

N O T E S from Stan

Well, one meeting in the wine country is over. Enjoyable and somewhat informative it was. Due to circumstances beyond my control, I was unable to go up the night before (work on the course). I understand the night life in Calistoga is unforgettable. I do know one thing for sure, Howard is always a fine host. I played 9 holes of golf and enjoyed the course very much. Thanks for a great meeting, Howard.

It is now time to start looking forward to the meetings in the future. Next month we will have the pleasure of visiting with our friend Kaz at Stockton Golf and Country Club. I can personally testify that he has the course in super shape. I just returned from playing there and will not tell my score to anyone. All you golfers should have a very enjoyable day. I also understand that the clubhouse crew does a fine job with lunch. Looking forward to it, Kaz.

I would like to say a few words about our November meeting. It is going to be hosted by a new member of our Association--Steve Flatt. It is also the furthest North we have had a meeting that I know of. The reason I am saying this is because the turn out at these distant meetings is not very good. So let's all start planning for November and show a new member we can support his meeting.

I would like to say a few words about freedom. We are very fortunate to live in a country where we can say, think and believe what we want. We are all entitled to our own opinions, but what we must never do is deny our fellow man his opinion. Sometimes we feel so strongly about certain things we forget others may differ. I would like to see more people submit their ideas and opinions about anything to the Newsletter.

See you all in Stockton. Stan Burgess, Claremont C.C., Oakland

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1974 dues are now payable. Membership plaques are available and can be included (\$7.75) with your dues payment if you desire to purchase one.

Remember classifications are not automatic. Transfer of membership from one class to another is not automatic. Members must apply for reclassification when their employment does not correspond with their present classification. All those eligible to transfer to higher status are encouraged to do so.

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Definition - aerate--To impregnate or infuse with common air; to permit the circulation of air.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - by Jim Ross

I feel we had a good meeting at Calistoga with the beautiful steak lunch and the superb weather that our host had ordered for us. Thank you Howard.

I wish to personally thank the people who served on the panel during the panel discussion; and apologize to the people on the panel who had to take some irate and disgusting remarks by a couple of our members. I do hope that some of our members will someday remember that we as Golf Course Superintendents are business men and professionals and the majority of the membership is striving to be recognized as the very top business men in this field.

For the members who unfortunately could not attend, I will answer one question that was asked which was "What is the board of directors doing for the member and the Association?" My answer to the question was "We are working hard to bring the Country Clubs and the Superintendents Association closer together by designing a Superintendent job description for the Clubs and by offering our service to the clubs to set in on their panel when screening new applicants for jobs. Also the board has been working hard for the last few months to compile some new test material for membership Classifications. The tests that we presently have are 4 years old and we feel they are out dated. We must make sure that a Class A is a Class A and a Class B is a Class B. This is for our protection as a member and also for the Association. So when a person passes a Classification Test he knows that he can fill that position without any doubt. This also will help show the Club who they are hiring is capable to do the job. In the long run this can reflect only that the member and the Association are top professional and business men.

So remember the membership and Association is only as good as the member himself.

James D. Ross, The Villages, San Jose

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WANTED

GOLF SUPERVISOR

\$1272 - \$1404

City of Oakland is looking for individual with high school graduation and 4 years of experience in management, construction and/or maintenance of golf courses to fill management position heading City's golf facilities. Membership in a professional golf superintendents association at Class A or Class B level is desirable. Additional credit will be given to a 'Certified Golf Course Superintendent'.

Apply Room 100, Oakland City Hall, 14th and Washington Streets

Phone Area Code 415 273-3111 Oakland, California

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STOCKTON GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB - Host Kaz Maseba has recently become the proud master of a fully automaic irrigation system. The system is Rain-bird using 1200 No. 5 Stop-A-Matic heads spaced at 60 feet. It was installed by a contractor during April, May and June. The water supply is pumped from the river by four fifty horse power centrifugal pumps and one 15 horse power turbine delivering a total of 1800 gallons per minute. Kaz can cover the entire golf course in 9 hours--a real contrast from the antiquated system he replaced.

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M A K E   N O   E X C U S E S      by Kaz Maseba

Almost every time Golf Course Superintendents get together the question is asked "What is the Association doing for us? What are we doing for the Association?" The logical answer to these questions are "TOO GET INVOLVED" and you will find out.

The other popular subject for disussssion is the issue of the minorities and discrimination.

I believe my experience should dispel this over exaggerated myth.

I am of Japanese ancestry and know and remember the acts of discrimination against me and my relatives during World War II. My experiences would fill a book, but my point can be made by citing only a few of the most vivid ones.

On December 7, 1941 Japan bombed Pearl Harbor and in March 1942 I was drafted into the U. S. Army. Later my mother, brothers and sisters were, along with all Japanese, placed in a concentration camp. Because Japanese were not allowed in the Western Defense Command I was separated from my relation and did not see them for two years. Even though Japanese were harassed by the saying "A good Jap is a dead Jap". We still served the only country we knew.

Two all Japanese battalions were formed. First the 100th battalion (the Ka-tonks) consisting of Hawaiian born Japanese and later the 442nd battalion (the Buda-heads) from the mainland of USA. These two battalions became the most decorated outfits in World War II. Why? Because we had a desire to prove ourselves. This experience and determination set the stage for greater things. I know that I would not have the position as a golf course superintendent if I had not had these experiences and not realized my potential and the opportunities available to anyone who has a genuine desire to succeed. Success is within reach of anyone if one is willing to reach for it and cast away the idea that because of race you are stymied.

My point is, that through this Association, things can be accom-

plished where as individuals all the talking and hoping someone else will do it for you will get us nowhere. My advice to you is to become involved and enjoy the success which has come to me.

Kaz Maseba

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## A Conference Preview ...

### 45th International Turfgrass Conference and Show

**February 10 - 15, 1974     Anaheim, California**

GCSAA Golf Tournament - Thursday and Friday, Feb. 7 and 8. This year, the tournament will be played on two separate courses, Yorba Linda Country Club and Mile Square Golf Course, challenging your golf and giving you an opportunity to tour two facilities.

Conference Registration - Will open Sunday, Feb. 10. The Anaheim Convention Center will be the site of registration, while the Disneyland Hotel has been selected as the headquarters hotel and will be the site of many other activities.

Host Chapter Event - Monday evening, Feb. 11. Be Welcomed to the Conference and aboard HMS Queen Mary by members of the Southern California GCSA Chapter. Transportation will be provided.

Educational Program - Monday thru Thursday, Feb 11-14. A host of renowned speakers will offer new insights into both new and old areas. The six programs will be in the Anaheim Convention Center.

Annual Meeting and Election - Wednesday, Feb. 13. A full business agenda and the election of GCSAA's President, Vice President, Directors.

Banquet and Dance - Thursday evening, Feb. 14. A gala dinner and dance at the Disneyland Hotel will be highlighted by the entertainment of vocalist Gordon MacRae, marimbaist Mora Gray and comedian Berl Williams.

Industrial Show - Tuesday thru Thursday, Feb. 12-14. Opening to gentlemen only, 100,000 square feet of space in the North Exhibition Hall of the Anaheim Convention Center is expected to be filled by the nation's leading firms involved in the turfgrass industry.

Ladies' Program - Will open Sunday, Feb. 10. A Hospitality Center for the ladies will be operated in the Disneyland Hotel during the entire Conference. While the men are opening the Show Tuesday, the ladies will be enjoying a day-long tour which will include breakfast at the Universal Sheraton Hotel and an extensive tour of the Universal Studios.

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"Stubbornness does have its helpful features. You always know what you are going to be thinking tomorrow"

Glen Beaman

Every so often a fellow has to speak his piece just so he can be recognized, but it better be good and interesting or he soon loses contact with his audience. There's an old adage that says: "It's better to remain silent and be considered dumb than to open your mouth and remove all doubt." True, there are times when we should keep still and just listen, because we might learn something important, but there is also a time to speak out and be heard.

During budgeting periods when we're concerned with convincing our superiors that new replacement equipment and supplies are vitally important to enable us to do our particular job better and with greater efficiency, we have to speak out to justify consideration, otherwise we might find the red pencil being used to delete such items from the budget. If we're knowledgeable and speak out convincingly and with discretion we'll generally find a favorable reaction. We know why we need certain things, otherwise we'd never include them but we have to keep in mind we must sell others that are less acquainted with such supplies.

One sure way to put on a convincing pitch is to know as much as possible about the equipment we are proposing to ask the Club to buy so that during any business meetings you can speak out with confidence and assurance and to answer any questions that might be asked. Your supplier sales people will be always available to help in this respect and to give you ammunition to work with in meeting these challenges. Literally millions of dollars are spent by manufacturers each year to print literature and catalog material that will provide many of the answers and arguments that can be used in pressing for certain equipment that will add to the efficiency and improve the appearance and condition of your course. This information is right within easy reach--all you have to do is ask.

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From the Bull Sheet, Midwest Association of Golf Course Superintendents

G O L F

"Golf is a form of work made expensive enough for a rich man to enjoy it. It is physical and mental exertion made attractive by the fact that you have to dress for it in a \$1,000,000 clubhouse.

Golf is what letter-carrying, ditch digging and carpet-beating would be if those three tasks had to be performed on the same hot afternoon in short pants and colored socks by gouty looking gentlemen who required a different implement for every mood!

Golf is the simplest looking game in the world when you decide to take it up and the toughest looking after you have been at it 10 to 12



years.

It is probably the only known game a man can play as long as a quarter of a century and then discover that it was too deep for him in the first place.

The game is played on carefully selected grass with little white balls and as many clubs as the player can afford. These balls cost from 75 cents to \$2.50 and it is possible to support a family of 10 people (all adults) for five months on the money represented by the balls lost by some golfers in a single afternoon.

A golf course has 18 holes, 17 of which are unnecessary and put in to make the game harder. A "hole" is a tin cup in the center of a "green" A "green" is a small parcel of grass costing about \$1.98 a blade and usually located between a brook, a couple of apple trees and a lot of "unfinished excavations."

The idea is to get the golf ball from a given point into each of the 18 cups in the fewest strokes and the greatest number of words.

The ball must not be thrown, pushed or carried. It must be propelled by about \$200 worth of curious looking implements especially designed to provoke the owner.

Each implement has a specific purpose and ultimately some golfers get to know what that purpose is. They are the exceptions.

After each hole has been completed the golfer counts his strokes. Then he subtracts six and says, "made that in five. That's one above par. Shall we play for 50 cents on the next hole?"

After the final, or eighteenth hole, the golfer adds up his score and stops when he has reached 87. He then has a swim, a pint of gin, sings "Sweet Adeline" with six or eight other liars and calls it the end of a perfect day.

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#### ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT WANTED

Mike Clark, Superintendent at Oakmont Golf Course, Santa Rosa is in the market for an assistant superintendent. Interested persons can contact Mike at P. O. Box 487, Kenwood 95452.

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REMEMBER IF THREE OR FOUR MORE PEOPLE WILL TAKE THEIR PEN IN HAND AND WRITE AN ARTICLE FOR THE NEWSLETTER, IT WILL HELP. p l e a s e