

H O S T   S U P E R I N T E N D E N T      JOHN WILLIAMS

by Bob Ford, Almaden Golf & Country Club, San Jose

Almost everyone in the superintendent's association knows John Williams and his fine course at Edgewood Tahoe. This year John's hair is getting a little grayer. His course usually opens May 1st. This year it was May 17th, although he still has serious ice and snow problems. A good example is, on May 10th John's seventh green was still frozen 8 inches deep. John's not going to win his bout with Mother Nature, consequently the golf course won't be in top shape for this year's meeting.

Because of the short golfing season, John's crew of approximately 20 people will be working two shifts. John has several construction projects under way and several completed since our last visit. Interested superintendents will find two newly constructed bunkers on the third hole plus automatic irrigation on holes 3 and 8. Also finished are tees 4, 11, 13 and 14, although #14 will not be in play. On some of these new tees John has seeded Manhattan Rye in hopes that it likes his cooler conditions.

Unfinished projects include two greens #3 and #13. These greens are the product of John, the Golf Pro and one other man plus a tractor. The construction material is a 15% peat mixed with 14 inches of sand. Ask John about some of these projects and his problems, yours might seem small after all.

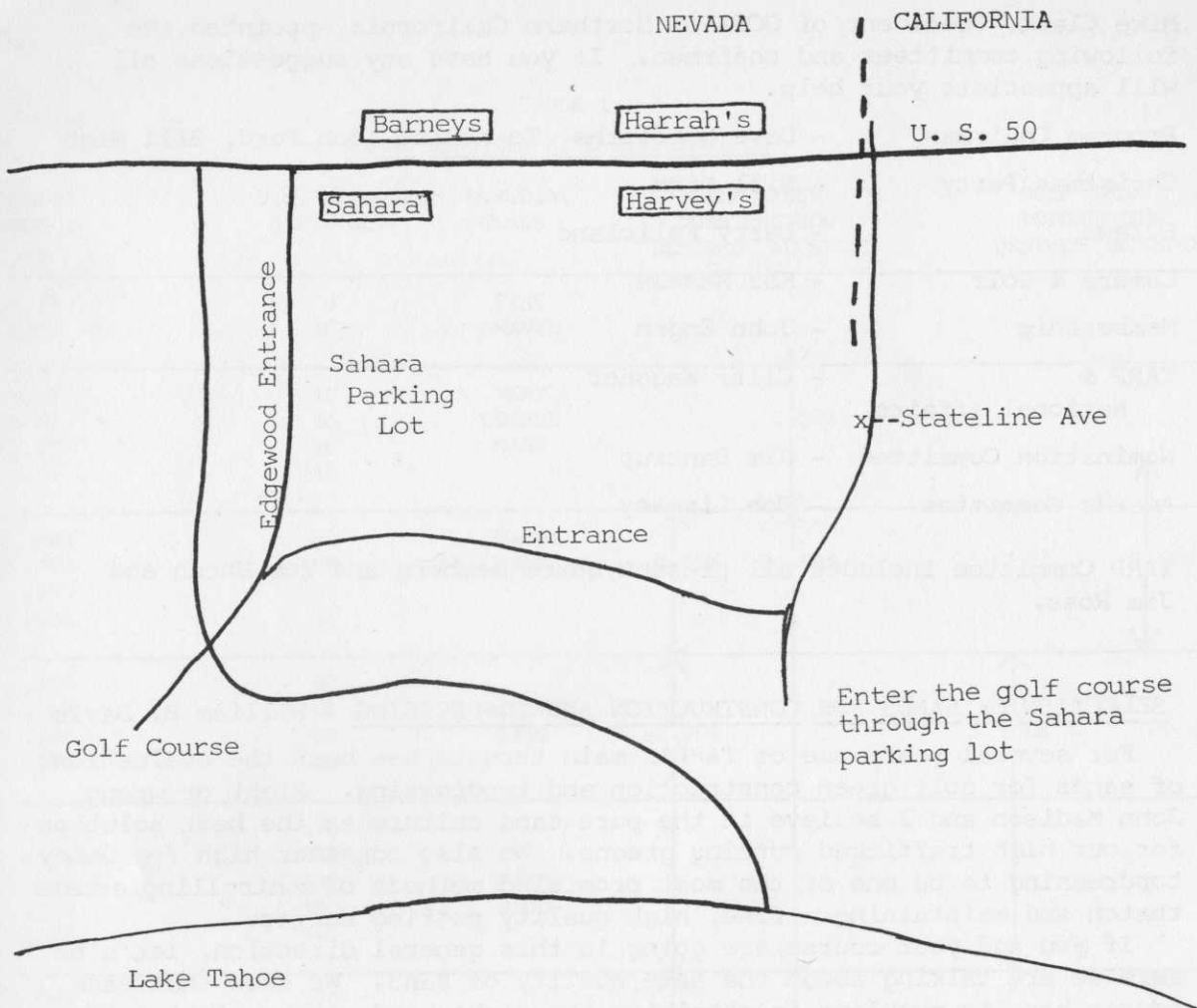
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GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENT WANTED

Woodbridge Golf & Country Club, Lodi - 18 holes private - Salary open  
SEND resume to Mr. Lloyd Jentoft, Chairman Selection Committee  
% Woodbridge Golf & CC., Box 345, Lodi, CA 95240  
Larry Feliciano has resigned to take another position.

GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENT WANTED

Tracy Golf & Country Club, Tracy - 9 holes in play - 9 holes to be constructed - salary open  
CONTACT Mr. Lloyd Patterson, President or  
Mr. Ken Towns, Professional  
Tracy Golf & CC., Box 277, Tracy, CA 95376  
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THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF IRRIGATION CONSULTANTS announce the election of officers. George W. Bell, Millbrae, California was elected to his second term as President. Other officers are Bob Cloud, Los Angeles, Vice President, Ron Sherman, Sacramento, Secretary and C. Schardt, Reseda Treasurer. Announcement was also made concerning the newly formed Southern California Chapter.

THE NORTHERN CALIFORNIA TURFGRASS COUNCIL has set September 5-7, 1975 as the dates for their Irrigation Seminar at Asilomar Conference Grounds in Pacific Grove. George Bell, Irrigation Consultant, Millbrae is the general chairman for the seminar.

Mr. Tom Mascaro of Miami, Florida will be the featured speaker.

Mike Clark, President of GCSA of Northern California appointed the following committees and chairmen. If you have any suggestions all will appreciate your help.

Program Chairman	- Dave Griffiths	To assist	Bob Ford, Bill Nigh
Christmas Party	- Bill Nigh		
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Camera & Golf	- Kaz Maseba		
Membership	- John Engen		
TARP & National Affairs	- Cliff Wagoner		
Nomination Committee	- Jim Bantrup		
Awards Committee	- Bob Livesey		

TARP Committee includes all present board members and Tom Unruh and Jim Ross.

SELECTION OF SANDS FOR CONSTRUCTION AND TOPDRESSING - William B. Davis

For several years one of TARP's main thrusts has been the evaluation of sands for golf green construction and topdressing. Right or wrong John Madison and I believe in the pure sand culture as the best solution for our high trafficked putting greens. We also consider high frequency topdressing to be one of the most promising methods of controlling excess thatch and maintaining a fine, high quality putting surface.

If you and your course are going in this general direction, let's be sure we are talking about the same quality of sand. We know that each course has its problems in obtaining the right sand at the right price. After testing and evaluating different sands we have adjusted our acceptable range of sands. The following table reflects our current recommendation and may assist you when dealing with various sand suppliers.

Through TARP we have tested sand samples for individual superintendents, sand suppliers and for new course construction. Presently we run a particle size analysis and an infiltration test after normal and excessive compaction. In order to run these analyses we need approximately 1/2 a cubic foot of sand. Your sample can be sent directly or, better yet, route your sample through you Cooperative Extension Office to the Department of Environmental Horticulture at Davis.

TABLE I  
SAND PARTICLE SIZE DISTRIBUTION

SIEVE OPENING mm	U.S. STANDARD SIEVE NO.	U.S.D.A. CLASS	GOLF GREEN CONSTRUCTION		GOLF GREEN TOPDRESSING	
			DESIRED	ACCEPTED	DESIRED	ACCEPTED
2.38	8	FINE GRAVEL				
2.00	10					
1.68	12	VERY COARSE SAND		0-10%		
1.41	14					
1.19	16					
1.00	18					
.841	20	COARSE SAND		80-90%		0-15%
.707	25		0-15%			
.595	30					
.500	35					
.420	40	MEDIUM SAND	80-95%		100%	75+%
.354	45					
.297	50					
.250	60					
.210	70	FINE SAND				
.177	80					
.149	100					
.125	120					
.105	140					
.088	170	VERY FINE SAND	4-8%	5-10%		0-8%
.074	200					
.063	230					
.053	270					
.044	325					
.037	400	SILT & CLAY				

The proportions proposed are tentative guidelines only. Individual sands should be considered in terms of infiltration rate when compacted, and the moisture release curve. These will be affected by the particle size distribution within the limits proposed.

MOTIVATION - Jack Baker, H. V. Carter Co., Inc. Oakland

This ten letter word has probably had more to do with achieving success in what we do than a whole carload of others more often expressed in our daily living. To be sure the good Lord gave us a choice when he placed us here on the good earth and we can be motivated negatively or for good, it's up to us as individuals.

Sometimes we let others set the pace and the example and unless we're careful, we take the wrong turn just because it may be easier and less complicated to follow the majority, yet history shows us down through the ages that most of our great industrialists, world leaders and statesmen were those that refused to compromise their principles, even though they had to many times stand alone - yet they were ultimately proven to be right.

We know how hard it is to try to move against the current but we must learn to stand on our own two feet and fight for what we believe is best for all and not for just the convenience of the majority. MOTIVATION stimulates one into action and promotes incentives to get things done that need doing. How do you motivate those around you? Setting the right example, laying out the areas of responsibility, offering constructive criticism, being open-minded to suggestions, being forceful yet diplomatic, will tend to MOTIVATE those around us and get the job accomplished with complete understanding and without confusion. Let's all practice this gift, so freely given to us all.

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Ran across this little article

EVERY ORGANIZATION IS MADE UP OF FOUR KINDS OF BONES

- 1 - The Wish Bones, who spend all of their time wishing someone else would do the work.
- 2 - The Jaw Bones, who do all the talking, but very little else.
- 3 - The Knuckle Bones, who knock everything that somebody tries to do
- 4 - The Back Bones, who get under the load and do the work.

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Ed Watson, Walnut Creek sent in the following

FOR SALE - two 1968 Toro greenmaster mowers with baskets and extra reel for \$300.00

CALL - Chuck Lal 415 687-1907

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"Years wrinkle the skin, but lack of enthusiasm wrinkles the soul"  
Joe Applegate

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