

Kaz Maseba - Our Host Superintendent for the April meeting is well-known to all of us who attend meetings. Some of us probably felt the heavy hand of the "Sergeant-at-arms": Ole Eagle-eye Maseba, if we forgot our name badges at the meetings. And believe you me, that man has no mercy. He nabbed our esteemed President Chuck Weatherton, twice, your writer once, and even our guest speaker, Bill Davis, once. Other than that, what do we know about this fearsome character? Very little except that he plays a mean game of golf and usually comes home with at least one ball, and who knows how much "mad-money" in his pocket.

Let's delve a little further into his past, and see if we can uncover any other juicy items. Well, Kaz tells me that he was born in Fresno, which makes him a true California native. However, he was raised mostly in the San Jose area, where he went through high school. After high school he went to work for the Rose Growers Nursery from 1926 to 1942. Then he became adventurous, and toured the world for 4 years, courtesy of the United States Government. They even paid him for this pleasure. The occasion--World War II. This should give you an idea how young our friend is. He is just one of those perpetual bloomers. Anyway, when he returned after the war, Kaz went into business on his own as a landscape gardener around the San Jose area during the period of 1946 to 1950. He then moved to Stockton where he continued in the lanscape business until 1962. At that time he joined the Stockton Country Club as the Assistant Superintendent. A year and a half later he became the Superintendent, which is his present status.

Kaz is married. He and his wife Yo live in French Camp, which is just South of Stockton.

S T O C K T O N GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB This is one of the oldest courses in the area. It is about 50 years old, and started out as a 9-hole course with sand greens. Since then it has been considerable modified. The club house which is presently there, is the third one. The first one had to be moved to make room for the deep water channel. The 2nd club house became too small and antiquated, and had to make room for this last one.

The sprinkler system is ancient and consists of a Buckner quick-coupling system. Electrolyses is raising all kinds of heck with the lines and Kaz is constantly patching up the system. Right now they are contemplating a full automatic system, which Kaz hopes will be installed before too long. This certainly will help to make life a little easier for him.

Meanwhile, Kaz has been busy rebuilding the course in many ways. Over the years he and his crew rebuilt 11 greens to USGA specs, using a mixture of 50% sand, 30% loam, and 20% Loamite, seeded to Penncross. His fairways are common Bermuda and Poa annua.

Like so many older courses, Kaz's course is loaded with large trees, and he advises players to stay on the fairways, unless they enjoy identifying plant life amongst the trees. In spite of the many trees already growing, Kaz is still actively pursuing a tree planting program. Cottonwoods are planted in great numbers, in spite of the problems which they bring. Evergreens are also used, such as Redwoods Japanese Black Pines, and the Canary Island Pine.

THINGS - The March meeting at Walnut Creek was a marvelous success. We had good weather for golfing, lots of superintendents and guests, a fine speaker, Ted Reilly, who came through with some of that fine sly humor for which the English comedies are known, and a highly interesting film. Even though most people directed their kind remarks to me, I must point out that I owed a lot of that success to the unfailing help of one man, Frank DeCarli of Pen-Gro Sales, who is solely responsible for bringing the speaker here. And so, if Frank was overlooked in the throwing of flowers and bouquets at the time of the meeting, I want to publicly say: Thanks, Frank, for your most welcome and indispensable help.....Lee Huang

.....We had two members of the Association pass away last month..... Paul Jones - founder of California Toro. Paul was an Honorary Member of the Association, and also the one who donated the identification buttons for the members which we used to wear before we switched to the present pocket ID cards.

Harold Sanburg - Sales Manager of Brady-Holmes in Sacramento passed away suddenly from a heart failure. He had been feeling poorly that day, and had gone home. While telling his wife that he was not feeling well, he collapsed and died. Our condolences go to his wife and family.

FEDERATION MEETING AND TOURNAMENT May 13-14, 1972

Our Federation meeting will be at Canyon Country Club in Palm Springs. Men's Golf - \$25.00 Ladies golf - \$15.00 Banquet - \$10.00 Prices include two days of golf, including cart for both days. Prices do not include accommodations.

May 13 - 8:00 a.m. Shotgun 2:30 - 5:00 p.m. Educational Session
 5 - 5:30 p.m. Annual Meeting 6:30-7:30 No host cocktail 7:30 Banquet
 May 14 - 8:00 a.m. Shotgun - Awards immediately following tournament
 Entries for tournament and programs will be mailed at a later date

WANTED WANTED WANTED WANTED WANTED

Golf Course Superintendent

Napa Valley Country Club, 3385 Hagen Road, Napa
 9-hole course with plans to expand to 18 in the near future-SALARY OPEN
 If interested contact Mr. Jack Gilliland, P. O. Box 2218, Napa 94558
WANTED WANTED WANTED WANTED 707 224-8383

NOMINATING COMMITTEE MEETING

On February 29, 1972 at the Holiday Inn in Oakland, Howard Fisher as Chairman, met with Larry Feliciano, Chuck Weatherton, Ken Vorderbruggen (Merle Russill was absent) to select the following:

President	- Roger Larson
Vice President	- Michael Clark - Ken Vorderbruggen
Secretary -Treasurer	- Jim Ross - Larry Feliciano
Directors	- Fernie Espinoza Kaz Maseba Paul Lloyd John Engen Louis Pohlson

One nominee will be elected for each office except two directors will be elected at the annual meeting.

Remember nominations may be made from the floor.

Larry Feliciano and Lee Huang have one more year to serve as Directors

CLASS A and B MEMBERS --- Show support for your Association ---
Come and put the people you want in office.

PROPOSED BYLAW CHANGE to be voted upon to change the present Class E membership to Class F and form a new Class E classification to include all retired members who are not entitled to Class A Life. This would correspond with the GCSA of America bylaws.

Article II, Section 2. Class E Members-Retired Members. Any A, B, D, or F member reaching the age of 60 who is retired and no longer seeking employment within the scope of activities of any membership class of this Association may apply to the Board of Directors, in writing, for Class E membership. Dues for this classification shall be set by the Board of Directors. A retired member shall have all the privileges of this Association afforded the member in his immediate previous classification, with the exception of holding office

Class F Members To qualify for Class F an applicant must be engaged as follows: agronomists, extension specialists, park superintendents, and assistants in each category, and purveyors of all types of equipment and materials used for construction and maintenance of golf courses. Class F members shall have all the rights and privileges of the Association except that such members may not vote or hold office.

TURFGRASS ADAPTIVE RESEARCH PROGRAM---A series of regional meetings are scheduled to disseminate the information produced from this cooperative Program. This is your Program--you are encouraged to participate in these meetings to take advantage of what is being learned by the persons involved. The meeting dates and locations are listed below. An invitation is being sent to your club president by the Northern California Golf Association. Ur e him to attend with you.

If your club is not contributing, encourage them to do so because this Program could very well solve one of your problems. The NCGA Blue Book has a very excellent article on what has been done. Encourage your club officials to read it.

Tentative Dates for the Area Meetings in 1972 are:

Eureka Area - April 13	Santa Rosa Area - May 3
Chico Area - April 18	Fresno Area - May 9
Sacramento Area - April 20	Monterey Area - May 11
San Francisco Area - April 25	East Bay Area - May 16

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THE RESTLESS TIDE - The Fijian delegation of our Association has made some moves lately. In order to keep track of them, here are the latest statistics:

Henry Singh - Superintendent at Rancho Murietta CC, Sloughouse, moved to that position for El Dorado Hills Golf Corporation

Ram D. Bali - Took over as Superintendent of Eldorado Hills

M. "Roger" Raj - Became a full Superintendent at Las Positas CC Livermore

Sohan Singh - Formerly foreman to Gurmit Sandhu at Sequoyah CC, Oakland became Superintendent at Diablo CC, Diablo

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W A N T E D

Listings of machinery or items for sale.

Short articles by Superintendents and other members of the Association for publication in this Newsletter.

Any of these two categories mentioned above should be turned in to Lee Huang, c/o Walnut Creek Golf Course Maintenance Yard, 3560 Valley Vista Road, Walnut Creek, CA 94598

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"NO ONE EVER FINDS LIFE WORTH LIVING.
ONE ALWAYS HAS TO MAKE IT WORTH LIVING."

T H I N G S

Golfers belong to a group of people commonly known as "nuts". This group includes also fishermen and hunters. Anyway, this story about a truly dedicated golfer was passed on to me, and in turn I'll pass it on to you..

Bill was a fanatic about golfing, and nothing would stop him from his weekly appointment with the golf links. His wife had resigned to this fate, and had accepted her role as a weekend golf widow with dignity. However, she did have some important shopping to do that Saturday, and they had only one car. So, she asked her husband if he could be back early enough to help her with the shopping. Oh yes, that was perfectly fine with Bill. He would just start at daybreak, and then be back at about 2:30 p.m. So, Saturday morning, at 4:30 a.m. Bill got up, and drove several miles to pick up his golf crony, Jack. That night at 10:30 p.m. he struggled in, and was met by his furious wife: "Where have you been?"

"Oh, Honey," Bill said, "Don't start yelling until I tell you what happened to me today. I had a terrible day. I started early as you know to fetch Jack. On the way to the course we had a flat tire. I wanted to change to my spare, and found that we had not fixed our spare from the last flat we had recently. So, I took the tire off and rolled it to the station, which was 3 miles one way. When it was fixed I rolled it back 3 miles, and put it on the car. We took off again, and about a mile further down the road we ran out of gas. So I walked two miles to the station to get gas, and back. Well, by the time we had filled up and had driven to the course, there was a long line of golfers waiting ahead of us, and we did not get a starting time until 1:00 p.m. When we finally teed off, it was 1:15. We got to the second green when Jack had a heart attack! I ran back to the club house to get a doctor and an ambulance. Then I ran back to the green to see how Jack was doing. When I got there, poor Jack had died. Well, honey for the rest of the game I had to hit the ball and then drag poor Jack behind me, then hit the ball, and drag Jack behind me.....!"

Lee Huang

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Californian Robert Muir Graves was re-elected secretary-treasurer of the American Society of Golf Course Architects at the group's recent annual meeting in Naples, Florida.

The Society's membership comprises golf course architects from Canada, Mexico and the United States.

A landscape architecture graduate of the University of Calif, Graves has maintained his own firm since 1959. His office now is

located at 3186 Old Tunnel Road, Lafayette.

His completed courses include Carmel Valley Golf & Country Club Carmel Valley, Lake Merced Golf & Country Club, San Francisco, Canyon Golf Club, Rodeo and the Villages Golf & Country Club, San Jose.

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TURFGRASS ITS CONTRIBUTION TO THE ENVIRONMENT

by Anthony Terzis

For many years Golf Course Superintendents have provided thousands of acres of healthy turf for the enjoyment of millions of people. Until recently, grass has been praised mainly on its aesthetic value. Because of the increased public awareness of pollution and the environment, it behooves us to look at the contribution turf makes in improving and protecting our environment.

We can begin by considering grass as a life support system. Green plants, whether they are phytoplankton, "the grass of the sea," or a wheat crop, provide the base for a food chain. This means everything we eat, plant or animal, begins with something green.

In their life processes, plants take polluting gases from the air and liberate pure oxygen. Recent research indicates that equal amounts of oxygen are produced by plants in the sea and on land. In fact, the average 18-hole golf course of 150 acres during the growing season provides enough oxygen for 10,350 people day after day. But the production of oxygen is just one of many benefits living turf provides.

Turfgrass is a regulating factor of man's environment. Each year the burning of fossil fuels puts large quantities of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere. Scientists warn that since carbon dioxide has an insulating effect, the result will be a warming of the earth through the "greenhouse effect." This could bring about a melting of polar ice caps and a flooding of coastal cities. One-half of the carbon dioxide produced each year is taken up by the oceans. The other half remains in the atmosphere to become incorporated into the roots, stems and leaves of green plants through the process of photosynthesis. In spite of this, we remove a million acres a year from production, paving them over with highways, shopping centers and apartments.

Another chemical formed during fuel combustion is nitrogen dioxide. The action of sunlight on it and unburned gasoline produces photo-chemical oxidants such as ozone and peroxyacetyl nitrate (PAN), which, while harmful to some vegetation, have a lesser effect on bluegrass. Another air pollutant, hydrogen fluoride, can cause injury to crops in minute concentrations of 1/10 part in one billion, but grass can accumulate several thousand times that amount without injury.

Grass and trees are effective dust traps. They act to slow the