

SEPTEMBER MEETING - Corral De Tierra Country Club, Salinas

On September 10th our program displayed 4 young gentlemen who are participating in the Golf Course Superintendent Intern training program. These fellows were selected for this program by a committee from Northern California Golf Association and the Golf Course Superintendents Association of Northern California because of their sincere desire to become a golf course superintendent.

The club and superintendent at which they were placed also are enthusiastic in training future qualified golf course superintendents. Brian Bagley is at Del Paso CC in Sacramento working with Tom Unruh; Ross Brownlie with Superintendent Fred Mays and Bob Lapic, past interneer is at the Peninsular Golf & CC in San Mateo; Mike Leach is training under superintendent Bob Zoller at Monterey Peninsula Club, Pebble Beach and Mike Simpson, student trainee at Del Rio Golf & CC is with Cliff Wagoner. Mike worked with Aart de Voss at Los Altos CC in 1980, returned to Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo for school and came to Del Rio for the summer of 1981.

All expressed their gratitude to NCGA and GCSA of Northern California for giving them the opportunity to participate in the program and work at some great courses with some qualified superintendents. Participating superintendents agreed that having a trainee at the course is very beneficial, because of the exchange of ideas and the necessity to communicate not only with the trainee, but the rest of the crew.

The future of this program depends on cooperation of the clubs and superintendents and the availability of qualified trainees. Every superintendent should consider taking on a trainee in the future. This will perpetuate the profession and improve the playing conditions of the great game of golf.

Our thanks to everyone who has made this such an outstanding program.

Thanks to Jeff Litch and Corral De Tierra for hosting the meeting. Everyone enjoyed being there and playing the golf course.

JUAN DE LA ROSA from Diablo CC is the new superintendent at Sonoma National golf Course at Sonoma.

SOHAN SINGH, Diablo CC has completed 18 holes of new cart paths.

JIM ROSS is now located at Santa Teresa Golf Course, San Jose

GRADY SIMRIL is in Merritt Hospital, Oakland for bypass surgery on the 14th. Will be there about 10 days. Get to feeling good, Grady. Our thoughts will be with you.

GCSAA will be 55 years old September 13, 1981. Golf Course Superintendents have traveled a long road since 1926 when about 60 greenkeepers met at the Sylvania Country Club in Toledo, Ohio, to form the National Association of Greenkeepers of America. That small group has now grown to include more than 5,000 dedicated professionals in the turfgrass industry.

Jim McKay, ABC sports announcer, will be the keynote speaker for the 1982 Conference and Show to be held the first week of February in New Orleans.

GCSAA is beginning to review the information in the Membership Directory so that production on the 1982 edition can begin. If any GCSAA member is unhappy with the listing, please contact Headquarters as soon as possible because the directory goes to print the first of October.

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