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THE MEETING PLACE

**February Meeting
Hidden Valley Lake
Golf Course**
Host Superintendent:
Dana Waldor

February 23, 1994

Agenda: 8:30 Registration
9:00 Breakfast
10:00 Meeting
11:30 golf

Speakers: Lisa Maule and Joe Waters from Terra Verde will speak on Liquid Fertilizers and the Benefits of Fertigation

Hidden Valley Lake Golf Course is a semi-private facility designed by William Francis

Bell. The first nine holes were built in 1969 with the second nine opening in 1971. The course measures 6,600 yards from the blue tees. Golf carts are suggested as elevation changes are in excess of 300 feet. 35,000 rounds of golf were played on the Hidden Valley Lake course in 1993.

Dana Waldor is the host superintendent this month. He accepted the job at Hidden Valley Lake Golf Course in 1992.

Dana began his career in the Napa Valley. He attended Napa College, majoring in Plant Science, which led him to becoming a vinyardist for a term of four years.

His first taste of golf course maintenance came under the guidance of Howard Fisher in Calistoga at Mount St. Helena Golf Course in 1983. When Howard left, Dana was promoted to superintendent. Dana then left to further sharpen his skills under the direction of Bob Tyler at Fountaingrove Resort in Santa Rosa. Dana claims he learned a lot about construction and grow-in during this time. Prior to his settling in at Hidden Valley Lake, he also spent some time at Meadowood Resort and Vineyard Knolls golf courses.

January Scoreboard Salinas Country Club

<u>Low Gross</u>		<u>Low Net</u>	
Mike Leach	73	Jim Irvine	69
Steve Hoza	75	Byron Yoshimura	70
Dave Bingham	75	Bill Davis	70
Craig Kilcoyne	67	Clayton Hughes	70

Cards were matched to determine winners.

Dana is married with three children, ages 7, 5 and 3. He is looking forward to getting them out on the golf course in the very near future. Dana is an avid golfer with a competitive 6 handicap. When not playing golf, his other hobbies include boating on Clear Lake, only 20 minutes from home.

On the Speakers

Joe Waters has dedicated his entire career to furthering the science of fertilizer. In demand internationally, he divides his time between agriculture and turf fertilizer projects.

One of the editors of the Western Fertilizer Handbook/Horticultural Edition, he is also a past Chairman of the Turf and Horticultural Committee of the California Fertilizer Association.

Joe has a B.A. in Soil Science from Cal Poly as well as Kansas State where he also took a minor in Agriculture. He has a PhD in Soil Science from the American University in Beirut. He has published with the TVA, worked with PG&E in their Agricultural Research Division, and is on the Advisory Council at Cal Poly School of Ag.

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Joe consults throughout the U.S. and internationally. He is currently consulting for the largest sod farm in America: Adrian Farms of S. Dakota. In Mexico, with the help of President Salinas, he recently oversaw development of eight new fertilizer plants destined to provide fertilizer with biologicals to the many crops of Mexico. He also works with Nobel Prize winner Dr. Norman Borlog in Obregon, Mexico, at the Ciano Project, the largest wheat breeding facility in the world.

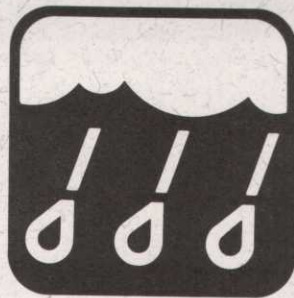
A pioneer in prescription fertilization and fertilizer injection systems, he developed the custom formula BioTurf for Greens and BioTurf for Fairways for Terra Verde and is the formulator for all of Terra Verde's golf course customers.

Lisa Maule started her company, Terra Verde, knowing that turfgrass horticulture was looking for new methods that were more environmentally conscious.

A graduate of the school of diverse interests, she has operated her own marketing, advertising agency, worked with the SFSU Department of

Business to start an internship program there, and spoken frequently on marketing topics at U.C. Berkeley. After ten years in advertising, when she could no longer hype software, extol commercial real estate, and promote twenty dollar bottles of chardonnay, she decided that a change was due.

With a lifetime of interest in horticulture, she began selling turf and wildflower seed. Two years later, and fully dedicated to products that are safe for water, people and turfgrass, she installs fertigation, the practice of liquid injection fertilization for turf. To this end, she distributes a full line of custom formulated liquid fertilizers, injection pumps, soil amendments, seed and sod. She is exclusive distributor of North American Micros turfgrass fertilizer formulations.

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Welcome to the following new GCSANC members:

New Associates - 30 day wait

Patrick BurgessAsst. Superintendent
Spyglass Hill**John Curtis**Asst. Superintendent
Rancho Socano G.C.**Craig McDonald**Asst. Superintendent
Woodbridge Golf & CC**Mike Snyder**Asst. Superintendent
Oakhurst CC

New Affiliates - 30 day wait

Paul HansonSales Rep
Vermeer**John Holmquist**Sales Manager
Automatic Rain**Ron Saito**Deputy Director
City of Manteca
Parks & Rec.

New Class A Life

Leonard Walshretired from Boulder Creek
Golf & CC**Billy Osborn**retired from Mill Valley
Muni GC**Highs and Lows**

According to *Golf Triumphs and Trivia*, published in 1988, to reach the highest golf course in the world, players must travel to the Tuctu Golf Club in Morococha, Peru, which is 14,335 feet above sea level.

The lowest course is the Furnace Creek Golf Course in Death Valley, California, at between 178 and 272 feet below sea level.

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