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NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the MAGCSA will be held on August 4 at the Elks Club in Salisbury, Md. Our host will be Tom Ramburg, a recent U. of M. graduate in the turf school.

DIRECTIONS TO THE CLUB

Route 50 east to Ward Street. Turn right to bottom of hill Turn right to light; left at light on Route 12 - 1 block, turn left on Park Drive to Lodge.

MEETING PLACES

August 4 Elks Club, Salisbury, Md., Host Tom Ramburg; September 8, Maryland Golf & Country Club, joint meeting with Philadelphia group, host Ron Hall; October 13, Turf Valley Golf Tourney, host George Riddle; November, open; December, open.

JOB OPENING

A new job is opening up in the Richmond, Va. area. It is a new golf course, the Confederate Hills C.C. and is being built in conjunction with a new development. Resumes may be sent to:

Mr. Vincent G. Robinson
c/o Estate Development Company
P.O. Box 64
Highland Springs, Va. 23075

For additional information on the job, contact Algie Pulley.

A BIG THANK YOU

The members of the Mid-Atlantic, and especially their wives wish to express their appreciation for the cocktail hour donations received from the following companies for Ladies' Night, 1970: Agrico Chemical Co., Alfco Rokeby Co., S.W. Barrick & Sons, Lewis Barton Co., Blue Ridge Industries, F.W. Bolgiano Co., Borden Inc., H.T. Campbell Co., Wm. Cholko, W.A. Cleary, G.L. Cornell Co., Egypt Farms, John Gross - Kapko, Gustin's Baltimore Toro, National Capital Toro, National Chemsearch, Princeton Turf Farms, Russell Roberts Co. Weblite Corp.

ROSES TO -

In spite of the fact that Dave Hill was rather uncomplimentary about the Hazeltine C.C. where the U.S. Open was played, it seems the condition of the course was great. So great in fact, that Ron Helming, the super there got great press coverage and a plaque in recognition of a job more than well done. Once again, the super finally gets credit for credit due. Nice work and our congratulations too, Ron!

POOR HARRY HOMEOWNER

The USDA recently announced cancellation of Federal registration for all remaining uses of 2,4,5-T around the home and on food crops intended for human consumption. Cancelled are all granular 2,4,5-T formulations for all uses around the home, recreation areas and similar sites and all uses on food crops intended for human consumption. The department had previously suspended registrations of liquid formulations of the weed killer for home use and uses on lakes, ponds, and ditch banks.

The suspension or cancellation of registration of these products by the Department is the result of careful evaluation by the USDA, Department of the Interior, and the Department of HEW of new research information concerning safety of 2,4,5-T. Based on these data which show 2,4,5-T to cause abnormal development in unborn mice, the HEW has declared that exposure to this herbicide may present an imminent health hazard to women of childbearing age.

These actions do not eliminate registered use of 2,4,5-T on control of range, pasture or other non-agricultural land.

Editor's note:

It must be mice in my shop with little curly tails and floppy ears. It thought it might be teeny little piggies!

VIRGINIA GOLF FACILITY

Virginia Golf Facility

by Harry Eckhoff
Facility Development Consultant
National Golf Foundation

With 23 new golf courses now in some stage of construction, Virginia ranks third in the nation in golf course development. Only Florida with 30 and Michigan with 25 surpass the Old Dominion. Courses now under construction include seven private facilities, seven golf-real estate ventures, four resort courses, three semi-private and two municipal projects.

Among the private courses expected to be ready for play in Virginia in 1970 or 1971 are the 18-hole Winton Country Club at Amherst, the Blacksburg Country Club - 18 holes - at Blacksburg, a second 9 at Wedgewood Country Club at Farmville, a second 9 at the Indian Creek Yacht and Country at Kilmarnock, a fourth 9 at the Langley Air Force Base Golf Club, the 18 hole Castle Rock Golf Club at Pembroke and a second 9 at the Green Hills Country Club at Standardville.

Planned Resort Courses

About 30% of Virginia's new golf courses now under construction are a part of golf-real estate developments. This is in line with national trends. Among the courses of this type scheduled for openings in 1970-71 are Stonehenge Golf and Country Club - 18 holes - at Bon Air, Country Club Lake - 18 holes - at

Dumfries, the 18 hole Lake Monticello Golf Course at Lake Monticello near Charlottesville, the second 9 of the Evergreen Country Club near Haymarket, the second 18 referred to as the South Course at Reston and the 18 hole Hunting Hills Country Club at Roanoke.

Resort and motel operators in Virginia currently building golf courses include Sky-Bryce - 18 holes at Bryce Mountain Golf-Ski Resort, Bayse; the 18 hole Sheraton - Fredericksburg Motor Inn Golf Course at Fredricksburg; a third 9 at the Shenandoah Valley Golf Course at Front Royal and a second 9 at the Lakeview Motor Lodge and Country Club at Roanoke.

Semi-private golf course developments now underway include an 18 hole layout in the greater Charlottesville area, a 9 hole do-it-yourself project (Topside Golf Club) in Fairfax County and the 18 hole Deer Run Club scheduled to open in early summer 1970 at Williamsburg.

More Municipal Courses

The Fairfax (Va.) County Park Authority will open its new 18 hole Burke Lake Park Par-3 Golf Course built on 56 acres in early summer 1970. Cost of construction was \$300,000 which was financed with county bonds. County also operates the 18 hole regulation length Twin Lakes Golf Course which opened for play in September 1967 and the Jefferson Golf Course (formerly the 9 hole International Town and Country Club) located near Falls Church which the County purchased in 1969.

Twin Lakes Golf Course had 46,000 rounds of golf played on it in 1969 and its gross revenue for the year was about \$200,000 according to James Bell, Fairfax County Park Authority Director. Green fees at Twin Lakes are \$3.00 weekdays; \$4.00 weekends and holidays: after 5:00 p.m. - \$2.00 any day.

Virginia Beach expects to have its new 18 hole Municipal Golf Course in play in early 1971 according to Harold Whitehurst, City Director of Parks and REcreation. Course is being built at a cost of \$500,000 on land leased from the State of Virginia near the Pendleton Military Reservation.

The Newport News Municipal Golf Course, which opened for play in 1967, had 50,000 rounds played on it in 1969 according to Harry Knight, City Park Director. Facilities include an 18-hole, 6884 yard par 72 layout and a 9 hole, par 30 course located in the City's 1100 acre park off Interstate 64.

Green fees at Newport News are \$3.00 any day of the week. Course also offers a \$40 ticket book good for twenty 18 hole rounds or forty 9 hole rounds — book contains 40 individual 9 hole tickets. This plan gives regular golfers one third off the regular \$3.00 rate and it is proving extremely popular with area residents. Juniors and senior citizens (65 and over) may play 18 holes on weekdays for \$1.00. Twenty five powered golf carts are available — rental charge \$6.00 for 18 holes.

Golf Gains Popularity

The Country Club of Richmond which has courses at two locations (18 holes on St. Andrews Lane and 18 holes at its James River site) opened a third 9 for play at James River in May 1970. Club officials report a total membership for the two facilities of 5600. Golfing members total 850 (700 men and 150 ladies). Initiation fees are \$2,000, however, there is a long waiting list. Dues are \$40.00 a month.

“Golf in Virginia” a new 12 page pamphlet listing the 175 regulation golf courses in the Old Dominion is available gratis from the Virginia State Travel Service, 911 E Broad St., Richmond, Va. 23219. Courses are listed by town location and information is included on the par and number of holes for each course and whether they are private, semi-private or municipal operations.

National Golf Foundation records reveal that Virginia had 200 golf courses (regulation and par-3's) in play as of January 1, 1970 — one course for every 23,345 prsons. Just a decade ago (Jan. 1, 1960) Virginia had only one course for every 29,385 persons. The national population average today is 20,343 per golf facility.

Golf course development is a matter of major concern to the National Golf Foundation. Supplementing the work of its headquarters staff are regional representatives who are available to golf course planning groups at no cost. Information describing this facility development consultant service may be obtained from NGF headquarters, Merchandise Mart, Chicago, Ill, 60654.

MORE HELP WANTED

We recently received a letter from a firm in California which reads as follows:

Dear Sir:

A Client of ours in the recreational land development business has asked us to assist them in finding qualified golf course superintendents for their golf courses. At the present time, they have a number of openings in a variety of locations around the U.S. so that a well qualified man could perhaps choose his location. If you know of any such individuals, I would appreciate hearing from you with their names or feel free to call me collect if it is more convenient.

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WHAAAAAAT?

Had a couple of questions come up after reading the June “Weekend Edition” of Scotts-Lawn Care Magazine. The first jewel of advice they are telling the poor frazzled homeowner who can't use 2,4,5-T now for weeds, who can't use DDT for dusting his roses and who is about ready to hang himself with a length of starter cord from the lawn mower he can't get to start is that he can water his lawn any time of day that it is convenient to him and that even just a little bit of water is a help. It seems funny that the Department of Agriculture advises “Water should be applied to water to a depth of 6 inches or more. Frequent, light waterings encourage shallow roots, fungus diseases and weed

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infestations." Can't you just see Harry out there putting the ol' nozzle on the hose and spraying the grass at noon when the temperature is 97 degrees? How 'bout this, Mr. Scott?

And the 2nd one — "If you can water generously, seed in June." Sure you can. Then you seed in July, then you seed in August and then you seed in September when it will finally come up and do something besides die out. Well, we all know where the members finally turn when all else fails in their yard, don't we?

GOOD SHOW

There is a terrific action group going here in the U.S. you may or may not be aware of. It is the National Wildlife Federation based in Washington, D.C. Their work and concern deals with outdoor space, conservation, ecology and a myriad of related subjects. They put out a beautiful bi-monthly publication with excellent pictures and accurate reporting on subjects that SHOULD be of interest to every citizen.

For example, there is a column each month entitled E.Q. (environmental quality) critical list. The list includes items from areas needing immediate attention in our wildlife areas, both private and government owned. One in the June-July issue is right here in Virginia down in the Great Dismal Swamp.

The Facts:

The ecologically unique Dismal Swamp in southeastern Virginia and northeastern North Carolina is facing total destruction by drainage and development by private landowners.

The Crisis:

The original 2,200 square mile swamp has been drained and cleared until there remains only four square miles of deep swamp in the center of which lies famous Lake Drummond. Some plants, two small shrews and one small species of fish are found only in the Dismal Swamp and, with the swamp itself, face extinction. The Virginia General Assembly has recently called for action by the Department of Conservation and Economic Development to take steps to save the swamp.

What You Can Do About It:

Exercise your civic duty by expressing your opinion regardless of what it is, to:

Marvin M. Sutherland, Director
Dept. of Conservation and
Development, 911 E. Broad St.
Richmond, Va. 23219

For more information write:
Carl A. Wiberg, President
Virginia Wildlife Federation
Daily News, 1013 13th St., N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20005

WATER WATER EVERYWHERE

And while we are talking about conservation, even the Fairfax Water Authority is getting in on the act! They mailed an interesting leaflet to all residents concerning water use and conservation. The facts and figures all seem interesting and they are listed below.

1. Wash automobiles on week-days only and then only before 4:00 p.m. Use buckets to wash and hose to rinse. Do not let hose run except when in actual use
2. Check your plumbing fixtures for possible leaks and wastage of water. A 1/32" leak wastes 25 gallons in 24 hours and a 1/8" stream wastes 400 gallons in 24 hours! Our service department will help you to detect leaks if you are in doubt.
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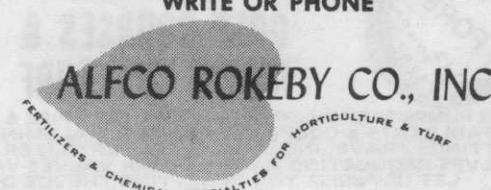
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4. Do not use toilets for flushing away household trash or refuse.

5. Wait until you have a full load before using the washing machine.

6. Keep a bottle of drinking water water in the refrigerator — running water from the tap until it is cool will waste as much as one gallon.

7. Take showers instead of baths — the usual bath requires 36 gallons, a shower only 10 gallons if you turn it off while lathering.

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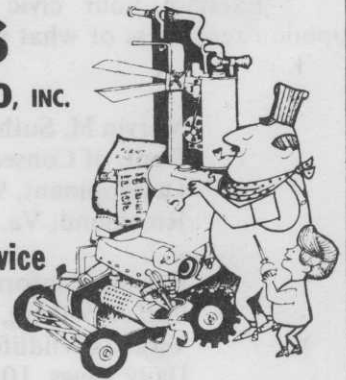
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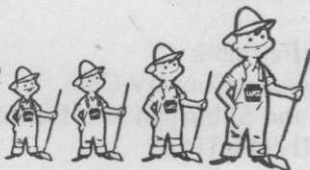
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