

recently been found that these eggs can remain viable for at least three years and probably many more. So naturally we suffer from a bumper crop of the pest in the first year of normal rainfall after a long drought.

Male mosquitoes are vegetarians who live on nectar and other plant juices. It is only the female that bites animals, and her bite is actually a sucking operation. With her "drill" she penetrates the skin, injects a fluid which prevents the blood from clotting, and then sucks blood. It takes her about one minute to drink her fill. After the blood meal she retires, like a gorged lion, to sleep it off. She then lays her eggs.

While some female mosquitoes can lay eggs while living on plant juices, most need blood before they can lay their first batch. In order to keep on producing all require a series of blood meals, rich in protein.

Their "hum" is the vibrating of their wings. The average life span is only a month or so, but several species can live through the winter as adults and more lead active spring and autumn lives while passing the summer in a state of torpor. Many can produce nine or ten generations a year.

## FROM THE EDITOR

This year has been a real experience with greens chairmen. The second new chairman this season has just taken office and his headaches have just begun. But as far as his new greens committee is concerned, he has yet to select anyone to serve. So a thought, rare as they may be, did come to mind. Put yourself in the new green chairman's place — you have all the complaints of both the men and women to listen to, you can bet you would give a heck of a lot of thought to who you picked to be on your committee.

Although personal experiences do play a part in the editor's thinking, unfortunate as it may be, the wife in a family does hold somewhat of a controlling interest on a lot of items within a happy family. (As I recall) And the more unfortunate part of this is that if the family belongs to a country club, the course and its condition often times fall into this category. So eliminate a lot of friction between husbands and wives and lady golfers and greens chairmen, consider only please, a lady greens committee member. This could be beneficial in a few respects, to wit:

In the daily or weekly work plan, the committeewoman could relay the information concerning work to be done as it might affect the regular weekly play or the special events such as field days, invitationals, etc.

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The appearance of both the golf course and the crew might well be viewed differently by a woman. From her viewpoint, she might occasionally offer some criticism or suggestions which may or may not be of some value to the operation.

Aesthetics is another area in which a woman might be able to help. She may, if she is a reasonable woman, offer ideas for the beautification of the club. Ideas in the form of flower bed locations, entrance plannings, flag poles, etc. And the benefit that a woman may be is well worth the effort if she acts as a liason between the superintendent, his problems and his budget, and her cronies, the lady golfers whom we all cuss every ladies day because they think we work Monday thru Friday just to torment them for the sake of their husbands so they can play on the weekend.

Again, this is just a suggestion — something to think about because it does have some merit. Although the long range effects may be devastating if it should get out of hand, it does bear looking into from an objective point of view.

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The verbal fiasco at the Suburban Club meeting last month brought out the need for some comment and clarification. Both of these areas deal directly with the boundaries which may or may not be overstepped by the editor. There are a few items which came up which will be clarified here and now as far as the staff and the newsletter content are concerned.

In the first place, any article which does not give credit to a specific contributing author or source is done by the editor and no one else. Any complaints should not be made at an open meeting in front of guests, hosts, and club officials, but should be made directly to the Board of Directors IN WRITING as is explained in your by-laws for those who may not be very familiar with them!

In the second place, any news which is true and factual and which has no restriction placed on it as far as its being sacred or censored will be printed if it is worth being relayed to the membership.

And in the third place, any member who gets bent out of shape because someone calls a spade a spade can damn well give bet that there will be other instances when it will happen again. And when it does, it's gonna' be in print. So if you don't like it, don't let it happen!

This is an enjoyable job and the news will continue to be put before the membership as in the past issues. If being straight and open is a detriment to this association, then consider this an apology. But it is neither, although this statement may sound opinionated and the content will not change. At least this proves the members are reading everything in the newsletter each month and if there is controversy, then it follows that there must be thought. Keep up the good work, members!

## NEW MEETING

The next meeting of the MAGCSA will be held on July 9 at the Sterling Park Recreation Center of Sterling Blvd. in Sterling, Va.

Our host Bob Martino informs us that there will be a wide variety of things to do including golf, badminton, baseball, horseshoes, volleyball and any other games which may be available. And of course the ladies will naturally get the privilege of being treated to watching the hundreds of kids who will be there. Bob has made the complete center available to us and it should prove to be a very enjoyable day.

The meal will consist of the usual picnic items such as hot dogs, salads, drinks, and so on. There is a large screened-in pavillion with rest room facilities on the spot and of course the club house will also be at our disposal.

## DIRECTIONS TO THE CLUB

From 495 get off the beltway at Exit 9 and go west on Route 7 for about 15 miles. This brings you to Sterling Park, and at the top of the hill near the development, turn right on county Route 637 and proceed to the club. The hours for us to be there will be from noon 'till dark.

## NEWS FROM THE VIRGINIA AREA

By Sam Kessel

At Westwood, Jack McClenahan is cleaning up after the storm. They lost five trees and had heavy trap damage. Jack has been busy with his landscaping

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