

YOUR NEW EDITOR - Stanley Burgess -

As new editor of your newsletter I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to those of you who do not know me. This will also give me a chance to express some of my ideas concerning this newsletter.

I have a lovely wife and a beautiful 3 year old son. My hobbies are fishing, hunting and I occasionally make an attempt at playing golf.

Golf course maintenance is a fairly new field for me. I am presently superintendent at Claremont Country Club in Oakland. I have held this position since April of this year. Before assuming this position, I was superintendent at Wilcox Oaks Golf Club in Red Bluff for 2½ yrs. Prior to my position at Red Bluff, I was in the field of chemical and fertilizer sales and farming.

One of the first things I would like to do is to encourage "volunteers" as reporters. Our first "volunteer" is Howard Fisher, Superintendent at Mt. St. Helena Golf Club, Calistoga. He is going to be the golf reporter.

Starting with the next meeting, there will be cards available for any of you to write items you feel will be significant for publication in our newsletter. This idea was brought to us by Mr. Bob Wright of Scott's Proturf Division.

I would also like to encourage all of you golf course suppliers and "F" members to not only give your financial support, but also contribute ideas for publication in the newsletter.

It was brought up at our last meeting that our newsletter should have a name. There is a possibility that we may have a contest to choose our new name. So all of you start thinking of something catchy and appropriate.

In order for me to do as fine a job as Lee, I will need all the support I can get from our membership. I hope to receive newsworthy items from all of you soon. Thank you.

Stan

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HISTORY -- CLAREMONT COUNTRY CLUB was first incorporated in January 1903. At the time of incorporation, the laws of the state prohibited a corporation such as this from owning more than fifty acres of land in one body. The founders of Claremont Country Club were significant in having this law amended. This amendment enabled other clubs to expand.

The acreage which Claremont finally purchased (107 acres) was a portion of an old Spanish land grant made by the King of Spain in 1820. Claremont Country Club formally opened on December 3, 1904.

The original objectives of the founders were "To foster, encourage, promote, advance and create interest in and the practice of an encouragement of golf, lawn tennis, baseball, football, la crosse, steeple chasing, hare and hounds, bowling, polo, trap shooting, pigeon shooting, riding, driving, billiards and all other outdoor and indoor sports upon the property owned by the club." Thank goodness for the superintendent that all of these activities never came about.

In January of 1937, the Oakland Open was held at Claremont. The list of entrants included many of the top names of the day. When it was all over, however, the winner was a 24 year old youngster who had never before won a major tournament. He swept the veteran pros off the links with a 270, scored 69-65-69-67. His name was Samuel Jackson Snead.

Today, Claremont Country Club, which sets in the hills of East Oakland, measures 5,735 yards. It is heavily wooded and boasts many bunkers. The fairways consist mainly of poa and bermuda. Due to the extensive rainfall we also have a tremendous clover cover. The greens are a mixture of poa and seaside bent. Our up-to-date water system was installed in January of 1933.

We have a crew which ranges from 10 to 12 men year round.

As guests of Claremont Country Club we must abide by the same rules as the membership, so please remember that while playing golf--no shorts allowed and power carts only for those physically disabled (hand carts are o.k.) There will be a limited amount of caddies available. To attend the meeting, a coat and tie are mandatory.

Hope to see all of you here.

Stan

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GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENT WANTED by Sherwood Forest Golf Club, Sanger 18 holes - open to public - located 16 miles East of Fresno. Salary open - Station wagon furnished - CONTACT Carroll Hanson, 79 N Frankwood Avenue, Sanger, California - Phone 209 787-2611

ASSISTANT GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENT WANTED for Lake Don Pedro Golf Course - Located East of La Grange off Hiway 132 - Salary to \$700.00 per month. CONTACT Roy Hicks 209 852-2282 shop  
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