

YOUR HOST SUPERINTENDENT - by Norm Stewart, Palo Alto Hills G & C.C.

Robert Leas of Monterey Peninsula - Robert was born in San Diego, California in 1943. He is married to Reita Leas; they have 3 children, sons Pieter 6½ years, Wendell 5 years, and daughter Jenah 3 years.

Robert spent 4 years in the U.S. Air Force. After the service he attended the University of California, Davis where he received his degree in Horticulture and Park Administration.

He took the job as assistant superintendent at Monterey Peninsula in January 1971 and became superintendent in July 1971.

Don't forget the date of January 10, 1974--that's on Thursday--See you.

MONTEREY PENINSULA COUNTRY CLUB - The original concept of the land on which the course now covers was to sell lots. The late Samuel F. B. Morse of Del Monte Properties, built the Dunes Course in 1926. Lots were then sold around the course for \$100.00 and a Club membership was included. The Dunes Course was designed by Jack Neville, California Amateur Champion. The Dunes Course was automated in 1965, with Thompson Commander heads, Buckner valves and Telsco controllers. The Dunes Course is a heavily wooded 5894 yards, par 72.8, with approximately 65 acres. The greens average 5000 sq ft, with 50 medium size sandtraps and no lakes.

In 1958, the members "bought" the golf course from Del Monte Properties. The Shore Course was then drawn up by Bob Baldock, completed in 1965, and installed with quick coupler semi-automatic irrigation. The Shore Course is the "Home of the California State Seniors Tournament". The Shore Course is a wide open 5882 yards, par 73.0, with approximately 85 acres. The greens average 6000 sq ft, with 46 large sandtraps.

There are several spectacular view holes - in particular is the 10th of the Dunes, and the panoramic view on the 14th of the Dunes. The view from the 1st tee of the Shore is especially beautiful on a summer afternoon, with the light variations (shadows). Memberships are over 1000, of which 700 are avid golfers averaging around 6000 rounds of golf per month.

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Our MANY THANKS this year goes to our Host Superintendent Larry Lloyd for a Christmas meeting well done. Thanks Larry.

Talking with many people at the party there were many words used to describe the affair. Stupendous, great, wonderful, fantastic, good to be back were just a few of the comments made on the scene.

The food, the drink, the service were outstanding, not to mention the atmosphere. By the look on everyones face they all seemed to be having a wonderful time. Speaking for my wife and myself, I don't believe that we have had a nicer time anywhere for a long time.

Our thanks also goes to the management of Rancho Canada for allowing us the privilege of holding our part at your club, the members of the G.C.S.A.N.C. and their wives THANK YOU for your hospitality.

Also the golf was enjoyed by those who played. The course was in beautiful condition as usual.

Thanks again, Larry. Picture on left Jim Ross with Lawrence Lloyd and his wife Barbara.



Picture on right Jim Ross, President, Chuck Mangold, Don Meyer.

Thanks to Chuck for his help and thankless hours of work.

Many thanks to the following supporters for the G.C.S.A.N.C. Christmas party.

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Notes from Stan -- For personal reasons I am going to withdraw from any active participation in the Association. I would like to thank the people who helped me with the Newsletter.

Stanley Burgess

Claremont Country Club, Oakland

Suggestions in Figuring Budgets -- by Jack Baker

In this age of highly specialized maintenance equipment it has become necessary to employ skilled technicians to keep golf course machinery in proper working order and reduce down-time to the very minimum. Skilled mechanics are not easy to come by, those with up-to-date information on electronics, hydraulics and special engine applications.

Many manufacturers are offering orientation courses, service schools and other training tools, so that maintenance personnel can be equipped with knowledge and tools and devices to do the job right. Some factories are selling special designed tools to use reducing the danger of using the wrong instrument to accomplish the desired results. Time and again we find in answering service calls that costly equipment has been obviously abused and put out of action by inexperienced mechanics.

It might be argued that such educational processes are too time-consuming and expensive to warrant sending service personnel to these schools for proper training. However to Club management it must be apparent that when equipment is out of service this is also a costly situation that could be avoided if only the maintenance man knew what he was to do with a bit of preventative-maintenance know-how.

Another important factor worth mentioning is the importance of carefully reading and understanding equipment-maintenance manuals. These are quite costly for the manufacturers to put together and too many times they are relegated to the well-known circular file rather than kept in a handy place in the shop to refer to when necessary. Many times these manuals contain valuable information in running down service problems also how to avoid them.

In closing let me make this suggestion - when you figure your next budget include an allowance for sending one or two of your service personnel to the equipment service schools provided by the distributor or the manufacturers.

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LEE MESERVY, Retired Golf Course Superintendent, writes "Hello Everyone" Since retiring pleasant memories are many, as the Mrs. and myself think of the many friends we've met in the Association. This being a pleasure I find hard to describe.

Being able to boast of good health, a location to our liking. remodeling an older home, giving care to fruit trees, berries, garden spot, shrubs and small lawn are ways some of our time is spent.

Sightseeing, fishing and visiting friends are pleasures we enjoy.

Should business or pleasure be your lot and plans bring you to Oregon a short stop at Grants Pass at the Meservy's for a coffee break and friendly chat would certainly add to our pleasure.

In Memory of Frank Logoteta

Ken Stohl states I'm sorry to report that my associate, Mr. Frank Logoteta passed away November 25th in his sleep. Frank was on vacation and apparently in good health. He did have a history of diabetes, but this problem was well contained.

Frank had been with Orinda Country Club since January 1947 as a regular employee. During his youth, while in school he caddied at the course. He was a GCSANC member since 1957.

Needless to say we will all miss Frank.

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CHRIS GARCIA, Certified Golf Course Superintendent, at Alameda Golf Course has started "doing something" about the South Course at Alameda. The immediate project is to get an approximately ½ acre reservoir which will provide water for a free flow booster type, pumping station with an eventual automatic watering system.

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BOB UHLAND, Golf Course Superintendent will be at Valley Hi Country Club, Sacramento starting January 2, 1974.

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TOM UNRUH, Golf Course Superintendent, Davis Municipal Golf Course was a new father November 1. Tom's wife Ginny gave birth to an 8 lb 9 oz boy, Joshua Merritt. In addition Tom and Ginny recently moved into a new home at 4309 U Street, Sacramento.



Dick Viergever, CGCS, Sunnyvale Mens Golf Club presenting Ken Stohl of Orinda Country Club his "Certified Golf Course Superintendent" plaque

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pesticide - an agent used to destroy pests.

herbicide - anything used to kill weeds or herbaceous growth.

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This is a once-a-year opportunity for you to learn of the latest developments in the turfgrass industry from leading educators and product representatives. As in the past, the atmosphere of this Conference and Show will be conducive to your meeting turfgrass professionals and exchanging information with them.

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