

## Naumann's Norcal News

Todd Cook has accepted the superintendent's position at Poppy Ridge GC in Livermore. Poppy Ridge is the new 27 hole golf complex owned by the NCGA. Landscapes Unlimited is constructing the project. Todd was the assistant at the Olympic Club prior to his move.

Forrest Arthur is the new superintendent at Spanish Bay Golf Links in Pebble Beach. Forrest was the assistant at Pebble Beach Golf Links prior to his move.

Tim Greenwald, superintendent at Rancho Canada GC has been extremely busy lately.

With the three storms of March he lost one bridge and three others were damaged. As a result, no golfers could get to the other side of the course. Luckily they have 36 holes and were able to make 18 playable holes on the high side while they repaired bridges, removed damaged trees and washed off two feet of silt. All 36 holes should be open in June.

John Allen is the new superintendent at Wolpers Vineyard Knolls Golf Course in Napa. John is replacing Ron Forsyth.

## Murky Water (Cont'd)

layer on the bottom of the gauge, that tells you in a year's time you are placing the same 1/8" of crud on top of your greens.

Obviously, this is a rough test. Water quality can vary a great deal from day to day depending on the source. This test does give some indication that suspended solids might be causing problems in new and old greens in the sneakiest of ways. After all, what do you put on your greens in greater amounts than water? Also, the heavy winter rains and runoff this season can be a potential source of higher suspended solids in your irrigation supply.

The point of the story is this. Have your water tested frequently, not only chemically, but for suspended solids. The little experiment I just described is another good way to demonstrate this occurrence to your membership and gives you a chance to head off a problem before it causes failure of your greens.

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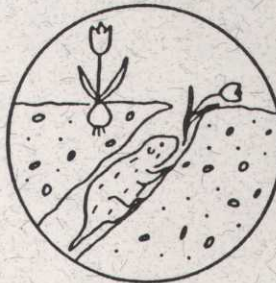
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