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December 14 Election Meeting Twin Lakes GC Buck Whetsell - Host

The Fairfax County Park Authority owns and operates 63 holes of golf in the County of Fairfax. The Twin Lakes Golf Course is an 18-hole regulation located in Clifton. The Burke Lake Course is an 18-hole, par-3, located in Burke Lake. The Jefferson Golf Course is a regulation 9-hole located in Falls Church and the Greendale Golf Course is a regulation 18-hole located on Telegraph Road in Alexandria. Each of the courses has its own clubhouse manager who is responsible for the control of the greens fee tickets, inventory, cash, power carts, pull carts, and reserved tee times. Tee times are taken on Thursdays at 1:30 p.m. prior to a weekend or holiday. The tee times are set at every eight minutes.

The maintenance program is prepared and scheduled by the golf course superintendent and is expedited by the groundskeeper foreman at each of the golf courses.

The greens, tees, and fairways are mowed three times a week. Penncross bent grass on the greens is cut at 1/4 inch in height. The bluegrass mixture in the fairways is mowed at 1 1/4 inches, and the tees at 1/2 inch. The roughs are mowed at 2 inches twice a week.

The preventive spray program for disease and insects is scheduled weekly for the many fungus problems that work in the turf. Some diseases that are predominant in our area are pythium, dollar spot, brown patch, snow mold, and frog eye.

The greens receive eight to ten pounds of actual nitrogen per year derived from a 38% Parex 20-0-16, 24% 16-8-8 or 18-5-9 analysis.

The fairways at each of the golf courses receive three applications per year of fertilizer, averaging six to eight pounds of actual nitrogen. The tees receive eight to ten pounds of actual nitrogen derived from the same analysis as is used on the putting greens.

The tees, greens, and fairways at Burke Lake, Twin Lakes, Jefferson and Greendale have a fully automatic irrigation system. The greens, tees, and fairways are scheduled to receive one inch of water per week.

Buck has been in the golf course business for 30 years. He has supervised the construction of all the county courses plus Tantallon, Goose Creek and Westwood C.C.

Program For the Day

Golf — Anytime
Lunch — on your own
Cocktails — 6 p.m.
Dinner — 7 p.m. — \$15.00

Twin Lakes is located at 6100 Clifton Road in Clifton, Virginia. Beltway 495 to Rt. 29 & 211 West of Fairfax City. Turn left on Clifton Road before you get into Centerville.

The meeting will be held at the Black Orchard Restaurant on 3236 Annandale. Exit 6 east to Little River Turnpike Shopping Center. Approximately 2 miles off 495.

PLEASE RETURN POSTCARDS OR CALL BUCK AT 703-941-5000 ext. 293.

President's Message

December is election time at the Mid-Atlantic meeting. A nominating committee of three Past Presidents has presented a slate of Officers and possible Directors that have acknowledged their willingness to serve. So come to the election meeting and elect the candidates you want to govern our Association for 1983. Also coming up at the December meeting is the free discussion for the good of the organization. The best way for an organization to grow is by the members keeping the board informed in areas they wish to progress. This means that the board is looking for sound, feasible solutions so that we may grow and have more control of our own destiny concerning job security and other pertinent issues.

To keep this meeting running smoothly, I would like each sound and feasible idea and solution presented in writing to the Secretary after presentation. This way, there will be no misinterpretation of your meaning. The willingness to stand-up and be heard is not only a sign of the times, it is also a sign of a strong, healthy organization for years to come.

Since this is my last President's message, I want to sincerely thank you for letting me serve as your President. It has been a year that I will cherish and remember. With your support and the help of our great board, it has truly been a fun year for me.

Ben