



Left - At our March meeting at California Golf Club, Jim Ross, President presented Bob Hanna of the Northern California Golf Association a check of \$500.00 for the future development of T.A.R.P. (Turfgrass Adaptive Research Program)

Right - John Engen presenting Norm Stewart his "Certificate of Appreciation" for February meeting.

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T. A. R. P. By Clifford A. Wagoner, CGCS, Del Rio C.C. Modesto

The Turfgrass Adaptive Research Program was initiated at the request of the Golf Course Superintendent members. Those of us who presented this idea to the Northern California Golf Association and the University of California Extension Service envisioned this as a tool to aid us in our quest for information which would help us provide the golfers with better playing conditions. This program has certainly done just this for the Superintendent who has taken the time and interest to attend meetings, conferences, and the two Asilomar Institutes. Several people in the University and Extension Service are spending a great deal of their personal time to make this program a success.

The NCGA has very generously provided funds through direct solicitation from clubs and from their treasury. They are interested in improving playing conditions so they agreed to invest in the program. This program is unique in many ways; first it is a cooperative program between three very distinct groups. It allows the golf course superin-

tendent to name the projects which he believes are the most important to get information on. It provides the Northern California Golf Association the opportunity to plug in the projects they view as important to their member clubs, and it provides funds for the University Extension Service to carry out turf work and to educate students who are interested in turf management.

In all my travels these past few years I have not found any other program that resembles ours. At several meetings in the east our program has been talked about. References have been made to the sand and amendment studies and the publication. Last year I distributed the proceedings from the Institute to the executive committee of GCSAA and several good comments were made. Copies of the two films The Experimental Green and The Drainage System Installation were made available to GCSAA at a nominal cost and are in demand by universities, Chapters and individuals. The work here is recognized nationwide.

Northern California club officials are becoming more interested in the program because the NCGS Bluebook continues to feature it annually. Club officials continuously call those of us who are involved to find out how they can get help from the program.

The golf course superintendent is a key person at the club. Maintenance of the course is his responsibility and he should take every opportunity to explore reliable information. Changing conditions and regulations leave us no alternative but to pursue this diligently.

The program will continue only if we demonstrate an interest by attending meetings and applying the things which will improve our conditions, and by encouraging our clubs to contribute to the NCGA for TARP. At the March meeting GCSA of Northern California contributed \$500.00 to NCGA to be included in the fund.

Several area meetings will be held this year to disseminate information. You and your club will be notified in advance. I sincerely believe not a single golf course superintendent can afford to be absent. Come and bring a club official.

Those of you who did not attend the Pesticide Institute missed what I considered to have been the best week ever spent for learning purposes.

The 1975 Institute will deal with the many areas of personnell as it applies to the superintendent. Since a very large part of our budgets are expended for labor cost, it is very important that everyone attend. We are advised that commitments must be made earlier than in previous years so get your reservation in promptly. If not you may find no space available. DATES ARE MARCH 2-7, 1975 AT ASILOMAR.

Credit for the coninuation of success of TARP goes to William Davis, John Madison, University of California and Extension Service, Dr. Blake, Bob Hanna and the Northern California Golf Association Board of Directors, Jim Ross, Bill Nigh, Roger Larson from the GCSA of Northern California.

We are indebted to a long list of people who, prior to the current people involved, supported our program. I am sure that very few people appreciate the effort and time that have gone into the creation and and continuation of TARP.

We believe it very beneficial to golf--give us your support by PARTICIPATION.

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JOHN ENGEN, JR. is now Golf Course Superintendent at Paradise Pines Golf Course, Paradise. It is a nine hole executive course on 30 acres of land carved out of solid pine forests.

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The nominating committee has nominated the following:

Directors- Joe Andrade, Dave Griffiths, Charles Fountain
Norm Stewart, Dick Viergever

Secretary-Treasurer - John Engen, Kaz Maseba

Vice-president - Mike Clark, Lou Pohlson

President - Larry Feliciano

Nominations may be made from the floor

REMEMBER this is your Association and it is your duty to vote.

A quorum is needed so pick up a voting member and come to meeting.

Let each voting member be a "George" this time and not leave it up to the other guy.

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THE ANNUAL CALIFORNIA FEDERATION OF GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENT ASSOCIATIONS WILL BE HOSTED THIS YEAR BY THE SAN DIEGO CHAPTER.

Education and Annual Meeting May 5 - Hotel Sheraton, Harbor Island
San Diego

Tournament May 6 - Rancho Bernardo, Private Course

Information on Education Program and Tournament will be sent later.