

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.

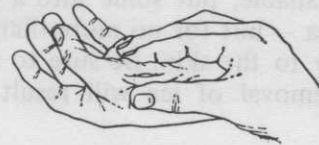
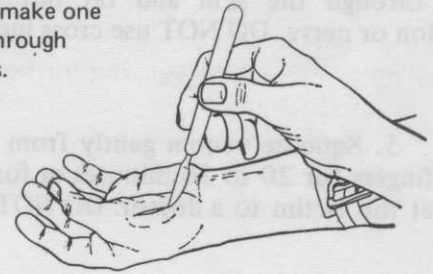
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With scalpel blade or sterilized knife, make one linear incision through both fang marks.



By finger pressure, gently force the venom from the incision.

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.

4. Sterilize the fang wounds with alcohol sponges. With a scalpel or a knife sterilized in a flame, make one straight incision that connects the fang marks with the cut extending 1/4 inch past each puncture. Deepen the cut through the skin and fat but not into muscle, tendon or nerve. DO NOT use cross incisions.

5. Squeeze venom gently from the incision with the fingers for 20 to 30 minutes or for the time it takes to get the victim to a doctor. DO NOT use oral suction.

6. If ice is available, put some into a cloth and apply to the bite area — but for no more than an hour. Don't bind it tightly to the skin. Be sure to remove it gradually; sudden removal of ice will result in rapid uptake of venom.

7. Antivenom can be administered in the field in an emergency, but the instructions included in each package must be followed rigidly and the required skin test for allergy must have proven negative.

8. Get the victim to a doctor or a hospital as quickly as possible but without exertion on his part. The doctor's first task is to identify, if possible, the kind of snake that inflicted the bite.

Sketches show the first-aid methods favored by Dr. Snyder. He rules out oral suction and it sure shoots holes in the old Boy Scout Manual, but maybe we need a new manual.

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