

EDITOR'S NOTES - Bob Ford, Almaden Golf & C.C., San Jose

A S I L O M A R - For those of you who missed this years Institute "Management of Golf Course Maintenance", you missed an enlightening week of speakers talking about how we as managers can better utilize our resources and manpower to operate our golf courses more efficiently. Some of the methods that were brought forth by the speakers were greatly enlarged in our smaller groups when each individual had a chance to explain how he could impliment a new method into his work program or how he has refined a similar method to achieve greater efficiency.

Bill Davis stated this year was the biggest enrollment of the four years and almost reached the projected 70 person capacity for the seminar. Bill feels that next year many people will have to be turned away because of the increased interest in the program and the limited capacity to handle a larger group.

I hope everyone tries to attend next year and there is a possibility it will be during a different month that may not be so busy for us.

PLAN AHEAD - January 9-14, 1977 are the dates.

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April 2nd (deadline date) for "Name the Newsletter Contest" with the winner being announced at the Annual Meeting.

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AWARDS COMMITTEE The Awards Committee with Bob Livesey as chairman has made their selections They are to be thanked for their effort in choosing the most deserving members. These awards for

- Superintendent of the Year
- Excellence in Golf Turf Management
- Class F Award

will be made at the April meeting during lunch. Plan to attend to honor the men receiving these awards.

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VERNE CONKLING was seen this month at South Shore having a good time and in good health along with his lovely wife.

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KEN SAKAI, Assistant Superintendent at Riverside Golf Course, Coyote shot a hole-in-one March 19th while playing in the Gene Bolli Invitational. This was Ken's second hole-in-one, but his first in tournament play. The hole-in-one was at Riverside giving it special meaning to him. He used an 8 iron and is a 3 handicap golfer. Congratulations Ken.