A LOOK AHEAD

February
GCSAA National Convention

February 27
Seascape GC, Aptos

March 28
Joint Meeting with USGA, NCGA
Castlewood CC

April 8
GCSANC Annual Meeting, Rossmoor

May 2
Oakhurst CC, Clayton

June
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July 15
Supt./Pro Tournament, San Francisco
Golf Club

August 14
Oakland A's Baseball Game, Oakland Coliseum

September 19
Richmond CC

October 10
Bodega Harbour GC

NAUMANN'S NORCAL NEWS

Brad Hines has accepted the Supt. position at Pebble Beach Golf Links-Brad was the Supt. at Castle Pine Golf Club at Castle Rock, Colorado. Brad is replacing Larry Norman...Jim Ferrin has left Cameron Park CC to become the Supt. at Brookside CC in Stockton-Brookside CC is a new course under construction, designed by Robert Trent Jones, Jr. Succeeding Jim at Cameron Park CC is Amby Mrozyk. Amby has been the assistant there for over 6 years. Prior to that he was a salesman for Country Club Sales and a Supt. at Los Coyotes in Southern California...Carl King at Contra Costa CC recently completed reconstruction of two greens and bunker areas.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

The joint meeting with the USGA and GCSANC will be held on March 28, 1991 at Castlewood CC.

We will gather to hear such topics as "Public Golfers Deserve More!", "Methods of Summer Patch Detection"; "Golf Course Liability"; and more research data on the new Toro Hydroject.

Watch your mailbox for the registration for this event.

TURFGRASS MANAGEMENT FOR PROFESSIONALS

The University of California Extension, Davis, in cooperation with U. C. Cooperative Extension, is offering this two day course which will focus on current techniques and research results pertaining to turfgrass management. It should be of special interest to golf course superintendents, park and recreation site managers, pest control advisors and other professional turf and landscape managers. To receive the program details for this Turf Management Course on March 12 and 13, 1991, write or call University Extension, University of California, Davis, CA, 95616, (800) 752-0881.

TURF PROJECT UPDATE

As previously noted in our newsletter, Sunnyvale Municipal Golf Course was selected as the site for a Bentgrass Trial Study project by Dr. Ali Harivandi. The site which was chosen is located behind the twelfth and thirteenth tee. Three plots measuring 60' x 100' each were sited with the entire plot measuring 220' x 110'. One plot is sand base with the other two plots native soil.

After conferring with Dr. Harivandi and Ted Moore of Shelton Transfer Service, Inc., it was decided to use Olympia #125, #30 mesh sand. The sand was to be set 12' depth with the total amount used to be approximately 246 tons. The native soil plots were amended with redwood fir bark.

Nutrients were then determined and incorporated into the plots. The sand plot was amended with 140 pounds of superphosphate and 70 pounds of gypsum. This corrected a high pH problem experienced previously during reconstruction on our new greens at Sunnyvale Municipal Golf Course. The native soil plots were treated with starter fertilizer, Hydropri 15-15-15.

The border between and around the plots were outlined in Savannah Rye Sod.

Anticipating an irrigation renovation to our system, we designed the plots with Toro 660 Series Valve-in-Heads.

Again, we would like to thank Ted Moore for the sand and amendments; Pacific Sod for the Rye Sod; Mike Ginnelli, West Star for the irrigation heads, Craig Stenehjem from R.V. Cloud for the PVC Pipe.

This is the most complete set of bentgrass trials anywhere in the United States. January 1991 is the first month the trials have been rated. They will be rated once a month for the next three years. A field day is planned for the summer of 1991, for all to come and see the plots and to monitor their progression. Keep reading this newsletter for the dates.