

GCSAA CONFERENCE & SHOW, PORTLAND 1977

Golf Course Superintendents Association of America Executive Committee elected for 1977: Ted Woehrle, President; George Cleaver, Vice-President, Lou Haines, Director (appointed secretary) Hobart Burgan and Mike Bavier appointed to two year term. Hold over members Mel Lucas, Charles Tadge and Dave Holler. Dick Malpass is Immediate Past President.

All bylaw proposals were approved.

The education sessions were very good and well attended. The equipment show was, as usual, very educational and a real opportunity to see all the new maintenance items. Jacobsen showed, for the first time, their new hydraulic 7-gang fairway mower. Several other companies also displayed new items.

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WHAT IS THE FUTURE OF THE GOLF COURSE INSTITUTE which has been held at Asilomar for the last 5 years. Your action will determine the answer. A letter with a return card will be in the mail soon to explain the alternatives and to get your comments and suggestions for future programs. By June 1, 1977 a decision must be made. Please return your card promptly when it arrives.

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T H A N K S to John Grant and Milton Sideris, Superintendent at Harding Park Golf Course for hosting our February meeting. It was a beautiful day and John and Milton did an excellent job of making everyone welcome. John Fry, Head Professional at Harding Park spoke to the group of the importance of having contracts and benefits derived from periodic review by the Board of Directors. He cited the experience of the PGA and told us that approximately 60% of Northern California Professionals have contracts. He said that professionals, superintendents and managers at clubs are in a position to help each other and should do so because it will eventually benefit everyone. A good job description is very essential to establishing your value to a club.

John believes contracts have helped the Professionals and suggested that it might be a tool which we can use to gain recognition benefits and salaries.

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Just talked to Dick Aven, Marin C.C. He left Asilomar and went home and had a heart attack. Dr. said after recuperating he should be fine again. We hope so. He was dissappointed though because he didn't get to complete Asilomar as he was getting a lot out of it.