

CALIFORNIA CLIPS AND CUTS

State Golfers Win At GCSAA Tourney

California 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

A 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.

Integrated Turfgrass Pest Management for Professionals Seminar at UC Davis

A two-day course focusing on current techniques and research results 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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