

SCOTT LAWRENCE, Assistant Superintendent at Orinda Country Club, Orinda writes - when I graduated from Cal Poly a few years ago with a degree in park administration I often wondered where my education might lead me.

Until recently, the furthest thing from my mind was teaching, but when the director of occupational education at Ohlone College in Fremont asked me if I wanted to teach an evening class in turfgrass management, I accepted.

Some red tape, a contract, and a state limited service credential requiring both education and experience, put me on the staff as a part-time instructor.

We covered such things as plant characteristics, identification, tolerances, establishment, the seed lable, fertilization, maintenance problems, equipment, and pesticides. I used such things as samples, empty sacks and lables, turfgrass plugs, and handouts as aids, and I want to thank our friend Don Lancaster from the University of California Cooperative Extension Service for giving the class a fine lecture and slide presentation

Presenting an organized format to a room full of students and keeping it interesting for three hours is not always easy, but after twelve weekly sessions I believe we covered the material pretty well. Golf course maintenance is still my bag, but teaching the class one quarter a year may prove to be a good supplement.

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FRANK De CARLI - My trip to "Jolly Old England" was a huge success. Pen-Gro Sales Corporation has been named exclusive distributor for Ransomes; Sims & Jefferies for 3 states. We will be direct importers selling their equipment. One of the greatest thrills of my travels was the American Flag raised in our honor when we entered the Ransomes' factory alongside the Union Jack. The weather was great; 6 of the 8 days were sunny, 1 foggy day (naturally in "good old England") and 1 day of rain.

In my travels I've seen many people walking animals - but would you believe - on Highway 152 I saw a man walking a camel.

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Bob Ford is cleaning up after a fire at Almaden C.C. (San Jose) which started in the kitchen and burned down the dining room, bar and office. Records were saved and temporary offices are set up in the pool area.

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KEN SAKAI is now assistant golf course superintendent at Riverside Golf Course, Coyote. He and his bride are living in Los Gatos.

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PUBLICATION DATE DEADLINE OF NEWSLETTER CHANGED TO 15th OF EACH MONTH

JACK BAKER, Vice President of H. V. Carter Co., Inc., Oakland
sent in the following NEW YEARS RESOLUTIONS

In recent years this has become more of a cliché than a promise, but it is still a good practice to follow as it establishes certain guidelines for our profession.

1. I will make every effort to attend each meeting of my association and will confirm my reservations as requested by each host superintendent
2. I will give of my time and my talent to the sole and complete benefit of the organization
3. I will give attention to each guest speaker so that I might benefit from the information
4. I will give my employer a 100% effort at all times in whatever may be the duties to which I am responsible
5. I will share information with my fellow members that may be helpful to them in carrying out their operations
6. I will make every effort to keep my equipment in good operating condition and to carry out preventative maintenance practices
7. I will keep my facilities neat and orderly
8. I will delegate responsibilities to my operating staff in a clear and concise manner and carefully supervise in a constructive and helpful manner
9. I will keep an open mind at all times to receive advice as well as information on new techniques in equipment development that can make my maintenance procedures
10. I will continually keep myself abreast of all educational information that will prove beneficial to my chosen profession.

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LEIGH HULBERT retired in 1962 from Presidio Golf Club, San Francisco where he held the job as golf course superintendent since 1936. He writes I always had the idea that to maintain a golf course and keep all members happy was the height of success, but what I am now doing is far superior. In short, if you will read Matthew 24:14, it will tell you what I am doing. I did not take time out this year to go to Canada, but I would like to go to Australia and see the down under country, and some of their golf courses there.

His new address is 525 Airport Blvd, Space 58, Watsonville, and best regards to all golf superintendents and stop by to see me when you go South.

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STANLEY PITCHER, Class A-Life member retired from San Mateo Muni in 1970 and is now living in Salem, Oregon. He writes he did not play golf this last year - too involved with his cattle. He has been elected president of the Civic Association for 1976. Thinks he will retire in 1977. Sends

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his very best wishes to all for the New Year.

Stan was President of GCSA of NC in 1946 and 1947 and was responsible for keeping the Association together doing World War II.

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MEMBERS WHO HAVE PAID DUES BY DECEMBER 18 SHOULD HAVE RECEIVED MEMBERSHIP CARD AND 1976 PLATE TO PLAQUE WHERE APPLICABLE.

BILLS ARE BEING SENT TO MEMBERS WHO HAVE NOT PAID