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State Golfers Win At GCSAA Tourney

alifornia golfers took top honors in four of the nine flights at the 1994 GCSAA Championship Tournament played Jan 31 to Feb 1 in Austin, TX.

Michael Garvale, CGCS, Palo Alto Hills CC took the First Flight (7-12 hdcp) Gross award. Second Flight (13-18 hdcp) Gross was taken by Jess Pifferini from The Links at Spanish Bay. Jess won this flight for the second year in a row. In the Senior I Flight (Age 50-56), Corey Eastwood, CGCS, of Stockdale CC was the gross winner. And in the Affiliate Flight, David Bingham of R.V. Cloud Company beat the pack.

The Chapter Team Net competition was won by Midwest AGCS #6 (Illinois) and the Gross competition by Georgia GCSA #1.

State Chapter in Business to Serve the Local Chapters

concern frequently voiced by local chapter members has been that the state association is trying to "take over and run things." This concern has been addressed at a recent state board meeting.

The state board would like to reemphasize to everyone that the state chapter is run by the representatives from the

local chapters and answers to its members (the local chapters). The state does not, and has no desire to, dictate policy to local chapters; instead, it is driven by the needs of the local chapters.

If you have questions or concerns about state chapter business, please take it to your local chapter representative and it will be addressed at the next possible board meeting.

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Mechanic's Workshop

by Rich Lavine

The first of what we hope to be at least an annual mechanic's workshop was held on March 14th at Castlewood Country Club. Twenty-six mechanics and a few superintendents showed up to share their knowledge and discuss common problems and solutions to equipment maintenance. Topics ranged from diesel fuel problems and diesel engine maintenance, in general, to a very hands-on demonstration of greensmower cutting units overhaul and repair.

Mike Humes from Pacific Power Equipment Co. also had a demonstration on basic small engine troubleshooting.

Our thanks to: Mr. Humes for his participation, Blake Swint for allowing us the use of his shop, and especially to Ben Showard of Turf Equipment Services for coordinating the meeting and sharing his knowledge with us.



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Integrated Turfgrass Pest Management for Professionals Seminar at UC Davis

A two-day course focusing on current techniques and researchersults for turfgrass integrated pest management is being offered April 26, and 27 at UC Davis. Topics include: Turf Selection: The first step in pest management; Pre-emergent turf weed management and control; Post-emergent turf management and control; Turfgrass management practices to reduce disease; Turfgrass insect management and control; Rodents and other turf animal pests; Turfgrass nematode diseases management and control; Managing turfgrasses in shade to reduce pest activity; Low temperature turfgrass diseases; and High temperature turfgrass diseases.

The program will be held from 9am - 4pm each day at the University Club, Old Davis Road, in Davis. The cost is \$175.00 per person, which includes lunch and course materials. You may enroll by phone if you use a credit card. Call 800/752-0881. For more information, please contact Sandra Cooper at 916/757-8948.

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WAKING A GIANT

Continued from page 5 a continuous chain of chemical reactions that occur due to environmental stimuli, then it stands to reason that every action also has a reaction.

When nitrogen, in a readily available form, is applied, a mechanism is triggered within bermudagrass plants. This mechanism, or rather transport shuttle, immediately starts absorbing the nitrogen until its concentration drops below a critical level in the soil. Much like a labrador retriever, bermudagrass will try to gorge itself until it can no longer function. Unlike a dog, however, bermudagrass must expend energy, i.e. break down stored carbohydrates, to absorb nitrogen from the soil and incorporate it as complex proteins.

By further reducing carbohydrate reserves with early nitrogen applications, spring root decline can become a catastrophic event, if followed by a late season frost. In other words, if a late season frost damages a significant portion of the new leaf tissue, there may no longer be

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State Chapter Bylaws Changed

A review of the state chapter bylaws last year revealed some discrepancies and inconsistencies owing to various changes made over the past several years. To address these inconsistencies, the board approved the hiring of an attorney to review the bylaws for legality and consistency and to make required changes. Mike Duffy, a specialist in Non-profit law from Tustin, CA, who holds both a masters and a Doctorate in law, and is a professor of law, was hired to perform this review.

Some minor changes were necessary. The most significant change included redefinition of membership classifications and dues structure.

Article III, Section 1 now states: The membership of this association shall be limited to those associations which are organized as regional golf course superintendents associations and are within the state of California. This means that the local associations, not each individual chapter member, are members of the state organization. Each chapter appoints two representatives to the Board of Directors who are responsible for representing the desires/wishes/needs of their individual chapter.

This change was made for several reasons:

- 1. to protect the local chapters from any tax liabilities connected to affiliation with the state,
- 2. to guarantee equal representation on the Board of Directors for each local chapter,
- 3. to provide for fair distribution of funding to the state assoc. from among the local chapters
- 4. to assure that royalty monies we receive from Adams Publishing for use of our name to publish California Fairways are not taxable.

The Bylaws have been rewritten by the attorney. The changes will be presented to the board for approval at the May 14 board meeting and, once refined and approved, a copy will be mailed to each local chapter office. Copies are also available from the state office to anyone who wishes to review them.

enough stored carbohydrates left to make a full recovery.

With the possibility of disaster on the horizon, it would seem best to allow

Mother Nature to take care of her own, and apply only light applications of soluble nitrogen until the possibility of freezing temperatures has

safely passed. As someone much wiser than myself once said, "It's best to be gentle when waking a sleeping giant."

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