

YOUR HOST SUPERINTENDENT - - - - - By Norm Stewart

The upcoming meeting on June 8 will have us attending this occasion at Edgewood Tahoe, Remember this is on the SOUTH END of the Lake, and our gracious and handsome host will be John Williams.

John graduated from the University of California at Davis in Agricultural Economics and Agronomy. John started in this battle of fighting and trying to outwit mother nature in the field of growing grass at Carmel Valley under the thumb of Doc Babson. From there to La Rinconada again working for Doc. Then John struck out on his own for his own course and he landed at Edgewood Tahoe.

Edgewood Tahoe started its initial ground breaking in 1966 and was opened for play in the spring of 1967. It is a privately owned public course. It plays 6,821 yards from the regular tees and 7,411 yards from the chapionship tees. This long yardage will comfort those who will undertake the course during the meeting, but John puts a word of caution into those who finish that the last couple of holes finish near a large water hazard called Lake Tahoe, so stay in the middle because the right rough is wet and cold.

After talking with John at El Macero, I learned that he has a couple of entirely new concepts in golf course maintenance.

1. He has 3 young girls on his summer crew. Because he is a strong believer in women's lib, these young girls are mowing greens, running sand pro's and miscellaneous chores. -- There is one stipulation for employment that the application form be filled out completely, that is vital statistics and all extra blank areas -- this must be some sort of special application form.
2. His Sunday operation is somewhat unique, because he runs it by the use of a citizens band radio, that is he contacts his assistant while he is out in his boat fishing, He told me that he tells his assistant that he has 2 sprinklers that are not turning on in a certain area on the fairways or dry spots that show up. In my mind this is the only way to run a golf course.

Norm Stewart

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Gurmit Sandhu, Sequoyah C.C., Oakland, is teaching a class on Turf Management at Chabot College, Hayward every Thursday night from April 5 to June 16.

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Steve Kilmer is superintendent at Franklin Canyon Golf Course, Rodeo since May 1.

EDGEWOOD TAHOE GOLF COURSE - by John Williams

Edgewood Tahoe Golf Course is an 18 hole public golf course located on the South Shore of Lake Tahoe. The course was completed in the fall of 1967 and opened for play in May of 1968. It is located on the waters edge of Lake Tahoe behind the three major hotels in Stateline, Nevada. The last three holes are located on the edge of the Lake and I feel are the prettiest on the course.

We are open for play from the first of May to the first of November or later, depending upon the fall snows. During the summer months we will average around 280 rounds per day. Last year during our six months of operation we had in excess of 27,000 rounds of golf. One half of our play is made up of tournaments anywhere from small company tournaments of 20 players to the Del Webb classic of 250 players.

The course is 7,411 yards from the pro tees and 6,885 yards from the regular tees. The ratings are: professional 74, mens 69, and ladies 72.

Our temperatures vary quite a bit through the year. In the spring and fall we will have night time temperatures from the mid 20's to the mid 30's and day time highs in the 50's and mid 60's. Summertime temperatures during the nights will be in the 40's and days in the 60's and 70's.

The course was constructed with sand greens and the fairway and tees are planted on decomposed granite. This required a high amount of irrigation especially when this is combined with strong westerly winds we have almost every afternoon and evening. Last year we applied slightly under 100 million gallons of water from May 1st to October 15th.

The crew ranges from 14 to 15 men in the spring and fall to 18 to 20 men in the summer. I'm also trying something new for us this year which is working quite well and that is I have three girls on the crew.. Two of them operate the greens mowers and one operates the mechanical sand trap rake.

Our watering system proved to be somewhat of a difficulty in that it was very inadequate for our requirements. In the last three years we have been revising it. The first phase was to loop all the original main lines. Next we installed a larger pump station and now we are relocating the heads so that they are on 90' centers.

This is a brief rundown of our course and its operation. Hope to see you here in June.

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Ken Vorderbruggen is with the Reno Shamrock Construction Company sprinkler division.

President Jim Ross encourages all GCSA of America members to order the Blazer Emblems so as to identify themselves with GCSA of Northern California while attending the 1974 GCSAA Conference in Anaheim February 10-15. Emblems available through G. H. Morgan, 11th & Illinois Avenues, St. Charles, IL 60174 Designate Chapter when ordering "No. California" #GS32-A-CN - price \$13.00 each.

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Membership plaques are still available. Send \$7.75 to GCSA of NC, 1233 Kansas Avenue, Modesto, CA 95351

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LAPEL PIN WITH GCSA OF NC EMBLEM COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE TO Northern California members if there is sufficient interest. Preliminary designing and pricing has been obtained. The design would be with the GCSA of NC emblem with white back ground and gold filled letters with fairway and trees in green. The price would be approximately \$7.00. However, the exact price would depend on the gold market price at the time of order. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED INDICATE ON YOUR RESERVATION CARD BY WRITING PIN. If you are not attending the meeting, please send in your cards so you can be counted.

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Norman Stewart is a part time instructor at Ohlone College, Fremont. He is teaching ornamental horticulture in turfgrass classes they are starting. He is also going to Foothill College in Los Gatos.

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Michael Clark was presented his "Certified Golf Course Superintendent" certificate by Clifford A. Wagoner, President Golf Course Superintendent Association of America.

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John F. Bockoven is superintendent of Cordova Golf Course on Jackson Road, Fair Oaks.

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The Association thanks you, too LEE HUANG for starting this Newsletter. It has been needed for a long, long time.