

NAUMANN'S NORCAL NEWS - Don Naumann

Don Baker, Sr is now at Yolo Fliers Club in Woodland.

Tom Christy at Almaden CC is now constructing a new wing onto his shop. He will be doubling his existing space. Tom is also hosting the Inamori Golf Classic September 28 -October 3. This is a LPGA tour event.

Steve Carlton is also in the construction business. He is putting in showers and a lunch facility at San Jose CC for his crew.

Fountain Grove is the name of a new golf course being put in Santa Rosa. The architect is Bell and the construction company is Fairway Construction from Washington.

Dean Gump reports that the new hybrid bermuda driving range tee, put in last fall by Jim Prusa, is growing extremely well. Pasatiempo is in Santa Cruz and there was skepticism on whether it would make it.

Nematodes were identified at three courses in the S.F. area. The greens especially became blotchy, weak and turf loss occurred. Nematologists at U.C. Davis identified the problem and nematocides (Dasanit or Nematicure) were applied. It is hopeful that the nematodes were the main reason that the course had so much disease problems in the winter, including cold weather pythium.

It is this reporters opinion that Southern Blight is much more widespread than people have thought. I preliminarily identified it at four courses in the Stockton-Sacramento area on two courses in the San Jose area this summer. All of which didn't think they had the problem.

As most people know, T & T Distributing closed in August. Aart de Vos is now working with McKay Associates in a management position. Jerry Gordon is now working with Robinson Fertilizer in San Diego. I, Don Naumann, started my own company, Sierra Pacific Turf Supply. I am a commissioned agent for El Camino Crop Supply and Germain's Inc.

If you have any newsworthy items, please call me at (408) 559-8893 and I will put them in my article.

+++++

BOB Ford asks "WHAT DO SUPERINTENDENTS DO IN THEIR SPARE TIME? and reports Allan Schlothauer of the Villages decided to enter a contest and write a radio commercial for his favorite recording star "Juice Newton". Al's commercial was one of the top five chosen to air on KEEN radio and then won the grand prize. Have a good weekend at Marriotts.

+++++

ITEM FOR SALE - Make offer!

Hahn MC-5C Vertifier --- 5 years old. Good Shape

Contact John Cabbage, Salinas Golf & Country Club, Days 408 449-6617