

N O T E S from Stan --- Our meeting at Carmel Valley Golf and Country Club could be called no less than a great success. Our host, Bob Dauterman's resume arrived too late to print last month. He has been at Carmel Valley a little over two years.

After attending Washington State University he was drafted into the Army for two years. He was away from golf while stationed in Darmstadt, Germany. When discharged he worked at El Rivino Country Club in San Bernardino for a year before moving to Washington where he was superintendent for nine out of eleven years with Longview Country Club.

He desired a dryer climate and chose to leave Washington State. Mostly by luck he ended up on the Monterey Peninsula. His two daughters Elizabeth age 12 and Tina age 10 and his bride Karin of 13 years are living in Carmel.

He states "having been on golf courses for over 25 years, playing golf and working on them I am dedicated to making the best possible playing conditions for the days play."

Bob should be complimented. I was able to play nine holes of golf and enjoyed the course very much. Keep up the great work, Bob.

Our speaker, Mr. Bob Wright, Scotts Pro Turf Division, did a very fine job on monocot identification. I would like to say thanks, Bob, for your presentation.

Our September Host Howard Fisher should need no introduction, but for those of you who do not know him, here is a little information. Howard has been at Mt. St. Helena for 12 years. He is in charge of the golf course and pro shop. He also has to contend with a football field, campground and racetrack. Prior to Mt. St. Helena he spent 3½ years at Flamingo Golf Course and before that it was the US Navy.

Mt. St. Helena Golf Course is a county owned golf course built in 1954. Before Howard took it over it was a par three course. Since then it has been extended to 2500 yards par 33. Howard tells me that during certain times of the year the race track takes most of his water which causes a few problems, which Howard has the ability to overcome. I might also add that the golf course is self-supporting, which means no county funds.

For those of you that plan to bring your wives Howard says there is plenty for them to do. One thing he mentioned was a new nine million dollar winery nearby. I am not sure it would be a good idea to send the gals over there for an afternoon by themselves.

Myself, I am going to take Howard up on his offer for free campground facilities. Hope to see you all there.

Stanley Burgess

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"The only difference between stumbling blocks and stepping stones is the way you use them."

Larry Keck writes from Minneapolis, Minnesota where he is constructing a 9 hole par 3 course for Newgolf Inc. Robert Trent Jones, Sr. is the architect. He expects to have it seeded by September 15, 1973 and will return to Northern California as soon as the weather stops work there. He plans to complete the course at Bodega Bay when construction starts again. Since Larry is a great fisherman, he will be right at home. He sends greetings to all members and hopes to attend the October meeting.

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Definition - Node - The "joint" of a grass stem from which leaves and buds
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arise.

PROGRESS - Ben Rollefstad, Western Lawn Equipment Co., Bennies Inc.

While trying to think of something to write for the Newsletter, the word Progress came to my mind. In just the last few years, we have seen new types of Power Garden Equipment arrive on the market. Manufacturers are constantly trying to develop new and better Power Garden Equipment. The Automatic watering systems today are a great help for those who have them. The development of smaller engines with less weight and more horse power has had a tremendous impact in the Power Garden Equipment field. Today we have new and improved methods of weed and lawn controls along with fertilizers and chemicals.

I am certain man has gained in knowledge and this is good for the results are showing progress. Some will say remember the good old days, yes, for many they will be hard to forget.

-Thought For the Month-

No man can tell whether he is rich or poor by turning to his ledger. It is the heart that makes a man rich. He is rich according to what he is, not according to what he has.

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EDITORIAL - There is a word that has been used quite a lot the last few years and I think that it applies to a large number of our members. The word is Apathy. Webster defines apathy as, 1. lack of emotion 2. indifference. I think the #2 definition fits. In the three years I have been in the Association I have heard a lot of people complain about the Association but do nothing to make it better.

One complaint is "what is the Association doing for me?" Let me ask you this, "for 20 dollars per year what do you expect?" I think that we are getting more than our monies worth. Another complaint is the dress code. I defy anyone to show me a case of someone dying simply from wearing a sports coat and tie. Superintendents want to be classed as professionals in their field, so let's continue to dress like professionals.

If you have an idea or gripe, then bring it to the board of directors. Don't just sit back and complain about it. Do something. There cannot be changes without ideas.

The last thing I would like to talk about is the support of, or lack of support of, our Newsletter. For the last three months I have asked for newsworthy items and the response has been very light. (I would like to thank those of you who have contributed.) I think every superintendent has the capability of writing a news item. Let's all get in and support our Association and Newsletter.

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G O L F N O T E S - Howard Fisher, Mt. St. Helena

This is for you golfers who are too lazy to get out. Bob Dauterman and Carmel Valley were excellent hosts. The weather was outstanding. In Carmel you don't know whether to dress for winter or summer.

The golf course was a pleasure. The front nine was not too long, but played long and difficult. Monterey area is supposed to be noted for its wild boar hunting, I didn't see a one on the golf course and I was all over. As you cross the road to the tenth tee, you can see a very tight golf hole. The back nine has those sneaky water holes and dog legs. The golfer who varied, didn't score. I for one, didn't score. The greens putted smoothly and bumping the ball in the fairway wasn't necessary. Bob, that's my way of saying you are doing a fine job.

A couple of friends and I played Pebble the night before. Comparing golf courses in the same area is informative. Even though these are within fifteen miles of one another the weather, terrain, and soil must be quite different. I like to play as many courses as I can to pick up and use their ideas.

See you at Calistoga September 12th. If you can't bring clubs, I have lots of mismatched antique sticks around that will suit your game!

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Definition - topdressing--A prepared mixture of soil, which is spread over turf areas for the purpose of improving the surface or adding to the nutrient supplying ability of the soil

COMMUNICATION - Jack Baker, H. V. Carter Company, Inc.

Communication - Just possibly the most important word in the English language - just where would we be today without it? Communication is so important between individuals, organizations, families, employer to employee, etc. Just where does this apply in day-to-day operation of a golf course? That's what interests us most, right?

First, the Golf Course Superintendent who enjoys his job with his Golf Club must have a hot-line running between the Green Committee Chairman, Manager or whoever he answers to. The communication consists of a respectful and knowledgeable relationship between both parties so that there can be no misunderstanding of responsibilities. It has proven time and time again that the written word or authority when carefully spelled out with all its inferences, is the best line of communication and copies kept of all such important documents leaving no room for error or omission.

With our industry becoming so specialized it bears well for us to adopt the most businesslike procedures in carrying out our assignments and responsibilities so that we operate within proper areas of authority at all times. It follows that the same pattern of operations should be delegated to those individuals who are designated to carry out the subordinate roles in the many phases of today's golf course maintenance.

Just as our Golf Course Superintendents Association provides a sounding board for its members so should all of us continue to swap ideas and helpful information that will enable us to continue to do a better job and thus reach the top of our profession. Communication will grow in the exchange of information and suggestions that tend to create improved conditions for our courses and for upgrading our own status.

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Cliff Wagoner asked the following question and received a letter containing the answer from Dr. Victor A. Gibeault, Environmental Horticulturist "Turf and Landscape", University of California, Riverside

Is there research that substantiates night watering actually causes more disease than early morning watering?

"I responded by indicating that it is commonly suggested to irrigate in the early morning hours (5 a.m. to 7 a.m.) so as to reduce disease potential, however, I was unfamiliar with specific studies that supported this recommendation. After reviewing some literature I must respond that little research has been done and reported on this question. However, the following may be of assistance.

1. Excess moisture on the leaf surface, which is necessary for the development of certain diseases, is removed by morning solar radiation and increased daytime temperatures. An example of disease development under prolonged periods of moist leaves has been recorded with rust (Puccinia spp). (Madison and Hagan. 1962. Agronomy Journal 54: 157-160)

2. Early morning irrigation also washes off disease promoting dew guttation.

3. Wind is usually lower and humidity higher in the early morning, which is conducive to a more efficient irrigation.

As indicated it is unfortunate that little information is available - for or against - nighttime watering. In personal communication with Dr. Robert Endo on this question, he definitely agreed that disease potential was greater with night irrigation but whether incidence occurred would be dependent on the overall vigor of the turf in question."

V. A. Gibeault

Dr. Gibeault wishes to announce the second annual Environmental Horticulture Field Day will be held at the South Coast Field Station, Santa Ana, on Tuesday, December 4, 1973. Starting time is scheduled for 1:00 p.m. The Field Day will feature ongoing research projects in turf-grass breeding and management, nursery production, weed control, growth control, and landscape plant introduction. There will be an opportunity to discuss the projects with program leaders.

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