

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - by Robert E. Livesey, CGCS, Plaza GC, Visalia

Inflation, an increase in the amount of currency in circulation resulting in a relatively sharp and sudden fall in its value and rise in prices-- this is the way the dictionary defines it. We look at it and say "we are caught between a rock and a hard place."

As Managers of a maintenance budget, we have to get the most for our dollar. There are no coupons to clip before we go to the store. If we are getting a piece of equipment, is it going to do the job we want? Is the supplier going to be able to give us service? Down time for parts costs you money. Most of us are at a point that we cannot afford a spare mower or whatever. If it is a chemical we are buying, what is the percentage of active ingredient? Can we get a chemical with a higher active content for a little more that will go twice as far?

The drought a few years ago taught us to manage our water. Now, with the cost of electricity, we are going to have to do it again.

Remember, as a Golf Course Superintendent you are a Manager. You manage people, money, time, water, turf and equipment. Put it together and you are maintaing a golf complex worth two to three million dollars.

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Sequoyah Country Club was started in 1918. It is the second oldest course in the East Bay area. In 1937 the Oakland open was won by Ben Hogan, which was his first tournament win in his career.

In 1961 the first fully automatic sprinkler system in the East Bay was installed at Sequoyah and the system is still functioning. It is the hydraulic type. Years of experience have proven the electric system to be more successful.

Former President of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America, Walter Boysen was Golf Course Superintendent from 1933 till 1970. Gurmit Sandhu served from 1970 to 1975. Bob Dauterman is the Superintendent now. He will have been on the job five years August 25th.

Sequoyah is 6074 yards long. It is a fairly short course and interesting to play. Narrow fairways and the greens being unpredicable makes each time on the course a challenge. There are 25,000 trees on 155 acres. The fairways and tees are mowed 3 times a week with the greens being mowed every day. Due to the hills pull type gang mowers are used.

Bob's crew consists of himself and 9 regular men. Dick Lutz is the new Head Professional at Sequoyah. He is a former P.G.A. touring pro, has won 3 major tournaments and in 1970 was "Rookie of the Year."

Bob's career started at Longview CC in the state of Washington in 1960 as a Golf Course Superintendent. He was there for 12 years. Next, he was

Superintendent at Carmel Valley for four years. He tried one year as a salesman. but decided he preferred the green grass rather than the asphalt and took the superintendent position at Sequoyah.

Bob stated not to be surprised if a German Shepheard named "Sequoyah" greets you. He was found 5 years ago on the course and is the guardian of the equipment and crew.

See you at the meeting.

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REPORT ON CALIFORNIA GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENTS ASSOCIATION JOINT MEETING
BY Bob Livesey

On august 10th and 11th the first meeting of the California Golf Course Superintendents Association met at the San Luis Bay Inn, Avila Beach. All Chapters within the state were represented. The overall comments from the people attending were positive. So much so, that plans are being made to hold next years meeting at the same place.

Al Glaze, Superintendent of the San Luis Bay Inn Golf Course was our host. Al, The San Luis Bay Inn, and Floyd Hord, the golf professional went all out to insure everyone a good time.

A brief run down as to what took place:

On Sunday there were three speakers, Vic Gebeault, Howard Ohr, from University of California at Riverside, and Bill Davis, University of California, Davis. All three were excellent presentations. We are still trying to figure out where Bill got the last slide of his presentation. After the educational program, a period was set aside for fun. Some found out the muscels are a little weak (maybe flabby) for soft ball, in fact, even for horse shoes. The ladies were loaded into a bus (by their own free will) for a lunch at the Madona Inn and a tour of the Lawrence Winery. You can still hear the echo of the chatter. Monday morning tee off at 8:00 with the finest weather that could be had, with excellent greens and fine fellowship, what more could be asked.

These fine people helped make this meeting a success H. V. Carter Co., Inc, Duke Equipment & Irrigation, O. M. Scott, Royal Coach Sprinkers. Cushman Motor Sales, B. Haymon Co., Westoro Distributing, Tilden Golf Course and San Luis Bay Inn.

Our THANKS for your support.

GCSA of America 52nd Conference is being held this year in Anaheim, January 24-30, 1981. All National members will be receiving their information soon. This is a good time for all GCSANC members (National or not--you may wish to join when you find out what all GCSAA has to offer) to participate. Seminars, week long educational sessions, exposition show are promises to a full pack week.