

Fritz Howell, Northridge Country Club, has recently completed construction of a lake in front of number 16 green. The lake not only adds to the beauty of the hole, but also controls a severe drainage problem. The course master plan, as prepared by the original course architect, William Bell, calls for the construction in the near future of four more additional lakes.

Also completed and soon to be open for play are three new tees. Future plans call for several more new tees and the redesign of some of the existing tees.

LAWN BOWLING - The object of the game is to roll the bowl (not ball) so that it will stop as close as possible to the jack (small white ball). The bowl is round on the rolling surface, but not the other way. This means it has a built in curve toward the heavier (less flat) side (egg shape).

Each player needs a set of bowls (4), a case for them and a pair of flat-soled shoes without heels. Bowls must be between 4 3/4" and 5 1/8" in diameter and weigh not more than 3 1/2 pounds. Bowls of a set have distinctive insignia for identification. The size of the green is between 110' and 125' in length. Most are square, providing play areas (rinks) for 6 to 8 sets of opponents at a time.

Lawn bowls is a competitive sport and bowlers have bowled for 70 years.

DON BAKER, Superintendent at Rossmoor, Walnut Creek, is in charge of 2 rinks and has recently held the National bowling tournament with people from all over the world participating.

He is in charge of tennis courts, 3 crochet courts, 18 hole golf course and just recently opened a new 9 course.

FROM GCSAA Chapter Newsletter - Central Pennsylvania GCSA, State of Pennsylvania and GCSAA cooperate in pesticide certification. November 12 and 13, 1975 will be the dates and Lancaster, Pennsylvania will be the site of a GCSAA Chapter-sponsored Pesticide I Seminar. However, the Lancaster Seminar will be unique from those previously given across the country. Participants in this seminar will have the opportunity to satisfy the state requirements for pesticide certification before leaving the two day session. A state official will administer the Pennsylvania core and category examinations at the conclusion of the seminar program. The category test adopted by the state of Pennsylvania for Lawn and Turf Pest Control is GCSAA's Pesticide I examination.

Thus, cooperation toward a common need and a common goal is in the final stages of accomplishment for superintendents in central and eastern Pennsylvania. The Central Pennsylvania GCSA is to be commended for its initiative in taking the first step in requesting what has become a unique cooperative endeavor between their Chapter, GCSAA and state authorities in pesticide certification.

Has your Chapter considered and suggested such an approach to the certifying agency in your state? GCSAA stands ready to cooperate with any Chapter or Chapters considering such an approach or other plans for satisfying state certification requirements.

IRRIGATION SEMINAR by George W. Bell, Irrigation Consultant, Millbrae

The third annual Irrigation Seminar sponsored by the Northern California Turfgrass Council was held recently at Asilomar. There were about 65 people registered for the week end session. Many comments referred to the fact that this was the best seminar ever attended and that the speakers were the finest in the entire irrigation industry.

The program started on Friday afternoon with a party sponsored by the American Society of Irrigation Consultants. The featured speaker for the session was Mr. Tom Mascaro of Safe-T-Lawn Sprinkler Company in Miami, Florida, who gave an excellent talk on "Dew".

The Saturday Session started with Mr. Sheldon Pooley Of Irrrometer Co. in Riverside who spoke on the several uses of moisture sensing equipment as used in an irrigation system. Mr. Donald Schnedl of Dymax in Pleasanton spoke on the variations of introducing fertilizer, chemicals, etc. into the irrigation system ("Fertigation"). Mr. Carlyle Regele of Rainbird Sprinkler Co. in Glendora gave an excellent presentation on "Specialty Valves" and their wide range of application in irrigation systems.

After lunch, Mr. Charles Putnam of Telsco Industries in Dallas, Texas spoke of the several methods used in the selection of your contractor and the ramifications of each. Mr. Chet Sarsfield of Irrigation Technical Services in Lafayette gave a fine talk on "Specifications". Mr. Donald Metcalf, an attorney from Concord talked about contracts and lien laws. A party sponsored by the Suppliers and Manufacturers of irrigation equipment ended the session.

The final session started on Sunday morning with a talk by Mr. George Bell, Irrigation Consultant of Millbrae who was also the chairman for these seminars. He gave a presentation on the introduction to the Metric System. Mr. Robert Wilson, Superintendent of Parks for the City of Sunnyvale spoke from the owners point of view. Bob related several of the short-comings from not only manufacturers, but also design, contracting, service and also the owner. The final speaker was Mr. W. H. Benguey-