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IF YOU THINK A GOLF COURSE IS THERE, BECAUSE IT'S THERE, READ THIS ...

At 6:30 a.m. a golf course begins to come alive. The sleepy idle chirp of birds, the quiet sleepiness of a morning is interrupted by the almost silent hum of electric carts being dispersed to different areas of the course to shut off special sprinklers or to turn them on for an hour or so before the golfers appear. Then comes the quiet putt-putt of the mowers used to trim the surfaces of the greens and almost simultaneously, the swish, swish of bamboo poles sweeping the dew off the green's surface. And, in these early hours, too, the traps are raked, the tee markers positioned and the pins placed.

These are the things we seldom see. Nor do we see the extensive fertilizing of the greens and fairways, the tremendous work undertaken when traps are extended and rebuilt (what an improvement on the 10th!), or when carpaths are provided...the dispersment of fungicides to prevent damage to the grass...or the fight to keep weeds from getting a hold in the traps or overtaking the greens. Now the work to repair the damage to turf and greens after a hard weekend of play, or the diligence with which roughs and fairways are trimmed to playable levels, not to mention the greens.

But it's done. Day in and day out. Mostly when you're not around. All you have to do is come and enjoy it. And part of that enjoyment is, perhaps, grouching a little that the tees aren't mowed enough (or too much) or that greens are too slow or too fast, or that the rough is too low or too high. That's the privilege of Membership.

It's also the joy of getting out there on a beautiful sunny day and just reveling in the beauty of these God-given, man-made surroundings and saying, "Golly, it's great to be alive." And it's the heart-warming feeling of beaming back at a guest from another club who says, as so many do, "This is one of the most beautiful, best cared-for courses I've seen anywhere!"

That's the **Pride of Membership**.

And how does it all happen? Man, there's a lot of tough physical labor out there. There's a **lot of savvy**, too, knowing what's going to grow and what won't ... what grass is going to respond to what stimulant...what can be done to funnel off drenching rain waters so they won't cause ruinous washouts. **There's a lot of planning**, too. How can grades, angles, and what have you, be altered to make the game more enjoyable, a greater challenge? What type of screening will add to the safety of the course? And there's a **lot of organization**. The marshalling of a small but highly competent staff to do the needed routine work and to cope with emergencies.

Boy, do we get emergencies! Like a couple of riderless horses breaking loose and cavorting over the greens and fairways, threatening to make the course look like Saratoga Racetrack after the Travers...or some idiot showing off the tight turning circles of his car on the 3rd and 10th greens the night before the Championship...or the character who apparently fell asleep and plowed his car and part of the fence across the 12th fairway, leaving a furrow as big as the Panama Canal.

Yep, we take a lot for granted. And the only reason why we can is that we've got a great Green Committee and one of the best Green Superintendents...a great guy, a talented gent and a scratch golfer. And, last but not least his staff. They've done a fantastic job all year. We're sure every member of the Club joins us in a thanks, well done.

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