

Golf Night Fairfax – June 14, 2017

ANCC Fairfax - 2017



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History of Fairfax Course

Fairfax Golf Night

14 June 2017

Army Navy Country Club Foundation, Inc.

- 501(c)(3) Public Charity
- ANCC is one of a very few Clubs that also have a Foundation
- Our mission:
 - Preserve, promote, publicize and educate regarding ANCC's unique history and legacy
 - Provide grants and gifts that either (1) support the military or (2) are engaged in charitable activities in the local area in which the Club is situated

Army Navy Country Club Foundation, Inc.

- Initiatives:
 - Updating history of ANCC (Complete by 2024)
 - Includes golf, tennis, sales & acquisitions, swimming, fitness and physical property changes
 - Implemented “ANCC Staff Support Fund”
 - Supports ANCC staff and families when hardships occur
 - Awarded one \$1000 college scholarship this spring
 - Awardee was Ms. Kinza Mahmood from Fairfax High School
 - Essay was on how Rear Admiral Grace Hopper inspired her
 - Developing plans to erect a historical interpretive display of Fort Richardson

Looking for volunteers to assist in initiatives



***A History of
The Fairfax Golf Course
Army Navy Country Club***

**Army Navy Country Club Foundation
June 14, 2017**



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Inspiration/Rationale

- “Country Clubs Dig Up Their Histories: Why Older Clubs Are Exploring Their Past”,

John Paul Newport, WSJ, December, 13, 2013.

- Rationale for Historical Research
 - Correct Errors & “Urban Legends”
 - Assists Golf Course Architect in Future Golf Course Changes
 - Marketing: “History Sells”



Source Material

- ANCC Golf Course Drawing Archives
- BOG & EXCOM Meeting Minutes
- Golf & Green Committee Minutes
- Planning Committee Minutes
- Interviews and E-Mail Correspondence
- Others:
 - ANCC 1924-1989 Historical Review
 - Cornell Archives (RTJ)
 - Jim Hansen (“Difficult Par” Author)
 - John LaFoy (G.W. Cobb Associate)

***Work In
Progress***

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Need for “Expanded Golf Course Facilities”

- Early Recognition of Need for Additional Golf Facilities
- Post-WWII
 - Rose Hill Farm Option (1948)
 - Several Sites Considered (1950s)
- Chantilly Property
 - 470 Acres Near Lee’s Corner
 - Purchased August 1956
 - Dulles Airport Site Change
 - Sold 1964





John S. Connolly, Sr.

- USDA Agronomist
- Green Superintendent ANCC Arlington 1932-36
- Worthington Equipment Distributor 1936-1946
- U.S. Army Major During WWII
- Developer of “Fairfax Country Club Estates”
 - Bought 262 Acres at Fairfax
 - 200 Acres from Swayze (1939-40)
 - 62 Acres: Adjacent Parcels (1945-50)
 - Built 3rd House Along Today’s Fairfax Red #2 (1951)





Fairfax CC Development

- Hired **Robert Trent Jones, Sr.** as Golf Course Architect
- On RTJ Recommendation Hired **J. Frederick Goellner** of Raritan, NJ as Golf Course Constructor
- Opened 9-Holes in 1940
- Start of Work on 2nd Nine in 1941 Likely
- Second Nine Opened 1946
 - Construction Apparently Completed by Connolly



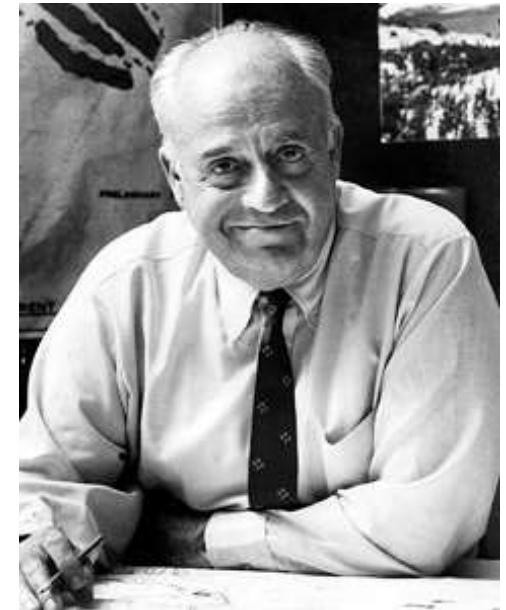
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Robert Trent Jones

- FCC: 1st Mid-Atlantic Venture
- Site Visits: Early, March, April & August 1940
- Plans Produced:
 - Preliminary (undated) Routing Plan
 - FCC Estates General Plan (Jan 1940)
 - Eighteen Individual Hole Drawings
- Extent of Post-War Cooperation Unknown
- Submitted 27-Hole Expansion Plan 1984

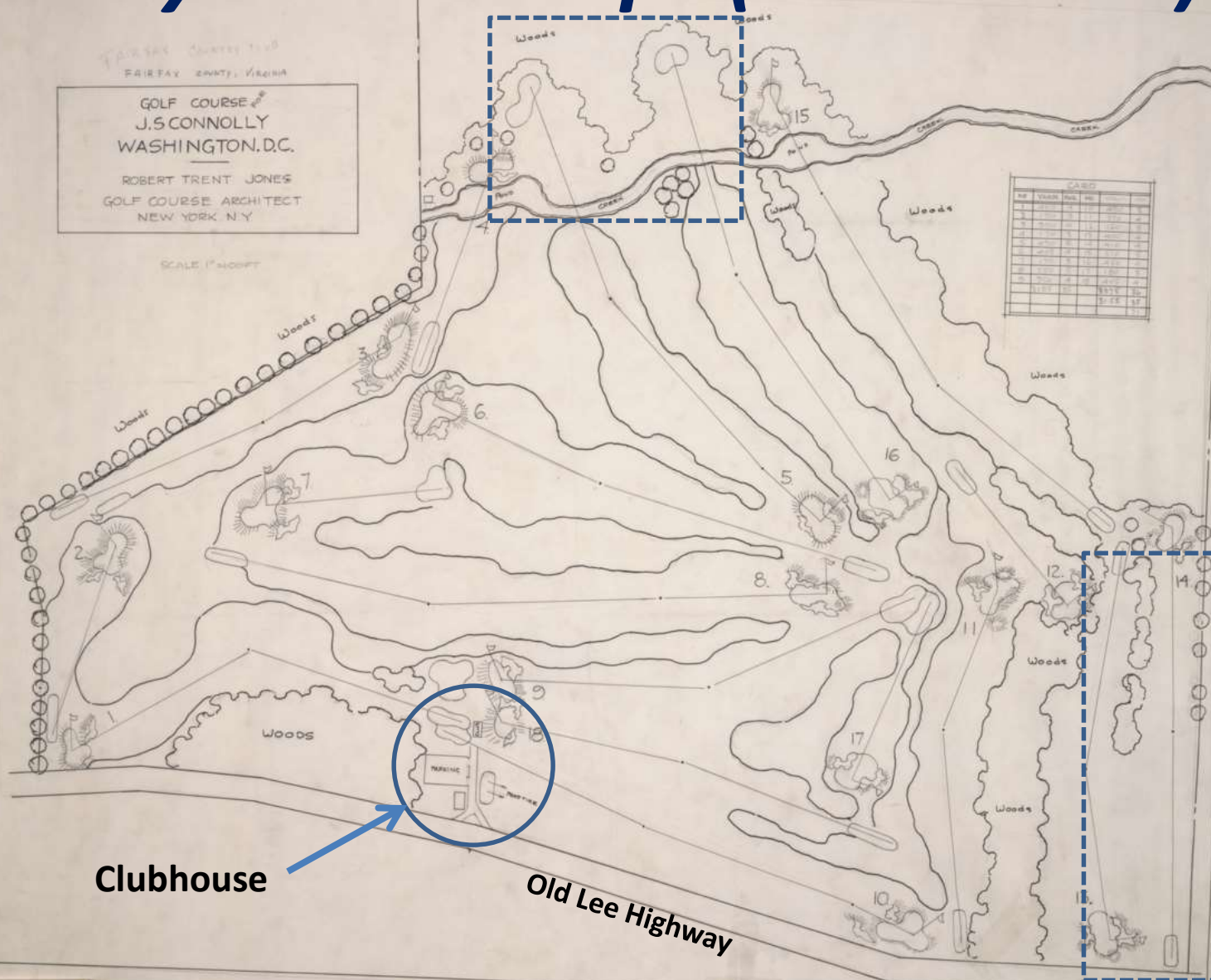


Early RTJ Concept (Circa 1939)

FAIRFAX COUNTY, VIRGINIA
GOLF COURSE
J.S. CONNOLLY
WASHINGTON, D.C.
ROBERT TRENT JONES
GOLF COURSE ARCHITECT
NEW YORK, N.Y.

SCALE 1"=400 FT

CADD			
NO.	YEAR	NO.	NO.
1			
2			
3			
4			
5			
6			
7			
8			
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17			
18			
19			
20			



Clubhouse

Old Lee Highway

FAIRFAX COUNTRY CLUB ESTATES
FAIRFAX VIRGINIA

GENERAL PLAN

SCALE IN FEET
0 100 200 300 400 500

ARMAND L. TIBBETTE
LANDSCAPE ARCHITECT
GREENWICH VILLAGE

ROBERT TRENT JONES
GOLF ARCHITECT
NEW YORK CITY

HARLES W. SHAWEN
CIVIL ENGINEER
ARLINGTON VA

Robert Trent Jones
Golf Architect
New York City

Clubhouse



January 1940

FAIRFAX COUNTRY CLUB ESTATES FAIRFAX VIRGINIA

GENERAL PLAN

SCALE IN FEET



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GREENWICH SPAIN

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Clubhouse





1940/2017
Overlay

FAIRFAX COUNTRY CLUB ESTATES
FAIRFAX VIRGINIA

Practice Area
1

Clubhouse

B2

B3

B1

R5

R6

B4

B9

R4

B8

B5

R3

R9

R1

R7

W7

10

18

9

8

5

16

14

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R8

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R2

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W4

B6

B7

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W5



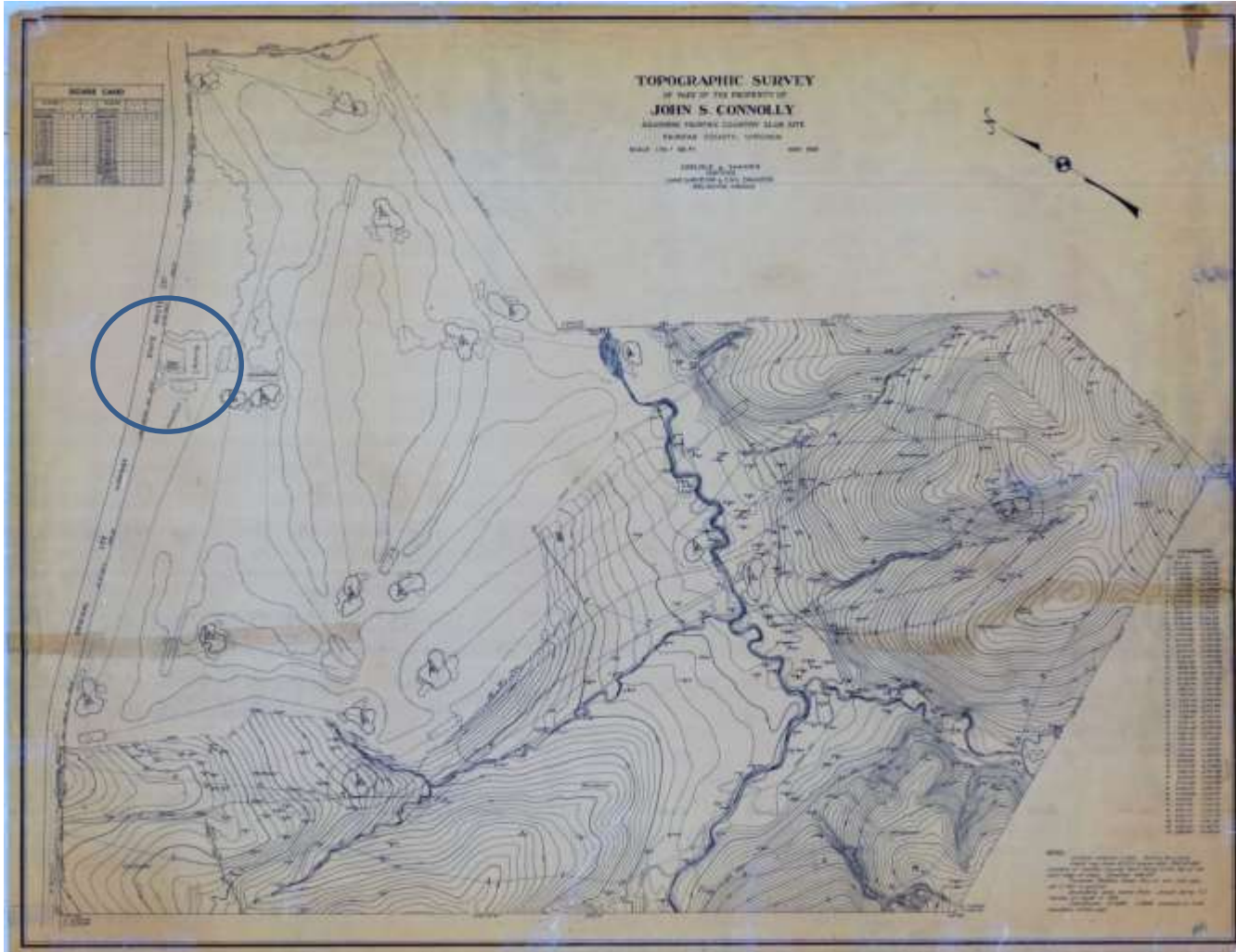
Fairfax CC Milestones

- 1946: Second Nine Opens
- 1951: Houses Built Along #11 (Red #2) Fairway
- 1953:
 - Initial Connolly/ANCC Discussions of FCC Sale
 - Fairfax Sewerage Treatment Plant Opens
- 1955: Connolly Sells FCC Estates House
- 1956:
 - EXCOM Declines Connolly Offer to Sell FCC for \$800K
 - Connolly Sells Golf Course and Remaining FCC Estates Lots to Real Estate Firm of Michnick & DeMaio for \$880K
- 1958:
 - ANCC Procures Course (233.6 Acres) for \$1,062,313.89.
 - EXCOM authorized to “negotiate for the purchase of additional real estate at Fairfax Country Club” (to accommodate 36 Holes).



Topographic Features

1945 Topographic Survey





Early FCC Scorecard

SCORE CARD													
PLAYER 1 _____ 3 _____							PLAYER 1 _____ 3 _____						
Replace Divots 2 _____ 4 _____							Replace Divots 2 _____ 4 _____						
Hole	Yards	Par	1	2	3	4	Hole	Yards	Par	1	2	3	4
1	400	4					10	490	5				
2	190	3					11	370	4				
3	390	4					12	153	3				
4	170	3					13	577	5				
5	490	5					14	340	4				
6	375	4					15	417	4				
7	170	3					16	450	4				
8	550	5					17	180	3				
9	390	4					18	405	4				
Out	3125	35					In	3382	36				
							Out	3125	35				
							Tot.	6507	71				
HANDICAP							HANDICAP						
NET SCORE							NET SCORE						

From 1945 Topographic Drawing



RTJ #1 and #2

RTJ	Current	Par	Yards
1	NLE	4	400
2	NLE	3	190



NLE = No Longer Exists



RTJ #1 Tee



Essentially Double Tee with #10



RTJ #1 & #2 Vs Today

Area of 1st Green/2nd Tee



View Toward 2nd Green





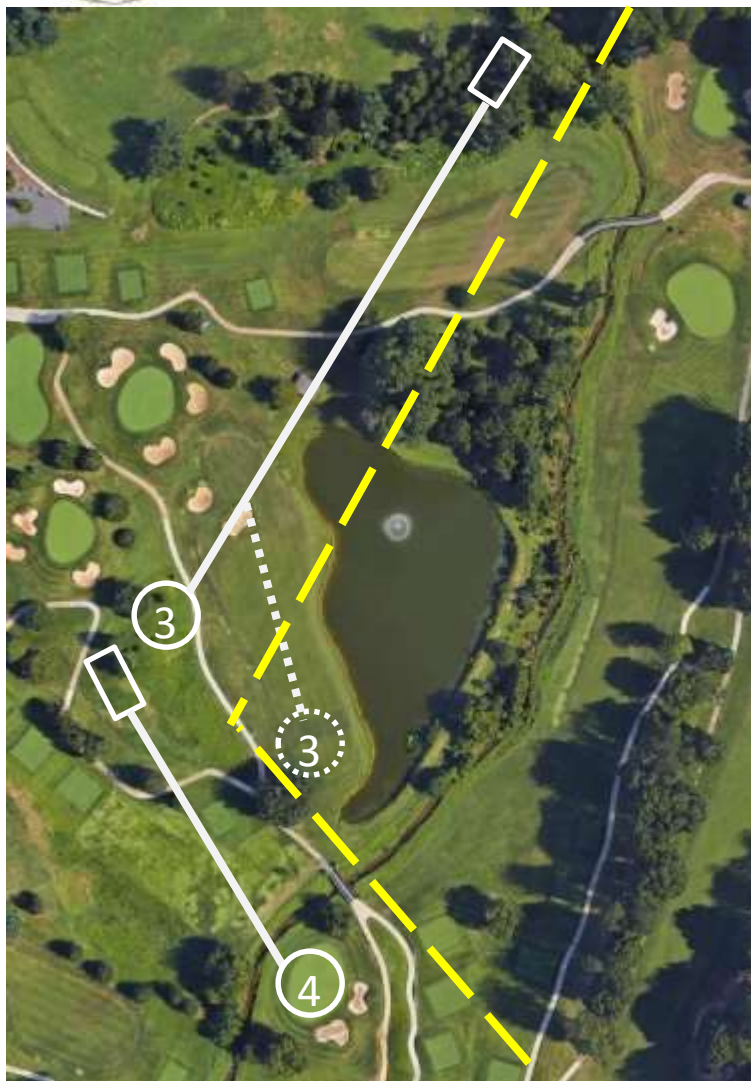
RTJ #1 & #2 Legacy

(Google Earth 1988)





RTJ #3 and #4



NOTES:

#3 Pond Did Not Exist Until 1954/55

Daniel's Run Was East of Current Location

#3 Green Moved Near Pond in 1961

#4 Tee Located to Left of Current Tee in the Left Rough ("No Mow") of Today's Blue #9

<u>RTJ</u>	<u>Current</u>	<u>Par</u>	<u>Yards</u>
3	NLE	4	390
4	<Red 4>	3	170



RTJ #3 Fairway



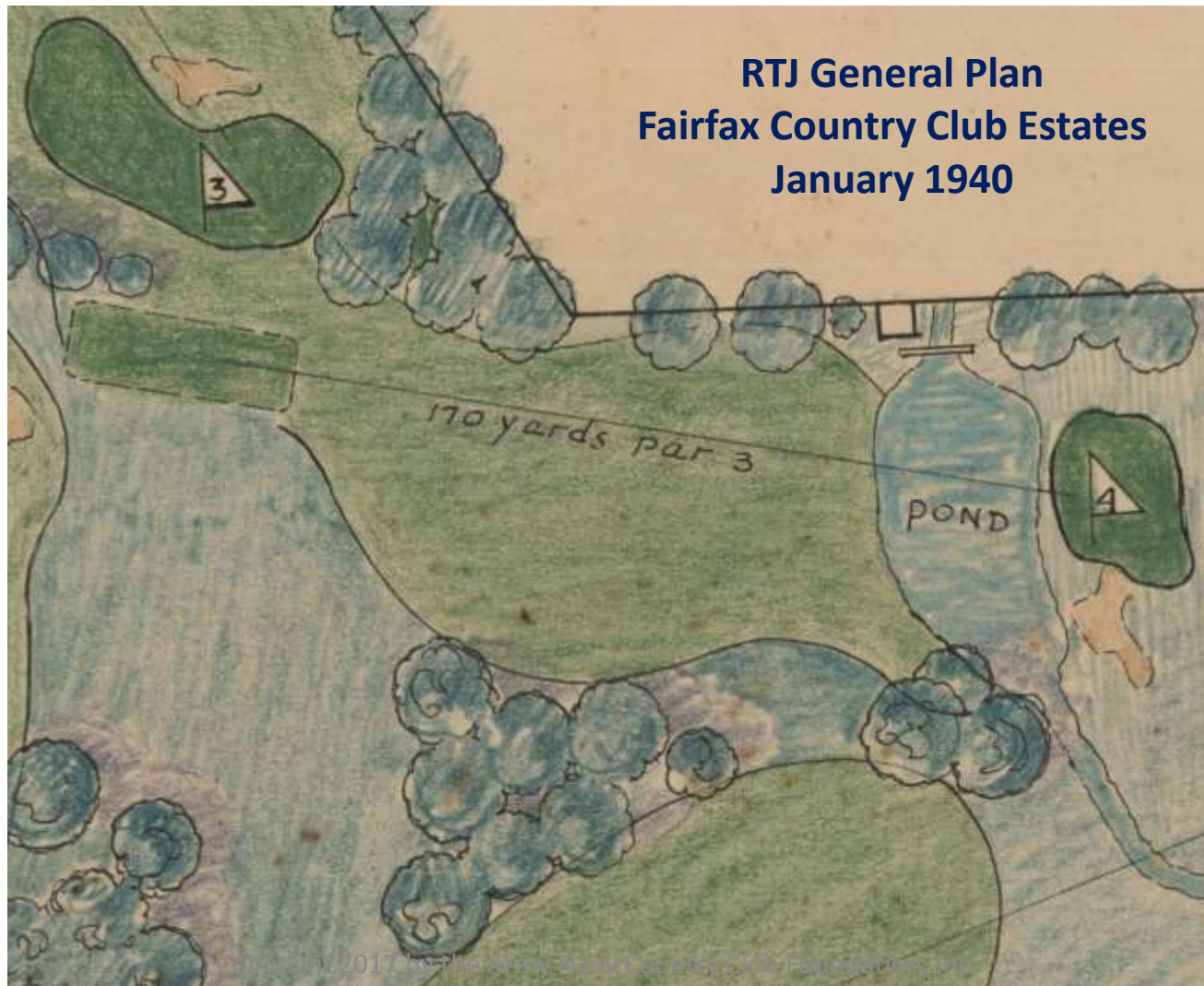


RTJ #4 From Tee





RTJ #4 and Pond





RTJ #5 & #6





RTJ #5 Green and #6 Tee



During 27 Holes Expansion, #5 (Red #7) Green Moved to Left to Make Room for Reconfigured Red #3 Green .

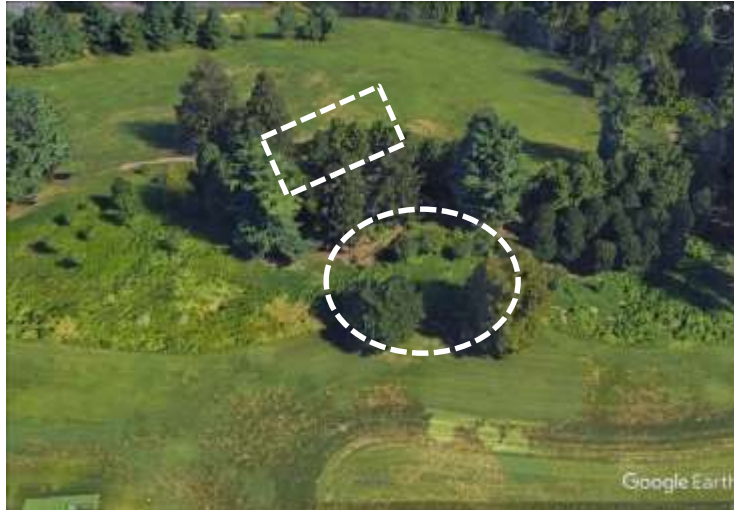


RTJ #7 Thru #9





RTJ #7 Vs Today



**#7 Green Site and
#8 Tee Site**

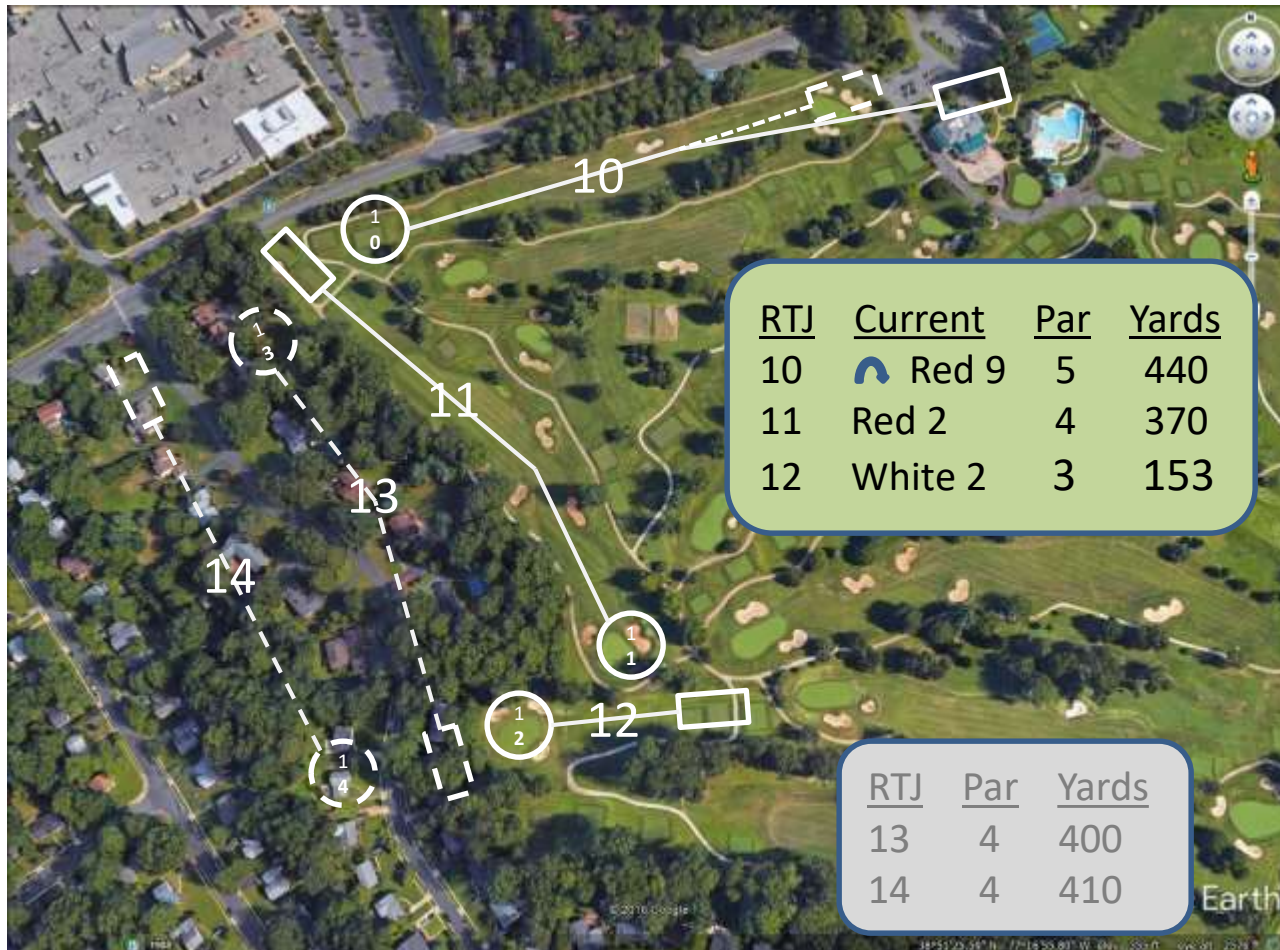
**View from #7 Tee Site to
#7 Green Site**





RTJ #10 Thru #12

(And Two Early Concept Holes)





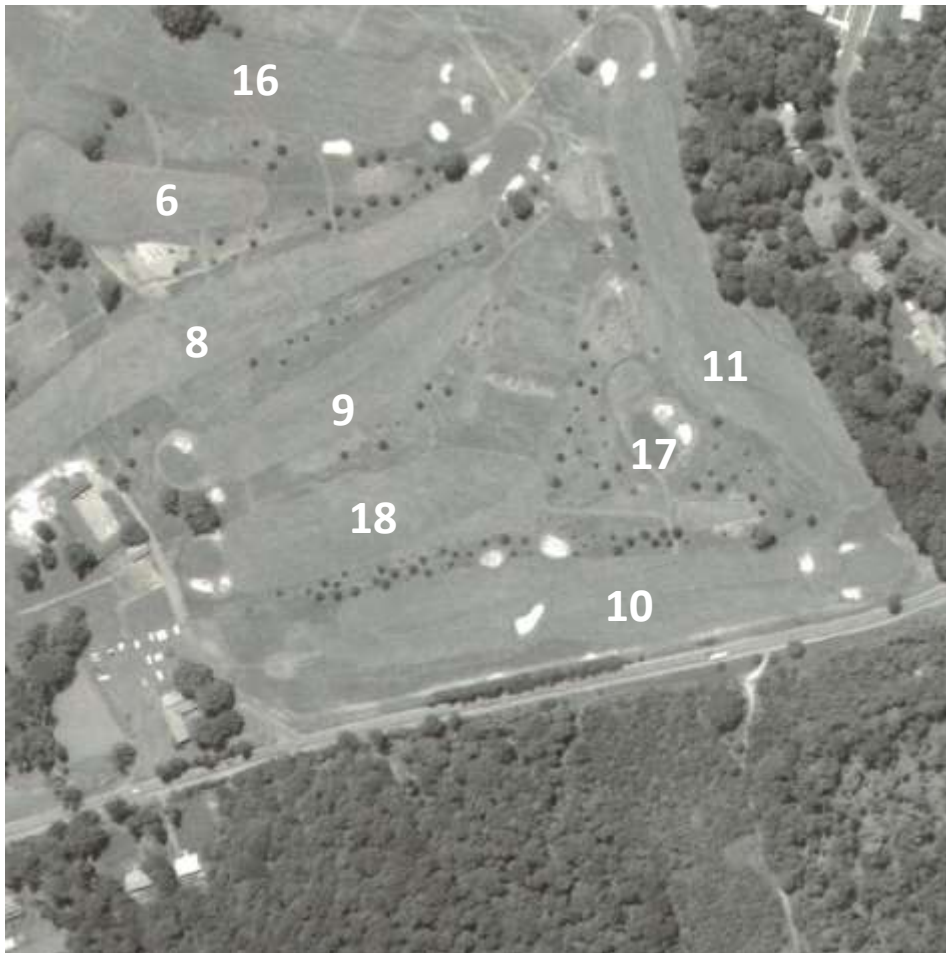
RTJ #10 Tee



Potentially Dangerous

RTJ #10

1962 Aerial Photograph



Notes:

**Few Trees
Protecting Old Lee
Highway**

**Three Fairway
Bunkers**

No Fairfax H.S.



RTJ #10

Google Earth 1988



Notes:
Young Trees Along Old Lee Highway
Right Center Fairway Bunker Removed
Fairfax H.S. Exists



RTJ #13 Thru #16





Home Sites: #14 and #15



Change Added 24 Fairway Adjacent Home Sites



RTJ #14 Vs Today

#14 2nd Generation Green Site



Between Blue #6 Tee & Blue #7 Green



View From #14 Tee Site



Right of Blue #3 Green



RTJ #14

Google Earth 1988





RTJ #17-18





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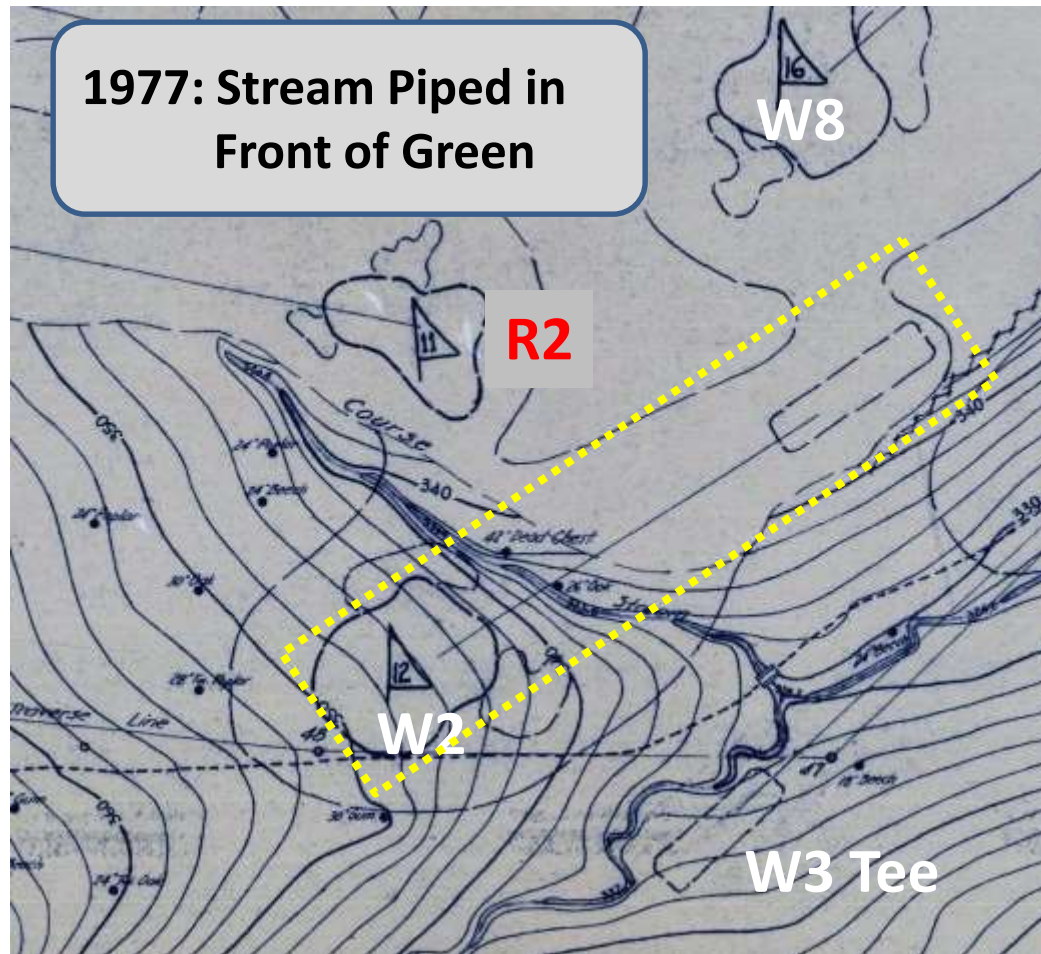
“Streams” and “Ditches”

- Legacy Local Convention
 - Branches => Runs
 - Runs => Creeks
 - Creeks => Rivers
- 1945 Connolly Property Topographic Map
- Four Un-Named Branches
- Changes Address Erosion and Playability

***Daniel’s Run Flows into Accotink Creek
Accotink Creek Flows into the Potomac River***



Stream #12 (White #2)





White #2 Streams Today



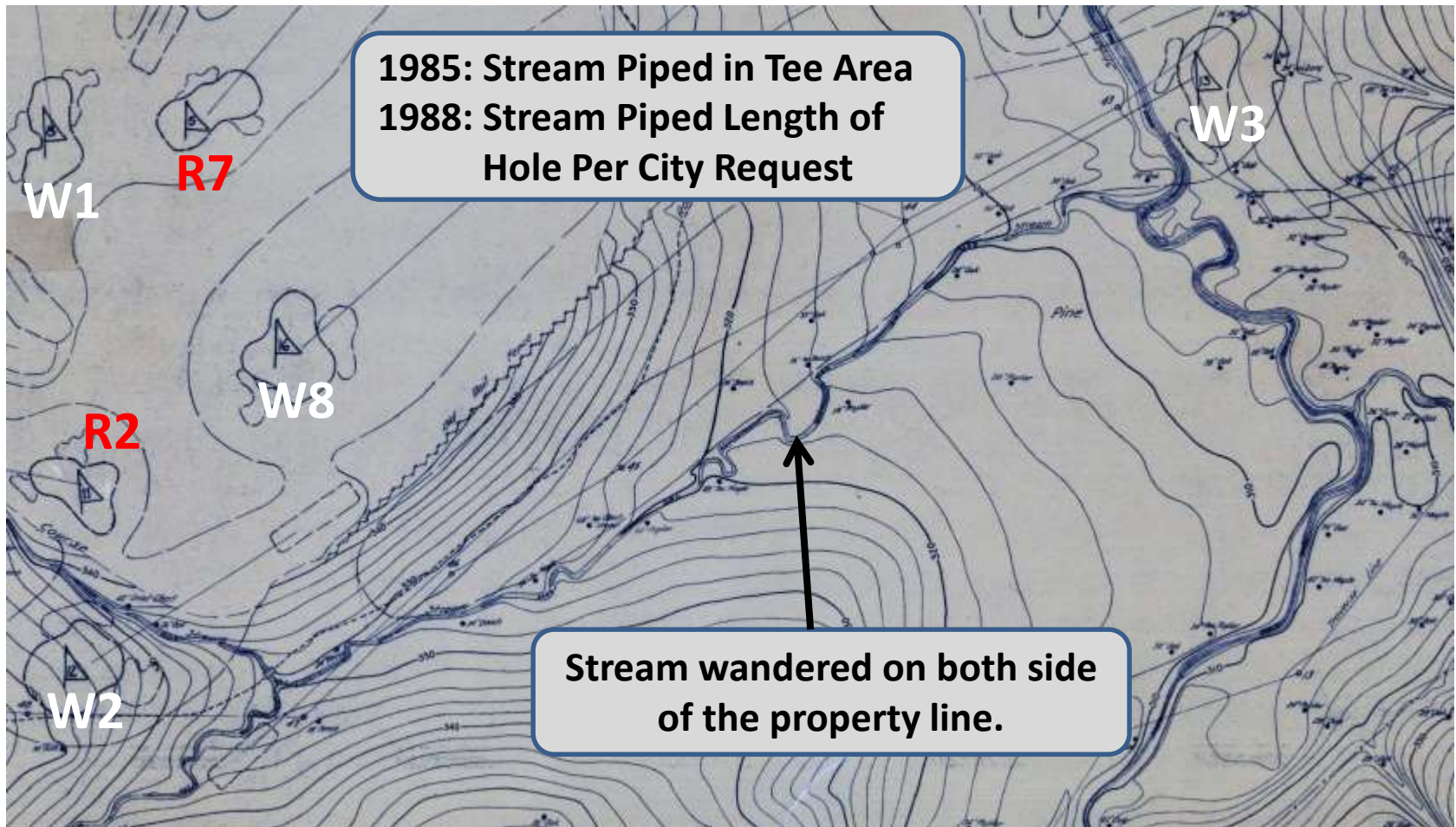
Stream Right of White #2 Green



Stream Left of White #2 Green



Stream #13 (White #3)



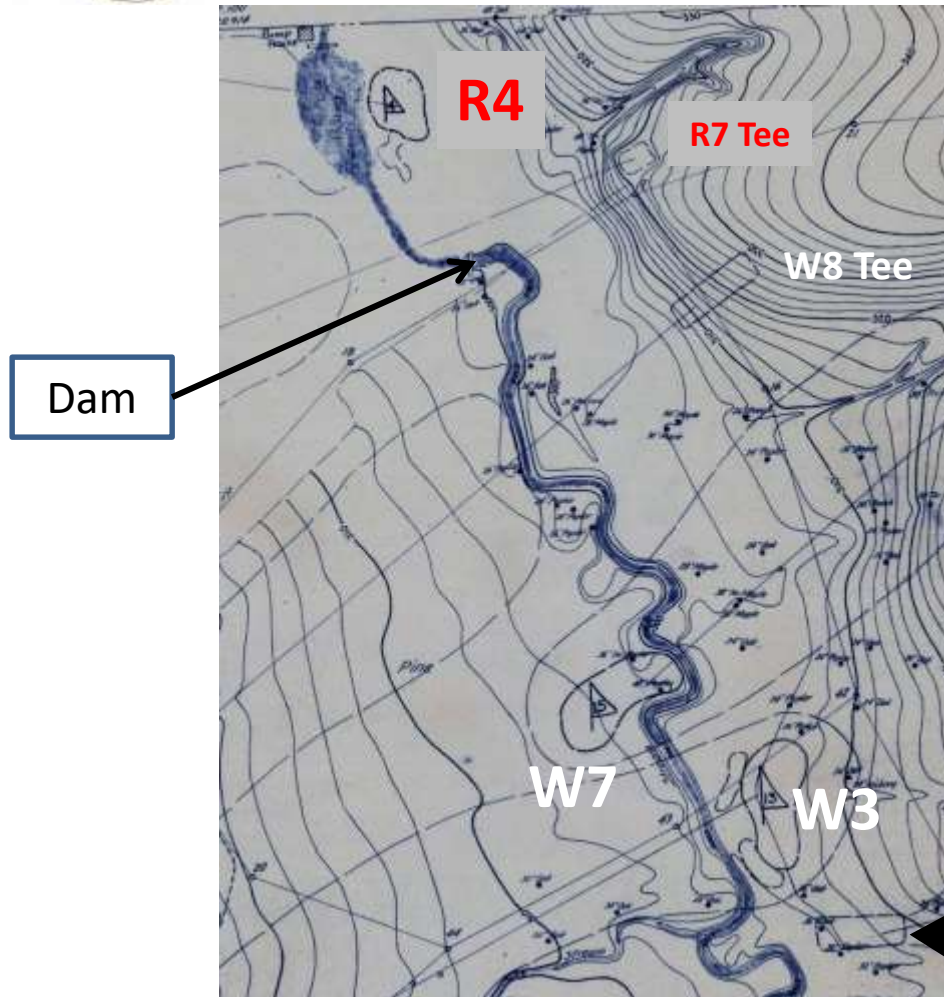


White #3 Stream Today





Stream #15 (White #7)

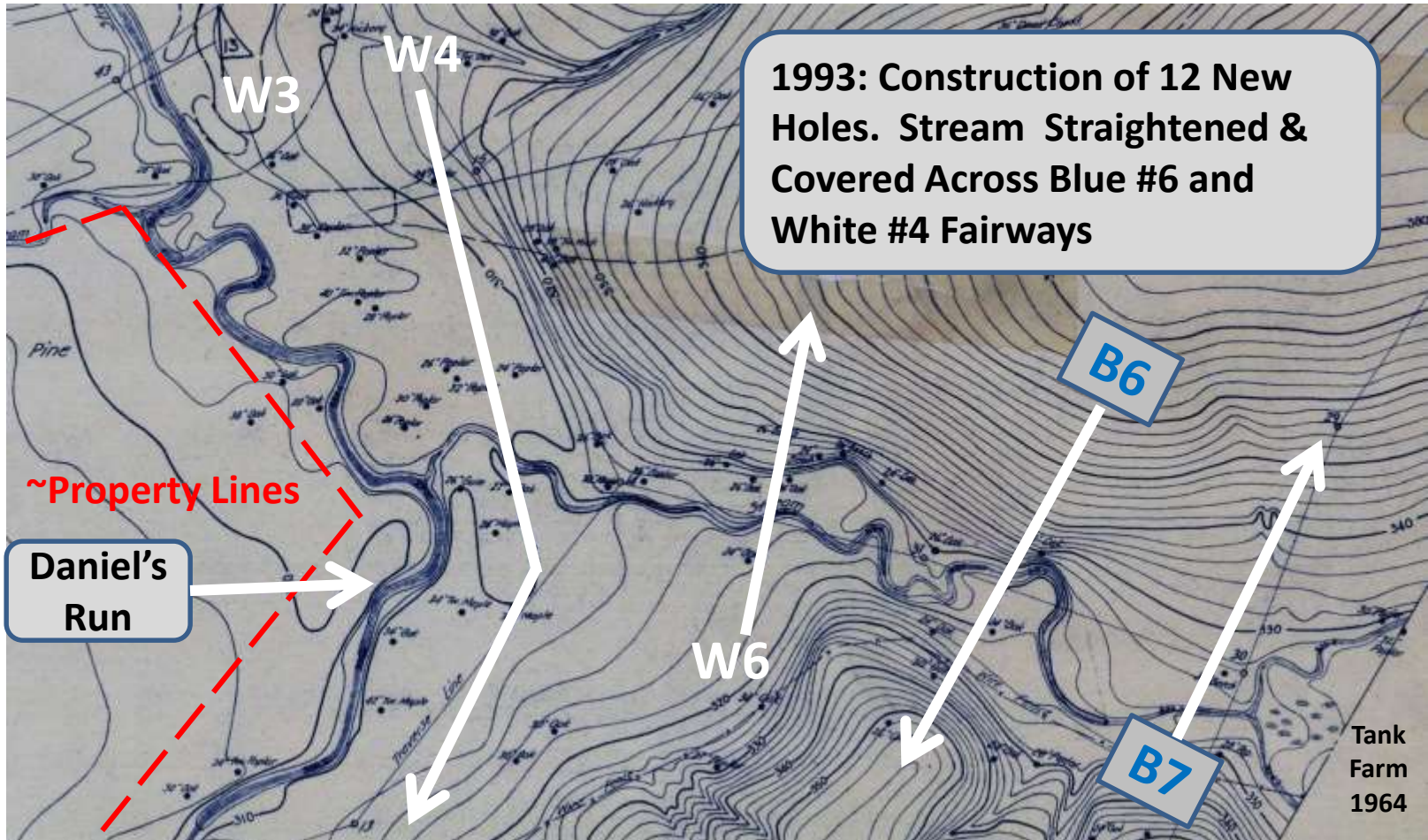


**Stream Straightening
Projects: 1971-1972**
1) Around 15th Green
2) 15th Green to 14th Tee

**1979 Proposal to
Straighten 1,140
Feet of Streambed.**



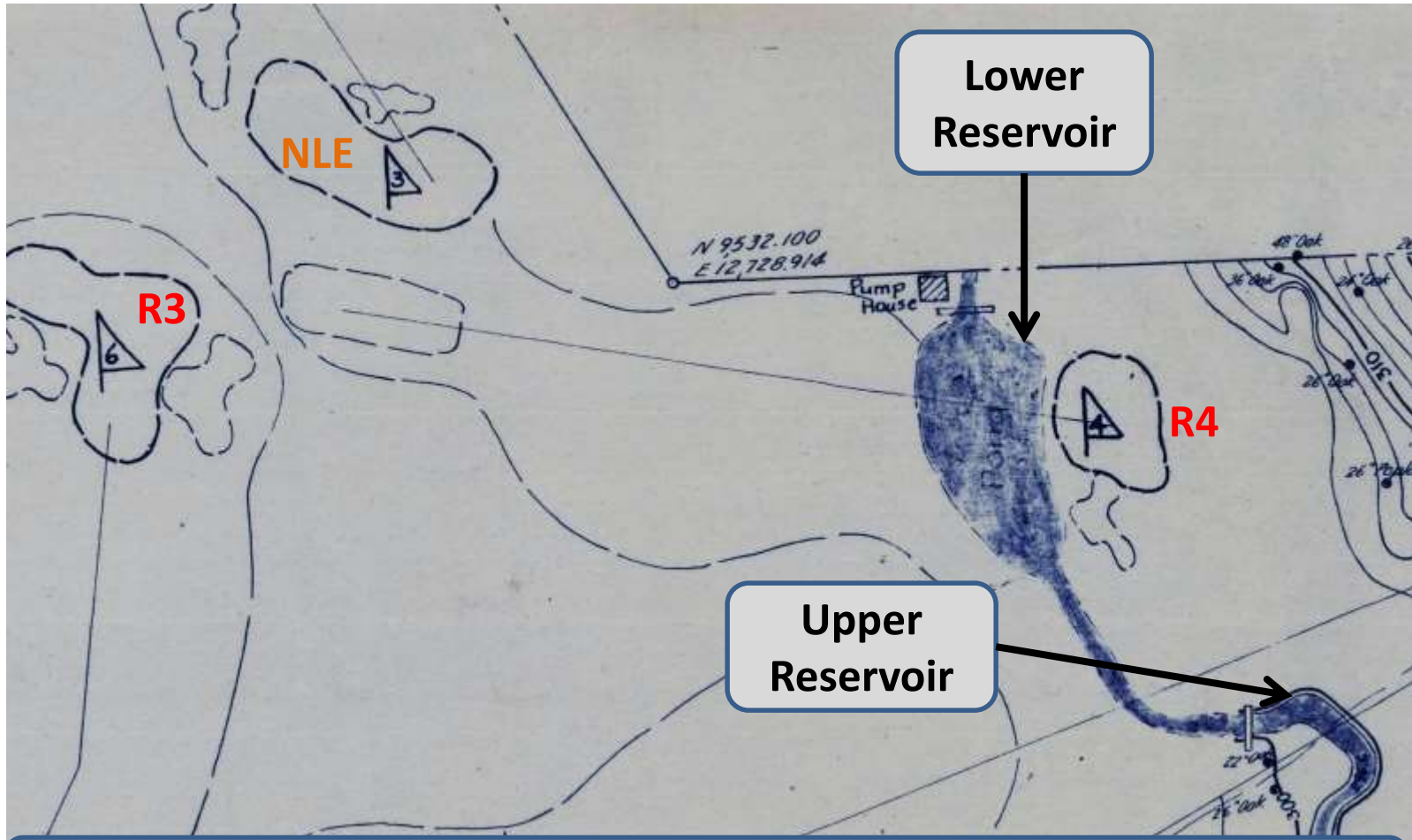
Stream Blue #6 & 7





Topographic Features

Ponds - 1945

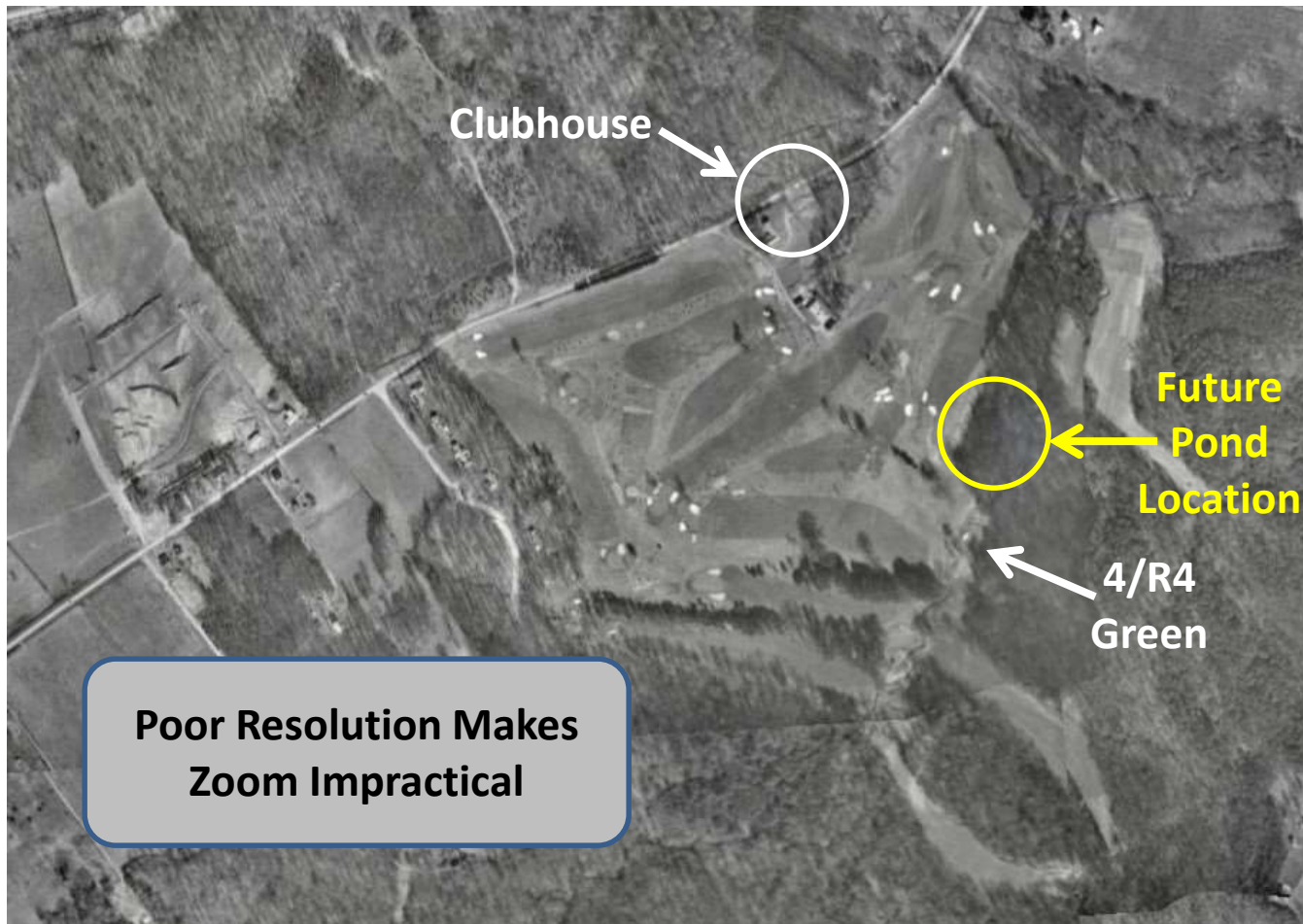


Both Reservoirs Also Depicted on 1950 Topographic Map



1953 Aerial Photo

Future Pond Area



Poor Resolution Makes
Zoom Impractical



Fairfax Pond 1956



**Significant
Separation
Between Pond and
#3 Green**

**New #3 Green
Opened 1961**

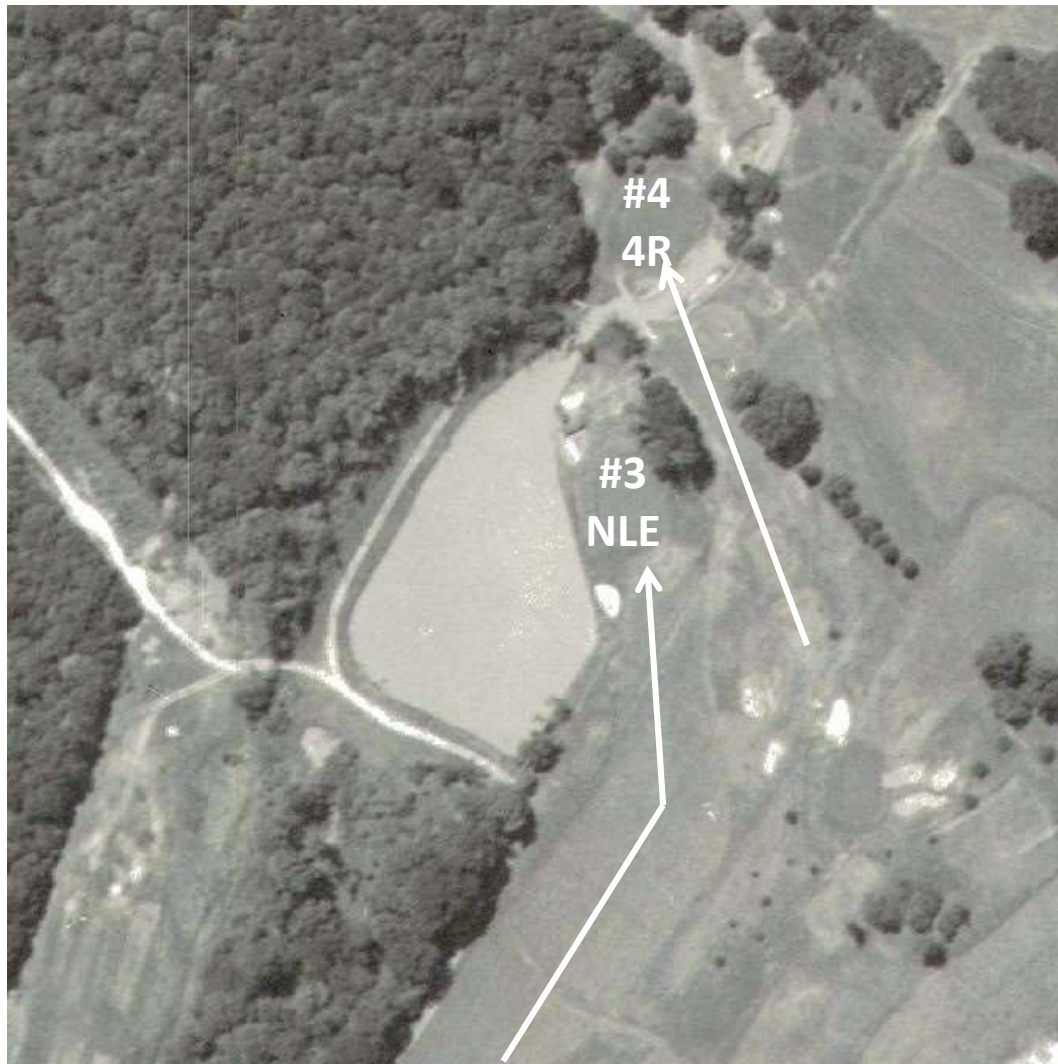
**Residential Lots
Overlay Golf
Course**

Edward Holland Topographic Map, May 28, 1956

Country



Fairfax Pond 1962



**Stream In front of
#4 (Red #4) Green
Still Wide**

**New Pond and
Green Locations
Significantly
Enhanced
Challenge of #3**



Daniel's Run/Pond Silting

- Tank Farm Construction (1964/1965):
 - Unstable Watershed => Silting of Daniel's Run/Pond
 - Reduced Pond Capacity
 - Clogged Irrigation System
 - Settlements: \$14,600 (1965) & \$9,000 (1969)
- Dependence on City Water
- Pond: "...economic liability and eyesore"

Planning Committee 6/15/77



Silting Solutions

- Immediate Actions:
 - Dredging (1966/1968)
 - Settling Basins (1964/1966)
 - City Water Tie (1968)
 - Daniel's Run Straightening (1971 & onward)
- Longer Term Actions:
 - Deep Well (1982?)
 - Lift Pump from Accotink Creek (1982)
- Pond By-Pass
 - Proposed in 1964, 1972 and 1977
 - Implemented 1982



Laz Todd



1997 Aerial Photo

Pond By-Pass





Topographic Features **Pond - 2016**



Pond Enlarged During CRI (2010-2012)



Pond 2017

Water Source Locations

Pond Water Sources

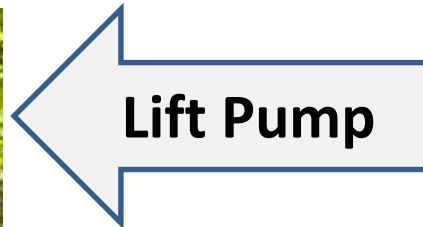
- 1** Lift Pump on Accotink Creek
- 2** Drain Outlet From Red #9
- 3** Deep Well (350 Feet)
- 4** City Water Connection





Pond 2017

Water Source Pictures





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George W. Cobb

First ANCC-Fairfax Golf Architect



- Designed
 - Quail Hollow (2017 PGA Championship Site)
 - Augusta National Par-3 Course (1960)
 - Numerous Military and University Courses
- Task: Examine possibility of increasing FFX golf facilities (1958)
- Report:
 - Additional 9/18 holes could **NOT** be economically built at Fairfax.
 - Recommendations to improve attractiveness, reduce maintenance costs & create “more nearly a championship course.”
 - Use residual land to:
 - Make “appropriate changes” to the golf course
 - Remaining property for residential development.
- Special Membership Meeting 12/14/59 to Consider Sale of 80 Acres Failed to Muster 2/3rd Vote.
- Offer of Two Lots Behind #12 Green (White #2) Declined - 1959



ANCC Fairfax Initiatives: 1960-66

Partial List

- **Relocated 14th Green (1962)**
 - Proposed December 1958
 - Tee Extended & Changed to Par 5 (1966-67)
- **Rebuilt/Restored Greens**
 - #1, 2 & 4, 10, 18 (1960-61)
- **New/Relocated #3 Green (1960-61)**
- **Rebuild/Modified Tees (1960-61)**
 - Extended #1, 3 & 18 Tees
- **Added Bunkers (1961):**
 - #1 – Right & Left Greenside
 - #10 – Greenside & Fairway
- **#10 to Par 4 Concurrent with #14 Change to Par 5 (1966)**



#14 NLE, #15 = White #7



RTJ #3/Pulley #4

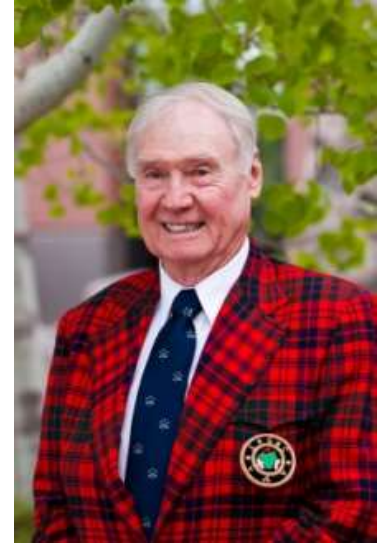
1988 Google Earth





First Major Change

- Required to Accommodate
Swimming Pool & Driving Range
- Algie Pulley Design 1968-1969
 - Removed Holes #1 and #2
 - Added 2 Holes: Current Red #5 and #6
 - RTJ #8 (White #1) Shortened to Par 4
 - Front Nine Holes Rearranged
 - Back Nine Unchanged
- New Holes In Play June 13, 1970



Algie Pulley



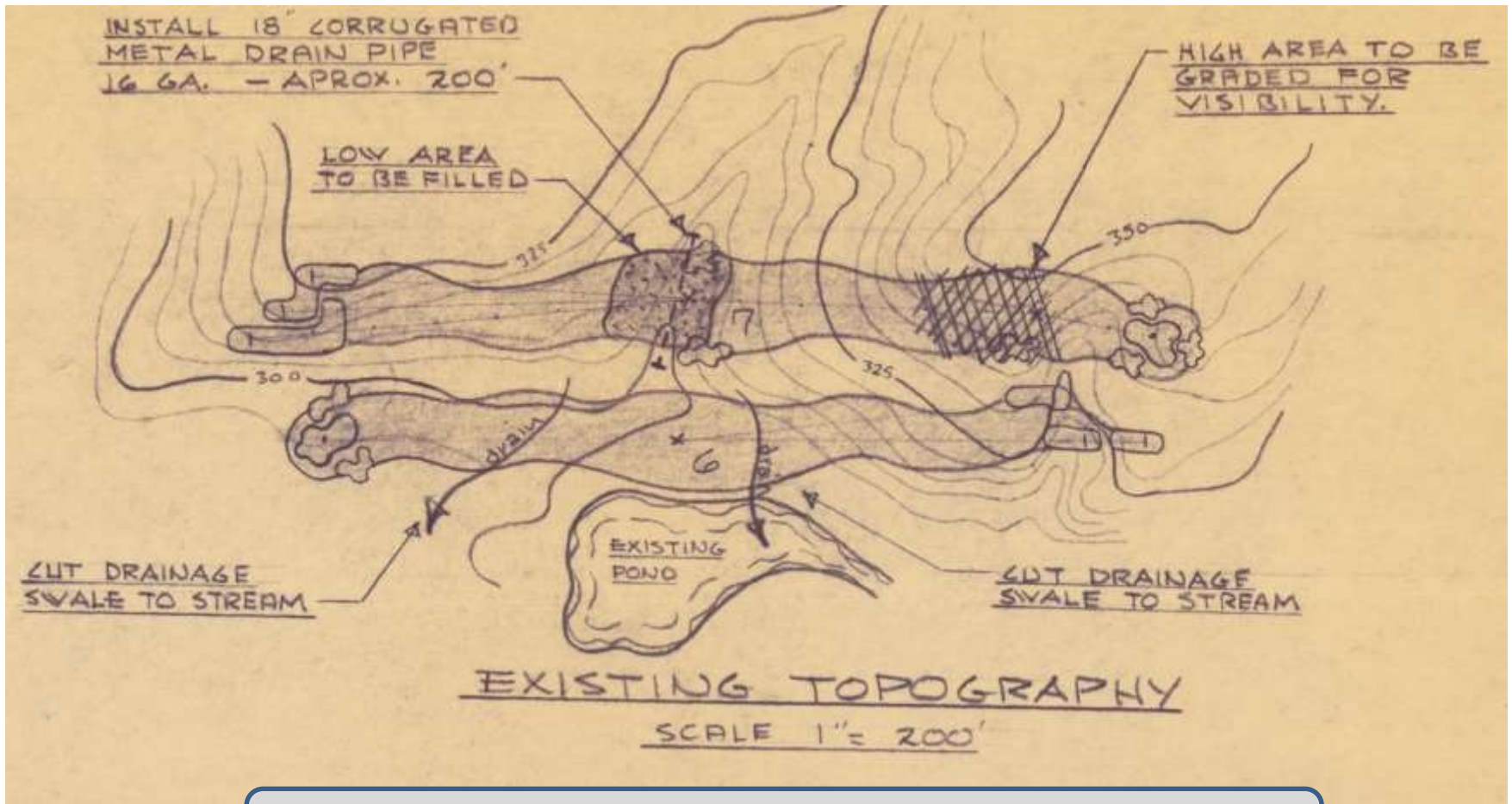
Pulley Master Plan





Construction Details

Red #5 and #6



Original Plan Put #6 (Red #5) Green 55' to Left



1968 Scorecard

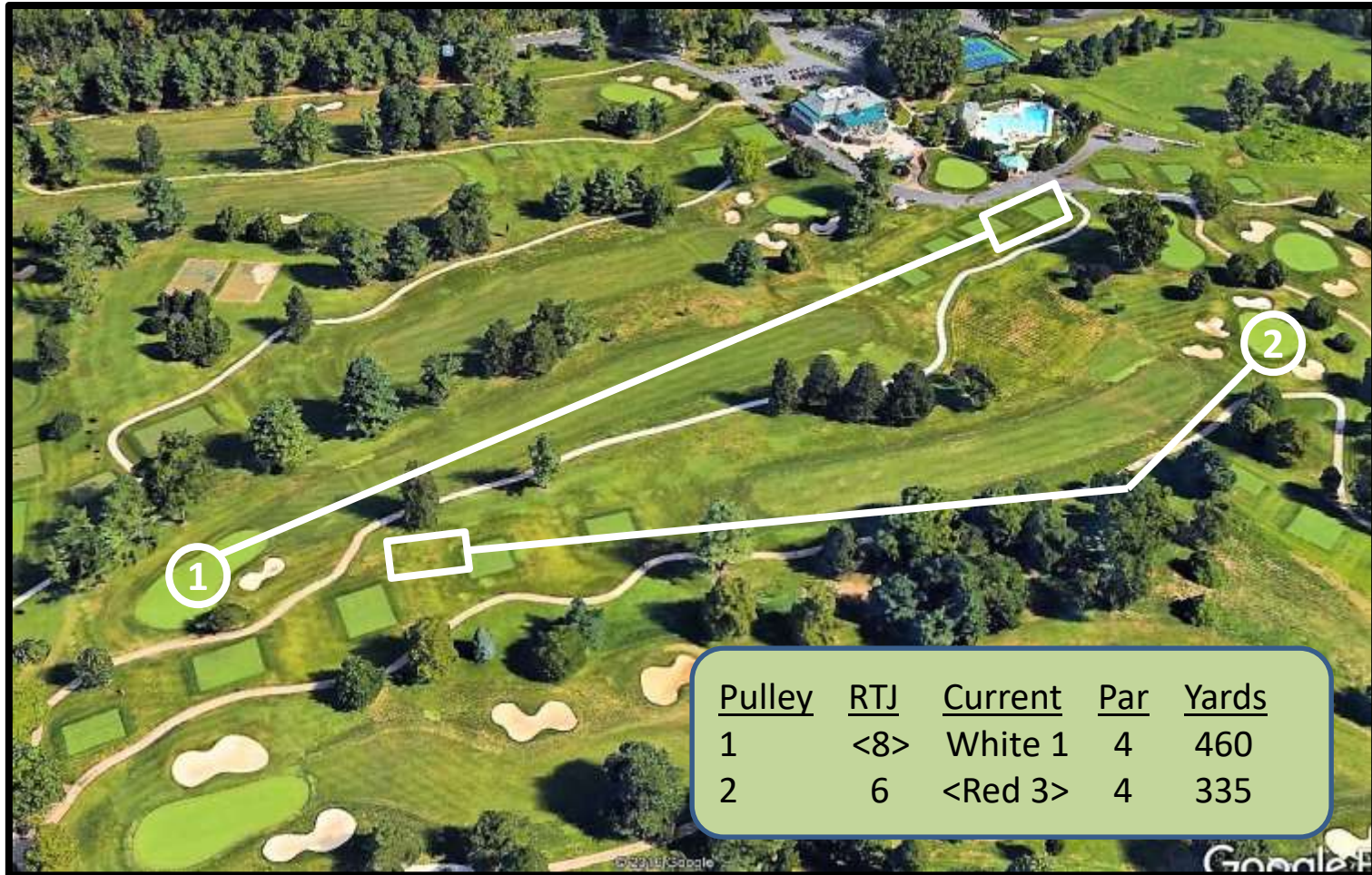
HOLE	CHAMP.	REG.	LADIES	PAR
1	460	420	380	4
2	335	323	310	4
3	148	135	123	3
4	403	386	370	4
5	177	167	135	3
6	410	390	350	4
7	500	480	440	5
8	486	482	425	5
9	326	313	310	4
OUT	3245	3096	2843	36

HOLE	CHAMP.	REG.	LADIES	PAR
10	435	433	430	4
11	396	384	374	4
12	167	148	138	3
13	506	486	476	5
14	475	457	440	5
15	430	416	403	4
16	387	373	368	4
17	187	165	152	3
18	352	335	318	4
IN	3335	3197	3099	36
OUT	3245	3096	2843	36
TOTAL	6580	6293	5942	72

1968 Pulley Drawing



Pulley #1 and #2





Pulley #3 Thru #5



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Pulley #6 and #7

(New Holes)





Pulley #8 and #9



Second Nine Unchanged



FFX Initiatives: 1970 – 1993

Partial List

- #1 Tee (W1) Expanded (1978)
- **#13 (W3) Green Rebuilt/Expanded (1979-80)**
- #12 (W2) Front, Right Bunker Installed (1980)
- #6 (R5) “Ditch” Filled (1981)
- **#12 (W2) Green Rebuilt (1983-84, 1993-94,...)**
- Rebuild/Expand Tees: #4 (NLE), 8 (R7) , 12, 13, 14 (NLE), and 15 (W7) (1985-88)

White #2: Some Things Never Change



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Golf Course Expansion

The Plans

- Available Plans (EXCOM 3/16/1990)
 - ANCC Planning Committee Plan (Plan B) 1962
 - Buchart-Horn (Algie Pulley) Plan 1974
 - Richard O. Spencer (Algie Pulley) Plan 1981
 - **Edmund E. Ault Plan** 1982
 - Robert Trent Jones Plan 1984
 - **Lindsay Ervin Plan (Plans 4a-e and Plan 5)** 1987
- RTJ Plan: Liked but Required 17 New Holes
- Ault Plan Favored (12 New Holes)

Bolded Plans Available in ANCC Archives



Golf Course Expansion

Ault Plan Advantages Per EXCOM



Tom Clark

- Less Expensive to Construct
- Eliminated #10 (R9 Reverse) Safety Hazard
- Provides 27 “first class holes” for daily play
- Allows Use of 18 Championship Holes for Tournament Play (?)
- Allows Use of 18 Holes During Construction
- Leaves Some Open Space

Ault, Clark & Associates Contracted to Update Plan



Golf Course Expansion

Approvals & Contract Awards

- October 91: Membership Votes for “Option FIVE”
 - Fix Arlington Clubhouse Deficiencies
 - New Fairfax Clubhouse
 - New Fairfax Golf Course Maintenance Facility
 - Expansion of Fairfax Golf Course to 27 Holes
- February 1992: Ault, Clark & Associates Contract
- May 92 – June 93: City of Fairfax Permit Process
- Feb 93: Robert L. Elder & Sons Awarded Golf Course Construction Contract

Option FIVE => Project FIVE



Golf Course Expansion

Execution

- April 1993: Golf Course Construction Commences
 - Phase I (1993): Construction of 12 New Holes
 - Phase II (1994): Remodel 10 Existing Holes
 - Budget Ceiling: \$3M (Contract \$2.35M)
- June 8, 1993: All Permits Received
- Challenges:
 - Construction Delays
 - Restrictions on Cutting Trees
 - Construction Contractor Files for Bankruptcy (Sep 94)
 - Performance Bond
- Opening:
 - April 26, 1995: 18 Holes (12 new holes)
 - Labor Day 1995: 27 Holes

**Phase I and II
Scorecards?**



Golf Course Expansion

Summary

- Holes Eliminated:
 - #3 (Par 3, RTJ #7)
 - #4 (Par 4, RTJ #3)
 - #14 (Par 4)
- New Holes
 - Entire Blue Nine
 - White #4, 5 and 6
- Holes Reversed/Modified
 - Red #1 (Reversal of #18)
 - Red #3 (Relocated Tee & Straightened Pulley #2 Fairway)
 - Red #4 (Moved Pulley #5 Tee to Right)
 - Red #7 (Green Moved Left to Facilitate New Red #3 Tee)
 - Red #9 (Reversal of #10)

Summary of Project:

New Holes: 12

Holes Eliminated 3

Holes Reversed 2

Holes Modified 2

Eight RTJ Holes Remain

Plus Three Green Sites



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Golf Course Improvement Program (GIP): 2002-2003

- Genesis in McMahon Group Survey, May 2002
- Documented 17 Shortcomings Including:
 - Condition of Tees, Greens, Fairways & Rough
 - Contaminated Bunkers
 - Water Sources
- Arthur Hills Selected (Feb 2003)
- Master Plan Funding (\$115K) Approved by BOG (March 2003)
- Membership Votes Down (174-641) GIP A&E Funding - \$600K (October 2004)



Arthur Hills



Fairfax Projects

2005-2007

- 2005: (\$200K for both courses)
 - Reconstruction of Red #2 Tee Complex
 - Improved Drainage of Ten Old Greens at FFX
 - Tree Work (Red #6&7, White #7)
- 2006: (\$200K for both courses)
 - Red #6, White #7 & #8 Refurbishment
- 2007: (\$1.5M for both courses)
 - Reservoir Expansion
 - Daniel's Run Erosion Control
 - Tee & Bunker Upgrades
 - Golf Course Renewal Business Plan
 - Bury Pit Repairs

***Long Term
Plan Needed***



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Course Renewal Initiative (CRI)

Objectives

- CRI Developed as the **Long Term Plan**
- Problems To Be Addressed:
 - Daniel's Run Erosion
 - Pond Capacity
 - Old Green Drainage Problems (10 Holes)
 - Tees Too Small & Not Level
 - Bunker Drainage
 - Irrigation System Shortcomings
 - Myriad Turfgrass Types
 - Bury Pit Collapse
 - Practice Areas Need to be Enhanced



Daniel's Run "Restoration"

- Daniel's Run Erosion a Priority
- Fish & Wildlife Stream Service (April 2006):
 - Design Cost Share
 - F&W Prepare SOW
 - Identification of Potential Grants
- Contract w/EOQ Signed May 2007
 - \$628K (plus \$136K Contingency)
 - Work Commenced May, Completed July 2007
- Federal Grant: \$100K
- Dedication: August 23, 2007
- Streambed Planting: October 13 & 20, 2007



Planned to be Concurrent With CRI Phase I



CRI Components

- Greens: Core/Rebuild As Necessary
- Tees: Level and Enlarge
- Fairways/Rough
 - Reduction of Grass Types
 - Creation of “No Mow” Areas
- Bunkers:
 - Refurbish & Improve Drainage
 - New Bunkers
- New Irrigation System
- Tree Trimming & Removal
- Cart Path/Bridges Upgrade

“After considerable effort, it became clear that we, both professional staffs and the Committee, did not have the expertise to develop the level of detail necessary for an executable course refurbishment plan..”

Golf & Green Committee Minutes
8/18/2005



Course Renewal Initiative (CRI) Planning

- Richard Mandell Selected to Develop a Golf Course Business Renewal Plan (September 2005)
 - “Conceptional Golf Plan” Presented March 2006
 - \$9.8M Option Approved
 - Includes \$900K “Lost Revenue”
 - Three Phases: 2008-2010
- CRI was to Integrate with:
 - 2006/2007 Projects
 - Daniel’s Run Erosion Project
- Constraints:
 - No Green Site Relocations (Fairfax)
 - Availability of 18 Holes
 - (No Net Dirt)



Richard Mandell

***Approved by
Membership
October 2006***



CRI Execution

- Arlington Started On Schedule
 - Frontier Hired as Constructor
 - Completed July 2010
- Fairfax Start Delayed Two Years Due to Permitting Delays
 - Fill/Construction in Flood Plain
 - Tree Removal
 - Parking on Old Clubhouse Site
- Contractors
 - Landscapes Unlimited (Phases I and II)
 - Wadsworth Golf Construction Company (Phase III)
- Fairfax Opened July 2012

**Phase I Consisted of
Daniel's Run Holes**

Combined CRI: ~\$3.0M Over Budget



Presentation Outline

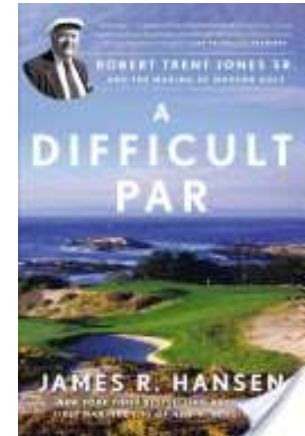
- Introduction
- Beginnings
- Robert Trent Jones, Sr. Course
- Streams, “Ditches” & Ponds
- Changes: 1958 - 1993
- Expansion to 27 Holes
- Fairfax Golf Course Projects: 2002 - 2007
- Course Renovation Initiative (CRI)
- **Going Forward**



RTJ Society



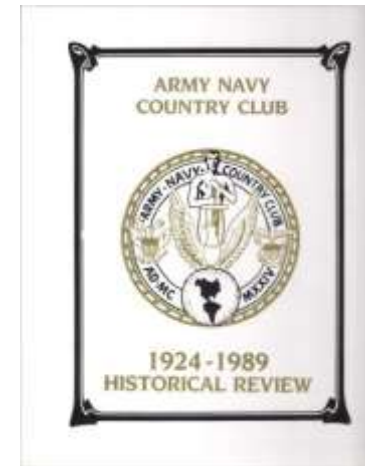
- RTJ Society did not recognize ANCC Fairfax as RTJ course.
 - Achieved “Routing Only” recognition in 2015.
 - Working to delete “Routing Only” annotation.
- ANCC offered/accepted RTJ Society membership in 2016.
- “A Difficult Par” by James Hansen
 - RTJ Biography
 - Updated ANCC Mention in Paperback





Ongoing ANCC-F Projects

- Continue Research
 - Interviews
 - Land Records
- Future “Golf Night” Presentations
 - Land Acquisitions/Sales
 - People and Events
- “ANCC Centennial History”
- Continue Search for:
 - Missing Documentation
 - Old Scorecards
- Post ANCC Related Material on ANCC Foundation Web-Site (Underway)



Player	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	Total
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Missing Documentation

- Minutes
 - EXCOM 1958-1961
 - Golf & Green Prior to 3/1/1957
 - Planning Prior to 1/27/1949
 - Annual Meetings: 1967-8 and 1970 thru 1980

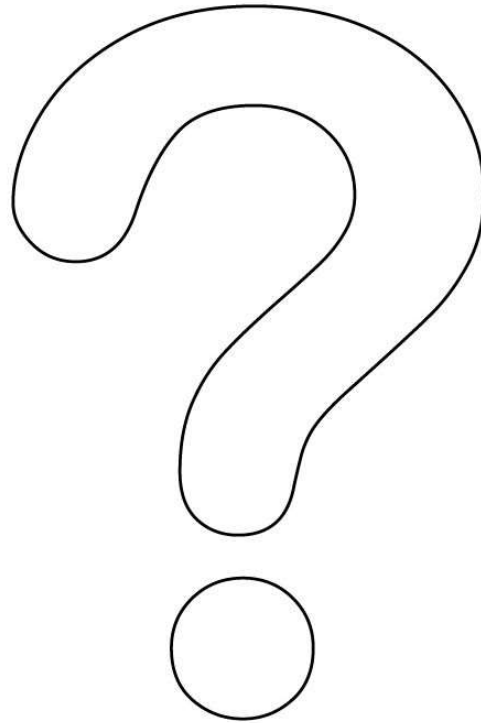


- Robert Trent Jones, Sr. Drawings
 - FCC Individual Hole Drawings (1940)
 - 27 Holes Expansion Plans (1984)

*Any
Ideas?*

- George W. Cobb Report and Some Drawings

QUESTIONS



BACK-UP



Green Committee

Dear Mr. Grace,

I have thought the matter over, and I am afraid I must decline to serve on the green committee, as long as the green committee is a mere collective puppet in Tom Morris's hands. I think it is a perfect farce having one at all: and till a green committee would be supported by the general feeling of the Club in any dispute with Morris – which is far from being the case at the present – there is no earthly use in trying to improve the course in any way.

*Yours truly,
A.F. MacFie*

Grace was the Secretary of the R&A.

MacFie was the first Amateur champion and a member of the R&A.

Morris is “Old Tom” Morris, St. Andrews Custodian of the Links.

Circa: 1895



Golf Architect's First Step

“When approached by a club to consider design changes to a course, an architect’s first step should be to examine the history of the course since the original design, and to determine if lost features should be restored.”

Tom Doak
“The Anatomy of a Golf Course”
Page 214



“A Difficult Par”

James Hansen

“...in March 1940, Jones got an assignment to design his first golf course in the Mid-Atlantic region, a nine-hole layout for John S. Connolly. By the fall of 1940, the course in Bethesda, Maryland was finished, and Connolly wrote to Jones, “If we have any growing weather at all, it should be in good shape by spring...I think it is going to be a very pleasant and attractive course.” What happened to the unnamed Connolly golf course after Pearl Harbor is unknown, but it seems certain that it did not become an operating golf course. Connolly served in the war as a U.S. Army major; Jones wrote to him in June 1945 wanting “to talk the whole thing over,” but nothing seems to have come from it.”

First Edition (Hard Cover), Page 118



“A Difficult Par”

James Hansen

“One that did proceed lead to the design and construction of a course for Fairfax Country Club in Fairfax, Virginia, a facility which later became known as Army Navy Country Club Fairfax. In March 1940, Jones got an assignment to design his first golf course in the Mid-Atlantic region, a nine-hole layout for John S. Connolly Not only was Jones “impressed with this land you have purchased and the fine possibilities you have for an outstanding course,” he was, as he wrote Connolly, “anxious to have a course of my design in the Washington, D.C. area.” By the fall of 1940, Jones had finished nine holes, and Connolly wrote to Jones, “If we have any growing weather at all, it should be in good shape by spring... I think it is going to be a very pleasant and attractive course.” Work on the second nine started in the spring of 1941, then came Pearl Harbor, stopping further work on the course. Connolly served in the war as a U.S. Army major. In June 1945 Jones wrote to him, successfully getting the project going again and finishing the second nine holes of the course in 1946...

Paperback, Page 118



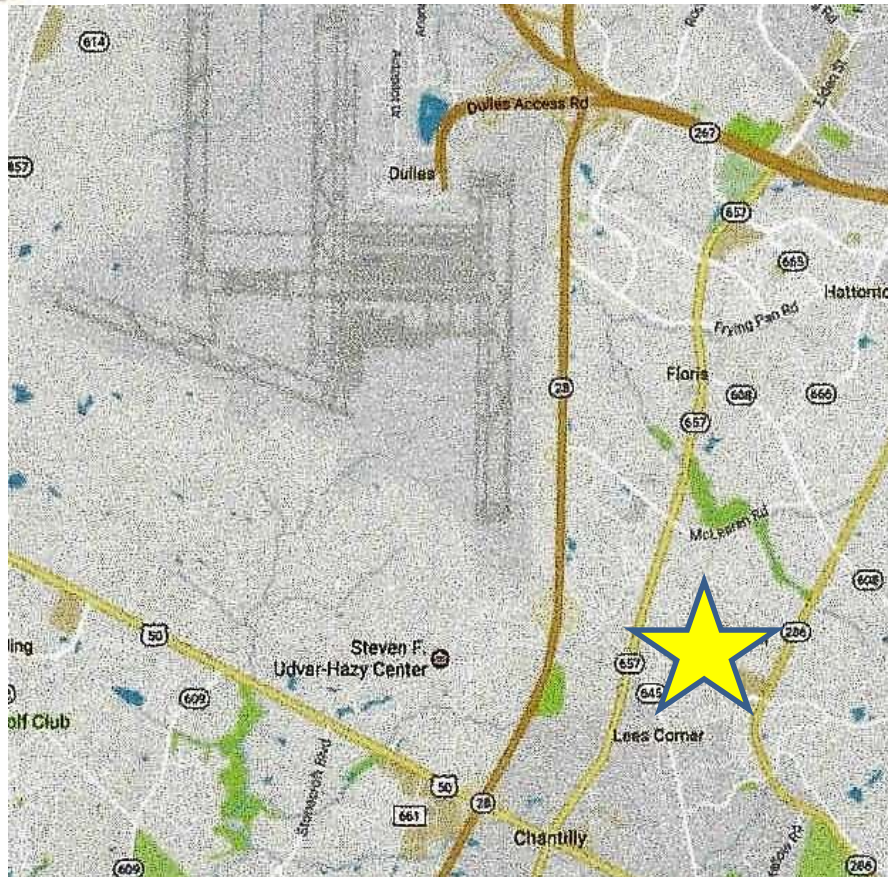
White #2 (RTJ #12)

Perpetual Problem

- Location Results in Poor Air Circulation and Inadequate Sunlight.
- 1983-84 Rebuilt to USGA Specifications (Ault)
 - Top Soil from 4” to 12”
 - Improved Drainage
- Additional Actions
 - Removal of Three Trees (1987)
 - Aerification Every Month (1988)
 - Green Closed in September (1988)



Chantilly



“...east side of Virginia State Route 657, approximately two miles northwest of Chantilly, Virginia.”

Chairman’s Annual Report for 1956

“Approximately ¼ miles from Route 50, Chantilly, Fairfax County, Virginia, on property known as the Lawrence Lee farm...”

Insurance Binder dated October 29, 1956

Chantilly Sale Produces \$200K Plus Profit



The Neighbors



City of Fairfax, 1961



Fairfax Circle Shopping Center
1963



Colonial Pipeline Terminal
1964



3251 Old Lee Highway
1970



Property Yard
City of Fairfax



Home Depot/Hechinger's
1970



Fairfax High School
1972



Barristers' Keep
1997



Former & Almost Neighbors

- Sewerage Treatment Plant
 - Sited on Current Fairfax Property Yard
 - Dedicated December 4, 1953
 - Closed 1970
- Driving Range (26 Tees): 3251 Old Lee
 - Permit Granted August 1965
 - Never Built
- Pistol Range: City Proposed December 1966
 - Pointed at ANCC Property
 - To Exist Only While Sewerage Treatment Plant Open
 - Never Built



Boundary Fences

- 1958: No Boundary Fence
- 1962: Fence Along #11 thru #14 Fairways
- 1971: Fence Along Old Lee & 200' inboard.
 - Prior to opening of Fairfax HS & Driving Range
- 1988: City of FFX Removes/Replaces Fence Along #13 (p/o “Ditch” piping project)
- 1998: City Requires New Boundary Fence Which is Placed on Surveyed Property Line.

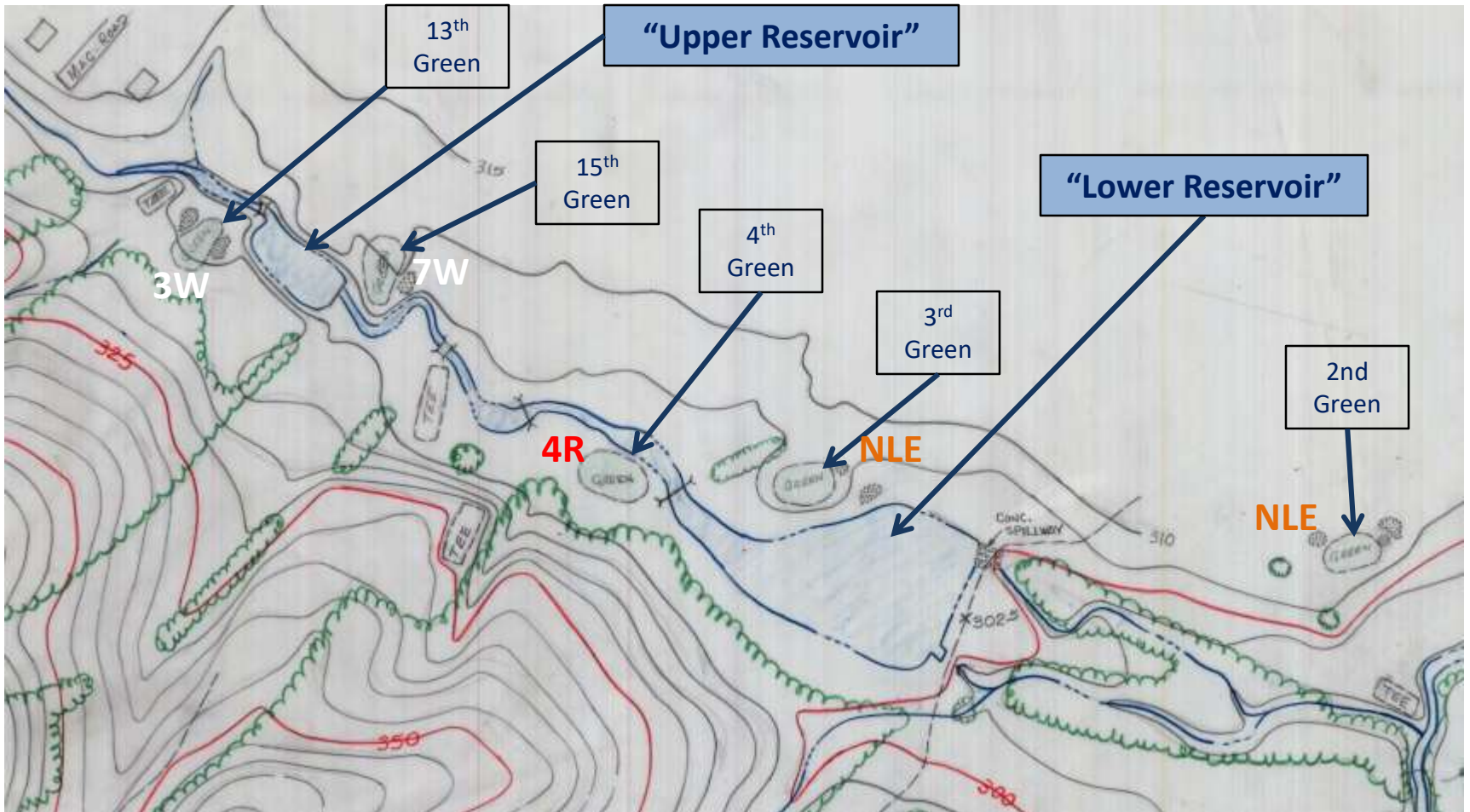


Bury Pits

- Pit dug to provide landfill and disposal of organic matter, e.g. cut trees, and rock.
- Common in golf course construction.
- Bury pits obvious on Project 5's new holes.
 - Settling
 - Inappropriate location under cart paths
 - \$40K request to fix Fairfax bury pits p/o CRI



Topographic Features Ponds - 1968





Reversal of Nines

- 1968: Temporary to Accommodate Swimming Pool Installation
- 1974: Short-Lived Reversal Nixed by G&G/Planning
- 1976: EXCOM Approves Reversal
- Implementation Suspect Since All Subsequent Minute Entries Remain Consistent With Original Hole Numbering.



Pickett Road

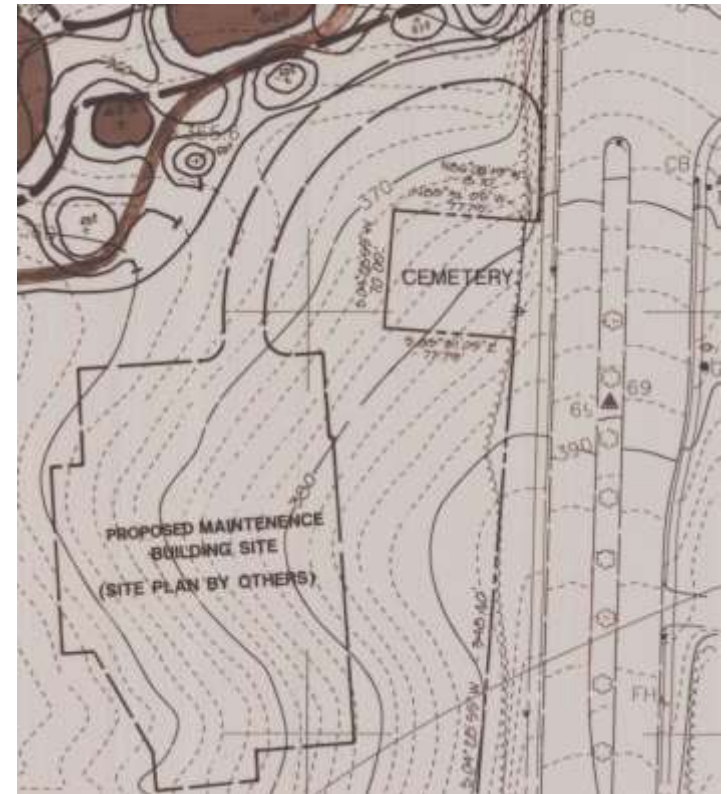
- 1968: First Indication of Pickett Proposal:
 - Straighten to Run Directly to Route 50
 - Widen to Four Lanes
 - Cut 400' Into ANCC Property
 - Eliminate Expansion to 27 Holes
- Concerted ANCC Lobbying Effort
- 1981: Agreement with State
 - 1.7 Acre Condemnation
 - 55K SQFT Temporary Easement
 - \$267,500 Compensation



Schuerman Cemetery

(Sherman Cemetery)

- 1/8 Acre Associated with Schuerman Mansion
- Excepted out of deeds as far back as 1840
- No Owner – No Tax
- Only known burial: Infant
Walter Schuerman died 1892.
- Remains may have been moved to family plots in Flint Hill
- Descendent remembers prior to 1960:
 - Two Field Stones
 - One Inscribed Head Stone
 - Name Unknown
 - Fallen and broken into two or three pieces
- September 1996 Survey:
 - At least a dozen depressions
 - “Few Possible Field Stones”





Scorecard Comparison

Fairfax CC vs ANCC Fairfax

FAIRFAX CC VS ANCC FAIRFAX												
Fairfax CC			ANCC Fairfax			Blue	Fairfax CC			ANCC Fairfax		Blue
Hole	Par	Yards	Hole	Par	Yards		Hole	Par	Yards	Hole	Par	Yards
1	4	400	NLE				10	5	490	<R9	4	372
2	3	190	NLE				11	4	370	R2	4	388
3	4	390	NLE				12	3	153	W2	3	154
4	3	170	~R4	3	163		13	5	577	W3	5	470
5	5	490	R7	5	501		14	4	340	NLE		
6	4	375	~R3		375		15	4	417	W7	4	428
7	3	170	NLE				16	4	450	W8	4	375
8	5	550	\W1/	4	358		17	3	180	R8	3	139
9	4	390	W9	4	305		18	4	405	<R1	4	350
Out	35	3125					In	36	3382			

ANCC Fairfax Yardages From Blue Tees