

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
Area Code 408 739-4083 94087

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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

KEITH BRAMAN & ASSOCIATES are conducting specialized courses in Large Turf Rotors and Remote Control Valves in their Santa Clara classroom/shop complex. The courses are designed to give to the Man-in-the-field, specific information in construction principles of operation and maintenance of rotors and remote control valves, by brand and model numbers.

The Rotor Course, LIR-1, covers cam, ball, arm impact and turbo-gear drives their strong points and limitations; and how to disassemble, repair and adjust them. Also covered are such subjects as run-off, over and under pressure problems, non uniform application, dry spots, "doughnuts", etc.

The Remote Control Valve Course, RCV-1, covers hydraulic "normally-open" and "normally-closed", electric, and the "TH" valve. Both piston and diaphragm types are discussed. Trouble-shooting is emphasized in a logical, step-by-step process. Problems such as valve "hangs" open, won't open or won't open fully, won't close or won't shut off completely, are traced hydraulically or electro-hydraulically. Electric and hydraulic pilot are also examined.

In both courses, students are furnished workbooks with cut-a-way drawings and complete trouble-shooting charts, to which they can refer on the job. Controller programming is discussed at great length.

Each course is two full days, from 9:00 to 4:00, with a one hour lunch period. Classes are scheduled for the first two weeks in December, all of January, all of February, and all of March. Each course is \$60.00 per student, or \$105.00 for both courses.

Interested parties are requested to contact Eileen Hoyle, c/o Keith Braman & Associates, 2366-A Walsh Avenue, Santa Clara, CA 95050. The telephone number is (408) 246-2366.

R E M E M B E R - Friday, December 5, 1975, Rancho Canada Golf Course, Carmel is the date for our annual Christmas golf tournament (ladies too) seafood feed, cocktails, dinner and dancing. Set aside the date now--- more specific details will be given in the next newsletter.

Pio Bellone passed away on October 17, 1975. He had been a member of the GCSA of Northern California since 1946. He served on the board in 1951. He was employed at the Peninsula C.C. in San Mateo until his retirement in 1966 when he became a Class A-Life member. Our sympathies are extended to his wife Mary who lives at 311 28th Ave., San Mateo, CA 94403