

SAM SINGH, Golf Course Superintendent at Rohnert Park Golf Course reports that "In 1959 I started to work at Peach Tree CC under Superintendent Tom Caranci and Sandy Sandhu who was assitant. My sincere thanks go to these two super people for getting me into golf course maintenance business.

In 1961 I went to El Dorado Royal CC, worked there as golf course construction superintendent under the architect Bert Stamps. After that I went to work for Pacific Properties and helped build Swallows Nest Golf Course in Sacramento and Camino Heights Golf Course in Placerville. From there a big leap to Oahu, Hawaii and worked for Castle and Cook Oceanic Properties in development of a new golf course in Wahiawa, Hawaii, known as Miliani Golf Course. Spert more than 3 years and moved back to California and started to work for Rohnert Park Golf Course and have been here for 11 years.

Rohnert Park Golf Course was originallly constructed by architect Bob Baldock. The course was built in early sixties and the city took it over in 1967. Since May 1, 1979 California Golf has leased Rohnert Park and Martin Shawdows adjacent to Rohnert Park. Martin Shawdows will be opened in September. I invite you to look over both courses"

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KEN'S NOTES

Joint meeting with Sierra-Nevada Association. We had a good Northern California turnout for what was a fun meeting. We played Incline Village Executive Course which was pretty tough because there were no fairways to speak of.

Sierra Nevada is interested in starting a seminar on the problems of contract maintenance. If enough people are interested they will set up dates and notify Northern California.

George Finmin said "Hello" to all his friends in the Association

I had an opportunity to tour the O. M. Scotts facility in Marysville, Ohio. Very interesting research in regards to grasses and fertilizers. They presented their material very informally yet managed to get a lot of information across. If you have the chance -- take it.

Murray Nonhoff (Scott's) writes "To honor Golf Course Superintendent Al Salvi's 45 years of service to Green Hills CC an annual golf tournament has been named in his honor. The Al Salvi Golf Classic will be held on August 4th this year. Also a "Happy Birthday to Al, his 71st."

Talked to a few superintendents over the phone recently, here is what they had to say about summer.

Mike Clark, CGCS Oakmont, Santa Rosa - The main concern will be to maintain turf conditions this summer. It is also a good time to solve some minor drainage problems and other small projects

I also have 9 holes under construction and they should be ready to seed in 3-4 weeks.

Aart de Vos, Los Altos CC, Los Altos - I am already on a summer maintenance schedule, which means aerifying on a regular schedule. One thing I might do different - when I have a dry spot forming, I aerate to open it up

Dave Griffiths, Pacific Grove Golf Links, Pacific Grove - I am working with a 3 man crew in August so I am not planning any major construction. Right now I am just maintaining the golf course, keeping the color. We are in good shape; in fact better than or equal to any other season. We are using less water but we're still over budget due to increases in water prices.

Tom Thatcher, Stanford Golf Course - Summer problems, huh, Well I thought I was married to a woman but it turns out I'm married to grass. I'm just trying to maintain the condition of the course. We have a few major tournaments coming up this summer. We have some construction planned (5 new traps) but we might have to push them back to fall. Continuing with my topdressing program (7 applications last year); doesn't look like as many this year. Otherwise everything is going fine.

Good Luck to everyone this summer and hopefully all problems will be minor. See you at Rohnert Park. Ken

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Richard Lavine is located at Castlewood CC, Pleasanton

Don Meyer is back with Best Products, Lathrop.

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GRADY, L. SIMRIL, President GCSANC reporting - The meeting at Incline Village was well attended. There were 93 in attendance. Northern Cal had the largest group. Thanks Northern Cal. We as a group would like to thank Vance West and Sierra Nevada. Good weather and good golf course. By the way, our newsletter editor shot a 64 (Ken Sakai).

Your Board of Directors would like very much to hear from everyone of you as to what you would like the Board to do for you. So get those suggestions in to us. By word of mouth or put them down on paper and get it to us.

At our next meeting at Rohnert Park, everyone come and bring another member with you, let's make this the largest meeting of the year.

I attended the NCTC field day. It was a super affair. The BBQ lunch alone was worth the whole price. Then they threw in Bay Meadows Race Track turf and the Candlestick Parks new turf.