

Hills Country Club has a \$6,000 initiation fee and dues of \$60 a month. It also has a two year waiting list.

But some private clubs are not prospering. This is especially true when projects were not adequately financed, management has not kept abreast of members' needs or dues schedules are unrealistic.

The United States, which leads the world in the continuing and apparently limitless expansion of the game, will see around four thousand new courses built in the next decade. So the golf boom of the 60's seems destined to continue in the 70's.

That this growth be intelligent and stable is one of the major concerns of the National Golf Foundation. Supplementing the work of its headquarters staff are full time regional consultants located in strategic areas of the nation who are available to golf course planning groups at no cost. NGF Information Sheet IS-2, describing this facility development consultant service, is available for the asking from the National Golf Foundation, 707 Merchandise Mart, Chicago, Illinois, or NGF's Eastern office, 1500 Arlington Blvd., Arlington, Virginia 22209.

HELP WANTED

A new job is opening up on the Eastern Shore at St. Michaels, Md. It is the Martinham Inn and Golf Club and is on the eastern shore of the Bay. It is a Sheraton Inn venture and they are now looking for a superintendent. The course will be a private resort, will have an automatic water system and the salary is negotiable. This will be a resort operation and the Club will pay health and life insurance.

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KEEPING ON TOP

In the not too distant future, the Virginia Assembly is going to be re-considering a bill for passage concerning the partial if not total elimination from the consumer market of dieldrin, aldrin, heptachlor, parathion and other hard chemicals in the controversial chlorinated hydro-carbon family. This bill, or at least one similar to it was brought up earlier this year in Richmond and when the legislators saw the opposition to the bill, it was tabled until a later date. That later date seems to be soon, and it should be brought to everyone's attention, whether you are a commercial man, a tree or park man, a golf course man or even a club member, that passage of this bill could be fatal to our operations.

Sheldon Betterly, Lee Dieter, Sam Kessel and Alan Mock went to Richmond to lobby this bill and to vote against it earlier this year. Fortunately, others had heard of this at the last minute as we had and there were enough people there to get it delayed. But here it comes again, back for reconsideration and who knows what will happen? This seems to be the situation not only in Virginia, but in all the other states as well, that we as agricultural people are not looking out for our own interests. Sheldon mentioned he felt that had the anti-faction not been on hand that day, the bill might have gone through as it was written. As it was, nothing passed.

The government is our responsibility. If writing letters, carrying signs or going to the state capital will do any good, let's go!

"Oh, that's a waste of time," you say. "Nothing can be accomplished that way." Bull! If it hadn't been for a few people there to oppose it who knew some FACTS, these old fogies who have been in the Virginia government since the Year One and think a cut worm is a biology lab specimen would have shut off our supply of grub worm control and then where would we be? NOW is the time to do something about it.

UP, UP, AND AWAY

The following paragraph is from the August issue of Borden's Professional Turf News.

Golf Courses spent \$4,577 A HOLE for maintenance in 1969 according to a Wall Street Journal report. This compared to \$2,469 a hole in 1955, a whopping 85.3% increase. What the current recession will do remains to be seen. Farm Index source data says that golf courses annually apply an average of more than 2 tons of fertilizer per hole - equivalent to 527 pounds per acre. In northeastern U.S., such non-farm use probably accounts for about 30% of all fertilizer used.

RANDOM THOTS

By the time this reaches you, it will almost be September. September - it has a magic sound to it, doesn't it? Once we reach Labor Day, a whole different frame of mind comes over us. What a great time of year - shorter days, cooler nights, chill winds, leaves falling, mums blooming, football under bright blue skies, kids back to school - makes you almost forget what a mess this world is really in.

With September comes budget preparation for most courses. What a crazy time for this job!. They ought to come due in May or June when the place really looks good instead of in September when the members