

THINGS + + + + + The August meeting was a real experience for me. This was the first time that I had been a guest at a military base. Our meeting place was the Ferguson Hall, which is the officers' club. And a lush place it is, located on the highest point in Fort Ord. As I commented to some of my colleagues: "I would really not mind it very much if that was my house!"

Anyway, there was a good audience, even though I noticed that many of the guests arrived late. You probably did not read your newsletter carefully fellows. Myrtle purposely put on the front page: NOTE CHANGE OF TIME. Now, if you can't read that, you must be as bad as I. One time I even came one week ahead of the meeting, and was wondering why I was the only superintendent who had read my newsletter correctly, and everyone else was wrong! Anyway, those of you who did not come at all missed a good meeting.

Our introduction to Fort Ord was by Colonel Murnigan, who is the Deputy Director of Civilian Personnel Activities. In spite of his long and awkward title, Colonel Murnigan proved to be a fine gentleman and a highly informative one as he explained to the group some of the trials and tribulations which his office has to cope with. With a little more experience, he may even qualify for a golf course superintendent's job. But all kidding aside, he brought a lot of things to light which I was not familiar with, such as Fort Ord being a city, not just a military base.

Colonel Murnigan's excellent introduction was followed by an equally excellent and interesting talk by our speaker for the occasion--none other than our good ole Roger Larson, who gave us an insight into the preparations necessary for a major tournament such as the US Open. The talk was illustrated with color slides of magnificent quality, both from a color as well as a composition standpoint. Credit for these truly fine slides goes to Dave Porter, Roger's assistant, and one who is applying for membership in the Association. I hereby vote to make Dave our official Association photographer when he becomes a member. Any motions and seconds? Credit for the excellence of the course at play time was graciously acknowledge by Roger as being the results of hard work by Frank Silva and his crews. Good work, Frank.

There was one shocking bit of news--Roger informed us that one of our Directors Lou Pohlson, had suffered a heart attack. This always is unpleasant news. However, on the brighter side, I just talked to his wife, and guess where Lou was ON THE COURSE WORKING! Can you beat that? There is a truly dedicated superintendent. However, Mrs. Pohlson assured me that this was with the blessing of his doctor. Which means that Lou will be just fine, and hopes to see many of you at his club this meeting. Let's be sure that we do not disappoint him.

Ken Vorderbruggen has this bit of information for us concerning the plaque. He will have samples and prices ready for our inspection at the September meeting.

IMPORTANT DATES-- March 4-9, 1973--There will be a Turf Seminar held at Asilomar on those dates. This seminar will last 5 days and will be extremely important for people connected with the maintenance of turf. The University will coordinate this program, and members will receive more information on this subject. Keep your eyes open for this one.

LARRY FELICIANO asked me to announce that he has found a #2 Staff Wilson iron, which somebody lost during the Incline Village meeting in June. He has been carrying it around in his car, but has always forgotten to mention it until now. Will the owner please claim his club.

THE CITY OF DAVIS has an opening for a Golf Course Superintendent. Their announcement reads:
Golf Course Supervisor, City of Davis, California (Pop. 27,700)
Salary \$841 - \$1,023. Required 12th grade education, four years experience in general golf course maintenance, including two years supervisory experience (degree in Ornamental Horticulture or closely related field experience may be substituted for up to two years experience). Apply to Personnel Office, 226 F Street, Davis, CA 95616

This is all for now, folks. I am glad to see that we are getting more help from members in getting articles and bits of news. Anything is welcome, so, keep it up, and keep that news coming.

LEE HUANG

A GROUNDS SUPERINTENDENT IS WANTED AT Rolling Greens Memorial Park, 4100 Hilltop Drive, Richmond, California. Mr. Bill Brown, General Mgr. George Bell, 1126 Ridgewood Drive, Millbrae, CA 94030 can be contacted after September 16 if more information is desired. George is on the SIA European visit.

IF ANYONE MAILED INFORMATION TO JIM ROSS while he was on vacation-- Don't be surprised if you get a late answer. He thought it funny that he didn't get any mail while he was gone...Would you believe he received it all one day from the police department - opened. Someone had been following the postman--hunting for money--four homes got the same treatment.

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"To get maximum attention, it's hard to beat a good, big mistake."

--Honover N.H. Gazette

HOW WELL DO YOU COMMUNICATE?

(Lee Huang sent this is)

Most of our members are bosses of sort, and have to communicate with men. How important proper communications are was shown in the following speech by Dan Bellus of the Santa Monica firm of Dan Bellus & Associates
OPERATION HALEY'S COMET - A Colonel issued the following directives to his Executive Officers:--"Tomorrow evening at approximately 2000 hours Haley's Comet will be visible in this area, an event which occurs only once every 75 years. Have the men fall out in the battalion area in fatigues, and I will explain to them this rare phenomenon to them. In case of rain, we will not be able to see anything, so assemble the men in the theater and I will show them films of it."

Executive Officer to Company Commander:--"By order of the Colonel, tomorrow at 2000 hours, Haley's Comet will appear above the battalion area. If it rains, fall the men out in fatigues, then march to the theater where this rare phenomenon will take place, something which occurs only once every 75 years."

Company Commander to Lieutenant:--"By order of the Colonel in fatigues at 2000 hours tomorrow evening, the phenomenal Haley's Comet will appear in the theater. In case of rain, in the battalion area, the Colonel will give another order, something which occurs once every 75 years."

Lieutenant to Sergeant:--"Tomorrow at 2000 hours, the Colonel will appear in the theater with Haley's Comet, something which happens every 75 years. If it rains, the Colonel will order the comet into the battalion area."

Sergeant to Squad:--"When it rains tomorrow at 2000 hours, the phenomenal 75 year old General Haley, accompanied by the Colonel, will drive his comet through the battalion area theater in fatigues."

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OUR THANKS TO THE MEMBERS who have contributed to the support of the Newsletter. The list is printed on the back page of this edition.

To the members-firms who are considering making a contribution, please send in yours (\$50.00 for a years listing) so your name can appear in the future. Your help will keep the Newsletter in circulation.

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SUPERINTENDENTS WHO HAVE WANTED A TOURNAMENT--Now is your chance

Any superintendent wishing to play in a superintendent-club official tournament, November 6, 1972 at the Villages Golf & Country Club, San Jose, please notify Jim Ross, 215 Mary Alice Drive, Los Gatos, CA 95030 or phone 408 356-5794. More information will follow at September meeting

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CHRIS GARCIA, Superintendent at the Alameda Muni Golf Course is in the planning stage for reconstruction of the Alameda South Course. He is working with Golf Course Architect Robert Dean Putman who has been conducting a study for future requirements.

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LET'S NOT FALL ASLEEP -- by Roger Larson

We have an opportunity, gentlemen, to become more profficient in knowledge and in our work.

The Turf seminar at Asilomar, Pacific Grove next March 1973 is important to you. Perhaps you have already filed this information away and saying to yourself "I'll take care of that when the time comes", but then it will be too late. You must start NOW! You do the selling job to your board or green chairman.

The Northern California Golf Association has agreed not only to approach your clubs on your behalf, but also to underwrite the cost of this program.

Jump at the chance to learn because here is a real opportunity. It is evident that we have a wealth of information within our Association, but it is a very tough job to get it out in the open. This seminar will help to break down that barrier and it is for you and your clubs benefit. This program will be talked about often. It needs your enthusiasm, support and know-how to be successful. It's time to "wake up" and get moving.

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GARDENING BUSINESS ANYONE? - - - Ken Roberts, Superintendent of Van Buskirk Golf Course and City Parks, in Southern half of Stockton, is beginning to question the Biblical statement that you are your brothers keeper. Ken is wondering if being his brothers keeper includes supplying him with all the tools necessary to set up a complete gardening service.

It seems someone broke into one of the parks utility buildings the other night (we might add this is not uncommone) and departed with two Jake mowers and a Byho edger (one mower and the edger had been used once) After all you can't do a good job with just and edger and

mower so the 8 H.P. blower on wheels, 3 gallon Hudson sprayer, gas, oil shovels and hand tools also took their departure. If anyone sees a well equipped garden maintenance man starting up in business, Please notify Ken. I think he wants to get the contract on sharpening tools for the poor fellow.

Bill Goodridge

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RIDING ALONG WITH "#97" by Frank De Carli

Bill Cambra, Superintendent at Concord Golf Course, is now driving a cab part time and still overseeing his course. He was selected to drive a donated Lincoln to transport celebrities to and from the airport to the Concord Musical Festival.

Jerry Fallor, Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, has just completed the back 9 holes. The day I was there, the Monterey County Fair was in progress. In the past, they used this same area for walking their horses - but today, we saw one of the cowboys still using this area and Jerry's new fairways as a practice area - need we say more - Jerry is sending a bill for damages.

Wylie Lowe, Round Hill Country Club, has been doing some heavy construction work. He just completed relocating the 17th fairway, tees, and greens, installing all new mainlines. The reason for all this relocating was to gain access to more land for the building of new homes.

Los Altos Country Club has just completed rebuilding 9 greens and one practice putting green designed by Robert Muir Graves. They will open for play about the middle of September.

Larry Lloyd and family with Mother and Father, Paul Lloyd of Pajaro Valley Golf Club, are vacationing in Oregon for 2 weeks. When Paul and wife return, they will leave for Spain in a few weeks on another vacation.

Tom Santos has been appointed Superintendent of San Ramon National Golf Course.

Don Baker, Meadow Club, reports a fire that started $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles from his course and was finally brought under control by 300 firemen, 1 bull dozer, 10 fire trucks and Don's maintenance crew. (Good work fellows.) The fire burned along the 7th fairway burning trees and brush. Fire was controlled 5 feet from the fertilizer shed and maintenance shop.

The "big lock thief" strikes again at Los Altos Country Club. About 45 days ago they started locking the gates leading to the fairways and all of a sudden the locks were disappearing. The theft got so frequent that they decided to have the locks welded to the chain. Now the chains are being cut and last count of stolen locks - 27! Members playing in the early evening got a surprise - after hitting the ball on to the green, they saw a youngster run to the green, pick up the ball, run out the gate, locking it and leaving players looking for another exit.

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ANYONE with a little reporting in their blood can pick up accurate information and send items about members into GCSA of Northern California, 1233 Kansas Avenue, Modesto, CA 95351. These items create interest and make it more of an Association Newsletter. Deadline date twentieth of each month. Credit will be given to contributing individuals.

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