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continent Region under the direction of James F. Moore. My replacement here in the Western Region will be Michael Huck, Agronomist.

Mike is a former Superintendent who has faced a myriad of challenges during his years in California. He started at Industry Hills Golf Course in the early 1980s on greens constructed to USGA specifications. In the middle of his tenure the facility was converted from domestic water to reclaimed water. This conversion prompted many changes in the course's management due to the nutrient and soluble salt content of the new irrigation supply. While converting to reclaimed water was memorable, per-

haps the greatest challenges at Industry Hills were the encroachment of *Poa annua* in the greens and the seeping of methane gas through the soil from the decaying landfill underneath the property.

After his successful years at Industry Hills, Mike moved to Mission Viejo Country Club. At Mission Viejo CC, also known as Mission Impossible by many Orange Country golfers, his first order of business was to install a new state-of-the-art irrigation system. To ensure that no stones were left unturned, Mike had every leading model of sprinkler head tested for distribution uniformity. Having determined which model worked the best under his own conditions, the new irrigation system was de-

signed and installed using that model's optimum triangular spacing.

After Mike's departure from Mission Viejo Country Club, he joined the ranks of Southern California Golf Association. At the Association's course in Murrieta, Mike directed the maintenance staff through their first summer without the use of temporary greens.

In closing, I want to thank everyone for having made my years on the west coast so enjoyable. And in the future should you find yourself in Champaign, Illinois, where snipe hunting is legal year round and all the children are unarmed, please stop in and say hello.

Best wishes,
Paul Vermuelen

NAUMANN'S NORCAL NEWS

Carl King at Delta View Golf Course in Pittsburgh recently completed rebuilding 10 greens, six tees and constructing seven lakes. The course was also lengthened. All construction was performed by **Roger Larson...** **Jess Pifferini** and the Spanish Bay Golf Course staff should be extremely proud. They were just named the 1994 National Winner for the Environmental Stewardship Award given by GCSAA in the resort division. Last year they won the same award but just for the west coast.



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