

News From Old Friends

Lee and Rita Dieter spent the month of August in Germany touring and researching their family tree. I can't prove it but I think the trip was promised to Rita after Lee brought home this old 1951 Toro Master tractor from the fair. Lee thinks it came from a course in the upper Shenandoah Valley and would like you to call if you have any information. Of course if you have any spare parts he would really appreciate the call.

Test Plot

MAAGCS member Tom Walsh, from York Distributors was featured on the front page of The Capital, a large local newspaper in the Annapolis, MD area. Tom, as many of us know, maintains his front lawn as a putting green. The article titled "Smooth Surface" really shines a favorable light on Golf Course Superintendents.

Musket Ridge Under Construction

Musket Ridge is a new, privately owned upscale daily fee course just a few miles from Maryland National. The architect is Joe Lee from Florida and the superintendent is Scott Campbell formerly an assistant at P. B. Dye Golf Club. Musket Ridge is very hilly, almost a mountain course and will have tremendous views actually looking down I-70. The greens will also be very undulating. Grasses are L-93 from tee to green. The contractor is Quality Grassing and they are installing Toro OSMAC irrigation as well. Opening is planned for the summer of 2001.

Going High Side on Pillow Rock

On October 2nd several brave MAAGCS members went on a white water raft trip on the Upper Gauley River in West Virginia. Tom Lipscomb from P.B. Dye G.C. organized the trip. Tom and his wife, Walter Montross took the entire family, Ed Walker, Ed Gasper, Bart Bullock, Mike Minard, Jeff Vance and others had a memorable day Bart took a swim in Lost Paddle Rapids but Walter had the best story of the day. When the guide fished him out of the water he said in all sincerity, "That white water swimming is over-rated ain't it?" If you have ever been there you know it's true.



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