

CRIME PREVENTION - by Gale Love, Golf Course Superintendent
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CAN you identify your tools, equipment and other tangible property if they were stolen and the police recovered them and said you could have them if you could establish they were yours? There is a system now in effect to help you. You can be assigned and identifier code which is registered with the Federal Bureau of Investigation. When you mark your property with this identifier code you are creating identifiable admissible evidence when it is stolen. If a law enforcement agency anywhere in the nation finds a piece of property with an identifying code and has cause to believe the circumstances are suspicious they may trace the identifier at any time of day or night, determine the owner identity, contact you and determine if the property is stolen and hold the party possessing for suspicion of possessing stolen goods. You are the key to protecting your own property.

The nationwide Crime Prevention program is conducted through the cooperation of the Farm Bureau, insurance companies, local law enforcement agencies and the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The assigned identifier would appear similar to that assigned to Contra Costa Country Club CA0070046C. The CA, of course, identifies the State. The three digits 007 the county of Contra Costa. the digits 0046 the property owner, and the letter "C" is the first initial of the property owner.

If you wish to participate in the crime prevention program, contact the Crime Prevention office of the law enforcement agency which provides your police protection. They will assist you and obtain your identifier code. When you have your property marked, they will provide decals to warn would be thieves. Metal signs to be posted are also available. All of this is available without charge except for the time to engrave your property with your identifier code. You can make your course a less likely and profitable target for thieves. Can you afford not to do this?

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