

A few months ago, I announced that the June issue of the Newsletter would be the last one I would write as the unofficial editor. Well, the time has come for this facet of my life. A delightful experience, which started because of my big mouth. One day I was chatting with my good friend, Bob Wright, the big man of Scotts on this side of the continent. Bob is one of those million milers, and in his extensive travels he came across this column which the superintendents in the Washington State area used successfully. It was a column called; Things, and simply stated, it was just a catch-all type writing which dealt with anything newsy. It also helped to act as a clearing house for articles which had become surplus property, but which could be of use by some other course. I liked the concept, and approached the Board of Directors with this suggestion. They thought that it was a marvelous idea, and promptly saddled me with this responsibility. As I remember, it was smiling Howard Fisher who gave me this assignment, and he has been on my blacklist ever since. In case you have had an unusual amount of unexplained aches and pains, Howard I must now confess to you that I was busy sticking pins into a little puppet with your name on it. In Haiti they call it Voodoo. In China they call it Acupuncture. So there you are, you did not even know that you were being treated.

But enough of this madness. In spite of everything I enjoyed doing this. And I had the great pleasure of seeing this little germ of an idea bloom into a type of Newsletter which has been accepted by my peers. I have received many compliments. Of course I owe a lot to other people who helped me. First of all, there always was Myrtle, who worked even harder than I to get the Newsletter in the present format. My Thanks to her. Also to the great number of people who gave me tips and items of interest to print. Without their help, my job would be quite difficult. A new STAR is arriving on the horizon in the person of Stanley Burgess, present Superintendent of the Claremont Country Club in Oakland. Stan wants to continue this Newsletter, and I for one, am very happy that he wants to try and see what he can do for the paper. A fresh person can often bring with him fresh, new ideas. I wish him luck, and hope that those who supported me will give Stan the same kind of support. Good luck, Stan.

For the rest of you, I will still be there. Whenever I can, I will attend meetings. Unfortunately, I won't be able to be there as often as I did before. That is unfortunate, because I do enjoy being there. I will support the Newsletter whenever I can by writing some little story. So, all I ask is all of you to help keep your Newsletter going. One man cannot do it by himself. Aloha and see you around.

YOUR HOST SUPERINTENDENT - - - - - By Norm Stewart

The upcoming meeting on June 8 will have us attending this occasion at Edgewood Tahoe, Remember this is on the SOUTH END of the Lake, and our gracious and handsome host will be John Williams.

John graduated from the University of California at Davis in Agricultural Economics and Agronomy. John started in this battle of fighting and trying to outwit mother nature in the field of growing grass at Carmel Valley under the thumb of Doc Babson. From there to La Rinconada again working for Doc. Then John struck out on his own for his own course and he landed at Edgewood Tahoe.

Edgewood Tahoe started its initial ground breaking in 1966 and was opened for play in the spring of 1967. It is a privately owned public course. It plays 6,821 yards from the regular tees and 7,411 yards from the championship tees. This long yardage will comfort those who will undertake the course during the meeting, but John puts a word of caution into those who finish that the last couple of holes finish near a large water hazard called Lake Tahoe, so stay in the middle because the right rough is wet and cold.

After talking with John at El Macero, I learned that he has a couple of entirely new concepts in golf course maintenance.

1. He has 3 young girls on his summer crew. Because he is a strong believer in women's lib, these young girls are mowing greens, running sand pro's and miscellaneous chores. -- There is one stipulation for employment that the application form be filled out completely, that is vital statistics and all extra blank areas -- this must be some sort of special application form.
2. His Sunday operation is somewhat unique, because he runs it by the use of a citizens band radio, that is he contacts his assistant while he is out in his boat fishing, He told me that he tells his assistant that he has 2 sprinklers that are not turning on in a certain area on the fairways or dry spots that show up. In my mind this is the only way to run a golf course.

Norm Stewart  
Palo Alto Hills Golf & C.C.

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Gurmit Sandhu, Sequoyah C.C., Oakland, is teaching a class on Turf Management at Chabot College, Hayward every Thursday night from April 5 to June 16.

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Steve Kilmer is superintendent at Franklin Canyon Golf Course, Rodeo since May 1.

EDGEWOOD TAHOE GOLF COURSE - by John Williams

Edgewood Tahoe Golf Course is an 18 hole public golf course located on the South Shore of Lake Tahoe. The course was completed in the fall of 1967 and opened for play in May of 1968. It is located on the waters edge of Lake Tahoe behind the three major hotels in Stateline, Nevada. The last three holes are located on the edge of the Lake and I feel are the prettiest on the course.

We are open for play from the first of May to the first of November or later, depending upon the fall snows. During the summer months we will average around 280 rounds per day. Last year during our six months of operation we had in excess of 27,000 rounds of golf. One half of our play is made up of tournaments anywhere from small company tournaments of 20 players to the Del Webb classic of 250 players.

The course is 7,411 yards from the pro tees and 6,885 yards from the regular tees. The ratings are: professional 74, mens 69, and ladies 72.

Our temperatures vary quite a bit through the year. In the spring and fall we will have night time temperatures from the mid 20's to the mid 30's and day time highs in the 50's and mid 60's. Summertime temperatures during the nights will be in the 40's and days in the 60's and 70's.

The course was constructed with sand greens and the fairway and tees are planted on decomposed granite. This required a high amount of irrigation especially when this is combined with strong westerly winds we have almost every afternoon and evening. Last year we applied slightly under 100 million gallons of water from May 1st to October 15th.

The crew ranges from 14 to 15 men in the spring and fall to 18 to 20 men in the summer. I'm also trying something new for us this year which is working quite well and that is I have three girls on the crew.. Two of them operate the greens mowers and one operates the mechanical sand trap rake.

Our watering system proved to be somewhat of a difficulty in that it was very inadequate for our requirements. In the last three years we have been revising it. The first phase was to loop all the original main lines. Next we installed a larger pump station and now we are relocating the heads so that they are on 90' centers.

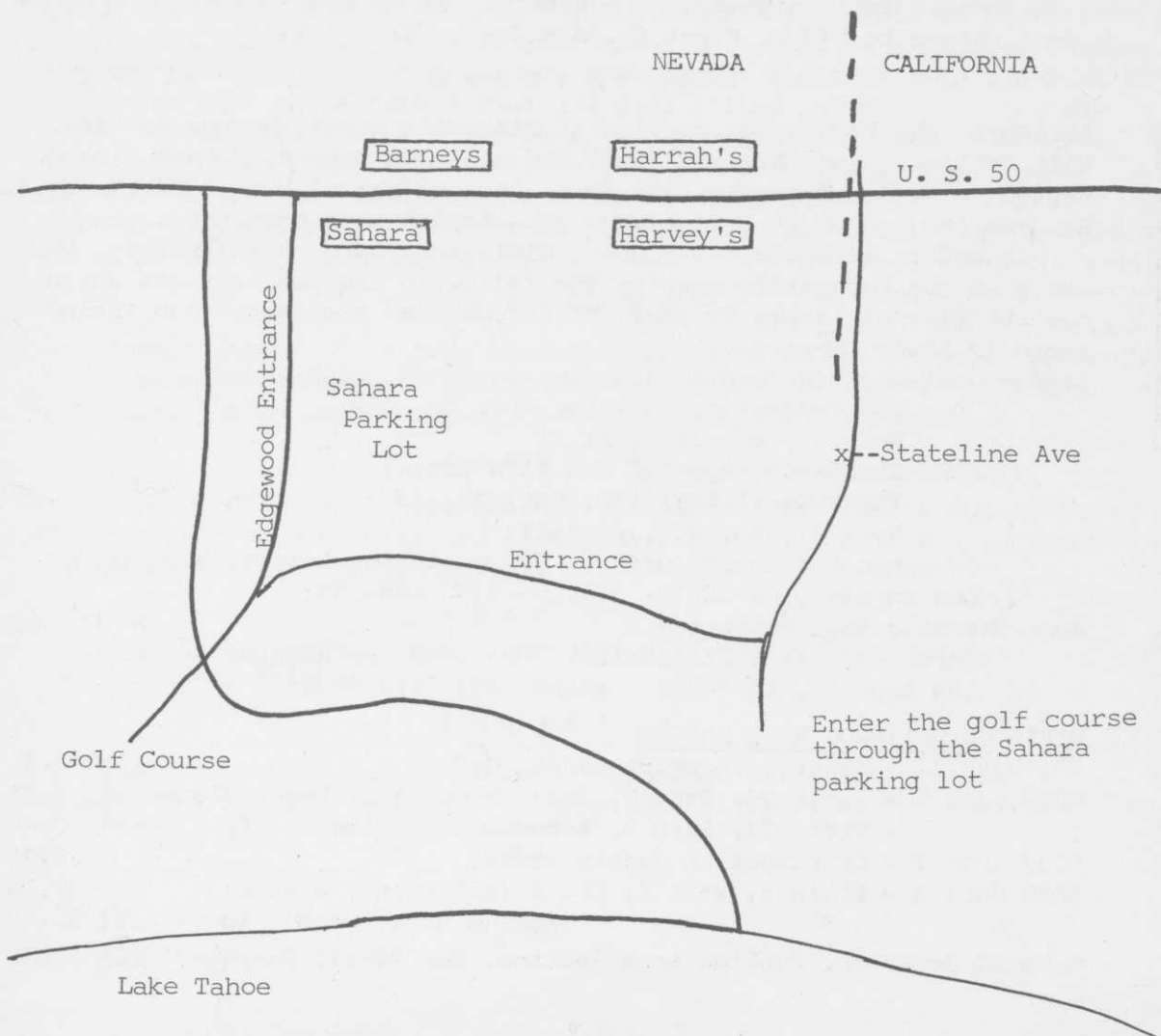
This is a brief rundown of our course and its operation. Hope to see you here in June.

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Ken Vorderbruggen is with the Reno Shamrock Construction Company sprinkler division.

Max Gunther in the Family Weekly cites some mind-boggling statistics: The 16th Amendment (Federal Income Tax measure) was ratified in 1913, and in 1914. "\$380 million was collected from all tax sources" or \$3.99 per capita; IRS collected \$190 billion in 1971, or \$972.02 per capita. To boggle the mind a bit more, Gunther reports the \$190 billion would make a stack of dollar bills 25,000 miles high, and if IRS let you take it home at the rate of a million dollars a day, "you would need to work 365 days a year for more than 5 centuries to finish the job." In 1941 IRS had slightly less than 4000 employees, last fiscal year there were 70,000 Last fiscal year \$19 billion was refunded to taxpayers, largely because of over-withholding.

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President Jim Ross appointed the following committee chairmen:

John Engen - Program

Bill Nigh - Golf

Kaz Maseba - Membership      Lou Pohlson - Vice Chairman Membership

Larry Feliciano - committee to develop a definition and standard qualifications of a golf course superintendent which can be made available to prospective employers

Mike Clark - Representative from GCSA of NC to California Federation board for a 3 year term.

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WANTED GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENT - 9 hole course under construction must have experience in seeding greens and fairways - Automatic irrigation system - Scottish links design - San Jose area Send resume to 777 N. First St, San Jose, Calif 95112

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Attending the Federation meeting at Placentia were: George Santana, Walt Collins, Grady Simril, Cliff Wagoner, Doc Babson, Howard Fisher, Aart deVoss, Ron Taborski, Jim Ross, Leonard Welch, Norm Stewart. W. A. Mc Graw, Hugh Hackett. Some very good topics were presented.

According to Mr. J. R. Signer, Division of Industrial Safety, who spoke at the Federation meeting the following are publications which must be made available to you. He recommended that each club include these in their library.

OSHA - Osha Construction Regulations (updated, with index)  
The Federation Register, Dec 16, 172 .20  
Vol. 37, No. 243 Part II  
Osha Standards (updated and with index)  
The Federal Register, Oct. 18, 1972 .20  
Vol. 37, No. 202, Part II  
Government Printing Office, 300 North Los Angeles Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012 Phone 213 688-5841  
Recordkeeping Requirements No Charge  
Bureau of Labor Statistics, 300 North Los Angeles Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012 Phone 213 688-4985

DIVISION OF INDUSTRIAL SAFETY

00370006 1	- General Industry Safety Orders	\$ 2.12
0030 0243 7	- Title 24, Part 3, Basic Electrical Regulations	7.35
	- Title 24, Part 3, Amendment Service (per year)	8.40
0037 1004 7	- Construction Safety Orders	2.12
0030 0081 3	- Title 8, Part 1, Ch. 4 (all Safety Orders)	16.96
	" " (Amendment Service) (per year)	10.60

General Services, Publications Section, Box 20191, Sacramento, CA 95820

President Jim Ross encourages all GCSA of America members to order the Blazer Emblems so as to identify themselves with GCSA of Northern California while attending the 1974 GCSAA Conference in Anaheim February 10-15. Emblems available through G. H. Morgan, 11th & Illinois Avenues, St. Charles, IL 60174 Designate Chapter when ordering "No. California" #GS32-A-CN - price \$13.00 each.

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Membership plaques are still available. Send \$7.75 to GCSA of NC, 1233 Kansas Avenue, Modesto, CA 95351

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LAPEL PIN WITH GCSA OF NC EMBLEM COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE TO Northern California members if there is sufficient interest. Preliminary designing and pricing has been obtained. The design would be with the GCSA of NC emblem with white back ground and gold filled letters with fairway and trees in green. The price would be approximately \$7.00. However, the exact price would depend on the gold market price at the time of order. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED INDICATE ON YOUR RESERVATION CARD BY WRITING PIN. If you are not attending the meeting, please send in your cards so you can be counted.

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Norman Stewart is a part time instructor at Ohlone College, Fremont. He is teaching ornamental horticulture in turfgrass classes they are starting. He is also going to Foothill College in Los Gatos.

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Michael Clark was presented his "Certified Golf Course Superintendent" certificate by Clifford A. Wagoner, President Golf Course Superintendent Association of America.

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John F. Bockoven is superintendent of Cordova Golf Course on Jackson Road, Fair Oaks.

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The Association thanks you, too LEE HUANG for starting this Newsletter. It has been needed for a long, long time.