From The President

Environmetal friendly golf courses are great. But what if you're not an Honor's Course, Spanish Bay, Collier's Reserve, or Squaw Creek? What if you're just Pleasant Golfer Country Club or Small City Municipal Golf Course? What if your members or owners just want a nice golf course, without making a stand on the environment? As a superintendent, what can you do?

Let me share a couple of stories with you. When I first started my current position a few years back, I had a visitor call on me my very first week on the job. He was a neighbor of ours, in fact, he was the president of the local homeowner's association. "Welcome to Peacock Gap," he said. "When are you going to spray our lagoon?" (We share a sixteen-acre lagoon. Actually the course has one par three hole; about 300 feet of shoreline, the homeowners have about fifty homes bordering the other quarter mile or so of shoreline.) Being totally ignorant, I inquired further. I sat back and got a fifteen minute lesson on the history of the lagoon, and his idea of preventive maintenance. It seems that they had a serious weed and algae problem many years ago. I assured him that I was well qualified to deal with this issue, and that I would go out and survey the lagoon to determine if spraying was indeed necessary.

Shortly thereafter, I took our little motorboat out to check out the situation. Whatever they had done in the past must have worked. The lagoon was dead. Through the sunlight filtered water I could see the dead remains of a few submerged weeds, with a small amount of algae clinging on for dear life. Not a weed was visible, except a few clumps of tules along the shoreline. We spoke for dear life. Not a weed was visible, except a few clumps of tules along the shoreline. We spoke.

I received a letter from Ken Sakai, CGCS, former President of GCSANC, and former recipient of the Ayrshire Friendship Trophy, for the...
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Superintendent Pro, Low Gross Superintendent. In his letter, Ken relates the history behind the club itself. It seems the club was given to Ken by Harry Diamond (Superintendent of Belle Isle Golf Course, Ayr, Scotland). It was Mr. Diamond’s suggestion that the club would make an excellent “trophy” for an association competition.
Ken also sent a copy of a letter from “SIGGA” (Scottish & International Golf Greenkeepers Association), Ayrshire Section (See next column). It seems Superintendents Associations are and have been a worldwide venture.

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Naumann’s Norcal News
Brad Langley has accepted the superintendent position at San Juan Oaks G.C. in Hollister. San Juan Oaks is a new course that is still under construction. Brad was the assistant at California Golf Club under John Martin prior to his move . . . . Jeff Shafer has left Hiddenbrooke CC in Vallejo and will be working in the consulting and landscape fields. Replacing Jeff is David Saly. David was the assistant there prior to his promotion . . . . Dave Rosenstraugh, superintendent at Orinda CC has been extremely busy as of late. He recently rebuilt three tees and is presently in the process of rebuilding and reshaping all of the bunkers . . . . Arnold Palmer Golf has been awarded the lease at the Presidio of San Francisco Golf Course. Supt. Terry McGuire reports an extensive renovation will soon be taking place. The present superintendent, John Buckley will retire soon after the changeover.

Dear Ken,
I am writing this letter on behalf of the committee of the Ayrshire section of S.I.G.G.A., to make the twinning of our two regions official. There is an excellent rapport between American and Scottish Greenkeepers at present, and we feel that the joining of the two regions will enhance this further. The committee feel, that this would benefit us from a greenkeeping view, with the exchanging of greenkeeping ideas and practice, and also to encourage the social side. This could be expanded further, especially as we both have our respective Golf Open Championships in our regions in 1986.

We raise our glasses in a toast to a long and happy association with our American Colleagues, and hope to meet some of you in the near future.

Should any of your members be planning holidays in Scotland, please do not hesitate to contact either Harry Diamond or myself.

Yours Sincerely,
James R. Grainger
Secretary