

is about 300,000 sq. ft. of greens surface. Two of the greens, however, are 22,000 sq. ft. monsters. "After all, you have to be unique" said Larry.

Fairways are a mixture of Chewings Fescue, Creeping Red Fescue, Highland Bent, and Common Kentucky Blue.

Since the course lays in the main drain channel of the canyons beyond, 5 bridges were constructed; the longest one 275 ft. long, and strong enough to support a load of carts parked end-to-end across the whole bridge. Each bridge is designed to withstand the onslaughts of bad weather and washouts, and will not collapse. This is important, since in 1969 the devastating rains swept through that area and washed away 7 acres of land, which had to be brought back in by mechanical means. Three hundred tons of rocks in nylon netting now protect the riverbanks from washouts.

As you can see this course has quite a story to tell. It is a big success, and for a large part this is due to the great efforts of Larry Lloyd.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - by Michael R. Clark, CGCS

At the October meeting we had 102 members attending and only 80 reservations were sent in. It was necessary to mention this to those attending because this makes it very difficult for the Host Superintendent to plan a meeting.

Our November response was excellent with 99 cards being sent in and 99 came. My thanks to the membership for being both punctual and accurate.

Our Christams meeting is upon us again and I would hope everyone is planning to attend. It is a fun day that is full of activity. Let's see if we can break past attendance records and make this the best Christmas party of all. Your reservations should be made by December 3rd.

M E R R Y C H R I S T M A S T O A L L

Mike

BILL NIGH, Chairman of the Christmas Party, wants to remind all about the Christams party that the total price includes the seafood feed for all and a tournament for the ladies. And as an added attraction, David Griffiths has stated he will attend. See you there and please get your cards in.

K E N S T O H L D A Y

- by Bob Ford

What happens to a retiring superintendent? Does the membership appreciate what he has done for the club? In the case of Ken Stohl, the membership at Orinda Country Club turned out in great numbers on October 25, for Ken Stohl Day. The festivities started with brunch and a two-man team

tournament and finished up with a dinner banquet and the passing of the hat.

From talking to Ken, I don't think anyone could have been more surprised or happier than he was. It was a great tribute to one of our association members.

GREEN VALLEY NOTES by Bob Fod

For those who missed the meeting at Green Valley Country Club, and the program at Warren's Turf Nursery, you missed a beautiful golf course and an efficient sod harvesting operation. Thanks again to Joe Andrade for the great time and excellent lunch.

Emory Hunter showed us some great looking turf and some of the equipment and man-power it takes to operate a turf nursery. Emory showed us Warren's mowing miracle that mows, recovers the grass clippings, and dumps them into a truck. This is one of three machines like it and each new one has been improved.

Then for the people who felt they were golfers, Emory set up a driving range for the longest and straightest drive. A little added feature was a strong cross wind.

Contest winners were

- Long Drive : 1. John Flachman - Bennet Valley Golf Course
2. Jim Babcock - Healdsburg Men's Golf Club

- Straightest Drive: 1. Mike Clark - Oakmont Golf Club
2. Jim Andrews - Sunken Gardens Golf Course

Booby Prize for Best Cheater: Dave Griffiths - Pacific Grove Muni G.C.

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BOB LIVESEY, Superintendent of Plaza Golf Course, Visalia states they have added 4 tennis courts for a total of 8, all lighted. We are re-building 3 tees and that never ending reworking the irrigation system. Dorothy and I just returned from vacation. We visited golf courses from California to Maryland and back. We had a ball.

One of our most enjoyable stops was spent at Lawrence, Kansas visiting the GCSAA headquarters. Conrad Scheetz, Bill Knoop, and Richard Hale took time from their busy schedule to show us the operation. Anyone going through that section of the country should stop. I know that I have a greater insight on how our association operates.

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MIKE CLARK, Superintendent from Oakmont states one of my men learned a cheap lesson last month when he did not park the tri-plex greens mower on level ground. It rolled into a lake fronting our 6th green. The mower was totally submerged in a matter of seconds. A tractor was needed to pull the mower out. Being a Saturday morning our mechanic had to be called out to drain the gas and oil and clean the carburetor. The mower started right up and we mowed greens with it the next morning. Needless to say I'm not too proud of the mistake, but I am of my two men that work