

Naumann's Norcal News - by Don Naumann

In Memoriam - Bill De Lozier, former Superintendent at Crystal Springs Golf Course in Burlingame recently passed away.

Peter Dempsey, P.H.D. former Superintendent at Yolo Fliers Country Club in Woodland, has accepted the position of Director of the Golf Course Operations and Landscape Design Departments at Lake City Community College in Lake City, Florida. Lake City Community College has a department with a 2 year program for developing Golf Course Superintendents. It has the highest per cent of graduates that become Superintendents of all the colleges and universities in the nation.

Steve Carlton from San Jose Country Club is keeping up with the times. He recently purchased an Apple IIe Computer which he is using to keep all golf course records on, including the budget, water consumption and hourly usage of all equipment.

TARSEM APPRECIATION DAY

Tarsem Singh that is. Over the past four years the members of the Pittsburg Golf and Country Club have seen a tremendous change in our course. If you'll remember, at one time you didn't dare stray from the fairway. An errant ball was lost forever in the bordering jungle. Our traps were overrun with weeds, tees were uneven and thin, and greens were dry. Our equipment was held together with bailing wire and chewing gum and barely operative. Membership was down, money was scarce, and our credit limit had long ago been reached.

Fortunately, the Board of Directors had the presence of mind and foresight to hire Tarsem Singh. Even with limited equipment and help Tarsem eliminated the bordering jungles and gave us playable rough and hazard areas. His watering schedule brought our greens back to life and he has continued to nurture the greens back to their current excellent condition. The traps are clean and most have been replaced with new light sand. Take a look at the fairways and you'll see thicker greener turf. And most recently, he has begun an ambitious tee renovation program.

Still, as members, we must remember all this was accomplished with only one assistant, a poor pump and watering system, and limited financial resources. But as the course improved so did the membership and revenue. We now have new, excellent equipment and maintenance facilities, and the future looks even brighter.

Tarsem has not only devoted his time and labor to our course but also has become an important member of our club. He takes part in all our club functions, throws darts for one of our teams, and represents the club as a Class Member of the Superintendents Association. There isn't a member of the club that does not call him a friend.