

THRU THE GREEN



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The Golf Course Superintendents Association of Northern California

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The Way It Was

May 1933 - A group of members of the Northern California Greenkeepers' Association, together with representatives of golf course machinery, sprinklers, seed, etc., companies, at the Millbrae Golf Club near San Francisco. Left to right: Sam Smith (Millbrae), D.E. Graves of the H.V. Carter Company, Lee Salet (El Camino), Bob Anderson (Sequoyah), G. Buckner of the Buckner Manufacturing Company, Will Rogers (Contra Costa), H. Stahohann (Lake Merced), Louie Galleti (Claremont), E.W. Van Gorder (Stanford), T.D. McFarlane (California), Ed McEnroe (San Francisco), Dan Gormley (Sequoyah), Kenneth Cooper (Vallejo), Bob Dutton (Orinda), Earl Morrill (Berkeley), Gus Winton of the H.V. Carter Company, George Santana (San Jose), J.G. Creighton of the Economy Sprinkler Company, E. Davis of the Seven Vincent Company, E.T. Smith (Crystal Springs), G. F. Bishop of the Bishop Company, and Manuel Coelbo (Menlo).

Imagine the setting, for that is what an appreciation of history requires. Twenty men calling themselves greenskeepers sharing a passion and a vision for the profession they loved, gathered for the first time on **June 6, 1932**. The place was the Presidio Golf Club in San Francisco. It was there that Will Rogers was elected the temporary chairman of the Northern California Greenskeepers Association.

By July of the same year, a Board of Directors was in place, bylaws were passed and dues were set at 50¢ per month. Issues regarding public relations were already a concern as evidenced by the Board directing Ellis Van Gorder in September, to send a letter to Owen Marrick of the San

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Fort Ord's Theis To Host 65th Year Event

Our host, Leonard Theis knew it wasn't going to be easy when he accepted the position as Golf Course Superintendent at Fort Ord's Black Horse and Bayonet Courses last year. Both courses, which were purchased from the Army by the City of Seaside, and operated by BSL Golf Corp., were in need of a major renovation. Since Theis assumed his position late last fall, it has been one project after another, a challenge he readily accepts. Recently completed were the construction of cart paths and major tree work. Still to come are tee and bunker renovation and modifications to the irrigation systems. Theis doesn't anticipate being able to focus completely on "routine" maintenance of the courses until winter

when most of the projects will have been completed.

Most superintendents would shy away from hosting a monthly event with so much going on, but not Theis. He is looking forward to the event and the opportunity to play host at the GCSANC 65th Anniversary on August 11th.


A former Director for the GCSANC, Theis has spent most of his life on a golf course taking his first swings at the age of two. His father who served as the Golf Pro and Superintendent at a course in Ohio, introduced him to the game and he learned well, currently playing to a 4 handicap. Theis, who earned his

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Fort Ord's Theis (Cont'd)

spent most of his career honing his turfgrass skills at several courses in the Central Valley. It was last winter when he arrived in Monterey and hit the ground running.

The challenging Bayonet course will be the site for the Anniversary Tournament. Boasting one of the most demanding par 5's in golf, the course has served as the site for numerous PGA qualifying events. Set among the hills overlooking the Monterey Bay, the Bayonet not only offers a true test of golf skills, but panoramic views of the Monterey Peninsula. With its rich history, it is a fitting site for this historic celebration. 

Don't Miss This Golf Tournament!

On Monday, September 8th, the Annual Scholarship, Research and Education Tournament will be held at Mira Vista Golf and Country Club. This year's exciting format includes a four person, net best ball, team competition with prize money awarded to the top four teams; low gross and low net superintendent championship; low gross and low net affiliate championship; closest to the hole on all par three's; long drive competition; betting holes, etc. According to John Holmquist, tournament chair, "this year's tournament guarantees to be one of the year's highlights. Committee members David Davies, Mike Ligon, Steve Franzen, Jim Karrik and Bob Whittaker are currently tracking down tee sponsorships, valuable prizes and other attractive donations that will help make this tournament one to be remembered."

Further note, all net proceeds of this event will assist in the ongoing Scholarship, Research and Education Fund. So mark your calendars, pick your team and keep your eyes open for the sign up sheet that will be sent to you in the mail.

For further information, please call:

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