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Southern Cal GCSA Holds First Superintendents’ Tourney

Sheldon G. Pooley (r), Victoria CC president, accepts plaque from Dave Mastroleo.

After a few false starts, some politicking and finally, deft handling of the details, Southern California GCSA staged what is believed to be the country’s first Greenmasters’ Invitational late this summer. The tournament, which attracted close to 150 turfmen in the Los Angeles area, was played at Rod Barker’s Victoria CC course in Riverside.

The 18-hole event was played from a shotgun start. Three firms which manufacture professional equipment donated one ball to each player while a perpetual trophy was provided by a turf supply company. A half-dozen contestants’ wives were in charge of the scorekeeping and computation of handicaps. The Victoria chef baked two special cakes for the affair, one a replica of the 9th green and the other, the 18th.

Harry Cirata, supt. of Canyon CC, Palm Springs, and Ed Teffeteller, supt. of Lakeside in North Hollywood, tied for low gross honors with 74s. Dave Mastroleo of Fox Hills had a net of 65 and Jerry Krueger of Redlands GC, a 69. Prizes ranged from an electric drill to a case of oranges, imported especially from Florida for the tournament.