

WATERGATE

So one rich and powerful nation
rises up in indignation,
to point its finger at one man,
condemning the ground on which he'd stand.

And all the pompous bureaucrats,
politicians, and corporate rats,
joined the mob,
took the stance
uttered their cry--with a sideways glance.

So strong the feelings, they all agreed,
socially this man should die.
He has lied.
He has lied!
He has lied!!!
But few would stop to wonder why.

It was just the popular thing to say,
and on this notion certain forces would play,
to vent the anger of a generation
on one man's abomination.

So I think it rather sad;
the real issue was never made.
It was the system not the man.
Once more the people had been had.

--Gregory P. Neifert

The World's Great Golf Courses

By Matthew Smith

°Editor's Note: This is the first of a four-part installment of great golf courses Mr. Smith has played.

BALTUSROL

The Baltusrol Golf Club is a true leader among the game's courses. It is located in Springfield, New Jersey, which is 20 miles southwest of Times Square and a few miles beyond the Holland Tunnel. Baltusrol has hosted a record six U.S. Opens, and altogether, 12 U.S.G.A. events have been held at this fabled course. Only one other club, Oakmont, has hosted as many as five Opens.

The Baltusrol Golf Club was founded in 1895 by Louis Keller, who was also the founder/publisher of the *New York Social Register*. Keller named his club for Baltus Roll, a farmer who worked the ground that is presently club property. Roll was dragged from his home and left to die in a snowbank on February 22, 1831 by two thieves who believed that he had a horde of money in the house. They were wrong.

Baltusrol has two golf courses, the Upper and the Lower. Both were designed by A.W. Tillinghast. Of the two courses, the Lower is more famous, tougher, much better architecturally,

and requires the golfer to hit every club in the golf bag. Naturally, this is the course the author played. This is the very same course, by the way, on which Jack Nicklaus won his fourth Open and 18th major U.S.G.A. event.

Examination of the course reveals no shocking surprises. It has no tricky, hard-to-read greens, and water is a concern on only one hole, the beautiful par 3 fourth hole. This is normally picked as one of the top 18 holes in America.

Of Baltusrol's four par fives, only two are worth mentioning. These two are, strangely, the 17th and 18th holes. The latter is especially tough at 630 yards.

The heart and soul of Baltusrol is its ten par four holes. Two of these are stretched to the U.S.G.A. limit of 470 yards. The course has 117 sand bunkers, twice as many as Augusta National. It is brutally honest, but it is fair nevertheless. To answer your question, I shot in the low 90's for my round. As I walked off the 18th green, I thought of the saying on Baltus Roll's grave:

"Ye friends that weep about my grave,
Compose your minds to rest;
Prepare with me for sudden death and live forever blest."

Many a golfer has felt the same way after playing a round of golf at Baltusrol.

The Coach's Top Ten

1. North Carolina
2. Virginia
3. DePaul
4. Kentucky
5. Missouri
6. Tulsa
7. Iowa
8. Louisville
9. Minnesota
10. Wichita State *

* Probation

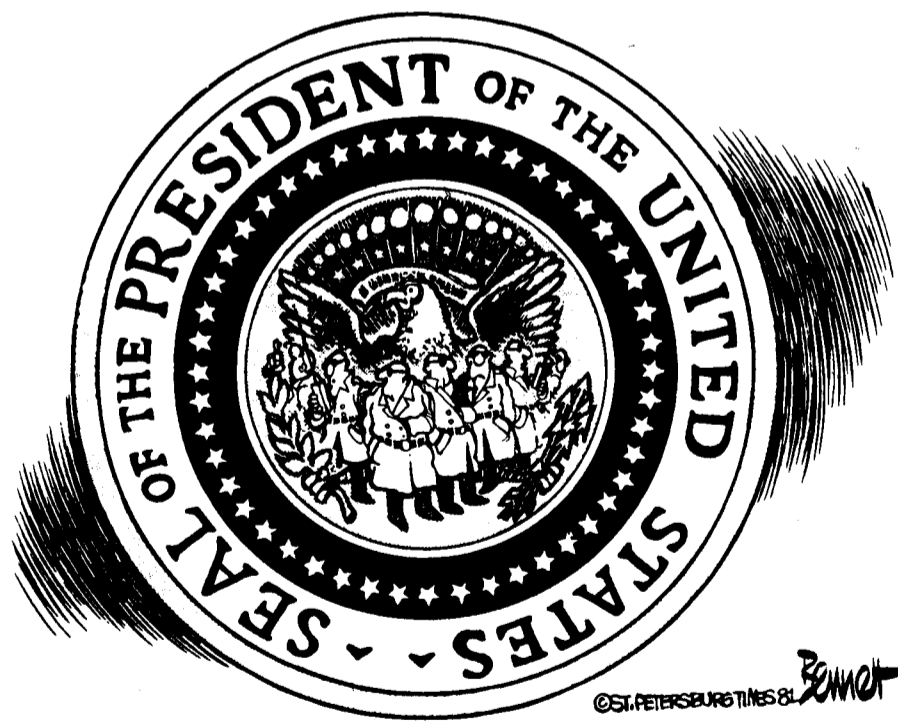


Best In The East

1. Villanova
2. Syracuse
3. St. John's
4. Georgetown
5. St. Joe's
6. West Virginia
7. Boston College
8. Rutgers
9. Princeton
10. Penn State



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