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Letter to the Editor

Wildsight is very disappointed with the recent Pesticide Management Plan put forward by the Golden Golf Club (GGC). The GGC plans to continue to attempt to control adult mosquitoes, arguably a futile endeavour considering the location, by spraying pesticides that have proven negative impacts on the environment. These pesticides admit, on their own labels, that they kill bees and other flying insects as well as being toxic to birds and fish.

Scientists have tolled the warning bell that bee populations are crashing worldwide. The Golden Golf course, through their use of these pesticides, will certainly kill bees. The benefit of the use of these pesticides is doubtful, while the potential risks are great and immeasurable.

The risks far outweigh the benefits. Not only are the treatments only marginally successful in controlling mosquitoes with influx from the surrounding areas a constant, but also their suspected and known toxicity and implications for human health and environmental damage are undeniable.

It is important that the public and golfers are aware that these toxic chemicals are being used regularly at the Golden Golf course. Pregnant woman and children must necessarily have raised concerns.

Wildsight encourages the public, and golfers especially, to dress appropriately for the circumstances during the summer months. **Let the Golden Golf Club know that you want them to stop using toxic chemicals**, like Malathion, that kill non-selectively, potentially threaten ecosystems by killing bees and predatory insects that feed on mosquitoes, and can harm birds and fish.

Can the GGC rationalize the use of chemicals to control a mosquito nuisance that has never been shown at this location to cause disease when this same pesticide has unknown effect on human health and will locally contribute to undermining bee populations, now threatened globally? A world without the main pollinator, bees, will be a very hungry world indeed.

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Anti-Pesticide Activists at Wildsight are THE LEAST QUALIFIED TO PROVIDE ANY ADVICE concerning golf course management and pest control products.

These activists ALLEGE that pest control products used in the Golf Industry somehow cause Bee Colony Collapse Disorder.

These ALLEGATIONS are UNTRUE and UNVERIFIABLE !

Overall, « links » and « causes » between Bee Colony Collapse Disorder and insecticide are Enviro-Lunatic MYTHS !

Greedy and avaricious Anti-Pesticide Activists have concocted all sorts of « causes » for this phenomenon, hoping to attract profits from cash donations, illicit businesses, unqualified employment, and grants, quite often without paying a single penny in taxes.

Pest control products are GOVERNMENT-APPROVED, FEDERALLY-LEGAL, SCIENTIFICALLY-SAFE, PRACTICALLY-NON-TOXIC, and CAUSE NO HARM.

Health Canada requires each new pest control product to go through a comprehensive set of over TWO-HUNDRED SEPARATE TESTS and a REVIEW of all scientifically credible studies that exist to ensure that the product will NOT CAUSE HARM TO PEOPLE, ANIMALS OR THE ENVIRONMENT.

Ultimately, the cost to manufacturers to get a pest control product ASSESSED FOR SAFETY and brought to market is about 250 MILLION DOLLARS.

How much money did Wildsight spend on testing ?

Pest control products are SCIENTIFICALLY SAFE, and NO HARM WILL OCCUR when they are used according to label directions.

Golfers can rest assured that when pest control products are used properly, there are NO harmful irreversible effects to health and the environment !

There is NOT ONE KNOWN ILLNESS or DEATH from the proper use of pest control products used in the Urban Landscape.

Wildsight Should Get Off Our grASS !

NORAHG has archived information on The Pesticide Truths Web-Site ...

BEE COLONY COLLAPSE DISORDER

<http://wp.me/P1jq40-2BA>

THE COMPLETE LIBRARY OF REPORTS & REFERENCES

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