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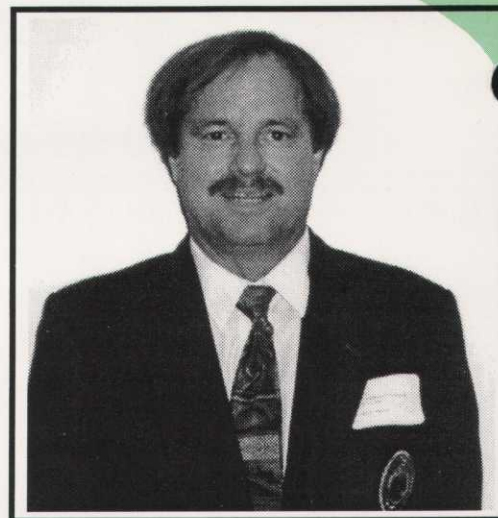
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From The President

I enjoyed the well attended June meeting at Crow Canyon Country Club hosted by Ernie Martin. This time of year it's sometimes difficult to leave our courses for a day, especially on a Monday. As we enter the summer months we spend most of our time looking down at the turf. It is important that, at the same time, we keep our chin up and maintain a positive attitude. Being a member of our Association has allowed us all to meet other Superintendents who are just a phone call away from sharing knowledge, experience and support.

During the past few years the golfing public has gained a greater awareness of the challenges we, as Golf Course Superintendents, are faced with each season. That awareness won't improve our turf, but it should offer some support and open avenues of communication. Remember that, as tough as it gets, there's not too many better places to be at sunrise or sunset than on a golf course. This is a gift we truly deserve for our efforts.

The business of the Association continues to run smoothly, utilizing Barbara Mikel's years of



experience and a Board that meets regularly, the first 10 weeks of my term have been pleasant ones. I'm available for your comments, I'm only a phone call away. The August meeting at Fort Ord with it's 65th Anniversary theme and a look at the past will be a real treat.

Hope to see you there,

Blake Swint
President

Office Notes

By: Barbara Mikel

I hope all of you wishing to join GCSANC before July 1 have done so. Dual membership requirements with GCSAA are now effective. New Class A or Class B superintendents joining GCSANC must be or will become a member of GCSAA.

This membership requirement will be implemented through the office by sending two membership applications to those requesting membership and unable to provide a GCSAA membership number. I will have more information after my return from Lawrence, Kansas. This procedure is most likely subject to change and fine tuning as we begin working on the process.

The June meeting reservations for Crow Canyon of over 110 attendees went great. Reservations, checks & faxes were greatly appreciated. We are near completion of the 1997-1998 Directory. It was decided to change the directory background colors this year to avoid the confusion of having directories for different years printed in the same colors.

Area Code 530 is coming to Diamond Springs. The telephone company tells me the change for the office number will be dual for six months beginning November 1997.

65 Years — A Look Back

The reorganization of the Northern California Greenskeepers Association was held April 8, 1946 at the Green Hills Country Club. Mr. Lineer of the C.M. Volkman & Company called the meeting to order. The first business of the meeting was the election of officers. By unanimous vote Mr. Stanley Pitcher of the San Mateo Municipal Golf Course was elected President. Again by unanimous vote Mr. John Da Dalt of the Burlingame Country Club was elected Vice President. Joe Guisto was then elected Secretary-Treasurer.

The next procedure was the matter of dues which was voted and passed at \$5.00 per year.

Another subject to be brought up was the membership and associated member which was left for next meeting.

There was also mentioned to have a committee who will get speakers and a place to hold our meetings.

Mr. George Lineer promised to get speakers for next meeting.

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Mr. S. Pitcher at this point called for a round-robin and a get acquainted by asking each member to stand, call his name and the Golf Course he represented.

Mr. Stanley Pitcher called upon our first speaker of the meeting, Mr. Noble of the Pacific Guana Co.

Mr. Noble let us know of the future shortage of fertilizers caused by the great demand by Europe and Asia for food crops. He emphasized that about 6 to 8 million tons would be shipped to the South Pacific and that much or more to Europe. He told us to buy our fertilizer as soon as possible. As the supply is very short, to buy any kind we could get.

Question Out of the Box. Question: When and how often should you fertilize greens? Answer: Greens should be fertilized in spring and fall with a good organic fertilizer, and fed with a good commercial fertilizer in the summer. Ammonium Sulphate can be applied as needed to keep an even growth throughout the year. Too much Ammonium Sulphate is not so good as it causes a toxic condition in the soil. Also too much will

make the grass courser.

Mr. Pitcher brought out the point of having samples of turf sent to the U.C. Laboratory for analysis.

Next speaker, Mr. Davis of the California Pest Control Company.

There is not much change in the insecticide business. DDT is very limited in its use. They have not used it on greens as they are using it on flies, bugs and the such. Mr. Davis also told us that they are getting a little more pyrethrum and rotenone which are the basic material of our insecticide and fungicide sprays.

Mr. Farrell was the next speaker. He told us how he has been experiencing 2-4-D all over the country. A man by the name of Mr. Jones invented it in 1942. The government has used a good deal of it during the war. Mr. Farrell stresses the use of 2-4-D in the spring. The kill is not so good after July. The results are better when the grass is growing vigorously. Its the penetration that does the trick. Mr. Farrell's experience is that you can't use the same amount in all states due to the climatic conditions. Even the dew will dilute the ingredients. If

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Mr. P. M. Jones of the California Toro Company was our next speaker. Mr. Jones told us that due to the lack of steel, our lawn mowing equipment will be very scarce and that he did not know how soon or what change in the new equipment will be. He also mentions he is limited as to the number of lawn mower parts his company gets.

Mr. G. F. Lineer of the C.M. Volkman Co. was our last speaker. Mr. Lineer let us all know the shortage of grass seed and that some are not available. If you need nay grass seed you had better get your order in as the situation is getting desperate. /

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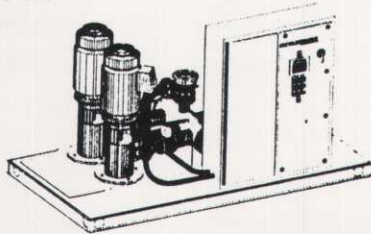


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