

LARGEST TURNOUT EVER

The regional TARP meeting at Palo Alto Hills G & CC on April 26th was the largest turnout ever for a meeting since the regional format was adopted. A total of 84 people attended a fine meeting and lunch. Those who played golf that afternoon discovered why Tim Sedgley won the award for Excellence in Turfgrass Management. The course was in great shape considering the 2" of rain Tim got that weekend. Super job Tim.

The meeting, conducted by Gordon Scott and Charles McFarland, included speakers: John Zoller "The New NCGA Golf Course at Poppy Hills", Chuck Pratt "The Trouble Shooting Techniques for Turf Management", Larry Costello "Are Nematodes Killing Your Greens", and Bill Davis "An Update on the New Experimental Green".

The architect picked for the "Poppy Hills" layout was Robert Trent Jones, Jr. John showed the layout over the 168 acres of wooded land purchased on the Monterey Peninsula for \$7,000 an acre. The Pebble Beach Corp. kept some land in and around the golf course for future development. The new NCGA course will sure help alleviate a lot of the pressure of tournaments, tournament dates, and the addition of new tournaments to the other courses in the NCGA.



Chuck brought to light some interesting facts concerning soil tests and the PH of the soil. There are two types of soil tests: dry and saturated paste. There is a significant difference between the two. Chuck uses the saturated paste method as do most companies in the west. It may be necessary for you to try your own comparison to see the difference as Chuck did at UC Davis.

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Farm Advisor Larry Costello's topic on Nematodes seemed to stir up quite an interest. The problem came to light last year in the San Francisco and Monterey Bay areas to poa annua greens. Galls were found at the crown of the grass plants which were visible to the naked eye, but inside were upwards to 500 larva which feed on the inside of the plant. If you develop a mottling and yellowing that browns out, and the normal functions of fertilization and fungicides fail to get the grass to respond, look for the galls, get a soil test, and contact your farm advisor or UC Davis. There are nematocides available but are restricted. Nematodes are still being investigated and monitored and we will try to keep everybody updated as much as possible.

Bill Davis reported on the experimental green which is now about 20 months old. More stress tests are being performed, such as aerifying at two o'clock in the afternoon on the hottest day of the year to see how it responds. It will soon be open to foot traffic. There is a grant to enlarge the green for future nutrient tests etc. to aid the homeowner.

Thanks again to Tim and the entire Palo Alto staff for a superior effort.

NAUMANN'S NORCAL NEWS by Don Naumann

Tim Sedgley is the new General Manager-Superintendent at Palo Alto Hills G & CC. Tim has been the superintendent there for the past 3½ years.

Shoreline Golf Course (City of Mountain View) opens its doors to the public Memorial Day Weekend. Gary Carls is the Superintendent.

Paul Paulsen retired May 1 from 38 years of service to San Francisco GC, the last 32 of which he was the Superintendent. This ends a 52 year span that a member of the Paulsen family has been at the helm.

Bob Kleinsdicker is the new Superintendent at San Francisco GC. He is a graduate of Michigan St University, and was a Superintendent in Michigan. He has been the Assistant for the last 1½ years at SFGC.

Terry Stratton officially became the Superintendent at Contra Costa CC last month. He has been the acting Superintendent since Gale Love's departure last fall.

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