

HOST SUPERINTENDENT Joe Andrade has been superintendent for five years at Green Valley Country Club. The course is being made more challenging by the addition of 5 new sand traps on various holes and 1 trap by #10 is currently being constructed. Come enjoy the course.

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The following from Emory Hunter, Manager California sales, Warren's Turf Nursery is pleased to be able to host the Association at our turf nursery on November 6 for a tour of our facility and a golf ball driving contest. The tour will begin at 9:30 A.M. sharp and will be completed by 11:00 A.M.

Highlight of the tour will include first-hand in-operation viewing of the worlds only complete grass clippings dehydration and pelletizing process, the end product of which is a dietary additive for cattle and chicken feed.

Secondly, you will see in operation the especially designed and built mower we have had to develop in order to harvest the grass clippings for the dehydrator. There are no other mowers like this in the world, we believe. The clippings never touch the ground after mowing.

Then you will observe the Brouwer Sod Harvester cutting Warren's BenSun A-34 Bluegrass sod for market, and the handling and loading operation.

If time permits and the members wish, we can then look at the biggest Penncross green you ever will see. We have several acres of Penncross sod ready or growing.

A golf ball driving contest will be held. A prize will be given to the member hitting the farthest drive and for the member hitting the straightest drive. Each contestant can hit two balls total.

We look forward to a fun time for all, and please pray for good weather.

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WHAT ARE OTHERS DOING? - Ed Watson, Superintendent at the City of Walnut Creek Golf Course reports

GOPHERS - Nutritious, Delicious!!!

Gophers when alive can create problems for a lot of us. Disposing of the dead ones can cause problems too, especially if you catch as many as 70 to 100 per week as we do. We solved our problem by freezing them, so that they can later be served as a main entree. However, the entree is served to an unusual bunch - snakes, eagles, hawks and a bobcat feast on our abundant, seemingly endless supply of the furry creatures.

After the gopher is trapped (we use the Guardian Gopher Trap) we put them in an old freezer. Every Friday our inner-city mail service picks them up and delivers them to Walnut Creek's Museum of Natural Science. Before we started this unusual service, the museum was buying mice at .75¢

each. The end result of our service saves the City of Walnut Creek money and benefits the animals at the Museum.

This project has been going on for the last 6 months and requires very little of our time.

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We have a reminder from the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America that cut-off date for new members of GCSAA to be eligible to vote with their Chapter at the annual meeting is December 31, 1975. Anyone interested in joining the National Association may pick up membership blanks at any Northern California meeting.

Also available at any Northern California meeting-GCSAA Conference and Show brochures are available to non-GCSAA members who wish to attend the conference in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

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POSITION WANTED - Golf Course Superintendent would like to stay in Santa Clara Valley or close to same area. Salary and complete resume upon request

Please contact Norm Stewart, 907 Bainbridge Court, Sunnyvale, CA  
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M. Douglas Carlson, Area Representative, Specialty Products, reports that Elanco Products Company has introduced a new, heavier, larger granule for its BALAN turf herbicide. The new granule has a mesh size of 8-16 as compared to the old mesh size of 30-60. Being up to 8 times larger, the spreadability of the new heavy granule is dramatically improved. The improved spreadability is especially noted with the popular Lely broadcast spreaders.

The effectiveness of the new granule has not been altered and pre-emergent control of annual bluegrass, smooth and hairy crabgrass, goosegrass watergrass, and yellow and green foxtail can be expected. The new BALAN heavy granules will be available to Elanco distributors beginning this month. Adequate supplies are predicted throughout 1976.

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Riding along with 97 (Frank DeCarli) will not have an article because of his sojourn to England on a business trip.

A get-well soon to Frank Silva who recently underwent surgery.

Chuck Mangold is now associated with A. L. Castle of Stockton, 5700 Cherokee Road, Stockton, Ca 95203