

Tournament Tips for January

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Superintendents, bring your assistants to the Annual Meeting on January 18 at Palo Alto GC. This is the first Annual Meeting of the Association to be held in January. It's a great opportunity to break free from the course and attend this special event. We are anticipating a large turnout for the meeting.

Remember to bring all the used golf equipment you can find for the Alameda Junior Golf Program. The best part of the day may be after the meeting, when we get to play the recently remodeled Palo Alto GC!

Rain Bird Sponsors Turf Scholarships

Thanks to a sponsorship from **Rain Bird International**, four golf architecture and turfgrass students will have a chance to tour some of the best golf courses in the United States this spring.

The Grand Tour Scholarship, organized by Bettina Schrickel, a graduate student at the British Institute of Golf Course Architects (BIGCA) and design associate with GOLFPLAN-The Ronald Fream Design Group Limited, offers two study tours of leading golf courses in the United States. Two students will be selected for each route. The western route includes a tour of 18 golf courses in three weeks and the eastern route includes a tour of 22 golf courses in four weeks. Both tours will be held annually in April. Airplane tickets, rental cars, travel expenses and cellular phones for the journey will be provided. Applicants must be at least 21 years old, have a valid passport and an international driver's license.

The application deadline for the April 2000 tours is Jan. 20, 2000. For information and an application form, fax your request to Bettina Schrickel in Wildenbruch, Germany, at (011) 49-33205-64035.

Quick Quote

"One who slings mud into the air will eventually find it upon his head."

— Iranian Proverb —

San Joaquin Delta College Offers Turfgrass Certificate Program

San Joaquin Delta College in Stockton is offering a turfgrass certificate program designed to teach students the skills necessary for employment in the turfgrass industry. The two-year program consists of 17 courses totaling 48 units. The program is made up of courses selected from the GCSAA list of approved courses. Classes include plant ID, turf, landscape design, maintenance, and construction, irrigation, entomology and equipment operations. As part of the program, students will be required to gain hands-on experience at local golf courses or sports facilities. For more information, contact Michael Toscano at 209-954-5501 or email him at mtoscano@sjdccd.cc.ca.us

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