CHRISTMAS 1974 - Again this year our annual party was a great success, our thanks go out to Jim Ross for a job well done. Also our thanks to Rancho Canada for the great hospitality, the service, meal and golf--it was greatly enjoyed by all who participated.

The following is the list of suppliers who helped make our meeting

Automatic Rain
Berger & Plate Co.
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H. V. Carter Co. Inc.
A. L. Castle of Stockton
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Occidental Chemical Co
Pen-Gro Sales Co
Plant Gro Corporation
Santa Cruz Aggregates Co
Scotts ProTurf
J. F. Sloan Company
Toro Pacific Distributing
Western Lawn Equipment Company

Elanco donated a gift for a door prize.

WE THANK YOU VERY MUCH

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We missed Barbara and Larry Lloyd in December but hope they had a good time on their vacation to Mexico.

Nina and Walter Boysen are back from their trip to Hawaii.

Jackie and Jim Bantrup were visiting relatives in Montana.

Fred Layton is retiring after 45 years at Cypress Point Club, Pebble Beach. He was presented a plaque by the Golf Course Superintendents Association of Northern California in honor of his contribution to golf and his fellow superintendents.

Stan Pitcher from Salem, Oregon (formerly with San Mateo Golf Course) sends everyone Season's Greetings. He hasn't been in the area at the right time to attend a meeting.

Barbara and Jim Ross are the proud grandparents of a baby girl.

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If you have paid 1975 membership dues, your card will be received by January 1; if not, you will receive a bill.

REMEMBER DIRECTORY WILL GO TO PRINT ON JANUARY 15 - SEND CORRECTIONS

Dues become delinquent January 1.
Use of this form will be required as of January 1, 1975. Form Number 102 summary of occupational injuries and illnesses will be used in January 1976 to reflect 1975 entries in number 100.

Chuck Weatherton reports that Joe Guisto passed away on December 12, 1974. He was a member of GCSA of Northern California since 1946, president in 1949 and had received his Class-A Life membership card. He worked at Lake Chabot Municipal Golf Course in Oakland.

Rooms are available at Rickey's $24.00 double $18.00 to $19.00 single

NEWS FROM THE FERTILIZER INSTITUTE: Washington, D.C., November 4, 1974

"Suggestions that farmers in the U. S. or underdeveloped countries could gain substantial fertilizer supplies for food production if U.S. lawn and garden use was diverted are both cruel and misleading" said Ed Wheeler President of the 300 member Fertilizer Institute, here today. "It is cruel that such suggestions have raised expectations far beyond our ability to provide, finance or deliver to the emerging nations" he said.

"Robert W. Steiner, fertilizer coordinator for the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization, recently met the issue head-on when he said, 'It is unrealistic to talk about fertilizer being taken from golf