

OCTOBER MEETING

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projects.

Although the course is six years old, last winter was its first under "normal winter conditions." It stood the test quite well, thanks in part to excellent drainage installed during construction. No days were lost for play.

Canyon Lakes was designed with a Muirfield concept. Each nine consists of a loop whereby the first nine goes out in a clockwise circle and the incoming nine is in a counter-clockwise configuration. This allows the competition to encounter the wind from all four directions as they make their journey around. There are some great vistas to experience as well as several challenging tests of the golfer's skills.

Canyon Lakes has no men's, ladies', or seniors' groups that use the facility as a home base. Green fees are structured at \$50 on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, and \$60 on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Long-time professional, Russ Dicks, is the General Manager.

The program for the October 4th meeting is being presented by Northern California Golf Association. We have two speakers scheduled for the meeting. Hunter Gridley, Project Manager, will discuss the NCGA Poppyridge Project in Livermore, and John Sirman, Director and NCGA Chairman, will tell us about their internship program.



Handling Controversy

When controversies arise:

- **Meet with** the people involved to gather facts and hear how they feel. Ask open-ended questions.
- **Focus on** the facts you've uncovered, not on personalities. Avoid taking sides or giving the impression of taking sides.
- **Devise a** number of possible solutions. Why: Proposing new solutions helps those involved to avoid adopting a win/lose mentality.
- **Clarify** and summarize all the conflicting positions before ending a meeting. When emotions are high, people don't always hear everything that's been said.

WELCOME TO THE GREEN

Current Membership: 517

Welcome to the following new GCSANC members:

Joel Ahern

San Jose Country Club
Associate

Tim Ahrens

Prescription
Turf & Ornamental
Affiliate

Wally Mara

Christy Concrete Products
Affiliate

Mark Spire

The Country Club of Paducah
Class B

Applications have been approved for membership for the listed classification pending the 30-day waiting period, verification of status, or passage of any required tests.

Classification upgrades:

Keith Justesen

Brighton Crest Country Club
Associate to Class B

Gary Skolnik

Incline Village Golf Resort
Class B to Class A



NAUMANN'S NORCAL NEWS

Leonard Walsh has retired as head superintendent at **Boulder Creek G & CC**. Leonard has been the superintendent there since its inception. Replacing him is **Bob Lapic**, the assistant superintendent. Bob had been working in that position for the last five years...Joining Leonard on the Social Security payroll is **John Lloyd**, superintendent at **Marina Golf Course** in San Leandro. John was the superintendent there for the last 12 years. Assistant **Ken Schwark** will be the acting superintendent until a decision on John's replacement is made...**Ross Miller** has assumed the superintendent position at **Valley Gardens Golf Course** in Scotts Valley. Ross has been in the horticultural industry for over 20 years and had most recently been working with **Brian Bagley** at **The Villages CC**...**Wayne Lindelof** has recently completed the installation of a new irrigation system (Rainbird; Foremost Irrigation was the contractor), rebuilt new greens, tees and driving range. During the whole oper-

ation, **Lone Tree Golf Course** in Antioch remained open...**Gary Skolnik** has recently been promoted to the position of Director of Golf Course Maintenance Operations at **Incline Village Golf Courses**. Gary now has two superintendents under him, **Mike McLaren** at the Championship Course and **Shaun Riley** at the Executive Course...**Ty Abraham** has recently been named superintendent at **Mountain Springs Golf Course** in Sonora. Ty was the assistant at La Contenta Golf Course prior to his move. Northern California is the home of four tour events in the next month. **Windsor Golf Course (Supt: Rich Hansen)** will host the Nike Sonoma Open (formerly Hogan Tour event); **Silverado CC (Supt: Brian Morris)** will host the Transamerica Open (Senior Tour); **Rancho Murieta CC (Supt: Rich Scholes)** will host the Senior gold Rush; and **The Olympic Club (Supt: John Fleming)** will host the Tour Championship.