

T H I N G S - by Lee

The March meeting is over. The program was extremely interesting and informative. But the attendance was a great disappointment. Only 84 were there. Whoever did not make this meeting did himself a tremendous disservice. I watched the people present. We had just finished a very large buffet luncheon, and with the rain pattering on the roof, and the lights dimmed for the slide presentation, everything was just ideal to fall asleep. Yet, there was not one person who fell asleep, which means that the speakers had done a marvelous job in capturing the attention of the audience. Jim McHenry, the lead-off speaker introduced the audience to the relatively unknown world of aquatic plants which are common as weeds in ponds and waterhazards on many golf courses. He had excellent slides to show and taught us the difference between the many weeds that we all have seen at some time or another, but just never knew the name of. The importance of proper identification became clear as Jim went into control methods. His fine talk was followed by Nate Dechoretz, assistant to the second scheduled speaker, Dr. Richard Yeo, who was unable to attend. Nate has worked with Dr. Yeo for years, and was intimately familiar with Dr. Yeo's work. Their speciality is biological control work of aquatic weeds through the use of bull rushes, imported species of fish, such as the Tilapia and the White Amur or Chinese Grass Carp. The experiments were fascinating, and were received with a great deal of attention. Bill Hamilton came out of retirement long enough to share with us the many experiments he had conducted on various golf courses with chemicals. All in all, a splendid show by a real group of experts.

Dan Burgess, formerly superintendent of Wilcox Oaks in Red Bluff, was hired by Claremont Country Club to become superintendent when Art Graziano retires.

There will be a vacancy at the Franklin Canyon Golf Course in Rodeo. John Gasparini, after extending his stay for 6 months, is hanging up his spurs. Inquire with Pat Markovich Area Code 415 787-2191

Cliff Wagoner wants to make note of the new date for the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America Turfgrass Conference and Show which will be in Anaheim in 1974. The dates are February 10-15, 1974. Make your plans now to attend this meeting.

I have given notice to the Board of Directors that ending with the June 1973 edition of the Newsletter, I will hand it over to someone else. My work load has increased to the point where I can no longer handle this chore. I will still contribute from time to time, but someone else has to carry the load. Please apply for this position with the Board of Directors if you are interested. If no one steps forward, the paper will just fade away. I will not accept any attempts to railroad me for that job.

We are now living in a very progressive world, and we have seen a

lot of changes. Looking around in magazines and movies, we see a tremendous change in moral values. Sex is a common topic in either one. Being the Newsletter of a progressive organization we can't help but join this current trend, and so SEX HAS COME TO THE NEWSLETTER in the following story which I found in the Oakland Tribune:

A man was playing golf with his wife and hooked a drive into the trees. He went after his ball and found a man in the trees standing by a broken bottle. "I am a genie," the man explained to the golfer, "and I've been trapped in that bottle for years. Your ball hit it and broke it and that is how I got out. I feel I owe you something, so you can have a couple of wishes". The golfer thought this over. "Could you arrange to pay off my bills for one, and put a million dollars in the bank for me for the other?" The genie smiled and clapped his hands. "Both wishes are granted". The golfer was appreciative, so the genie said "Having been bottled up all this time I've missed women. Would it be alright if I spend an hour with your wife?" The husband, suddenly a debt-free millionaire, said he'd ask her. He did, and the wife consented, and she and the genie disappeared off through the trees. After an hour they returned, and the genie asked the wife "Just how old is your husband?" The wife said he was 41. The genie shook his head. "Strange. A man 41 years old and he still believes in genies".

SAYONARA Friends! - Lee Huang

The next meeting is the Annual election meeting. Every Class A & B member should attend. Nominees for office are:

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One nominee elected for each office except two directors will be elected at the annual meeting. REMEMBER nominations may be made from the floor. Kaz Maseba and Lou Pohlson have one more year to serve.

IT TAKES LITTLE EFFORT TO WATCH A MAN CARRY A LOAD.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE TO GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENTS
Through Turf Oriented Associations

by
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The following list and brief explanation of each occasion and the sponsoring organization will give you an opportunity to select the ones of interest to you and schedule your time for the future. Of interest also is the programs which many Northern California members have attended this year to date.

On January 7-12 the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America held their annual meeting in Boston, Massachusetts. This meeting consists of 4½ days of lectures, a 3 day equipment show which occupies 100,000 sq. ft. of space. The total attendance was 4400 people from the United States Canada, Europe, Japan and Australia. Twenty-five Northern California members were in attendance.

On February 14 & 15 the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America conducted a two day management seminar in Los Angeles, California. There were 16 hours of instruction on developing budgets, justification of purchasing capitol equipment, reading and analyzing financial statements and reporting. Seven Northern California members were in attendance.

February 7 & 8 the Northern California Turfgrass Council sponsored the 9th Annual Northern California Turfgrass and Environmental Landscape Exposition in San Mateo, California in the Hall of Flowers. This is a two-day one-night showing of turf equipment including irrigation and supplies, chemicals, etc. A large majority of the members attend this show.

On March 4-9, 1973- Northern California Golf Association, University of California Extension Service and Golf Course Superintendents Association of Northern California held an Institute at the Asilomar Conference Grounds, Pacific Grove, California. This program was part of the Turfgrass Adaptive Research Program which is now in its fourth year. This program is financially supported by Northern California Golf Association and its 250 member clubs. The institute was 4½ days, 4 nights of intensive education emphasizing water application, drainage and their relation to soil. Forty-four members were in attendance.

On March 23rd Northern California Golf Association, Golf Course Superintendents Association of Central California and GCSA of Northern California held a day of golf at Sunnyside Country Club, Fresno, California. A round of golf was enjoyed by 74 club officials, professionals and golf course superintendents. William Bengueyfield, Western Director of United States Golf Association, Green Section was the speaker.

On March 30 the Northern California Golf Association and Golf Course Superintendents Association of Northern California plan a similar day of golf at Silverado Country Club, Napa, California. Shotgun at 10:00 a.m. 150 have sent in entries for this event.

May 20-21 - California Federation of Golf Course Superintendent Associations will hold their annual meeting, education program and tournament at Alta Vista Country Club in Placentia, California. The educational session and annual meeting will be held May 20 and the tournament on May 21. All members and guests of the five Golf Course Superintendents Associations which make up the Federation are eligible to attend.

June 4-5 - Northern California Golf Association. University of California Agricultural Extension Service, Northern California Turfgrass Council and Golf Course Superintendents Association of Northern California will sponsor a Turf Conference at University of California, Davis. The first day will be on subjects which deal with broad aspects of turf, the second day will be on golf turf. Although not specifically a direct product of the Turfgrass Adaptive Research Program much of the information which will be presented is the result of the program. All professional and semi-professional turf managers will be interested in the information which will be presented.

The Golf Course Superintendents Association of Northern California holds monthly educational meetings at Northern California golf clubs. Speakers and/or panel discussions on golf turf and related subjects are presented. Attendance at these meetings run between 60 and 120 depending on the location, subject for discussion and time of year.

Northern California Turfgrass Council holds meetings in Northern California on a monthly basis. Discussion at these meetings is on general turf since the membership is comprised of commercial interest, horticulturists as well as those maintaining turf.

The Turfgrass Adaptive Research Program is a cooperative program between the Northern California Golf Association, the University of California and Extension Service and the Golf Course Superintendents Association of Northern California. The program is developing information which is available to clubs, via printed information from the University Extension Service, through presentations made by University personnel, demonstrations on golf courses, films, and contact with the University Extension representative in your area. Every golf course should take advantage of this information.

The United States Golf Association, Green Section offers visiting service to USGA member subscribing clubs. Agronomists are available as speakers on educational turf programs.

Future programs not detailed presently are Golf Course Superintendents Association of America seminars - fall of 1973 - West Coast subjects pesticides and motivation. Golf Course Superintendents Association of America Turfgrass Conference and Show - Anaheim, California February 10-15-, 1974. GCSA of Northern California Institute, Asilomar March 1974

ASILOMAR INSTITUTE REPORT

by

Steve Kilmer, TARP Technician

Participating superintendents from throughout California recently completed an intensive six-day institute entitled "Understanding our Agronomic Role". Held March 4-9, 1973 at the Asilomar Conference Grounds on the Monterey Peninsula, the gathering of forty-five superintendents were in general agreement that the program and the frequent interaction among themselves and the staff made this an outstanding educational experience.

The Institute was sponsored jointly by the Northern California Golf Association, Golf Course Superintendents Association of Northern California, U.C. Davis Extension and Agricultural Extension. The purpose of the Institute was to bring together practicing superintendents in order to communicate pertinent subject matter followed by small group discussions headed by a staff member to "drive home" the main points as they applied specifically to individual problems. These discussion groups, participants felt, were a major factor in the overall success of the Institute.

Following registration Sunday afternoon, participants and staff mingled and met those they didn't know during a cocktail party hosted by Röger Larson and the G.C.S.A.N.C.

William Davis, Turf Specialist, U.C. Davis and Dr. John Madison, Professor of Environmental Horticulture acted as program co-ordinators. Assisting them in the lecture program were Dr. Vic Gibeault and Dr. Vic Youngner of U.C. Riverside, several faculty members from U.C. Davis, and county farm advisors active in the turf field. These men formed a staff possessing a lot of technical and practical turfgrass knowledge. As many of us learned, communication of technical knowledge, even with the help of slides, drawings, demonstrations, or displays, is not always readily understood. With the opportunity to question the speaker, or raise the questions later during a group discussion period, better understanding was achieved. There was a great variety and quantity of knowledge traded in these sessions.

To assist in absorbing it all, half a dozen superintendents used tape recorders and enough cassettes to fill small libraries. The rest of us scrambled to record important points in notebooks which were provided.

Dr. Jack Paul of U.C. Davis delivered two especially interesting lectures. In one he characterized non-wettable spots on golf greens as small areas of greens soil that dries powder dry in a short period of time and then is extremely difficult to rewet because of an unknown chemical leached from the thatch. Usually a hand aerator and a wetting agent are needed in order to rewet this soil and save the grass. Later,

Dr. Paul gave us some indexes to use in interpreting soil analysis. In most cases our soil analyses are returned bearing a lot of figures and must be compared to some index the lab has established for a crop such as corn or celery and not turfgrass.

Unlike many of the two or three day seminars we attend in connection with our professions, there was little time for smoking and joking at Asilomar. Our school day began with breakfast at seven, and didn't end until after an hour and a half presentation and discussion that night at seven. Throughout these hours participants were together hearing lectures, meeting in discussion groups, eating meals, or as so many did walk the nearby beach and sand dunes.

The lectures were well broken up with breaks of some kind, but for this group of outdoor people, a larger break was planned for Wednesday afternoon. With the help of co-sponsor, N.C.G.A. and its Executive Director, Bob Hanna, Spyglass Hill was made available for everyone to play or walk this beautiful layout. The heavy spring rains had an effect on playing conditions and many hung up their clubs after nine holes rather than get their feet any wetter.

After dinner that night the group formally critiqued the 8 year old course with superintendent Frank Silva and Bob Hanna, being well aware of the course's problems and taking the brunt of the not so kind comments. Many superintendents joked of feeling better about their own golf course problems after playing Spyglass. On that Wednesday crews were just starting installations of a new 18 hole irrigation system.

Displays were set up during the week to illustrate material given in the lectures. They included publications and text books, 25 well clipped grass varieties and species, 16 batches of fertilizer materials and containers of different sand particle sizes. Each participant was given a box containing vials of each of the particle sizes for their own reference. Dr. Madison started Tuesday off with a convincing demonstration of how different parent soils or sands of different particle sizes behave under compacting forces, specifically in relation to water infiltration and conductivity. Equally convincing was his demonstration of how water enters a drainage tile. That is, excess water moves downward past the tile until it meets a relatively impermeable stratum. Additional water backs up over this stratum until it rises to the level of the tile where it enters at the bottom and flows downslope to an exit.

Throughout the week, staff members communicated their knowledge, and participants, through small discussion groups, sorted out this knowledge in relation to their specific level of understanding or home course problems. The certificate of attendance we received on Friday represented for most of us a valuable week of listening about and sharing knowledge of our agronomic role as golf course superintendents.

The second in the series of five Golf Course Superintendents' Institutes has already been scheduled for March 3-8, 1974. Many superinten-

dents had problems attending this year because of budget difficulties, and you are advised to plan now if you want to attend next year's program on Pest Control.

Conference proceedings are being assembled for publication and distribution this summer to participants. Bill Davis will have additional copies for sale to interested superintendents.

The certificate of attendance was awarded to the following:

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| Mike Clark | Jim Ross |
| William Cambra | William Tiemann |
| G. S. Sandhu | John Williams |
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| Merle Russill | Frank Silva |
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--- Henry Ford

Addresses of organizations for information for meetings

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Executive Director Robert E. Hanna
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Executive Secretary Mrs. Chet (Wanda) Sarsfield
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University of California Agricultural Extension Service

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California Federation of Golf Course Superintendent Associations

Secretary Dave Fleming
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Golf Course Superintendents Association of Central California

Secretary Elvis L. Glaze
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United States Golf Association, Western Region, Green Section

Director William H. Bengueyfield
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Concurrent Education Opportunities

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Turf Correspondence Course

Mr. Ian A. White, Director
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University of Guelph
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PROFESSIONALISM - This topic is probably the most controversial subject among Superintendents striving for recognition among their members, friends and even fellow staff members. Some cannot, however, understand why they do not receive this recognition. They feel that with the staff at G.C.S.A.A. headquarters (Executive Director, Education Director, etc.) that our misunderstood and unsung position has gained no significant recognition.

Certification is probably a step in this direction, but is it enough? Just because of a title are we automatically Professional? Probably not! A professional is the man rather than the position. The merit of a Golf Course Superintendent is not in the position, the potential accomplishments or yesterday's proficiency. His merit depends only on today's production at each individual golf course. In a nutshell, professionalism depends solely on the individual.

As a professional, how would you rate yourself? Are you available to the membership to answer any questions they may have, or do you keep away suggesting "out of sight, out of mind"? How can anyone expect professional recognition with this attitude?

How about dress and appearance? Are you neat, clothes in style or acceptable by today's standards? Are your shoes clean? Does your vocabulary and descriptive words depict you as a professional? Is your hair combed and neat, nails clean, is your overall appearance that of an executive?

Does your office look like an office of an executive? Your maintenance buildings, are you proud of their condition, organization and cleanliness?

Most importantly, do you yourself consider yourself a professional? Unless you can answer all these questions affirmatively you should not and cannot expect recognition as a professional.

If you are weak in one or more of the categories, do something about it now. As Robert Townsend (Chairman of the Board, General Motors Corp.) said: "If you don't do it excellently, don't do it at all. Because if it is not excellent, it won't be profitable or fun, and if you are not in the business for profit or fun, what the hell are you doing here?" This could be the definition of a professional.

So don't expect the G.C.S.A.A. staff to make professionals out of us. First of all, that is not their job and secondly, it is impossible. No man can make another man a professional. These men are our organizers. If we wish to obtain a goal they sketch and direct us in the methods to achieve these goals. In this way they have done an outstanding job. They truly are professionals!

Where then do we stand? The only way to obtain professionalism is for each and every one of us to strive for personal professionalism. This will then set a standard for others in our occupation and