



## Office Notes

By **BARBARA MIKEL**

In the course of doing some archive research for Green Hills Country Club, I brought out of storage the 1932 to 1958 association minutes. Green Hills Country Club hosted the 1946 post war reorganization of the “Northern California Greens Keeping Association.”

I usually get distracted reading through the meticulously hand written minutes of your association.

It’s impressive to review the history of professional commitment, industry education and civic involvement of this group. Water issues and its best use were a topic in 1953.

Those involved? USGA, GCSANC, UC Davis. Some interesting items from those minutes are included below.

### LINKS KEEPERS STUDY SOIL AND WATERING

*FROM THE GCSANC ASSOCIATION ARCHIVES APRIL 14, 1953: a clipping of an article from the Sacramento Bee newspaper. It reads:*

Robert M. Hagen of the department of irrigation of the University of California at Davis discussed irrigation and soil management problems at a meeting of the Northern California Golf Course Superintendents’ Association at the Del Paso Country Club.

Approximately 40 course superintendents from the central valleys, the bay region and Nevada attended yesterday’s luncheon meeting in which Vince Crockett, superintendent of the Del Paso course, was the host.

Hagan told the association members studies now being conducted at the turf experiment station in Davis are aimed at determining proper irrigation procedures for varying types of soil. The results of the tests may enable the course caretakers to effect (sic) savings in operating costs and avoid wasting water in areas found to require less frequent watering during the summer months.

The Davis turf experiment station was set up last year by the United States Golf Association to study irrigation and turf conditions peculiar to the Western states and determine the best grass varieties for greens and fairways.

From the minutes of Secretary Treasurer, Paul Paulsen of the April 14, 1953 meeting at Del Paso Country Club:

“Speaker Dr. Robert Hagan who stressed the frequency of watering grasses. He believes most of our turf grasses are watered too much. Grasses should be given more water after a longer period of time and not watered so often. He explained that golfers demanded more water on the greens than what the turf does. Dr. Hagen is working with Vince (Vince Crockett, Superintendent Del Paso) on a test plot at Del Paso. The new schedule will call for watering every three nights instead of every two. If this works out it may result in a considerable saving of labor. Dr. Hagen remarked that there more frequently you water the more you lose by evaporation and poor distribution.”



## NorCalendar

**APRIL 14**

**NCPGA, CMAA, GCSANC Invitational**

*Blackhawk Country Club*

**APRIL 21**

**Golf Course Superintendent Field Workshop**

*Sequoiah Country Club*

**JUNE 23**

**Seventh Annual Clifford and Myrtle Wagoner Scholarship Research Tournament**

*Stanford University Golf Course*

**AUGUST 11**

**Tri Chapter Meeting**

*Del Rio Country Club*

**DECEMBER 5**

**December Meeting**

*Del Monte Golf Course and*

*Hyatt Regency Monterey Hotel & Spa*

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## New Members

**Jim Paroli**

**Delta Bluegrass**

*Affiliate*

**Max Levitch**

**ValleyCrest Golf Diablo Creek GC**

*Assistant Superintendent*

## Naumann’s NorCal News

By **DON NAUMANN**



Congratulations to Mr Richard J. Lavine, CGCS on his recertification.