

YOUR HOST SUPERINTENDENT - Michael R. Clark

Mike started his career in 1962 at the Santa Rosa Fairgrounds, stayed there 9 months, left and went with the Coast Guard for 6 months. After disembarking from the Coast Guard, he went to college to study forestry. He met his future wife instead and gave up books for more serious things. At that time he figured it was about time to go to work, so took a job at Oakmont which was under construction. His title was Head Rock Picker Upper. Fred Mays was Superintendent on premises until January 1966 when he left to take the helm at Peninsula Country Club. Mike took over as Superintendent in January 1966 and has been picking up rocks at Oakmont ever since. Mike is married to a lovely girl named Gloria and they have 2 boys age 6 and 9.

ABOUT OAKMONT - Oakmont Golf Course consists of 18 holes, 6,400 yards Greens Seaside and Poa (quoted by Mike Clark). The front 9 greens average 5,500 square feet. The back 9 greens average 4,500 square feet. There are 9 lakes. #8 - par 4 - 400 yards - Watch this one, Mike says it's a little wet along the right side plus a lake in the center of the fairway. Something New at Oakmont - 18 hole Executive Course, first 9 open in June 1974. Second nine will be constructed in the future.

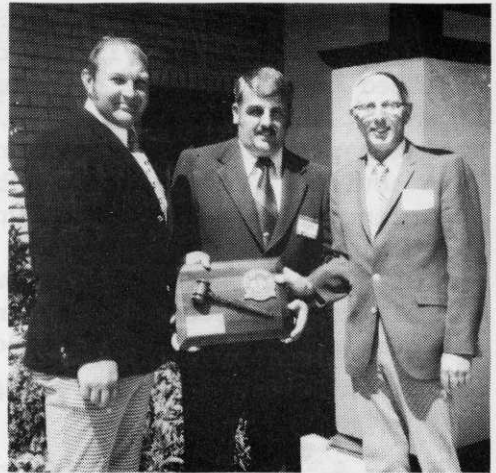
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Thank you - We again want to thank Jim Ross for his part in hosting our annual election meeting at his club; the food was great, the entire meeting was fantastic and the golf was enjoyed by all who participated. Thanks again Jim for a job well done last year.

As editor of this newsletter I have one comment to make "Let's have a larger turn out at our election meetings. As you know, those of you present, that after the count had been taken we were over just by two or three of having our quorum.

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O.S.H.A.--I am sure that all of you fellow Superintendents have heard of O.S.H.A., well I had my encounter with this group last month when they visited my course and checked out my equipment and shop area, then informed me that I was in violation on numerous counts. To begin with, as you all know, any equipment that is pulley, belt, chain or sprocket driven must be guarded to protect the operator. This is all well and good, but to put guards on an aerifier is something else, By the time I completed the project this unit looked like an armored tank being shipped over seas to some foreign country to do battle, to make a long story short when the safety engineer returned all the equipment passed the requirements for safety standards.



Left - New Officers and Members of the Board of Directors for 1974
Larry Feliciano, President; Mike Clark, Vice President; Jim Ross, Past
President; John Engen, Sr, Secretary-Treasurer; David Griffiths, Norm
Stewart, Kaz Maseba Board Members; Clifford Wagoner, Honorary Director

Here's to 1974 - may this year bring us together as an Association.
We have many goals and many problems that still confront us, but thru
cooperation and understanding, I am sure that this years officers will
better the Association thru advancement for one and all.

Right - These men all "Presidents" Jim Ross, Past President of GCSA of
Northern California, Larry Feliciano, current President of GCSA of
Northern California, Clifford Wagoner, immediate Past President of GCSA
of America.

REQUEST - If anybody has anything of interest such as equipment they
want to sell or buy, articles of any kind of value to your fellow
Superintendents, and they are copied from any magazine or publication
make sure that the authors name, date, the publications name is men-
tioned.

At the April meeting I talked with Larry, Kaz, Dave and John and
they agreed to help by sending in things that are going on or things
of interest from their parts of the country, so let's hear from the
rest of you.

We are still looking for a title for our monthly newsletter, so if
anybody has a good idea for a title, please submit them to me.

Norm Stewart

Palo Alto Hills G & CC, Palo Alto

FROM THE PRESIDENT - by Larry Feliciano

Last week while playing my course with a group of our members, I again realized the importance of seeing the golf course as the golfers see it. It wasn't the obvious things such as general turf conditions. We, as Turf Managers are constantly on top of this problem. It was the smaller, less obvious things such as a broken handle in a ballwasher, the dingy appearance of a restroom and unpainted OB markers. We might say that we shouldn't be too concerned about these minor items. But the fact is, the great majority of players will notice these things first. So make it a habit to play your course, and for you non-golfing turf managers, learn the game of golf. It will be one of the wisest things you've ever done.

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March 28, 1974

G.C.S.A. of Northern California
1233 Kansas Avenue
Modesto, California

Gentlemen:

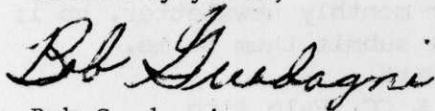
Automatic Rain Company would like to thank the G.C.S.A. of Northern California for the opportunity to be associated with such a fine group of professionals. G.C.S.A. is an excellent organization and we find the meetings educational, interesting and enjoyable.

Automatic Rain Company is the Rain Bird turf distributor on the Coastal Region from Monterey to Crescent City including the Bay Area. We have four branches for your convenience at 1408 Service Drive in Walnut Creek, Burger Drive in San Jose, 3945 Bohannon Drive in Menlo Park and 62 Larkspur Drive in San Rafael.

We carry everything necessary to build or maintain a golf course irrigation system of any type. Recently we became the distributor for "4-par", a golf accessory line. We plan to start a complete line of accessories so that we will be able to supply the Superintendents with everything he needs on his golf course except chemicals and machines.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 415-939-1300.

Sincerely yours,



Bob Guadagni
Automatic Rain Company

GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENTS ASSOCIATION OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

Statement of Cash Receipts, Disbursements, and Balances

February 1, 1973 to January 31, 1974

Cash Balance - February 1, 1973		\$ 2,600.26
Income		
Dues	\$5,485.00	
Meeting	2,910.50	
Miscellaneous	86.35	
Plaques	201.50	
Newsletter	910.00	
		<u>9,593.35</u>
		\$12,193.61

Cash Disbursements		
Meeting	\$3,054.00	
Federation	- 0 -	
Travel	836.95	
Office	3,366.27	
Research & Memorials	480.00	
Plaques	346.63	
Newsletter	688.49	
Miscellaneous	30.44	
		<u>8,802.78</u>
		\$3,390.83

STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES

January 31, 1974

Assets		
Cash in checking account		\$3,390.83
Cash in savings account		3,245.30
Petty Cash		50.00
		<u>\$6,686.13</u>
Liabilities		None
Net Worth		\$6,686.13

SAVINGS

January 31, 1972		\$3,083.20
Interest on Savings		<u>162.10</u>
		\$3,245.30

CARL WICK, Farm Advisor, Butte County, has a turf variety trial (project of TARP) established at Butte Creek C.C. in cooperation with John Engen, Sr. This trial was started in 1972 and includes both cool and warm season varieties.

A meeting for commercial and professional turf managers to look at how these varieties are performing with relation to mowing height will be held in John Engen's office May 14 at 2:00 p.m. Bill Davis will add comments about turf species and management practices in general.

Anyone interested is welcome to attend.

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BOB HOLLAND'S wife had a baby boy named Eric. Congatulations to the Happy Family. Bob is with Toro Pacific and lives in Vallejo.

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SOMETHING ON PESTICIDES - Have the telephone number of the nearest poison control center posted plus the doctor or doctors numbers posted that treat pesticides accidents.

There is a good chart available on chemicals - LD-50's and antidotes and the compounds these chemicals contain. To obtain this chart the address is below and the best part it is FREE.

Navy Disease Vector Ecology and Control Center, Box 43
Naval Air Station, Jacksonville, Florida 32212

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METRIC SYSTEM - It seems that it won't be too long before the METRIC SYSTEM will be upon us, so it looks as if we are going to be called upon to put on our thinking caps and use our brains again. In our PROCEEDINGS from Anaheim there are two very interesting articles on this subject.

1. The Metric System - The U.S.G.A. View
2. The Metric System - The Superintendents View

These two articles are well worth reading to really understand things a little better.

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Nutrients, plant - The elements taken in by the plant, essential to its growth, and used by it in the elaboration of food and tissue. These include nitrogen, nesium, sulfur, iron, manganese, copper, boron, zinc, and perhaps others obtained from the soil; and carbon, hydrogen and oxygen, obtained largely from the air and water.

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SEE YOU AT OAKMONT - BE THERE

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