

**Wanted**

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**Landscaping with Native Plants: Topic of January Meeting**

Dave Kaplow of Pacific OpenSpace, Inc. will speak about native plant and drought tolerant landscaping for the roughs and other landscapes that are out of play. Pacific OpenSpace provides consultation and also designs and installs practical and aesthetic landscaping for golf courses. Pacific OpenSpace operates the North Coast Native Nursery which propagates a wide variety of hardy, low-maintenance perennials, shrubs and trees. Dave will discuss the advantages, cultural requirements and maintenance tech-

niques of native grasses and other native vegetation in golf course settings.

**31st ANNUAL TURF AND LANDSCAPE EXPO COMING IN JANUARY**

The Northern California Turf and Landscape Council and UC Cooperative Extension will host Northern California's largest Landscape Expo January 11-12 at the Santa Clara Convention Center in Santa Clara, CA.

The program, designed to benefit professionals in the turf and landscape industry, is free of charge and no advanced registration is necessary.

Wednesday sessions include Turfgrass Management and Weed Management. Thursday's seminars will cover Landscape Tree Management, Irrigation Design, Pest Management and Urban Forestry.

For more information call 510/490-6282.

**Tips from the USGA**

**Top Ten Questions Asked by Golfers**

by Pat Gross  
USGA Agronomist

I ran across an excellent article by John F. Anderson, Superintendent at the Oregon Golf Club, regarding the top ten questions asked by golfers at his course. I thought the questions were universal, and his answers were wonderful. This article is shared with you in the hope that you can put this in your file and possibly use it for your own club newsletter.

So, here they are, direct from the home office in Lake Forest, California, via our field operation in Portland, Oregon.

**Question #10:**

"Why is the grass cut so short on fairways and the rough cut so long?"

**Answer:** Specific mowing heights for the golf course are established by the green committee. They take into account what heights are best suited for the ability of our golfers and for maximum playability. Much thought was given at the time of construction choosing the proper grass varieties that would provide the best playing surfaces at these specific heights.

**Question #9:**

"Why are the greens so much faster than they were yesterday?"

**Answer:** Many factors determine green speed, they include: mowing height, wind, topdressing, fertility, moisture, and the time of day. Any of these factors can vary the speed of the greens. Although these factors may vary from day to day, we strive for consistent speed from one green to the next.

**Question #8:**

"What or who determines hole locations?"

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