

Portable Sawmill

By Kenneth Ingram

Many of us save a lot of tree maintenance for the winter months. Occasionally we have some very large trees to handle. Through the years I've had a few logs that I knew would make exceptional lumber. Even if I could find a sawmill, getting the logs off the course, on a truck, and down the road was another story.

At a meeting of MAAGCS Past Presidents this fall I saw an old friend, Mike McKenzie. Mike was the longtime Superintendent at the Naval Academy Golf Course and MAAGCS President in 1981. When Mike left the golf business he started a landscaping business on Kent Island. I made the mistake of asking him "what's new," and that's when he told me about his new toy. He has a portable sawmill on a trailer. He can bring it right out on the golf course if necessary. Mike gave me an interesting formula, granted I had enjoyed a few adult beverages at the time, but it was something like a log being worth \$100 if you cut it into firewood, \$200 if he cuts it into posts, \$400 if he cuts it in planks, and something like \$1000 if he cuts it into moulding.

Superintendent's are creative guys, there's no telling how much interest could be generated around the club to "recycle" the lumber into projects. I've seen a few guys have that plaque from the "Great Elm" at Winged Foot in their offices. When the Wye Oak went down there was a lot of good press concerning the use of the wood. I think some of it was used to build the Governor's desk.

Anyway, if you are interested you can reach Mike at 410-643-2241. Watch out, he is the hardest working guy I've ever known!



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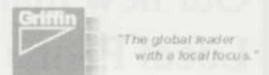
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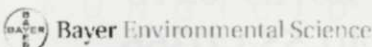


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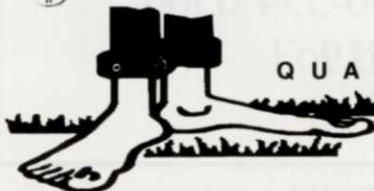
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