

**NEWS RELEASE****BROWN SAND INC. PRAISED BY GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENTS AT FIRST ANNUAL GREENS SYMPOSIUM**

Thirty five Northern California Golf Course Superintendents and architects attended Brown Sand Inc.'s first Annual Golf Course Green Symposium. Modern day green construction and proper use of sand as a growing medium were the topics discussed.

Today's technology is advancing considerably in the art of construction and maintenance of golf course greens. Planning for the GOLF COURSE OF THE FUTURE is now becoming an exact science. It is necessary for the golf course superintendent,

as well as architects, to be informed of all new techniques effecting construction and maintenance of a green.

It was with this concept in mind, Brown Sand, Inc. of Manteca held a symposium for superintendents and architects on March 27, 1990. The guest speakers included Judy Gockel (soil physicist), Richard Psolla (soil consultant), and Troy McNeil (agronomist). The speakers discussed the chemical and physical aspects of construction and maintenance of greens. Also discussed was

the process of soil blending to enhance top dressing mixes. The symposium was then moved into the Brown Sand plant to see the processing of the top dressing. The day was culminated with a steak lunch.

Brown Sand realizes the need for ongoing education in this field. Due to the positive response of the superintendents, Brown Sand plans to make this symposium a yearly event.

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**OUR HOST FOR JUNE AND THE COURSE**

Campbell Turner was introduced to golf course maintenance work as a crew member at Beaver Creek CC in Hagerstown, MD. Returning to California after three cold eastern winters, he was hired as a greenskeeper at Spyglass Hill in Monterey, taking part in course maintenance during a PGA Championship as well as a Crosby Pro-AM. Leaving Spyglass to attend Cal-Poly, Pomona, he received a B.S. in Ornamental Horticulture in 1980. Campbell has been employed as a Senior Greenskeeper for the City of Livermore and as Foreman at San Jose CC before landing the Superintendents job at De Laveaga in 1983. His hobbies include fishing, golf, and sailing.

DeLaveaga Golf Course is an 18 hole par 72 facility owned and operated by the City of Santa Cruz. Opened for play in 1970, the Bert Stamps design follows the heavily wooded ridge tops of the Santa Cruz Mountains. Narrow fairways, forced carries, and lateral hazards make the course a true challenge despite a length of only 6010 yards.

**I AM A BLADE OF GRASS**

AM A BLADE OF GRASS - The Alpha of visible organics. I was ordained by the creator to be the first evidence of organic life on earth, when HE said, "Let the earth bring forth f=grass-sand the earth brought forth grass-and the evening and the morning were the third day."

I preceded man by millions of years as he was not created until the sixth day.

Through eons, I absorbed and assimilated the inorganic elements of land, sea and atmosphere, building them into living cells; evolving new forms, kinds and species; zealously guarding the GOD-given power to retain and reproduce that mysterious thing called life against such time as man should require it for his physical existence.

I am indispensable source of all life on earth, regardless of genus, which may account for my being placed before man and animal in God's Plan of Creation.

I belong to a family so numerous and varied as to almost defy description. I utilitarian to a

degree which is limited only by man's ability to adapt me to his needs and desires.

I serve the aesthetic as well as the practical, for all the creatures we behold are but the hues of the field, digested into flesh in them, or more remotely carnified in man himself-I Am S Blade of Grass.

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