

WANTED GOLF COURSE MECHANIC - must be experienced in trouble shooting, preventive maintenance, ordering and record keeping.

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KEN'S NOTES, Ken Sakai, Riverside Golf Course, Coyote

I would like to thank Gordon Brinkworth and San Jose Country Club for their hospitality in hosting our August meeting. Everyone should have enjoyed themselves as they received a chance to play a truly fine test of golf. I missed everyone, but hope to see all at Lake Chabot.

CONGRATULATIONS to Tom Lindsay (formerly with Moyer Chemical) on the birth of his daughter, Margaret.

Also to Merle Russill on his retirement.

Thanks to Steve Carlton and Bob Tipton for their articles.

Recently Bob Tipton advertised in THRU THE GREEN for an assistant superintendent and was quite pleased to have 4 excellent applicants. His number 2, 3, and 4 choices were all excellent, dedicated family men. He would like to see these men reach their ambitions so thought a line ⁱⁿ the newsletter about his success might help them secure a position as an assistant or lead man. He recommends using THRU THE GREEN as an excellent way to let qualified people know of openings.

Steve Carlton sent the article in about Merle Russill and Cliff Wagoner condensed. We are glad to see this type of recognition for the golf course superintendent.

The Sunday Edition of the July 29, 1979 issue of the Peninsula Herald newspaper ran a two column article on Merle Russill's 24 years at Fort Ord Golf Course.

Merle is described as a quiet man who was responsible for the development of the Bayonet into a championship layout. Sports writer John Hallisey praises him as the person responsible for making the Fort Ord golf complex truly great. Merle was born in Eastern Oregon and moved to Watsonville where he attended high school. His golf course experience began at Montebello Muni in the Los Angeles area in 1946. In April of 1955 he went to work at Fort Ord shortly after the first course had been built. Merle's tree planting program contributed to the reputation of the courses difficulty. He admitted that Monterey pines were not as good a choice for trees as the Cypress

Merle retired as Golf Course Superintendent on August 1, 1979. In his retirement he and his wife Trudi plan to play golf and ride their horses

He said "I have enjoyed myself for 24 years, really enjoyed my work here. There have been times when it gets irritating, but overall, it's been an enjoyable period of my life. I wouldn't take a million for it." We all wish him a long and enjoyable retirement.

Ed Stocke is now located at Santa Rosa Golf and Country Club.

The Golf Course Superintendents Association of America membership directory goes to print the first of October. All changes must be made so if Any NATIONAL MEMBER is unhappy with the way his name appears in the directory, he should contact GCSAA Headquarters, 1617 St. Andrews Drive, Lawrence, KS 66044 as soon as possible

NEW HAZARD ADDED TO THE GAME OF GOLF - at least for golfers in Maryland If you happen to kill a Canadian goose out of season with a putter, you could be fined as much as \$500.00 and spend six months in jail. Sounds absurd, but this actually happened to Dr. Sherman A. Thomas at the Congressional Country Club in Bethesda, Maryland.

Dr. Thomas' story is that he hit the bird with an approach shot and killed it with his putter to put it out of its misery. However, a witness has another story. Word has it that the goose happened to honk just as Thomas was putting and in a fit of rage Dr. Thomas attacked it with his putter.

The law, which prohibits the hunting of migratory birds, lists many illegal ways of killing the birds out of season, but the case might get thrown out of court because Kurt Schmoke, the Federal prosecutor in the Thomas matter, said: "no one has been able to turn up a putter case before."

GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENT WANTED WANTED WANTED

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