

chisels should have a 20-30 degree bevel, with no nicks in the cutting edge. Either can be sharpened on a bench grinder, but frequent touch-ups with an oilstone or file delays this major operation.

Proper storage of tools is important for maintaining them in good condition. Gardening tools should be hung, if possible, in a protected area where it is cool and dry. Most hand tools, too, can be stored on a wall or pegboard. You may find it useful to designate a spot for each tool, either with a label or by drawing an outline shape of the tool where it should be located when not in use.

Having a special place for tools not only makes them easier to find when they're needed, but makes it easier to see if any are missing. This can help cut down on tool loss through negligence or theft.

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Frank J. De Carli, President of Pen-Gro Corporation wishes us to note the name change.

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REMEMBER June 14 - Northern California Turfgrass Council Field Day

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Well, well, well guess who you have to put up with again as editor of our newsletter. That's right, Stan's back. I must say Bob is going to be a tough act to follow, but I will do my best. I am hoping for more support in the way of articles from our membership. I along with almost everybody else have been very selfish. I think we all have a lot of information we should share with our fellow superintendents and the newsletter is a great way to share it. So let's all try to get an article in to me.

While I am on the soap box let me say a few things about meeting attendance. There are 303 members in our Association, of that 172 are directly involved in the maintenance of golf courses or to put it another way--they are A, B, and D members. Of that 172 A, B, and D members we are averaging approximately 40 per meeting, which in my opinion is low. Now if our membership tried to make at least one half of the meetings each year we would have some good turnouts.

Besides getting away from the job for a day of golf there are many other advantages to attending meetings. The educational programs have been very good, you get to talk to other superintendent and suppliers you might not get to otherwise. You pick up new ideas and learn of new job

opportunities just to mention a few. So let's all get out and try to make a few more meetings. Remember IT IS your Association.

TARP Meeting - Recently I attended our regional TARP meeting at Crow Canyon CC and I must say I was very impressed. All the speakers did a great job and are to be commended. There was a great deal of interest from those in attendance. A lot of the questions and comments from the floor were from professionals and club officials which I feel is good. It shows that people other than the superintendents are interested in some of the problems we are faced with. I would like to say THANKS to Bill Davis and all others involved with putting this years program together.

I would also like to thank everyone at Crow Canyon for their hospitality. We were only able to play the front nine, but enjoyed it so much we played it twice.

El Macero Country Club, Wednesday, May 24, 1978. It has been quite some time since we have had the pleasure of having a meeting at El Macero and as always things looked good. Having decided that sleep was more important than golf, I did not get to see the golf course but I did get a chance to talk to some of the golfers and they felt the course was in great shape.

As always the hospitality at El Macero is great and I would like to personally thank Jack.

Stan

We were extremely fortunate to have had two speakers who spoke on communication. Bob Badger, Professional of El Macero told us how important it was for the superintendent to keep the professional and manager aware of operations on the course. He also pointed out the need for each of the three to support the other during discussions with members.

Duke Newton, owner of Brady-Holmes said that the superintendents position was one of a manager since in most cases he was on his own out on the course. The value of the property and equipment makes it imperative that superintendents have an experienced mechanic on the job. He warned us when going to a new club to be sure to get an understanding of the clubs policies and future plans. He should survey needs in regard to equipment and sprinkler system and get a committment from the club so he will be able to accomplish its goals. Thanks to Bob and Duke for a great program.

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