

A LOOK AHEAD

Feb 6-14 GCSAA Int'l. convention
Anaheim, CA
Feb 16 Alamaden G&CC
March 14 Ridgemark G&CC
April Palo Alto Golf Club
May Rossmoor Country Club

NEWSLETTER NOTES:

MARIN MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT HAS HONORED **DAVE SEXTON**, Supt. at Meadow Club, and the management at Meadow Club for reducing water use by 18% this past season. Using conservation awareness, efficient irrigation distribution systems and a plan for recovering wasted water, the Meadow Club has developed a model water management program.

New Law affects many Agencies:

Senate Bill 2126 has been signed into law. This amended section of SB 12001 which traditionally exempted public agency personnel engaged in official duties conducting pest control in agricultural use situations from the requirement to possess a PCA License provided their agricultural use pest control recommendations were put into writing. This will no longer be the case for many public agencies in the near future. Caltrans, city and county public works departments, school districts, municipal golf courses, park and recreation districts will be required to either have a PCA on staff, contract with a private PCA, or rely on their respective Agricultural Departments or some other PCA, to write site specific agricultural use pest control recommendations. What does this mean? A written recommendation must be in the possession of the applicator at the time of a pesticide application. Agencies will have to obtain written recommendations in order to conduct agricultural use pest control from their Ag department or a qualified PCA.

SB2126 allows public agency personnel previously exempted a unique opportunity to obtain a PCA license. SB2126 waives the college educational requirement for one year and one year only: 1989! CDFA will

establish the specific requirements that must be met to qualify to take the state PCA examination. Information presented here from 1988 Fall Pesticide Applicator's Professional Association newsletter. for more information, please contact John Ford at (916)678-5364.)

THANKS CAREY

Carey Krefft, our Associate Newsletter Editor called to report that due to pressing business concerns, he would have to resign from the newsletter associate position with GCSANC. Through Carey's fine efforts and contributions the newsletter has continued to improve and expand. His expertise will be missed, but he is confident that the newsletter is in good hands with Editor Jean LaDuc. Many thanks to Carey for the time he has invested in helping to improve "Thru The Green".

WHAT IS "GOLDEN STATE FAIRWAYS"?

A new magazine just for Supt. is on its way to your mailbox soon. Be sure to watch for the first issue!

TURFGRASS MANAGEMENT FOR PROFESSIONALS

Current techniques in the art and science of turfgrass management are the focus of this two-day course. It should be of special interest to golf course supt., park and recreation site managers, and other professional turf and landscape managers. The program covers water relations, irrigation and drainage management, management of high-traffic turf, fertilization, thatch and shade management, and pest control. Eight course instructors are UC faculty members and Coop. Extension specialists and advisors.

Time and Location: March 15 & 16, 9a.m.-4p.m., Orchard Room UC Extension Center, UC Davis.

Fees: \$140 (includes all course materials and lunches). Approval for 2 CE credits from GCSAA has been requested. Approved for 4 hours of PCA credit.

Enrollment: University Extension, UC Davis, Davis, CA 95616 by March 8, 1989.

LEND A HELPING HAND-Larry Norman, Supt. at Pebble Beach Golf Links, is looking for experienced golf course workers to volunteer their time to help with the AT&T Tournament.

January 26-29. If you or your staff are interested, contact Larry at (408) 624-3811 ext. 209 by January 17. Besides helping a fellow Supt. you will receive a hat & shirt with the AT&T logo, free pass for the day worked and free lunch. Let's all give Larry a helping hand.