

# THRU THE GREEN

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## THE MEETING PLACE

Our October meeting was at **Canyon Lakes Country Club** in San Ramon. The day was hosted by Superintendent **Bob Cox, CGCS**. Being the shy, retiring type that he is, Bob doesn't brag about his background. Many of you probably don't know that he is a former All-American at Notre Dame, a black belt in Karate, and a decorated water pilot.

He is currently in therapy to overcome his addiction to compulsive lying.

Actually, Bob is a former golf professional who "jumped to the other side" full time in 1980 at the

Vallejo Golf Club. He migrated to Tilden Park in 1983 and was the "grow in" superintendent at Delta View in 1989-90. He has been certified since 1986 and currently serves the association as a director.

Bob's current assignment is Canyon Lakes Country Club, a privately owned, daily-fee course which opened for play in 1987. The 18-hole course was designed by Ted Robinson and built under the supervision of J.D. Chastain, a former member of our society who passed away in 1991, God bless him.

The complex is owned by Kosaido, Inc., which owns

and operates 15 clubs throughout the world. Two are in the U.S., the other being Hillsdale CC in Chicago.

Canyon Lakes is maintained by a crew of 12, many of whom were here during the construction. Even though it was put in as a

state-of-the-art layout, constant changes still occur. Twenty-two bunkers, the enlargement of two greens, the redesign of a fairway, and many hundreds of trees have been added in the last two years. Keith Kaminsky, an affiliate member, was brought in on several of these

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### **Have You Made Your Reservation?**

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November 3, 4 and 5

## DOWN THE DRAIN

*by Randy Gai*

Our September GCSANC meeting, held in Windsor, literally "dropped jaws" and "opened eyes." The meeting featured an open forum discussion on waste and environmental liabilities conducted by Jerry Brown, VP of Finney & Brown Insurance Brokers; Mike Maddock, California Steam, Inc.; and Carey Krefft, NSTC Farmtec. We were clearly shown how our industry is wide open to face severe penalties imposed by the state or local water quality control board, the federal E.P.A., the county Hazardous Materials Division, or the Department of Fish and Game, simply because of the way we wash our maintenance equipment. The water running down our drains when we use high pressure washers, degreasers and the like can contain fertilizer residue, pesticide residues, oil, grease, hydraulic fluid and fuel residues, soaps, detergents, and solvents, as well as trace metals. Lead residues can be released by the washing of electric golf carts. The problem is not in the washing of the equipment, but where the water goes.

It is a direct violation of the law if you have waste water going onto gravel, into the ground or a storm drain, or into a nearby creek or stream or have knowledge of this activity taking place and do

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