

KNOW YOUR HOST SUPERINTENDENT - Robert H. Ford, Golf Course Superintendent. In 1962 I was a young Oregonian just graduated from high school and sent into the world of job hunting. At that time I wasn't aware of the importance of golf and the Golf Course Superintendent. By chance, I landed a job at the local 9 hole club. After two years I was still working and learning about golf and golf courses.

Time passed and life got more complicated. I've been married to my wife, Diane, for ten years, and have two daughters, July, 7 and Bonnie, 5. To make life more complicated, I decided to go back to college in 1967 and specialize in Turf Grass Management at Mount San Antonio College in Walnut, California. This meant a few hardships for two years, but with the help of a GCSAA scholarship, it was a little easier.

While attending college, I continued the practical aspect of golf course maintenance by working on two courses. These part-time jobs instrumental in my future golf course career. Before college graduation I became the assistant superintendent at South Hills Country Club in West Covina, California. Three months after graduation I became the Superintendent at the same Country Club. I left South Hill Country Club in 1972 and moved to Northern California and became the Superintendent at Almaden Golf and Country Club.

ALMADEN GOLF AND COUNTRY CLUB started taking shape in 1957-1958. Twenty investors bought the 127 acres, which was a horse breeding ranch, and reshaped it into a golf course with the help of several local farmers.

The course was later sold to the Del Webb Corporation for further development. While under Del Webb management, Almaden was a tournament stop on the men' pro tour from 1958 thru 1965.

In 1969 Almaden Golf Course became a private club owned by the membership. It was then that the membership found out what problems a golf course can have.

The ground is quite rocky with the exception of lots of sticky gumbo spots. This creates poor drainage and many watering problems. In 1971 a new Toro hydraulic sprinkler system was installed; 1972 a complete fairway overseeding program was completed, and at present a overall master plan of the golf course is on the drawing board.

Everyone come to the meeting and play a round of golf!!

Robert H. Ford  
Golf Course Superintendent

**MONTEREY PINE** (*Pinus Radiata*) by Norman L. Stewart

Range: Along the California shore from Pescadero, San Mateo County, Intermittently to Cambria, San Luis Obispo County, and on Guadalupe Island, Mexico.

General Description: Bark: old trunks 1 to 2 inches thick, gray, with deep furrows, innerback showing in the furrows a reddish brown.

Twigs: Slender, limber, turning gray with age

Leaves : 3 (rarely 2) in a bundle, slender, flexible, bright, rich and shining green 4 to 6" long

Cones: Very short-stalked, reflexed, solitary or in pairs, or more often whorled 3 to 7" long, in symmetrical at base

Seeds: Compressed  $\frac{1}{4}$ " long with a thin brittle shell and stripped wing fully 1" long

Wood: Brittle, weak, coarse grained, soft and light, 28 $\frac{1}{2}$  lbs. per cubic foot, dry weight. The heartwood light brown to red, the sap wood thick and yellow and sometimes nearly white.

Probably no other American tree, certainly no Western conifer, has been so abundantly planted world wide as the Monterey Pine. It has been grown as an ornamental for over 100 years in England, especially in the Western and Southern parts, in the Mediterranean, Europe and in North Africa. While in South Africa and Australia it is planted as a valuable timber tree.

The reproduction of the Monterey Pine is, fortunately, abundant. The cones sometimes stay on the tree for many years, maturing their seeds, and sometimes only a forest fire will force the cones to open. Yet if fire is kept away there will come a year when conditions seem just right and then on some warm day in the fall when there is no wind to tear them off, the cones begin to drop off on their own.

Information was taken from the Book "A Natural History of Western Trees" Author - Donald Culross Peattie

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*Poa Annu*a L. Annual Bluegrass -- Tufted, bright green, erect to spreading, sometimes rooting at the lower nodes, usually 5 to 20 cm. tall, sometimes taller, forming mats; culms flattened; blades soft, lax, mostly 1 to 3 mm. wide; panicle pyramidal, open 3 to 7 cm. long spikelets crowded, 3 to 6 flowered, about 4 mm. long; lemmas not webbed at base, distinctly 5-nerved, more or less pubescent on the lower half of all the nerves, the long hairs on the lower part of the keel sometimes simulating a web; anthers 0.5 to 1 mm. long.

Poa Annuia is found in open ground, lawns, pastures, waste places and opening in woods, New Foundland and Labrador to Alaska, South to Florida and California; tropical America at high altitudes; introduced from Europe. In warmer part of the United States the species thrives in the winter; in intermediate latitudes it is a troublesome weed in lawns, growing luxuriantly in spring, dying in early summer and unslightly patches.

Information taken from Manual of the Grasses of the United States, United States Dept. of Agriculture  
Author - A. S. Hitchcock - 1950

The following was taken from the "Tee to Green" - Publication of Metropolitan GCSA - July 1974 issue.

LADY "POA" -- A GAY BLADE!

Fascinating in her green array in the gentle Spring breezes,  
Tho' disloyal as a Rebel in the sweltering Summer heat,  
Vanishing like a daunted petal caught in a gusty wind;  
Incredible!--Returning unescorted,--reposing amid the embracing  
Autumn leaves.

Wishfully, extermination will tame her fickleness;  
Can today's chemistry quench her dual-life subsistence?  
Joyfully, easing the "Super's" inner convictions;  
Daringly, cremating her out of existance--Hopefully!

Unless, one awaits Science future magic to fatally end her annual  
flight  
Playing the unattainable game will contine to suffice to the Lady's  
delight  
Merrily, renewing her six-week escapade to again taunt the "Super"  
This frolicking Greenish Queen of Spade.

Frank Paladino

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ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT NEEDED AT OAKLMONT GOLF CLUB, 27 holes,  
Salary \$215.00 per week - health plan - life insurance.  
Send Resumes to - Mike Clark, P. O. Box 487, Kenwood, CA 95452

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Ernest Willey is now located at Bishop Golf Club, Bishop, California  
as golf course superintendent.

Mr. & Mrs. Murray Nonhof are the proud parents of a baby girl.

2 Golf Course Superintendent's wanted by Washoe County Department of Parks and Recreation, Reno, Nevada - To qualify applicant must have graduated with work in the field of Turf management, plus two years of supervisory experience or related equivalent.

Salary \$12,012 to \$16,952

For Information CONTACT Mr. Charles W. Gale, Director  
Washoe County Parks & Recreation Department  
1205 Mill Street  
Reno, Nevada 89502

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GOLF DIRECTOR WANTED BY THE City and County of San Francisco to manage entire golf operation of 3 eighteen hole courses, 2 nine hole courses and 1 par 3. - Salary \$16,874 to \$20,514  
CONTACT City and County of San Francisco, Personnel Department, Room 52E City Hall, San Francisco, CA 94117 for a description of the position and an application form

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NORTHERN CALIFORNIA TURFGRASS COUNCIL REGIONAL MEETING

Butte Creek Country Club, Chico, California

Friday, September 20, 1974

No host cocktail 11:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M. lunch following

Presentation Cooperative Research Projects

by Carl Wick, Butte County Farm Advisor

John Engen, Golf Course Superintendent

Luncheon Reservations Phone Area Code 916 343-7979 by September 18th

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REMEMBER THIS YOUR LIFETIME THROUGH

Tomorrow there'll be more to do  
And Failure waits for all who stay  
With some success made yesterday  
Tomorrow you must try once more  
And even harder than before.

John Wooden

Bill Bengueyfield, USGA Green Section, Western Director sent in the above worthwhile message.

The publication of "The Golf Superintendent" is under the direction of Mr. Richard L. Hale. Mr. Hale is assuming the editor position vacated by Nick Geannopulus.

The November-December issue will be the first published by Dick and staff from Headquarters in Lawrence, Kansas.

Moving the publications operation completes the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America relocating project which began some 3 years ago. The move to date has proven to be beneficial both productive and financially.

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Golf Course Superintendents Association of Northern California was among several Chapters who donated money to Graffis Brothers Scholarship fund which is being established in their honor by the National Golf Foundation. Over three hundred people attended a testimonial dinner given to commemorate their many years of service and dedication to the golf profession. Golfdom published by Herb and Joe was the leading golf magazine for many years.

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"TURFGRASS ADAPTIVE RESEARCH PROGRAM - As a part of the Turfgrass Adaptive Research Program, the Northern California Golf Association, Golf Course Superintendents Association of Northern California and the University of California Agricultural Extension Service will conduct a joint Turfgrass Meeting at the following places:

Green Valley Country Club, Suisun City, Friday, August 30, 1974

Sunnyside Country Club, Fresno, Friday, September 13, 1974

Registration will begin at 9:30 A.M. and the program will conclude at 12:30 P.M. for a no-host lunch. Golf will be available in the afternoon.

Following introductions, subjects to be covered include analyzing your turf problems (drainage, fertilization, and disease), a report of the Programs spinoffs, with time for questions and answers.

This is your opportunity to acquaint your club officials with TARP.

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