

NOMINATING COMMITTEE - Larry Feliciano has appointed Doc Babson, Leonard Walsh and Charles Fountain to the nominating committee. If any of you have suggestions or willing to run for office, please contact these fellows. This is your Association. Election is April 11 at Woodbridge Country Club, Lodi.

OUR SYMPATHY goes to the family of James Epp who was killed in a car accident on February 21, 1975. He was a Class B member, and was located at Lake Wildwood Country Club, Penn Valley.

Bill Bengeyfield has sent in a change of address - please note

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Hope you recovered from your hospital trip in New Orleans, Bill.

DONALD J. BAKER, SR. is the new golf course superintendent at Rossmoor Golf Course, 1014 Stanley Dollar Drive, Walnut Creek, California

VERNE CONKLIN was given a Class A-Life membership. Congratulations for the many years spent as a golf course superintendent.

Those who have a GCSA of Northern California plaque and have paid 1975 dues (except those received the month of February) should have a 1975 plate for the plaque. If not, please notify GCSA of No. California, 1233 Kansas Avenue, Modesto, CA 95351 and one will be sent to you.

The 1975 Membership Directory is included with this newsletter. Late and new members will be added in the May issue.

GCSAA TURFGRASS CONFERENCE AND SHOW IN NEW ORLEANS by Myrtle Wagoner

A quick run down of some of the interesting things that happened at Conference as I saw them. We attended the golf tournament in Pensacola, Florida because it was Clifford's last meeting on the GCSAA executive board. We rented a car and drove from Pensacola, Florida through Alabama, Mississippi, to New Orleans, Louisiana (total 234 miles) We were greeted with a storm--rain, thunder, lightning--which the group of Northern California can attest to by their flight. Think all were happy to get their (web) feet on the ground. Never saw so much water in my life all at once. Natives weren't concerned; water doesn't last long in New Orleans.

Monday morning, Chris Schenkel, ABC Sports Commentator spoke at

opening session. Think he was a little overwhelmed by his large live (3,000) audience. Sure this will probably be the best public relations for a long time. Also think that the golf course superintendent will be mentioned at every golf broadcast he will be attending.

Educational sessions consisted of turf management, landscaping, irrigation, fungicides, finance, metrics and many more. One had to attend meetings to attain the full concept of the conference.

The equipment show opened on Tuesday through Thursday was one of the largest, approximately 150 distributors and suppliers showing wares and giving out excellent information. Each superintendent attending should have come back with ideas and knowledge that he can put to use on his course.

The group enjoyed the best Creole cooking in many restaurants (Brennans, Antoinnes, Andrew Jackson, Commanders Palace, etc.) and came home a few pounds heavier I'll wager. Bourbon Street, French Quarters, Garden District, cruises down the river (Mississippi) and golf courses were some of the side lines to participate in.

On Thursday night was the banquet and the new officers are President, Palmer Maples, Jr.; Vice President, Richard Malpass; Ted Woehrle and Mel Lucas have 1 more year to serve, Gordon Witteveen and George Cleaver (reappointed as secretary-treasurer) were reelected to serve 2 years. Lou Haines from Denver was elected to serve 2 years as the other director. Charles Baskin, past president completes the GCSAA 1975 executive committee.

We drove from New Orleans to Dallas to catch a 747 flight home in 'tornado watch' weather all the way. The country is different and nice and no problems with driving. Glad we stayed over until Sunday. Dallas had a 5" snow blizzard that night, but most had melted away by flight time. At one time during the storm it was like a magic fairyland, but wind and snow changed scenes hourly. It was beautiful to watch when one is inside and warm.

Northern California was well represented by Mr. & Mrs. Bert Graves, Jack Baker, Dick Viergever, George Santana, Frank Silva, Roger Larson, Norm Stewart, John Da Dalt, Paul Paulsen, Jim Ross, George Bell, Don Meyer, Kaz Maseba, Fritz Howell, Ken Stohl, Aart de Voss, Bill Nigh, Clifford Wagoner. Also attending Larry Feliciano, Bob Uhland, King Ewing, Ray York, Jack Dierberger, Karl Kolb, Bob Wright, Bob Ford, Leonard Walsh, Frank De Carli, Walt Collins and others. Please excuse if your name is not listed and you attended. With registration in 5 different hotels it is quite possible I didn't see everyone.

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The California Federation of Golf Course Superintendent Associations information is enclosed with this newsletter. No more reservations cards will be sent for meeting held May 4-5, 1975.