

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - Bill Nigh, Pasatiempo GC, Santa Cruz

Continuing news about the 1977 California draught - If you have an abundant supply of water, consider yourself extremely lucky. Here at Pasatiempo we were cut back 30% by 30-day biling period of what we had used in 1975. We had to project ahead what we thought our 7 meters would use. That was fairly easy to do until the variable, like a hot spell, used up the greater part of one allotment before we were into the next period. Two of the lessons I may have learned from this set back are:

1. Keep records or have available to you what weather you have month by month over a period of years so that you can hope to forecast what it will be like for a given month.
2. Use the most draught resistant varieties of grasses, compatable with your soil and area.

Any of you who are severely rationed know what I am saying and hope we never have to suffer through another year like this one.

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OUR HOST FOR OCTOBER - Bob Uhland, Valley Hi Country Club, Sacramento

After two years attending the University of California at Davis where Bob was majoring in Agronomy, he took his first golf course job. From 1960 to 1962 he was Head Greensman of the Arbuckle Golf Club. After getting bit by the golf course bug, Bob thought he would like to get on an 18 hole course. In 1962 he went to Sunset Oaks C.C., where he worked as an assistant superintendent for two years. In 1964 he was promoted to Superintendent. In 1967 he moved to Edgewood Tahoe which was under construction at that time. In 1971 Bob left Edgewood, looking for greener pastures. In 1973 he decided the best of the greener pastures was back to the golf course. In January 1974 he accepted the Superintendent position at Valley Hi Country Club

Valley Hi is located a few miles south of Sacramento. The course was designed by William Bell and opened for play in 1961. They have 394 golfing and 39 social members.

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A BRIEF RECAP OF OUR MEETING AT CORRAL DE TIERRA:- Our THANKS to Glenn Welsh and Mr. Gearhardt, our hosts, for the excellent facilities for the meeting. The group that played golf had nothing but excellent comments on the condition of the course. From looking at some of the scores we must have a few sand baggers in the group. Good golf, fine fellowship, and excellent food along with an excellent speaker made for a fine day.

Jim Latham's talk on "Budgetary Problems" brought to light many things. Two of the items I think are most important were the proper utilization

of manpower and the right equipment for the job. The statement that "country clubs are going the way of clubs years ago" is very true. They will be for the so-called very rich. We are seeing more clubs going out of business nation-wide than ever before. Many are being bought by cities and counties and become municipal operations. The unused portion of the courses are being developed into park and picnic areas. In essence we have to be able to get the best for our dollar today than ever before.

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CERTIFICATION CLASSES OFFERED - A certification training class is now open for registration for Golf Course Superintendents and their assistants. The class will provide preparation for the core certification test and workshops to prepare for specific category testing. The deadline for becoming certified is October 21, 1977. We have been informed that enforcement of this law will not start until January 1978. This course will include 12 hours of instruction and 4 hours of testing. The actual certification test will be administered by the State of California Department of Food and Agriculture at the conclusion of instruction on the second day. The instruction will include the core material preparation plus training in "Turf & Ornamental Pest Control" and Aquatic Pest Control." Testing for these two specific categories will also be offered on the second day.

Dates - October 20 and October 28 Time 8:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.

Place - Holiday Inn - Downtown, 282 Almaden Blvd, San Jose, CA

Cost - \$25.00 per registrant

Each registrant will receive the following:

1. Hot buffet lunch on both days.
2. "Laws and Regulations Study Guide" - State of California
3. "Apply Pesticides Correctly" - E.P.A.
4. "Pesticide Applicator and Safety Training" - University of California
5. Study guides for the six specific categories of certification
6. Chapter questions for review.

It is mandatory that registrants attend both days of instruction to be prepared to take the examinations. Space is limited to the first 75 and space will be confirmed only after receipt of fee by Target Chemical Co 1280 N. 10th St., San Jose, CA 95112. Check received by October 17, 1977 Any questions contact John Steiner, Target Chemical Co., 408 293-6032

DON'T FORGET SEND NAME OR NAMES-\$25.00 per registrant-Golf Course-address-Deadline date October 17, 1977- to Target Chemical Co., at address above.