

- A. Discussions on trees and shrubs, types, location, care. These are mighty important to the playing characteristics of any course--as important as sand traps.
 - B. Location and clarity of O.B. and hazard stakes. I think this is nearly as important as fairway turf conditions and much more neglected.
 - C. Proper type and design of golf cart paths and locations.
 - D. General Housekeeping or (course keeping). Limit "Ground Under Repair" conditions. No situation should occur where the Rules of Golf are in doubt.
 - E. Maintenance and use of golf course equipment
 - F. Employee work schedules and training.
- So there can still be a greater exchange of ideas and as a result more learning. -- At least there would be for me.

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EDITORIAL - Reservation Cards - by Stan

I wish that everyone in the Association would have the opportunity to host a meeting and see what it is like trying to get everything organized not knowing how many people are going to show up. I know that this happens at almost every meeting, but it does not hit home until you host a meeting. So please sympathize with your host superintendent and get your cards sent in. If you think it will be late a phone call will do.

In closing I would like to say that I enjoyed very much having the privilege of hosting the GCSANC meeting and hope in the future to be able to be your host again. Thank you.

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OUR HOST FOR OCTOBER - Robert "Bob" Townsend's career in golf started in 1967 as a laborer constructing the Lake of the Pines Golf Course, Auburn, a Boise Cascade course. He moved to Lake Wildwood, Grass Valley, another Boise-Cascade, helping to construct it also. In 1971 he took the superintendent position at Lake of the Pines and moved to his present position in May 1976 as construction superintendent for Eagle Valley Golf Course, Carson City, Nevada. After the course opened on April 30, 1977 he stayed on as superintendent. Bob has been a member of Northern California since 1972 and became a Class B in September 1973 after passing his examination. He is also a member of Sierra-Nevada GCSA.

Eagle Valley Golf Course is a city owned, 18 hole golf course, elevation 4700 feet. The first year of operation 30,000 rounds of golf were played. It is a typical foothill course and closes primarily because of wind and cold, not snow. Snow has lasted only two days since Bob has been here. The wind and chill factor of 30⁰, and the course as hard as cement makes

playing seasonal. Already the lows of 23 and 24 degrees have arrived and then zooming to 60 degrees, makes persons playing the course aware of the fact that it is easier to take off a jacket than wishing you had one to put on.

The facility is irrigated by effluent water and Bob is willing to answer all questions pertaining to this type of irrigation.

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REVIEW OF SEPTEMBER MEETING by Cliff Wagoner, CGCS, Del Rio CC, Modesto

Why would anyone invite golf course superintendents to his golf course knowing what the odds were of getting roasted?

Stan Burgess took on the odds because first he knew that the course was in good condition and second he figured a discussion of actual conditions might add to the education of those present. He was right. The Claremont Professional Tal Smith summed it up in an article he wrote for us.

Stan's maintenance practices include mowing greens with walk mowers and raking traps by hand, not too common any more, but both contribute to great golfing conditions. Even though bermuda encroaches into his greens, no control is necessary because the environment favors bent and pushes it back in the fall and winter. He plans to use Tupersan for pre-emergence crabgrass control in early spring because of a light infestation this year. Sand in his traps is on the coarse side with round particles which remain loose and very playable. His top dressing program consists of two applications of fine sand annually. The new shop area and a complete automatic sprinkling system tend to convince us that Stan has done a good selling job to the Green Committee on the need to have adequate facilities and equipment for maintenance of a first-class golf course.

Thanks Stan and Claremont for a great day.

It was suggested that we have a similar meeting on a municipal course so differences could be seen between these and the country club. If anyone on a muni would volunteer their course for a meeting we would appreciate it. Contact me at work Area Code 209 545-0723 or home 523-7141

Thank you.

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