privately owned club for the first four years after his graduation from Purdue University in 1962. He has been in golf course work since he was only fourteen and started on a small 18 hole course in northern Indiana. Outside of taking care of the golf course, Denny has his hands full editing the Newsletter for our association and trying to keep it in the mail so the members will get it on time.

### THE COURSE

The course was designed by Ault and Jamison and lies in the middle of a tremendous residential development. The entire perimeter of the 6581 yard layout is surrounded by suburbia, many of the homes being owned by golfing members. Edward R. Carr, one of the largest area developers, roughed out the course and the front nine was built by Thomas Carroll in 1959-60. The back nine was built and seeded by the first superintendent on the job at the time. The course will celebrate its ninth anniversary in May.

### MAINTENANCE

The greens are C1 and C9 with a little bit of Poa. Control of Poa is currently under way with the use of Betasan. So far, good results are being observed, but there is still some evidence of the weed still in some of the greens. Fairway maintenance will include this year the initiation of Balan for crabgrass control, then next year for Poa control. A totally automatic water system was installed last year and definite improvement should be observed this year, particularly in the fairway areas.

#### DIRECTIONS

Turn off Shirley Highway at the Springfield -Franconia exit. Then head west on Route 644 (or Keene Mill Road). The club is three miles outside the center of town on the left hand side of the road

### **NEWS FROM THE VIRGINIA AREA**

It seems everyone in the area is putting on the last bed knife or painting the last bench. All we need now is some spring weather, and the golfers will be on top of us, ready to start a whole new season.

Out at Chantilly, Virgil Robinson says he is ready for some warm weather. Virg has gotten several new pieces of equipment and is anxious to see some green grass so he can try them out.

At Washington Golf, Lee Dieter says he would like to clear the air about his Astro-tees. He says he feels that in certain areas that it does have its place, and he is pleased with the results at his course. He feels the main problem is freezing and thawing which causes the forms to heave up out of the ground.



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Over at Fort Belvoir, Tom Doerer is quite busy. The crew is cleaning out wooded areas and have been working on renovation of several traps. Tom is replacing the first green, which is presently only 4500 sq. ft. and enlarging it to nearly 9000 sq. ft. His reason for enlarging the green is to handle all the traffic on the area as well as gaining more cupping space. Tom also plans to add about 200 trees to the course and is presently top-dressing all his trees readying up for spring.

Pine Crest No. 2 is still closed and Ken Lohr still hasn't set an opening date. They have also done a lot of clearing in their wooded areas. The No. 1 course is open whenever possible but they are still in winter greens. Ken says that due to the cold weather they are late in uncovering the Bermuda greens. And as a final touch, all the equipment at both courses has gotten a new coat of paint.

At Westwood, Jack McClenahan is boasting that he has the most outstanding two-holer in the state. It not only has running water, (his shop doesn't even have that) but it has electric heat and city sewage as well. Jack has been doing some clubhouse landscaping, and there are also plans for many new trees to be planted along the property lines of the club.

Out at Twin Lakes. Buck Whetsell has set his opening date as March 15. The course has been closed since December 15 - wouldn't that be great? Buck says the greens and trees are in excellent shape due to the lack of winter play and spring will find them in fine condition. All their equipment has been painted, tee markers have been made, and all the other winter work is now complete.

At Army-Navy, the greens are still closed, Steve Tobash, the pro, and the greens committee have all given Del Hammersly the support he needed in controlling the winter play. Del says the greens are in tremendous shape and is well pleased. Del's winter project has been installing about one thousand feet of cart paths around the golf course.

At Springfield, Denny McCammon is still plugging along at the sand trap project. The weather finally got cold enough at the right time to allow trucks to get on the course to dump sand into the traps.

And in my corner here at the Country Club of Fairfax, we have been quite busy also. All equipment has been painted and repaired and the maintenance building has been entirely insulated as well as getting a new coat of paint. We have also been doing quite a bit of tree trimming and woods clearing for better air movement.