

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

weekends as I was out of town when this happened. They took the initiative to get the mower rolling again and everything turned out fine.

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BILL NIGH, Golf Course Superintendent at Pasatiempo promoted a golf tournament for the Harbor High School girls tract team. The Santa Cruz community attended and the donation made the girls and coach very happy.

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The following article was sent in by Robert Muir Graves, Golf Course Architect. "Los Altos Golf & Country Club Lake Renovation Program"

The lake on the fourth hole at the Los Altos Golf & Country Club presented some big problems for Aart de Vos, Golf Course Superintendent. The lake, located to the right-front of the green and extending partially down the fairway, was being fed primarily by a storm drain from the Junipero Serra Freeway. Subsurface drainage, also flowing into the lake, included seepage from several residential septic tanks located above the freeway. Besides holding stagnant water, the rather unattractive lake was hidden from the tee, presenting an unfair problem for the golfers to solve.

At the direction of the club's green committee, Mr. de Vos collaborated with the firm of Robert Muir Graves, Golf Course Architect of Walnut Creek, to come up with a solution to the situation. The Graves' firm suggested a two-level lake system, which fit the existing, natural topography. The two levels are connected by an earthen dam where water from the upper level will cascade down to the lower lake through a rocky waterfall. This served two purposes: 1. To circulate the water between lakes; and 2. To enable the golfer to visually identify the lake as a hazard from the tee.

The drainage from the freeway now bypasses the lakes by means of a 12-inch corrugated metal pipe connected to an existing storm drain down the fairway. Any surface runoff will be collected in a small silting pond before being allowed to enter the lakes. A small pump located at the bottom lake serves to circulate the water back up to the upper lake. All irrigation changes along with the new drainage facilities and waterfall were installed by the golf course crew.

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