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ONCE WE WERE GOLFERS

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When Dr. **Ian Hutchison** joined **The Royal Montreal Golf Club** as a junior member in **1943**, Canada was at war and physicians made up a big part of the venerable golf and country club's membership.

“ Wednesdays were known as ‘ Doctors Day,’ ” says the retired internal medicine specialist and third-generation member of the **RMGC [The Royal Montreal Golf Club]**. *“ There were always four or five foursomes of doctors.”*

Times have changed. Although distinguished with having more years of active membership than any other playing member, Dr. **Hutchison** is now only one of a handful of physicians who belong to the club. Collegiality and getting exercise outdoors are the things he most enjoys about golf, and misses sharing with fellow physicians. *“ It's sad, really,”* he says.

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Dr. **Hutchison** believes a number of factors — from the cost of memberships and heavy work schedules, to the non-athletic background of many top academic students and the increase of women in the medical profession — explain doctors' lack of interest in the sport in recent years.

“ My observation of new doctors is that, unless they're jocks, they're not into golfing,” he says.

Dr. **Pierre Boutet**, 39, does not disagree, since he is athletic and loves golf, but knows few doctors who play the game. As a primary-care physician at a small regional hospital close to **Quebec City**, he thinks many doctors simply do not have the time for a sport that can take hours to play.

“ It's a big commitment, especially if you want to get good at it,” says the nine-handicap golfer, one of the few doctors—none of whom he plays with — who make up the **130** membership roster at **Grand Vallon [Golf Club]**, a top-tier golf course close to his home and hospital in **Beaupré**.

“ You really have to love the game, and I do.”

FEWER PHYSICIAN MEMBERS

A quick and completely unscientific phone and e-mail survey of several prestigious golf clubs across Canada suggests many are indeed experiencing a membership meltdown among physicians.

“ The vast majority of our members today are lawyers and investment bankers,” says **Glenn Smale**, general manager of **The Toronto Golf Club**, to which such medical giants as Sir **William Osler** once belonged.

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“ I could probably count the number of doctors we have on one hand.”

That does not surprise social historian **Edward Shorter**, the Hannah Chair in the History of Medicine at the **University of Toronto**.

“ Golf — and country clubs in particular — were once pastimes and positions reserved for the upper middle class and community elites such as medical doctors,” he says. *“ That’s no longer the case.”*

According to **Shorter**, golf has gone from being *“ a sport of gentlemen to a mass sport like bowling. It’s lost its exclusivity.”*

He adds the social role and self-image of physicians has also evolved — or rather devolved.

“ Medicine is still a great profession but the place of doctors in society is much different than it used to be. Physicians are no longer seen — and don’t see themselves — as community leaders.”

IS THIS GUY FOR REAL?!?! HASN'T HE HEARD OF PHYSICIANS LEADING ENVIRONMENTAL TERROR ORGANIZATIONS?!?!

At the same time, he says, golf has become a popular networking vehicle for business professionals and wannabes of all stripes. But these days, conversely, *“ doctors don’t need to network outside the workplace. They do it within hospitals (and) their profession.”*

OR, SOME PHYSICIANS NETWORK WITH FELLOW ENVIRO-TERRORISTS WHO CONSPIRE TO PROHIBIT FEDERALLY LEGAL, SCIENTIFICALLY SAFE, AND TOTALLY IRREPLACEABLE PEST CONTROL PRODUCTS!

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NORTH AMERICA'S FIRST GOLF COURSE

To be sure, golfing's fall from grace among doctors is a remarkable one. And it likely best chronicled in the history of the **RMGC** [**The Royal Montreal Golf Club**] — North America's **FIRST** golf course.

Founded in **1873** and host of the **FIRST Canadian Open** [**Golf Championship**] in **1904** (and still ranked among the 100 top golf courses in the world), **The Royal Montreal Golf Club** was a hub for doctors from the get-go.

Notably, some two dozen doctor-members served overseas during the First World War, or roughly one quarter of all veterans from the club. Among them were Sir **Andrew Macphail**, the first professor of medical history at Montreal's **McGill University**, and Dr. **George Adami**, the school's first professor of pathology and the author of the **FIRST** Canadian textbook on the subject.

Dr. **John McCrae**, who penned the most famous poem of the Great War, ***In Flanders Fields***, and died at the front, was also a member of the **RMGC**.

There was also Dr. **Hutchison's** grandfather, a former surgeon-in-chief at the **Montreal General** [**Hospital**], who went overseas with his three sons.

Like his father and grandfather, Dr. **Hutchison** played with many medical colleagues in the **1950s** and **1960s**, when he was a staff member of the now-closed **Queen Elizabeth Hospital**.

But following those hey-days, he has observed that fewer and fewer new doctors have joined the club since the **1970s**.

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BUCKING THE TREND

Some clubs, however, have managed to buck that trend in recent years. According to an official with the **Ashburn Golf Club** in **Halifax**, for example, a whopping **164** of the club's **1,200** playing members — or **14%** — are physicians.

“ A lot of doctors have joined in the past few years,” says Ashburn spokeswoman **Heather Brewer**, who credits that popularity to a dynamic core of physician members, the close proximity of one of the club's two courses to both the **Queen Elizabeth II Hospital** and the **IWK Health Centre**, and the club's exclusivity as the only top-level private course in Halifax.

IWK HEALTH CENTRE IS A HUB OF ENVIRO-MANIAC ACTIVITY IN THE MARITIMES.

Add Dr. **Boutet** to this list of the recently emerged. The son of a golf-loving pathologist who took up the game with passion as a teenager, but stopped playing in university (*“ because of studying girls ”*), he only took the sport up again four years ago when he bought a membership at **Grand Vallon [Golf Club]**.

His reason ? *“ Golf is the best way I know to unwind after a hard day.”*

The game forces him to concentrate, he says, which blocks out the mental clutter from the office.

“ That's the main reason why I returned to the game. It helps me to stay focused and get refreshed in the outdoors.”

PERHAPS THE PROBLEM IS THAT THE GOLF INDUSTRY HAS NOT DONE A GOOD ENOUGH JOB ATTRACTING PHYSICIANS TO BECOME GOLFERS, THUS DIVERTING THEM FROM JOINING ENVIRONMENTAL TERROR ORGANIZATIONS.

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Background Information from an Independent Perspective.

The militant portion of the **ENVIRONMENTAL TERROR MOVEMENT** is centered on ecology, health, and human rights. This includes conspiring to prohibit the use of **FEDERALLY LEGAL**, **SCIENTIFICALLY SAFE**, and **TOTALLY IRREPLACEABLE** pest control products. Predictably, the membership of the **ENVIRONMENTAL TERROR MOVEMENT** tends to include the following types of people. —

- Health professionals such as **PHYSICIANS**.
- Laymen pretending to be professionals.
- Legal professionals.
- Ordinary citizens.

Many health and legal professionals in the **ENVIRONMENTAL TERROR MOVEMENT** have purported to be **EXPERTS** in the field of pest control products and the maintenance of green spaces. Under close scrutiny, **NONE** appear to have any credentials as true **EXPERTS** in these matters.

ENVIRONMENTAL PUBLIC POLICY.

Environmental public policy is defined as the course of action taken by a government regarding issues, such as the environment, human health, and of course, pest control products. In cases like the provincial or municipal legislation prohibiting the use of **FEDERALLY LEGAL**, **SCIENTIFICALLY SAFE**, and **TOTALLY IRREPLACEABLE** pest control products, public policy has been adopted for one or several of the following reasons. —

- To address the loss of confidence in the federal regulatory process.
- To fulfill a promise stating that a prohibition would be implemented.
- To intervene due to the turf industry's apparent inability to self-regulate.
- To reduce the perceived or potential harmful effects on the public.
- To capitulate to the lies, misconceptions, coercions, threats, and terror generated by **ENVIRO-MANIACS** and their **ENVIRONMENTAL TERROR ORGANIZATIONS**.

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THE ENVIRONMENTAL TERROR MOVEMENT AND ITS ACTIONS.

The **ENVIRONMENTAL TERROR MOVEMENT** can be defined as a social movement that seeks to **IMPOSE** its lifestyle choices by influencing **PUBLIC POLICY** through lobbying, activism, and education, with the pretext to protect natural resources and ecosystems. The movement will also resort to lies, misconceptions, coercions, threats, and terror. The **ENVIRONMENTAL TERROR MOVEMENT** has been an **ADVOCATE** on issues involving the environment, health, and human rights by using the following courses of action. —

- Attracting vast sums of money from government and private sources.
- Challenging current public policies even though they may be adequate.
- Changing the habits of the population by using **DECEPTION**, **FEAR**, **LIES**, and **TERROR**.
- Creating a social climate for public debate, but ensuring that the debate is one-sided by using **COERCIONS**, **THREATS**, and **TERROR**.
- Discrediting any **SOUND SCIENCE** that opposes its views.
- Making government accountable for deficient policies by using **COERCIONS**, **THREATS**, and **TERROR**.
- Mobilizing and **DECEIVING** citizens to democratically change policies.
- Participating in public policy forums and controlling them with **COERCION**.
- Pretending to be experts, researchers, scientists, or physicians, in order to deceive the public, and lend credibility to the cause of **ENVIRO-TERROR**.
- Proposing **NONSENSICAL** alternatives to current public policies.
- Recruiting citizens to their **ENVIRO-TERROR** cause by **DECEIVING** them into believing that their children are in some **NON-EXISTENT** danger.
- Seeking and intimidating politicians with lies, coercions, threats, and terror, forcibly converting them as allies, and making them become **POLITICAL BULLIES** for **ENVIRONMENTAL TERROR**.
- Spreading **LIES** and **MISCONCEPTIONS** about pest control products.
- Strongly discrediting any individuals or government agency that opposes its **ENVIRO-TERROR** views.
- Supporting **POLITICIZED SCIENCE** that supports its **ENVIRO-TERROR** views.
- Targeting governments and political parties with **COERCIONS**, **THREATS**, and **TERROR**.

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ENVIRO-MANIAC PHYSICIAN TERROR STRATEGIES.

ENVIRO-MANIAC HEALTH CARE WORKERS, including physicians, like to spread terror with instantaneous diagnoses of non-existent problems pertaining to pest control products. On more than one occasion, these unethical maniacs react in a predictable and sometimes devastating fashion once informed that a patient has worked in the **GREEN SPACE INDUSTRY**. Physicians faced with evaluating serious medical problems have been known to conclude **WITHIN MERE SECONDS** that exposure pest control products was definitely responsible. Some physicians have even made such determinations on the phone, without ever seeing the patient. It can be said that **ENVIRO-MANIAC HEALTH CARE WORKERS** are truly guilty of **DEPRAVED INDIFFERENCE, PROFESSIONAL MISCONDUCT AND INCOMPETENCE, and HORRIFYING MISCHIEF**.



The following disgusting scenario has happened more often than we can imagine with health care workers preying on the fears of concerned parents with a non-existent problem ...

A five-year-old comes inside from playing at the park across the street, and complains of not feeling well. The parents notice that the child has a slight fever. Unnecessarily, they pump the poor child up with tons of medicine.

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The child is abandoned in bed until the next day, without any thought of trying to provide any food.

When the parents finally decide to check on their child the next day, problems have been compounded by the excessive use of the medication and the lack of nourishment. The child now has a high fever and a stomach ache. The parents rush the child to the hospital.

Unfortunately for the child, the physician that is on duty is an active member in a known Environmental Terror Organization.

Within minutes of an examination, the ENVIRO-MANIAC PHYSICIAN explains the child has somehow breathed in a small quantity of a pesticide, and they are lucky they got her there when they did.

ABSOLUTELY NO LABORATORY TEST ARE PERFORMED.

NO SPECIFIC COURSE OF ACTION IS TAKEN, since the deceitful physician knows full well that this is NOT a case of poisoning.

Thankfully, the child will be all right, of course.

However, the ENVIRO-MANIAC doctor begins to needlessly terrify the parents and their child by inventing a chilling fairy tale story about unsubstantiated long-term effects such as allergies, altered neurological functioning, asthma, birth defects, brain cancer, gangrene (tissue death) of the extremities, leukemia, long-lasting neuro-behavioral impairments, neurotoxicity, polyneuritis with numbness and pain in lower limbs, and other nonsense problems.

*The ENVIRO-MANIAC PHYSICIAN then tries to recruit the parents. He convinces the parents to join his Environmental Terror Organization. They can help him in conspiring to prohibit **FEDERALLY LEGAL, SCIENTIFICALLY SAFE, and TOTALLY IRREPLACEABLE** pest control products.*

If they are successful with prohibition, their child will be safe, and will not become afflicted with these problems.

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*I'm a doctor
and NOT an
Environmental
Terrorist !*

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FORCE OF NATURE was launched for continuous transmission on the Internet on January 1st, 2009. It is a series of e-newsletters destined for the GREEN SPACE INDUSTRY, the ENVIRONMENTAL TERROR MOVEMENT, politicians, municipalities, and the media, nation-wide across Canada, and parts of the United States and overseas. Force of Nature is produced in two parts. First. The Media Report itself that reports on the current events affecting the future of the GREEN SPACE INDUSTRY. Second. Independent Perspective, which is a running commentary, sometimes technical in nature. Force of Nature is the WHOLE TRUTH from an INDEPENDENT PERSPECTIVE !

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William H. Gathercole holds a degree in Horticulture from the UNIVERSITY OF GUELPH, and another pure and applied science degree from MCGILL UNIVERSITY. He has worked in virtually all aspects of the GREEN SPACE INDUSTRY, including public affairs, personal safety, and environmental issues. Mr. Gathercole has been a consultant and instructor for decades. He also been an agricultural agronomist. Mr. Gathercole has been following the evolution of ENVIRONMENTAL TERRORISM for over a quarter-century. His involvement in environmental issues reached a fevered pitch in the 1990s, when he orchestrated, with others, legal action against unethical and excessive municipal regulations restricting the use of pest control products. (i.e. the Town of Hudson.) Although he can be accused of being ANTI-ENVIRONMENT-

MOVEMENT, he is, in fact, simply a strong advocate FOR the GREEN SPACE INDUSTRY. However, this position has not precluded him from criticizing the Green Space Industry itself. Nonetheless, his vast knowledge of our long journey with environmental issues is UNDENIABLE. (Hopefully !) For many years, Mr. Gathercole has been a contributing columnist for TURF & Recreation Magazine, Canada's Turf and Grounds Maintenance Authority.

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