

PRESIDENT REPORTS - James Ross

The GCSA of Northern California is the largest chapter in California and ranks as one of the largest affiliated with GCSA of America. Also one of the most progressive in activities. I believe that this exceptional progress has been achieved by hard work of all the members.

A real credit to GCSANC is that three GCSAA presidents have been elected from their ranks.

The great variety of available meeting sites adds interest to our meetings. The Lake Tahoe area is a perfect site for June and the Monterey area is a natural for the Christmas meeting, tournament and dinner-dance for members and wives.

We are extremely fortunate to have the cooperation from Northern California Golf Association and University of California and Extension Service in our T.A.R.P. (Turfgrass Adaptive Research Program) New for 1973 was the Golf Course Institute at Asilomar and the Northern California Golf Association sponsored golf days at Sunnyside C.C. in Fresno and at Silverado in Napa.

The size of our Association should give us an opportunity for further progress in both national and local affairs--the latter the most important in my mind.

We will strive for an improvement in Educational Programs, new meeting places and are seeking new ideas which will improve our Association.

If any one has a new idea, please make it known to the board members so we can work on it for a greater 1973-74 year.

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LEADERMAN (BIDWELL MUNICIPAL GOLF COURSE, SUPERVISING GREENKEEPER)

Applications are being accepted by the City of Chico, an Equal Opportunity Employer. Equivalent to graduation from high school with at least five years of experience in golf course operation, a minimum of at least four years as greenkeeper or equivalent and a minimum of three years of supervisorial experience. Must have complete knowledge of equipment, chemicals and procedures common to golf course operations in the northern Sacramento Valley area. Salary Range: \$744 - \$904. Contact City Manager's office, P. O Box 3420, Chico, California 95926
Final Filing Date: May 18, 1973

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FOR SALE: Ryan Ground Groomer - Like New - Make offer
Doc Babson, La Rinconada Country Club, Los Gatos

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Dick Viergever reports on THE CRASH AT SUNNYVALE - April 12, 1973

It's spooky enough to witness a collision between two large airplanes at a distance of three or four hundred yards and a height of not more than a couple of hundred feet; but when they crash on your golf course, it takes a while for it to register. You just don't believe it.

It was nothing short of miraculous that no golfers were killed or injured since the course was crowded. Figures show about 250 people played that day and the crash occurred at around 2:45 in the afternoon. There was a couple on the eleventh green -- maybe forty yards from the twelfth tee where the planes landed -- and to say they were frightened would be a pretty mild statement. One foursome was on the ninth fairway forty or fifty yards away and were able to get to the planes before they were completely enveloped in flames. They even attempted to break through the glass in one of the cabins with their golf clubs before the fire got too hot.

Damage to the course was quite heavy -- estimated at around thirty thousand dollars. Most of this was caused by emergency vehicles driving over the course. There were several hundred of these vehicles on the course during the night -- fire fighting equipment, ambulances, police, security people and others and five greens were driven over many times. The eleventh green was used as a parking area for ambulances at one time. Damage to the immediate crash area was limited to an exceedingly small spot when one considers that two large airplanes crashed and burned there.

Soil will have to be removed from 10,000 to 20,000 square feet because of saturation with jet fuel and fire fighting chemicals. Most of this will be resodded. Most of the work will be contracted in the interest of expediting completion.

The course was closed on the following day which was Friday and re-opened for the week end with one temporary green and one temporary tee. All greens were back in play within a week although a couple of them were a little rough in spots.

Dick Viergever, CGCS

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TARP COMMITTEE MEETING, California Golf Club, South San Francisco
by Clifford A. Wagoner, CGCS

The Turfgrass Adaptive Research Program was held on April 11, 1973. Present Were Dr. C. H. Blackstone, Otis Hallin, Bob Hanna, Bill Davis, Roger Larson and Clifford Wagoner.

Bill Davis reviewed some of the benefits of the past years program. There has been a major increase of turf activity at state and county level in Extension. Also interest is increasing from club officials and superintendents. It was emphasized that the program is one of education and not consulting and is not in competition with the United States Golf Association visiting service. It was agreed by all in attendance that both TARP and USGA should be supported. The USGA is supporting a research program on top dressing which is being carried out on the experimental green at Davis and GCSA of America has agreed to provide funds for film for educational purposes.

Major projects completed by TARP are:

The Evaluation of Sands and the Publication
The Experimental green and production of a film
The drainage installed at Haggin Oaks and production of a film
The field testing of several greens for water application and infiltration rates and production of slide sets
Two series of sectional meetings to update club officials and superintendents on the information gained from the program
Several talks given to GCSANC meetings
The Institute at Asilomar March 1973 - Proceedings will be printed and distributed to attendees. Copies will be available at a small charge for those who did not attend. Slides were produced and will be available for showing.

The spin offs from this program far exceed the benefits which are listed.

Available in most counties in Northern California is a person on the Extension staff which has some degree of assignment in turf. The more the superintendents and clubs call on these men the more the powers to be will recognize our industry.

On June 4th and 5th a turf program ("Better Turf for a Better Environment") will be held at Davis

The Asilomar Institute will be held again in 1974 - March 3-8.

It is proposed in 1973-74 the program will continue to evaluate the experimental green, continue the topdressing experieiment at Rossmoor provide funds for a technician at Davis, prepare a layout and install a drainage system in green at Rossmoor (Rossmoor will provide funds for materials). Evaluate varieties of eucalyptus and pine trees for problem soil on golf courses.

Since water and material movement through soil remains somewhat of a mystery, a large piece of testing equipment is under consideration for this puprose.

Education and dissemination through the Extension personnel will continue.

This is your program support it and encourage it by calling on local Extension Specialists and attending educational sessions.

We are grateful to the Northern California Golf Association and the University of California and University Extension personnel for their continued efforts to help us in our tasks of maintaining golf turf.

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BILL GOODRIDGE REPORTING

Automatic System - You Better Believe It! - Stockton Golf & C.C. (Better known in our circle as Maseba's Paradise), finally got started on their complete automatic sprinkler system. Rainbird 51 stop-o-matic heads on 60 foot spacings, with four 50 H.P. pumps and one 15 H.P.

Ken Cloud, Formost Construction Co., Venice, California is doing the installing under Kaz's ever watchful eye. The job should be completed in June and from then on old button pusher Maseba can water his entire course in any nine hour period.

Congratulations Kazu! You've worked hard.

SPRING CREEK OPENS NEW NINE or Papa Olie Gives Birth to Nine - After many months of blood, sweat and tears, Olie Sights, Superintendent Spring Creek Country Club at Ripon, grandiosely mothered his new nine into play with a Pro-Am on March 30th.

With the addition of the new nine Spring Creek plays regular at 6325 yards (70.6 rating) or championship at 6641 at 71.3 rating.

The course is absolutely tops, and an outstanding example of what can be accomplished when a superintendent and professional work together Lee Wentz, Spring Creek's professional did the layout and design and Olie constructed it and breathed the breath of life into it. A tremendous job by both parties, and we all congratulate you.

GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENTS ASSOCIATION OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

Comparison Statement Years 1972 and 1973

Statement of Cash Receipts, Disbursements, and Balances

	<u>1972</u>	<u>1973</u>
Cash Balance - February 1	\$2,401.14	\$1,691.91
Income		
Dues	\$5,075.00	\$5,549.00
Meeting	2,041.50	2,238.50
Miscellaneous	20.00	106.10
Plaques		449.50
Newsletter	<u>7,136.50</u>	<u>600.00</u>
	\$9,537.64	\$10,635.01
Cash Disbursements		
Meeting	1,900.00	2,213.21
Federation	562.00	147.50
Travel	1,226.95	1,140.36
Office	3,481.20	2,929.53
Research Donation	300.00	300.00
Plaques		449.50
Newsletter		772.43
Miscellaneous	<u>375.58</u>	<u>82.22</u>
	\$7,845.73	\$8,034.75
Net Income Over Expense	\$1,691.91	\$2,600.26

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

Assets		
Cash in checking account	\$1,691.91	\$2,600.26
Cash in savings account	2,932.45	3,083.20
;Petty Cash	<u>50.00</u>	<u>50.00</u>
	\$4,674.36	\$5,733.46
Liabilities	None	None
Net Worth	\$4,674.36	\$5,733.46

SAVINGS

January 31	\$2,788.87	\$2,932.45
Interest on Savings	<u>143.58</u>	<u>150.75</u>
	\$2,932.45	\$3,083.20

4-10-1973

MR. RONALD W. FREAM has asked that we make known that there is a young man (David Jones age 25) from Australia who is very interested in furthering his knowledge of golf superintendency. He is seeking a job as an assistant for one to two years so he can become acquainted with our methods and return to Australia. He has 4 years experience as a golf course superintendent and worked several years on a golf course. He is a graduate of Tyde School of Horticulture in Sydney. If you are interested in this gentlemen contact Fream Storm Associates 2 Old Town, Los Gatos, CA 95030 Phone 408 354-8240

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GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENT WANTED

Fort Washington Golf and Country Club, Pinedale (Fresno)

18 hole private - 6 to 10 man crew

Salary will depend on experience and back ground

Cleve Stone, present superintendent is retiring. Position available in June. Superintendent works under green chairman.

Closing Date for applications - May 31

APPLY to Chairman Selection Committee

Fort Washington Golf and Country Club

Box K

Pinedale, CA 93650

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The following are the people elected to run your Association.
Election held at the annual meeting in April.

President

James D. Ross

Vice President

Lawrence Feliciano

Secretary-Treasurer

Michael R. Clark

Directors

John W. Engen

William H. Nigh

Also to serve on the board

President Emeritus

Roger A. Larson

Directors - 1 more year to serve

Kaz Maseba

Louis E. Pohlson

Clifford A. Wagoner appointed as

Honorary Director

Addresses are listed on the first page of this newsletter