morson Stewart, Mrs. John K. Shaw, Miss Lisa B. Atkinson, Miss Eleanor Irwin Carey, Miss Suzanne Voss White, Miss Lucy Dawson, Miss Priscilla Dawson, Miss Rebecca Hickok, Misses Gordon Baxall, Mr. J. Hamilton Ober, Horace W. White, Jr., Mr. John Boston, of France; Mr. Harry C. Thompson, Mr. Beverly Ober, Mr. Arthur T. Boden, Mr. Douglas Ober, Mr. Matthew S. Atkinson, Mr. Gustav L. Stewart, Mr. Jervis Spencer, Jr., Mr. Gough W. Thompson, Mr. Robert B. Harrison and Mr. W. Donnell Stewart.

Some of those taking part in the mens tennis tournament will play in the golf tournament also.

The club will be the rendezvous today for an unusually large contingent of society. In the afternoon at 2:30 o'clock, the singles in the annual mens open handicap tennis tournament will start, and any entrants not on the grounds at that hour will be defaulted. Among those who will play in the singles are Mr. John Gregg Thomas, Mr. Charles McC. Buchanan, Mr. B. Donnell Brooks, Mr. Henry H. Jenkins, Mr. Willis Giffen, Mr. James Piper, Mr. J. Hamilton Ober, Mr. Gustav Ober, Mr. Beverly Ober, Mr. Leonard Ober, Mr. Samuel S. Murray, Mr. Arthur B. Donaldson, Mr. Thomas Donaldson, Mr. Stewart S. Janney, Mr. Horace W. White, Jr., Mr. A. G. Armstrong, Mr. Charles Becht, Mr. Gresham Poe, Mr. Douglas Ober, Mr. James Bruce, Mr. Jervis Spencer, Jr., Mr. William C. Colenas and Mr. Julian Stewart Carter. Entries for the doubles will close Sunday and for the mixed doubles Tuesday.



MR. THOMAS H. BOWLES

## LAND ACQUIRED

**GOLF COURSE COMING SOON**

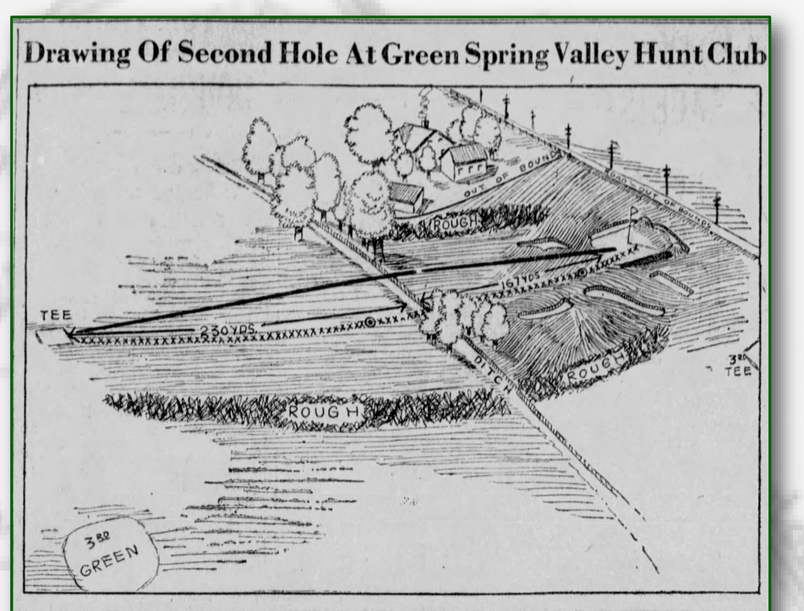
Mr. Thomas Bowls and Mr. Hooper Coyne generously donated $4,500 to acquire land for the purpose of a new golf course.

MAY BUILD GOLF COURSE

The Green Spring Valley Hunt Club is contemplating the building of a golf course of nine holes and a meeting to discuss it has been called for Wednesday night.

Other organizations having courses are Baltimore Country Club, Elkridge Hunt Club, Suburban Club, Maryland Country Club and the Sudbrook Park Club.

Tom Bendelow, the Spalding expert, has laid out nearly thirty courses this year besides making additions and improvements to many more. In addition to a private course for George Ade at his Indiana home, courses have been installed at Charlottesville, N. C., Excelsior Springs, Mo., Green Spring Valley Hunt Club, Mission Hills C. C., Kansas City; Peru Country Club, Peru Ind.; Jackson Country Club, Tenn.; Red Run Country Club, Detroit; Paragould C. C., Paragould, Ark.; Phoenix Club, Richmond, Va.; Pass Christian Country Club, Pass Christian, Miss.; Phoenix Country Club, Detroit; Aurora Country Club, Aurora, Ill.; Thunder Bay Country Club, Port Arthur, Canada; Hamilton Country Club, Hamilton, Ohio; Sulphur Springs Golf Club, Illinois;




"Hardest Hole" On Green Spring Valley Links

This is the eighth of a series of articles on the "hardest holes" on local golf courses, their distinguishing characteristics and the methods of playing them. The ninth article will deal with a hole in the municipal layout at Clifton Park and will appear in next Sunday's SUN.

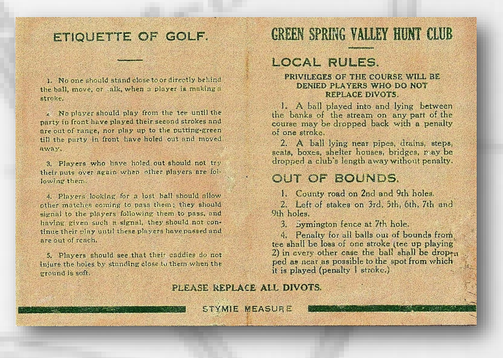
## GOLF COURSE OPENS

JULY 4TH, 1914

AN event which has been eagerly looked forward to is the opening of the new golf course at the Green Spring Valley Hunt Club, which will be ready for use tomorrow.

Owing to the celebration planned for the Fourth an unusually large number of members will be out for the day, and the baseball game between the Valley team and the Baltimore Club team, the clay pigeon shoot, the swimming pool, tennis and golf will help to make the day a gala one.

In the evening there will be fireworks and dancing.



ETIQUETTE OF GOLF.

1. No one should stand close to or directly behind the ball, move, or talk, when a player is making a stroke.

2. No player should play from the tee until the party to front have played their second strokes and are out of range, nor play up to the putting-green till the party in front have holed out and moved away.

3. Players who have holed out should not try their putts over again when other players are following them.

4. Players looking for a lost ball should allow other matches coming to pass them; they should signal to the players following them to pass, and having given such a signal, they should not continue their play until these players have passed and are out of reach.

5. Players should see that their caddies do not injure the holes by standing close to them when the ground is soft.

GREEN SPRING VALLEY HUNT CLUB

LOCAL RULES.

PRIVILEGES OF THE COURSE WILL BE DENIED PLAYERS WHO DO NOT REPLACE DIVOTS.

1. A ball played into and lying between the banks of the stream on any part of the course may be dropped back with a penalty of one stroke.

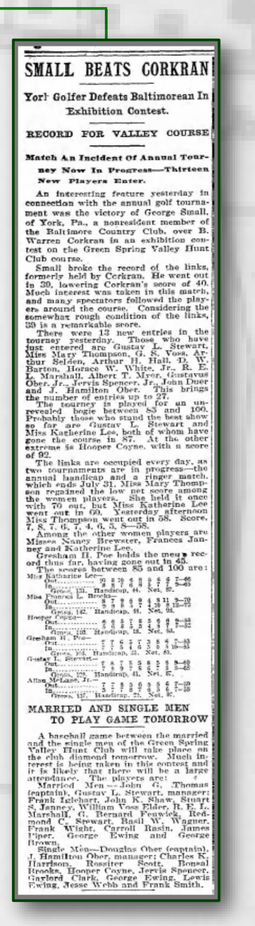
2. A ball lying near pipes, drains, steps, seats, boxes, shelter houses, bridges, may be dropped a club's length away without penalty.

OUT OF BOUNDS.

1. County road on 2nd and 9th holes.
2. Left of stakes on 3rd, 5th, 6th, 7th and 9th holes.
3. Symington fence at 7th hole.
4. Penalty for all balls out of bounds from tee shall be loss of one stroke (tee up playing 2) in every other case the ball shall be dropped as near as possible to the spot from which it is played (penalty 1 stroke.)

PLEASE REPLACE ALL DIVOTS.

STYMIE MEASURE



SMALL BEATS CORKRAN

York Golfer Defeats Baltimorean In Exhibition Contest.

RECORD FOR VALLEY COURSE

Match An Incident Of Annual Tourney Now In Progress—Thirteen New Players Enter.

An interesting feature yesterday in connection with the annual golf tournament was the victory of George Small, of York, Pa., a nonresident member of the Baltimore Country Club, over B. Warren Corkran in an exhibition contest on the Green Spring Valley Hunt Club course.

Small broke the record of the links, formerly held by Corkran. He went out in 30, lowering Corkran's score of 40. Much interest was taken in this match, and many spectators followed the players around the course. Considering the somewhat rough condition of the links, 30 is a remarkable score.

There were 13 new entries in the tourney yesterday. Those who have just entered are Gustav L. Stewart, Miss Mary Thompson, G. S. Voss, Arthur Selden, Arthur H. Hall, T. W. Barton, Horace W. White, Jr., R. E. L. Marshall, Albert T. Myer, Gustavus Ober, Jr., Jervis Spencer, Jr., John Doer and J. Hamilton Ober. This brings the number of entries up to 27.

The tourney is played for an unrevealed bogie between 85 and 100. Probably those who stand the best show so far are Gustav L. Stewart and Miss Katherine Lee, both of whom have gone the course in 87. At the other extreme is Hooper Coyne, with a score of 92.

The links are occupied every day, as two tournaments are in progress—the annual handicap and a ringer match, which ends July 31. Miss Mary Thompson regained the low net score among the women players. She tied it once with 70 out, but Miss Katherine Lee went out in 60. Yesterday afternoon Miss Thompson went out in 58. Score, T. S. 1. G. 1. 4. 0. 3. 8—58.

Among the other women players are Misses Nancy Brewster, Frances Janney and Katherine Lee.

Gresham H. Poe holds the men's record thus far, having gone out in 35.

The scores between 85 and 100 are:

Miss Katherine Lee—
Net ..... 4 2 0 4 3 1 3 2 1—26
Dis. ..... 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5—45
Handicap, 11. Net, 87.

Miss Mary L. Thompson—
Net ..... 3 2 1 3 2 1 2 1 1—18
Dis. ..... 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5—45
Handicap, 10. Net, 88.

Hooper Coyne—
Net ..... 4 3 2 3 2 1 3 2 1—21
Dis. ..... 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5—45
Handicap, 11. Net, 92.

Gresham H. Poe—
Net ..... 2 1 1 2 1 1 2 1 1—12
Dis. ..... 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5—45
Handicap, 11. Net, 85.

Gustav L. Stewart—
Net ..... 2 1 1 2 1 1 2 1 1—12
Dis. ..... 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5—45
Handicap, 11. Net, 87.

Alfred Gaither, Jr.—
Net ..... 3 2 1 3 2 1 3 2 1—18
Dis. ..... 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5 5—45
Handicap, 11. Net, 87.

MARRIED AND SINGLE MEN TO PLAY GAME TOMORROW

A baseball game between the married and the single men of the Green Spring Valley Hunt Club will take place on the club diamond tomorrow. Much interest is being taken in this contest and it is likely that there will be a large attendance. The players are:

Married Men—John G. Thomas (captain), Gustav L. Stewart, manager; Frank Leibhart, John K. Shaw, Stuart S. Janney, William Voss Elder, R. E. L. Marshall, G. Bernard Fenwick, Redmond C. Stewart, Basil W. Wagner, Frank Wight, Carroll Rasin, James Piper, George Ewing and George Brown.

Single Men—Douglas Ober (captain), J. Hamilton Ober, manager; Charles K. Harrison, Rossiter Scott, Bonsal Brooks, Hooper Coyne, Jervis Spencer, Garland Clark, George Ewing, Lewis Ewing, Jesse Webb and Frank Smith.

1892 1893 1897 1912 1913 1914 1915

## NOTABLE DATES & ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

**1892:** Green Spring Valley Hunt Club is founded.
**1893:** The club moves to the Ten Mile House on Reisterstown Road.
**1897:** The club purchases 10 acres between Green Spring Valley Road and the Susquehanna Railroad, which is still home to the club today.
**1912:** Land is acquired east of Garrison Forest Road for the purpose of building a new golf course.
**1913:** Tom Bendelow, golf architect, stakes out a nine hole golf course for the membership.
**1913:** Robert Harrison and George Leif oversee the construction of the new, nine-hole golf course.
**1914:** July 4th, the nine hole golf course opens for play.
**1915:** Lawrence M. Miller wins the 1st Thomas H. Bowles Handicap Medal Play Tournament.
**1915:** Mr. George Small of York C.C. shoots 30 to break the course record.
**1917:** March 2nd, Green Spring Valley Hunt is voted in as the 5th member of the Mid Atlantic Golf Association.