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These actions do not eliminate registered use of 2,4,5-T on control of range, pasture or other non-agricultural land.

Editor's note:

It must be mice in my shop with little curly tails and floppy ears. It thought it might be teeny little piggies!

VIRGINIA GOLF FACILITY

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With 23 new golf courses now in some stage of construction, Virginia ranks third in the nation in golf course development. Only Florida with 30 and Michigan with 25 surpass the Old Dominion. Courses now under construction include seven private facilities, seven golf-real estate ventures, four resort courses, three semi-private and two municipal projects.

Among the private courses expected to be ready for play in Virginia in 1970 or 1971 are the 18-hole Winton Country Club at Amherst, the Blacksburg Country Club - 18 holes - at Blacksburg, a second 9 at Wedgewood Country Club at Farmville, a second 9 at the Indian Creek Yacht and Country at Kilmarnock, a fourth 9 at the Langley Air Force Base Golf Club, the 18 hole Castle Rock Golf Club at Pembroke and a second 9 at the Green Hills Country Club at Standardville.

Planned Resort Courses

About 30% of Virginia's new golf courses now under construction are a part of golf-real estate developments. This is in line with national trends. Among the courses of this type scheduled for openings in 1970-71 are Stonehenge Golf and Country Club - 18 holes - at Bon Air, Country Club Lake - 18 holes - at

Dumfries, the 18 hole Lake Monticello Golf Course at Lake Monticello near Charlottesville, the second 9 of the Evergreen Country Club near Haymarket, the second 18 referred to as the South Course at Reston and the 18 hole Hunting Hills Country Club at Roanoke.

Resort and motel operators in Virginia currently building golf courses include Sky-Bryce - 18 holes at Bryce Mountain Golf-Ski Resort, Bayse; the 18 hole Sheraton - Fredericksburg Motor Inn Golf Course at Fredricksburg; a third 9 at the Shenandoah Valley Golf Course at Front Royal and a second 9 at the Lakeview Motor Lodge and Country Club at Roanoke.

Semi-private golf course developments now underway include an 18 hole layout in the greater Charlottesville area, a 9 hole do-it-yourself project (Topside Golf Club) in Fairfax County and the 18 hole Deer Run Club scheduled to open in early summer 1970 at Williamsburg.

More Municipal Courses

The Fairfax (Va.) County Park Authority will open its new 18 hole Burke Lake Park Par-3 Golf Course built on 56 acres in early summer 1970. Cost of construction was \$300,000 which was financed with county bonds. County also operates the 18 hole regulation length Twin Lakes Golf Course which opened for play in September 1967 and the Jefferson Golf Course (formerly the 9 hole International Town and Country Club) located near Falls Church which the County purchased in 1969.

Twin Lakes Golf Course had 46,000 rounds of golf played on it in 1969 and its gross revenue for the year was about \$200,000 according to James Bell, Fairfax County Park Authority Director. Green fees at Twin Lakes are \$3.00 weekdays; \$4.00 weekends and holidays: after 5:00 p.m. - \$2.00 any day.

Virginia Beach expects to have its new 18 hole Municipal Golf Course in play in early 1971 according to Harold Whitehurst, City Director of Parks and REcreation. Course is being built at a cost of \$500,000 on land leased from the State of Virginia near the Pendleton Military Reservation.

The Newport News Municipal Golf Course, which opened for play in 1967, had 50,000 rounds played on it in 1969 according to Harry Knight, City Park Director. Facilities include an 18-hole, 6884 yard par 72 layout and a 9 hole, par 30 course located in the City's 1100 acre park off Interstate 64.

Green fees at Newport News are \$3.00 any day of the week. Course also offers a \$40 ticket book good for twenty 18 hole rounds or forty 9 hole rounds — book contains 40 individual 9 hole tickets. This plan gives regular golfers one third off the regular \$3.00 rate and it is proving extremely popular with area residents. Juniors and senior citizens (65 and over) may play 18 holes on weekdays for \$1.00. Twenty five powered golf carts are available — rental charge \$6.00 for 18 holes.

Golf Gains Popularity

The Country Club of Richmond which has courses at two locations (18 holes on St. Andrews Lane and 18 holes at its James River site) opened a third 9 for play at James River in May 1970. Club officials report a total membership for the two facilities of 5600. Golfing members total 850 (700 men and 150 ladies). Initiation fees are \$2,000, however, there is a long waiting list. Dues are \$40.00 a month.

“Golf in Virginia” a new 12 page pamphlet listing the 175 regulation golf courses in the Old Dominion is available gratis from the Virginia State Travel Service, 911 E Broad St., Richmond, Va. 23219. Courses are listed by town location and information is included on the par and number of holes for each course and whether they are private, semi-private or municipal operations.

National Golf Foundation records reveal that Virginia had 200 golf courses (regulation and par-3's) in play as of January 1, 1970 — one course for every 23,345 prsons. Just a decade ago (Jan. 1, 1960) Virginia had only one course for every 29,385 persons. The national population average today is 20,343 per golf facility.

Golf course development is a matter of major concern to the National Golf Foundation. Supplementing the work of its headquarters staff are regional representatives who are available to golf course planning groups at no cost. Information describing this facility development consultant service may be obtained from NGF headquarters, Merchandise Mart, Chicago, Ill, 60654.

MORE HELP WANTED

We recently received a letter from a firm in California which reads as follows:

Dear Sir:

A Client of ours in the recreational land development business has asked us to assist them in finding qualified golf course superintendents for their golf courses. At the present time, they have a number of openings in a variety of locations around the U.S. so that a well qualified man could perhaps choose his location. If you know of any such individuals, I would appreciate hearing from you with their names or feel free to call me collect if it is more convenient.

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WHAAAAAAT?

Had a couple of questions come up after reading the June “Weekend Edition” of Scotts-Lawn Care Magazine. The first jewel of advice they are telling the poor frazzled homeowner who can't use 2,4,5-T now for weeds, who can't use DDT for dusting his roses and who is about ready to hang himself with a length of starter cord from the lawn mower he can't get to start is that he can water his lawn any time of day that it is convenient to him and that even just a little bit of water is a help. It seems funny that the Department of Agriculture advises “Water should be applied to water to a depth of 6 inches or more. Frequent, light waterings encourage shallow roots, fungus diseases and weed