

December Newsletter went to press early so will print Frank's Column this time.

Riding along with "Number 97" - by Frank De Carli
Driving the original #97 now for Pen-Gro Sales Company is John Asuncion, former golf course superintendent of San Jose Country Club. We are happy to have you join our crew John and wish you success and many happy miles.

I had the pleasure of being Mike Hathaway's guest at the Southern California Superintendents Association dinner meeting. Mike is now Superintendent of Riviera Country Club and former Superintendent of Laguna Seca Golf Ranch. There was a night dinner meeting held at Calabasas Park Golf Course. The food was great and I had the pleasure of seeing many old friends and meeting new friends. My thanks to Mike.

Spent a week in Arizona enjoying the weather and visiting golf courses. With me recuperating was my wife. Rains starting in Northern California followed us for 4 days going into Arizona, then stopped. Weather was then beautiful and restful.

Will write about the Arizona golf courses in next months newsletter.

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From the Malihini Correspondent Bill Goodridge

Myrtle Wagoner promised me that if I would write a couple of paragraphs for our paper this month she would give me two strokes per hole the next time we played golf and not beat me by more than eighteen net. With a deal like that I just couldn't resist.

I wandered a little out of my territory this past month and took the opportunity to see some beautiful courses bathed in warm Hawaiian sunshine. Of course that sun is pretty weak over there at this time of the year. Why some days the temperature gets down into the middle seventies.

Tom Caranci, Superintendent Ohau Country Club, Honolulu said to be sure to wish all his friends a very happy holiday season, and Bill Hayashi, Superintendent Makaha Country Club, Waianae, Oahu is looking forward to wishing everyone the same when he sees you back at the National meeting in Boston. Both of these gentlemen are doing their usual terrific job, and their courses look like a page taken from a childrens fairyland book.

Don't think they have it easy though, just because they're in the land of constant sunshine. I have never in my life seen as many flying lawn moths as the whole Makaha area is blessed with right now. Bill says that by fogging and spraying every ten days he keeps them under control enough so that they hardly ever carry away a golf cart or golfer.

From the Superintendents in the beautiful Islands of Hawaii to their many mainland friends, HAUOLI MAKAHIKI HOU. (Happy New Year)

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