

THINGS by Lee Huang

When I was thinking about what to write, my opening sentences in my head sounded like a record that was played over and over again. The same sentence kept coming back and back:--Boy, we surely had a good meeting and those that did not make it this time, again lost out on a good meeting And this is the truth. The quality of the meetings is improving steadily and it is becoming a real pleasure to come to them. Of course, Lou Pohlson is responsible for a great deal of this, and especially last month. He was both the host and the program chairman. And my compliments on both scores. That was really a very enjoyable day.

Next, we are going to the Marin Golf & Country Club, which is also a popular site for meetings. Our host, Orville Suttles, has been a member with the Association for a long time, and at one time was our president. Orv always has his course in fine shape for the golfers, and the club house leaves little to be desired. I am sure that all who will try and make this meeting will find it very gratifying.

New Developments - Our friend and vice president of the Association, Ken Vorderbruggen, has the following information concerning the PLAQUES!

1. Have patience and you will see the plaque at this meeting.
2. Price is around \$7.58 plus 50 cents per year plate.
3. Further information will be forthcoming.

Toro Tournament - The Toro Company will be the host of a no cost tournament at the Villages golf course to be held on November 6, 1972, which is a Monday. Invited to the tournament are the Superintendent, Green Chairman, Club President, or other officials. Limit is one foursome per club. Jim Ross will have more information for those who want to make use of this highly generous invitation by the Toro Company.

Turfgrass Exposition - The Northern California Turfgrass Council is giving early notice of the Turfgrass Exposition for 1973 which will be held at the San Mateo Fairgrounds in the Hall of Flowers. The dates will be on February 7 and 8, 1973. Notice that the date has been moved to February from the usual March date. This is at the request of many superintendents of all types of facilities and agencies who felt that in March they are much too busy. Make an attempt to attend. This show usually has a lot to offer.

Ken Vorderbruggen at Incline Village G.C. is one who believes in progress, even though in some cases this belief comes under pressure. Apparently in his area there is a Congress Woman. This lady confronted Ken with a question: "How many women do you employ on the golf course?" Ken had to say: "None, but..... I am willing to try anything." Being an honorable gentleman and a man of his word, he investigated the job

market, and was overwhelmed with girl-type applicants. He has now two girl trainees. And - he reports - they are doing just fine. In fact, his other type help is working harder, looking somewhat cleaner, and smell better than they have in a long time. And all that because of those two girl-type maintenance workers. So, you bums, who look at gals only as sex objects; Take heed, and hire some girl-type helpers too.

AN IDEA - Roaming around Alta Sierra Golf Course I spent some time talking to Cliff Wagoner, I guess you-all know who he is. The talk turned to socializing. It has been my observation that with the exception of a few, the superintendents tend to stay in their own bailiwick. Oh, once in a while they may go visiting one another, but as a group, they very seldom come together for fun. I also observed that there are a lot of them who love the outdoors. This stands to reason, otherwise they would not have chosen the job they have. Then there are a lot of them who are hunters, fishermen, boating enthusiasts, camping bugs, and what-have-you. Cliff and I asked ourselves, what is the possibility of having a get-together, a camp out in a group with the family. Here is where Larry Keck came into the picture. He is the Superintendent of Lake Wildwood, near the Alta Sierra Golf Course. He said that he has the ideal set-up. There are campgrounds with hookups for trailers, there is a lake to go boating, waterskiing, fishing for bass and gills, a golf course for those who can't stay away from that sort of thing, trails for the hikers, and fresh air, pine trees and a blue sky for those who just want to loaf around.

The question now is: How many of us are interested in such an outing? Let me know. I'll volunteer to set the whole thing up with Larry. I think it is a wild idea, and hope that there is a lot of support. So, Let me know. Drop me a line. We still have time for this Fall, or maybe next Spring.

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MORE NOTES ON TURFGRASS DISEASES ----- by Dr. John H. Madison

Diseases are a recurring problem on greens. It seems appropriate to continue to write a few notes about diseases. This month I want to refer to work of Dr. Robert M. Endo.

Dr. Endo joined the university staff in 1958 to replace the retiring turf pathologist, P. A. Miller. Dr. Endo is a plant pathologist stationed at Riverside. His research is devoted primarily to turf diseases though he has done some work on cereal disease. Dr. Endo is a thorough worker and a thoughtful person, and his work is adding greatly to our understanding of turf diseases and is influencing the thinking of turf pathologists across the country.