



Did You Know?



Dolley Madison Junior High School

The Dolley Madison Tower located along White #6 at Arlington is constructed on 4.91 acres once owned by ANCC. The property was transferred to the Arlington County School System in 1945 for use as a junior high school. The Dolley Madison Junior High School was subsequently constructed and opened, but was closed in 1953 and sold to developers who built the apartment building. The ANCC “Historical Review, 1924-1989 (page 42) characterized ANCC’s sale as a “transaction not favorable to ANCC”. While this transaction certainly was not favorable, it was not as one-sided as the “Historical Review” would lead one to believe.

The following is a verbatim excerpt from the “Historical Review”:

“A transaction not favorable to ANCC during this time period concerning golf course land sales, involved the “little school house” adjacent to the present #15 tee and fairway. As indicated in Appendix J, 4.91 acres of unused land were sold for \$20 to Arlington County in 1945 for school purposes. The land was the site of Dolley Madison School, operated as a junior high school until about 1953, according to school officials. In 1965 the school building was declared surplus by the Arlington County School Board and was sold to an apartment developer and torn down. A high-rise apartment building was erected on the school site adjacent to the present #15 fairway and named after the school – Dolley Madison Towers. But, most unfortunately for ANCC, a “retrieval” clause was NOT included in the original legal documents allowing the land to revert to ANCC if the School Board no longer had use for the land for school purposes. As a result, this scenario did occur and the Arlington County Authorities allegedly conveyed the land to the developer for \$999,999.99 to avoid the legal possibility of ANCC’s appealing the transfer under Virginia State Law had the sale been for \$1,000,000 or more.

“We just plain dropped the ball,” was the viewpoint of some of the “old-timers,” and the alleged 16.5 million dollar Dolley Madison Towers apartments adjacent to the #15 hole constantly remind Club members of this unfortunate transaction.”

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What the “Historical Review” does not mention is that the transaction provided ANCC with 1.5 acres of land on the north side of our property to “straighten the property line” and the resolution of a right-of-way that passed through the 5th green (Red #5).

Note: The name of the wife of our fourth president was “Dolley” (with an “e”) Madison. The cupcakes are “Dolly” (without the “e”).



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