

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.