

OUR HOST - ROD KILCOYNE

Rod started working at Diablo Creek in 1967 after serving in the Army for 3 years. He was promoted to assistant in 1971 and became superintendent in 1974. He attended C.S.U.S. at night during the years of '74 to '77 and earned a B.S. in Park Management. He has served on the board of directors of the Contra Costa Resource and Conservation District since 1977 and served as President from 1979 to 1983.

Diablo Creek was designed by Bob Baldock and built in 1962. Major redesign was done in 1976 by Robert Muir Graves to the front nine to allow for the construction of Highway 4. The course had 104,000 rounds this year, and is operated by the City of Concord. Please note that the N.C.G.A. Blue Book lists the course under Concord Men's Club for directions.

MEMBERSHIP

Congratulations to **Terry Leach**, Indian Valley, who is now an "A" member having passed his exam. **Mike Basile**, Almaden G & CC, has transferred in as an "A" member from the Central Section. Welcome new members **Dennis Smith**, (D), **Walt Barrett**, (D), and **Mark Steffek**, (F). Transfers of classifications: **Roy King** from A to A-Life; **Blake Swint** from B to A (pending exam); **Jim Ferrin** from B to A; **Jeff Hardy** D to B,;and **Dwight Denno** from class F to E.

New applicants applying with a 30 day wait include Thomas **Hagen**, Escalon GC, Escalon (D); **Patrick Doran**, Oak Knoll GC, Ashland (A) subject to Verification; **Raul Hernandez**, Harding Park, San Francisco, (D); **James Mannion**, Lincoln Park GC, San Francisco, (D); **Sean Sweeney**, Sharp Park,

San Francisco (D); **James Foley**, Thompson Mfg. Co., Chino (F); and **Mike Tentis**, O.M. Scott & Sons, Citrus Heights (F)

Some Reminders...

- The time period for submitting your 1988 dues has passed.
- The State Meeting is scheduled for May 15, & 16
- The 1989 GCSAA Golf Tournament has been awarded to Palm Springs
- Sunday, February 7th has been assigned to our chapter to assist in the Information Booth at Houston
- There will be a discussion at Diablo Creek on the upcoming NCGA Advisory Service and how it will affect the Superintendent.

MEETING/UPCOMING

FEB Carmel Valley Ranch
Feb 18 Castlewood CC, USGA/NCGA Green Section Meeting
Mar 24 Lake Merced
Apr 11 Santa Clara Golf & Tennis

The USGA/NCGA Green Section Meeting on February 18, at Castlewood CC is set and will cover a full day of topics pertinent to each of us. The list of speakers is quite impressive. They shall include Mr. John Zoller and our Bob Klinesteker, San Francisco Golf Club, as moderators. Others planned to be on the program are C. Grant Spaeth, Vice President of the USGA, Robert Moore, President of the NCGA, Bill Bengeyfield, National Director, USGA Green Section, Dr. Vic Gibeault, U.C. Riverside, Ali Harviandi, Advisor, U.C. Extension Service, Larry Gilhuly, Western Director, USGA Green Section, Bill Paulson, Executive Director, NCGA and John Ford of PAPA (Pesticide Applicators Professional Association). Our Chapter will be well repre-

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mented by Mr. John Fleming of the Olympic Club as well as Fritz Howell, CGCS, North Ridge CC Dale Achondo, City of Sacramento, John Grant, CGCS, San Mateo GC, Mike Leach, Corral de Tierra CC, and Bob Zoller, Monterey Peninsula CC.

GOLF CAN BE FUN!

Rod Kilcoyne is accepting input from those of you who do not play the game or would like to learn the basics. If there is enough interest, he is looking at the possibility of a series of group lessons and/or a nine hole group on meeting days for your enjoyment. Contact Rod or Emil Yappet if you would like to participate.

It was decided at the last board meeting that when potential employers call the chapter office they will be quizzed as to what they are looking for in qualifications and postcards will be sent only to those in the proper classifications.

Congratulations to **Paul Dias** upon becoming a Certified Golf Course Superintendent.

Notify the Awards Committee if you wish to support someone for the chapters annual presentation of the "F" Member of the Year, Turfgrass Excellence and Superintendent of the Year awards.

The NCGA has decided to change the Qualifications for it's Green Superintendent Interns and modify the structure of the program. As with all new programs, fine tuning is essential to insure success. The intern should, through this program, be a qualified assistant.

Through research by the NCGA and in cooperation with the Golf Course Superintendents Association of Northern California, we should be able to place the intern at some golf course where he would continue his training and experience to become a first class golf course superintendent



December 4, 1987

Membership Notice:

It is with regrets that I inform you that Ken Sakai has removed his name from the slate of candidates for GCSAA Directorship. His decision not to pursue a second term was reached after many days of deep and thoughtful consideration. Ken has contributed much to our profession on our behalf and his enthusiasm will surely be missed at GCSAA Headquarters.

The pressures and demands placed upon a public official are at times a great burden. Both professional and private life can feel the impact of such a commitment. Ken's service for all of us was given unselfishly. He can be proud of his dedication and accomplishments representing GCSAA. Now the time has come for Ken to focus his attention closer to home. I am sure we can all respect that thought.

I speak for all of us in congratulating Ken for a job well done. We thank him for his promotion of us and wish him continued success.

I know we can count on continued leadership and guidance from him in the future.

Respectfully,

Dennis James Orsborn
President

I've always allowed that the rigors of life are better than rigor mortis.

John M. Cline