

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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program and has installed a flagpole in front of the clubhouse. The pole is surrounded with a 1,200 sq. ft. flower circle which contains over 3,000 petunias. A redwood fence has been installed around the maintenance building and the club entrance is to be landscaped in the near future.

Out at Twin Lakes, Buck Whetsel is in the middle of a weed spraying program. Buck says he is getting good control on clover in his Penncross tees with MCPP. He is also very pleased with his new triplex greens mower. One man cuts 190,000 sq. ft. of putting surface in four hours. How's that for saving labor?

In Arlington town, Lee Dieter at Washington Golf and C.C. is getting ready for several local tournaments as well as a member-guest go-round. The three new greens are in play and Lee says the Penncross is doing fine.

Virgil Robinson out Chantilly Club way has just finished an extensive weed control program. Virg used Dicambe plus 2,4-D and says he obtained excellent results. The construction on the new grill and pro shop enlargement are now under way and are to be completed this fall.

At Springfield Golf and C.C., Denny McCammon has had his hands full watching his help drive trucksters in the lake and pull reverse upside-down wheelies with his new tee mower. "Sure sums up the fact" he says "that good help is sure hard to find."

And here at home base at Country Club of Fairfax, we are planning reconstruction of number 3 green and four new tees - numbers 1, 4, 8, and 17. The work on the course has included clearing out some woods and planting flowers around the clubhouse.

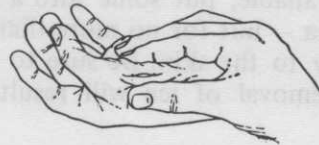
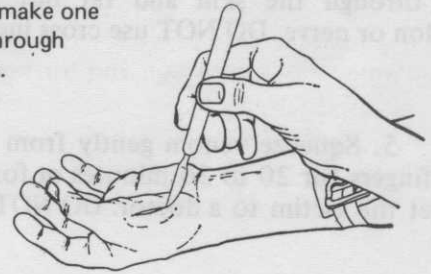
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SNAKES IN THE GRASS

By Sam Kessel

Camping and other forms of outdoor recreation in remote areas are increasing in popularity every season and more and more people are answering the call of the out of doors. For those of us who venture to the hills and waterways, there is a chance of meeting up with a poisonous snake and you sure can't spray for a snake bite.

The following information is from an article which was in the March issue of Outdoor Life, and given treatment recommendations of a noted snake bite authority, Dr. Clifford Snyder. If a snake strikes:

1. Avoid exertion and excitement. Sit down and calm yourself. Panic may bring on shock.

2. Kill the snake if you can and take it with you when you leave for later identification.

3. Apply a flat tourniquet, such as a belt, tie, or handkerchief, between the bite and the heart. If bitten on a leg or an arm, place the tourniquet 2 or 3 inches above the bite. Keep it above the swelling. Use no tourniquet if the bite is on the face. The tourniquet should be loose enough so that you can insert a finger beneath it without force. If it is any tighter it can cut off blood circulation. Such a loose band can be left in place for an hour without harm. Do not loosen it every few minutes as many hand books suggest.