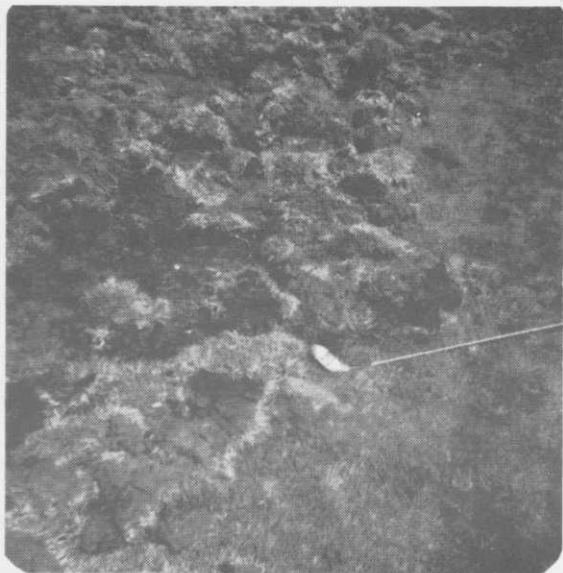


A NEW TURF PEST

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During my morning tour of our golf course on September 4th, I spotted something I have expected for a couple of years. My 7th tee looked like someone had used a rototiller on it. Immediately I realized Oakmont had a unique turf pest to deal with.

In the photographs you can see the mess. The damage is from wild pigs. They live in a state park within $\frac{1}{2}$ mile of the course. I have hunted them for 2 years on a ranch next to the course, often wondering how long it would take the pigs to find my green golf course. In the heat of the summer, they finally did.

The pigs (about 30 in this group) came back the next night and rooted up the 7th apron. We spent many nights after that waiting for the pigs to come down. I shot 2 boars weighing about 120 lbs each before we got them to stop coming on the course.

Damage to the course was around \$3,000.00. This includes the repairing of damage and labor to build special traps to protect us in the future. The one consolation is the meat is very tasty!