



DALE'S COMMENTS



Don't worry, everyone. I promise that summer is on its way, and by all accounts it's going to be a good one! So, let's get ready to kick some hot summer Lake of the Ozarks ass!



DALE BLUE'S BUD SELECT BUS AT DOG DAYS.
Photo by George Denny



DALE OPENING FOR BARENAKED LADIES BEFORE A CROWD OF 10,000.
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Building a music career at the Lake.

Well, all it takes is four things: Dedication, loyalty, luck and talent. I am celebrating my 16th year at Dog Days (formerly Salty Dog). Dedication is just one of the reasons I've been there so long. Next is loyalty. You don't go next door because you think the grass is greener. It isn't always so.

And then there's luck, and I've been very lucky. It does take talent, for sure, but I am not the most talented entertainer at the Lake, and I'm really not what you would call a good musician. I love the crowds and I do believe you have to put 110 percent toward whatever you do. If you do, you can be successful.

On the road

Well, we got the Bud Light Bus out and headed for Sioux City, IA, again for the Missouri River Boat Club Dry Dock Party. They come from all over several states to this party. I would have to say that 60 percent of the 1,200 partiers come to the Lake of the Ozarks throughout the year. They love boating and they LOVE the Lake. They work and live for their time at the Lake.

I played from 1 to 5 p.m. and I think we went through around 300 cases of beer that Saturday afternoon. It's always a lot of fun. I enjoy getting kicked out of the hotel lobby bar every year, but George (George Denny Photography) always takes care of me and doesn't let me get into too much trouble. He's kind of like my mom at times, probably not something he wants to hear. The hardest job is to keep my friend Nard (Sandholm, from Red Oak, IA) from trying to get me to take too many shots with him.

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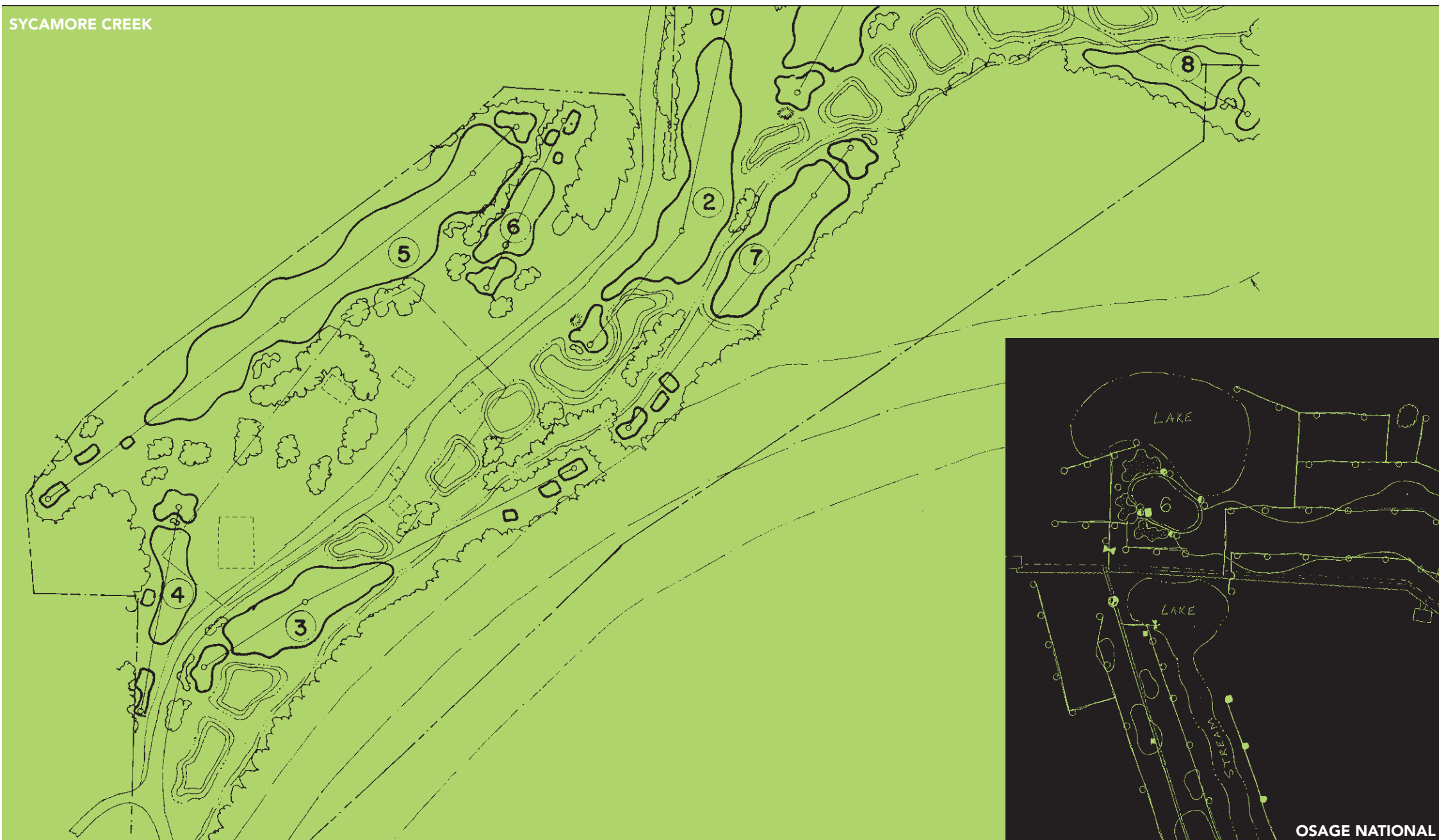
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mind that the architect brings experience in not only design but also engineering. So, if you are going to do this yourself, be prepared for a great deal of homework.

THE SECOND STEP is routing the 18 holes over the land. Once again, the architect will keep in mind the natural lay of the land to maximize every advantage the land offers and to minimize the necessity for earth moving, blasting, etc. Once the route is finalized, it is reduced to a blueprint and computerized so that each hole can be analyzed in all dimensions on the computer.

THE THIRD STEP is the actual strategic design. This involves the placement of bunkers, tee boxes, greens (shape and size), lakes, elevations and numerous other nuisances. This is where a do-it-yourselfer can make huge mistakes. It is not uncommon for a \$3 million golf course to require \$500,000 per year to maintain. The more hazards on the course, the more maintenance. Sand bunkers are expensive to maintain, and a high-quality sand can be quite costly. Deep-walled bunkers can wash out in heavy rains, so the designer must bear all this in mind at this

stage. The design should also incorporate an interesting and challenging golf shot from every lie on every position on the course.

At this juncture, an agronomist should also be engaged to recommend the best grass that the local climate will tolerate for the tee boxes, fairways and greens. He will conduct soil analysis and water resource management. The agronomist also will assist in maximizing the best usage of the existing flora to achieve the most pleasing aesthetics the land has to offer.

THE FOURTH STEP is the actual grading of the course. This demands a great deal of talent and experience. Serious thought should be given to employing a builder who is a member of the Golf Course Builders Association. These builders not only bring the expertise necessary to form the bunkers, greens and lakes, but also are fine-tuned to the rules and regulations of the PGA for course construction. These builders also are expert shapers that can grade the fairways to achieve quick drainage and thus avoid the dreaded soft water collection areas.

This fourth step includes the irrigation system that is one of the major construction expenses. First, there is the water source (wells or lakes) and the hydraulics involved in watering 150 acres

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