

NOTES FROM THE NORTH VALLEY - John Engen, CGCS, Butte Creek C.C., Chico

The North Valley Chapter of the Northern California Turfgrass Council has been formed and looks like it is going to be a big success. After two years of organizational meetings and a lot of hard work two general meetings have been held with an excellent response. Both meetings were held at Country Smorgys in Oroville. One on October 22, 1975 at which time Les Goings, Deputy Agricultural Commissioner gave a presentation on pesticide rules and regulations. The second meeting was held February 24, 1976. Mr. Lloyd Coffman owner of Foothills Landscape Contractors spoke on pruning techniques. Thirty people attended this meeting and yours truly resigned as chairman of the organizational committee and board member because of other pressing matters. Griff Taylor, Kelly Ridge Golf Links was voted to fill this vacancy.

The board members of this new Turfgrass Council are capable and dedicated to the betterment of the landscape industry. They are as follows  
President - Jim Carpenter, Park Superintendent, City of Oroville  
Secretary - Dan Neff, Park Superintendent, City of Chico  
Treasurer - Don Barrick, Head Groundsman, Butte College  
Board Members - Pete Holman, Instructor, Butte College

    Quentin Nakagawaro, Instructor Butte College

    Griff Taylor, Golf Course Superintendent, Kelly Ridge Golf Links Oroville

    Carl Wick, Farm Advisor on sabbatical leave

Advisors - Joe Sheffield, Agronomist Occidental Chemical

    Frank Hutchinson, Chief of Agriculture, Butte College.

For information contact any one of these people.

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JOB PLACEMENT CENTER - Butte College has been designated as the site for the first state wide centralized clearing house for job placement of students trained in college landscape and environmental horticulture programs.

Principal purpose of the one year state funded pilot project is to place qualified students and graduates in industry jobs best suited to meet their job skills, interests and location preference.

The landscape and environmental horticulture industry initiated the placement project in cooperation with the California community colleges because of the landscape industries need to find the best qualified employees. The project is being continuously monitored by the community college chancellors office in cooperation with the project consortium and staff. Consortium members include Frank Peccorini and Efraim Donitz California Landscape Contractors Association, John Engen, Golf Course Superintendents Association of Northern California, Charles Armstrong California Association of Nurserymen, J. C. Meserve, Floral Industry,

Quentin Nakagawara, Butte College Education, William Paterson, Director Foothill College O. H. program, Dwight Wait, Instructor Modesto Community College, Harold Peck, Chairman of Agriculture Mt. San Antonio College, Gary Parsons, Instructor College of the Desert.

Interested employers and students can obtain job announcement information and job applications by contacting Landscape Placement Office, Butte College, Route 1, Box 183A, Oroville, CA 95965 916 895-2442  
Howard (Pete) Holman is the project director and is assisted by Martha Walburn.

The industry members of this consortium are serving one other function. They are an accreditation committee working accrediting community college landscape and environmental horticulture programs. To date two colleges have been accredited and five more have applied. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Norm Stewart for serving on the accreditation committee at Foothill College. Norm gave two days of his time for this worthwhile project and did a very professional job.

John W. Engen

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ANNUAL CALIFORNIA FEDERATION GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENTS ASSOCIATIONS MEETING hosted by Hi-Lo Golf Course Superintendent Association May 2 and 3, 1976 at Palm Springs Spa Hotel, Box 1787, Palm Springs, CA 92262  
When making room reservations indicate you are with the Federation. Golf on Monday May 3rd at Mission Hills Country Club, site of the Dinah Shore Classic. You have to be in attendance at the educational session on Sunday in order to play golf.  
CONTACT Roy Stoddard, Box 382, San Jacinto, CA 92383 to make reservations for meeting and golf.

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SUPERINTENDENT WANTED - 36 holes - 1st class Tournament courses, must have major tournament experience - prefer Agronomy degree - references will be required - at present job at least three years - CONTACT, with resume, Mr. Bruce Curtis, Silverado Country Club, 1600 Atlas Peak Road, Napa, CA 94558

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On the PH scale an Acid Soil would be Below 7.