

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - by Michael R. Clark, CGCS, Oakmont C.C., Santa Rosa

Cooler weather is beginning to prevail in most areas and this should enable more superintendents to attend our monthly meetings. Host clubs and programs **are** set so let's see some of you strangers at the next three meetings.

Howard should be congratulated on the fine meeting we had at his course. All those attending enjoyed the beautiful weather, food, golf course, and took away new knowledge on planting and maintenance for young trees.

Hope to see a large turnout at Bob's next month.

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HOST SUPERINTENDENT by Bob Ford

Again it is my pleasure to host the Golf Course Superintendents Association of Northern California at Almaden. Since the meeting of two years ago, some of you might notice the absence of several trees, (which I mentioned several newsletters ago) the increased acreage of irrigated turf, and the three new bunkers on the fourth hole.

The new bunkers were designed by Feam & Storm Associates in conjunction with an overall master plan and were constructed by yours truly and crew. These traps consumed over 300 ton of 10-70 sand. One member feels we should put a camel and a shiek in the middle.

The format of the meeting is changed, with golf in the afternoon, so all interested golfers may have a chance to enjoy the course. Remember meeting at 10:00 a.m.

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#### Editor's Note

Here's a RERUN of the same old story. We still need input from you members for the paper. To date about five people have responded, and I thank you. So, superintendents, get your articles in; commercial people let us know what events are upcoming or what new products are being tested.

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GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENT WANTED at Fort Washington Golf & C.C., 102722 N. Millbrook Ave., Fresno which is a private, 18 hole course. Previous superintendent resignation effective September 30, 1975. Contact Mr. J. D White, Green Chairman at FortWashington Golf & C.C., P. O. Box K, Pinedale, California 93650

Fritz Howell, Northridge Country Club, has recently completed construction of a lake in front of number 16 green. The lake not only adds to the beauty of the hole, but also controls a severe drainage problem. The course master plan, as prepared by the original course architect, William Bell, calls for the construction in the near future of four more additional lakes.

Also completed and soon to be open for play are three new tees. Future plans call for several more new tees and the redesign of some of the existing tees.

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LAWN BOWLING - The object of the game is to roll the bowl (not ball) so that it will stop as close as possible to the jack (small white ball). The bowl is round on the rolling surface, but not the other way. This means it has a built in curve toward the heavier (less flat) side (egg shape).

Each player needs a set of bowls (4), a case for them and a pair of flat-soled shoes without heels. Bowls must be between 4 3/4" and 5 1/8" in diameter and weigh not more than 3 1/2 pounds. Bowls of a set have distinctive insignia for identification. The size of the green is between 110' and 125' in length. Most are square, providing play areas (rinks) for 6 to 8 sets of opponents at a time.

Lawn bowls is a competitive sport and bowlers have bowled for 70 years.

DON BAKER, Superintendent at Rossmoor, Walnut Creek, is in charge of 2 rinks and has recently held the National bowling tournament with people from all over the world participating.

He is in charge of tennis courts, 3 crochet courts, 18 hole golf course and just recently opened a new 9 course.

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FROM GCSAA Chapter Newsletter - Central Pennsylvania GCSA, State of Pennsylvania and GCSAA cooperate in pesticide certification. November 12 and 13, 1975 will be the dates and Lancaster, Pennsylvania will be the site of a GCSAA Chapter-sponsored Pesticide I Seminar. However, the Lancaster Seminar will be unique from those previously given across the country. Participants in this seminar will have the opportunity to satisfy the state requirements for pesticide certification before leaving the two day session. A state official will administer the Pennsylvania core and category examinations at the conclusion of the seminar program. The category test adopted by the state of Pennsylvania for Lawn and Turf Pest Control is GCSAA's Pesticide I examination.

Thus, cooperation toward a common need and a common goal is in the final stages of accomplishment for superintendents in central and eastern Pennsylvania. The Central Pennsylvania GCSA is to be commended for its initiative in taking the first step in requesting what has become a unique cooperative endeavor between their Chapter, GCSAA and state authorities in pesticide certification.

Has your Chapter considered and suggested such an approach to the certifying agency in your state? GCSAA stands ready to cooperate with any Chapter or Chapters considering such an approach or other plans for satisfying state certification requirements.

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#### IRRIGATION SEMINAR by George W. Bell, Irrigation Consultant, Millbrae

The third annual Irrigation Seminar sponsored by the Northern California Turfgrass Council was held recently at Asilomar. There were about 65 people registered for the week end session. Many comments referred to the fact that this was the best seminar ever attended and that the speakers were the finest in the entire irrigation industry.

The program started on Friday afternoon with a party sponsored by the American Society of Irrigation Consultants. The featured speaker for the session was Mr. Tom Mascaro of Safe-T-Lawn Sprinkler Company in Miami, Florida, who gave an excellent talk on "Dew".

The Saturday Session started with Mr. Sheldon Pooley Of Irrrometer Co. in Riverside who spoke on the several uses of moisture sensing equipment as used in an irrigation system. Mr. Donald Schnedl of Dymax in Pleasanton spoke on the variations of introducing fertilizer, chemicals, etc. into the irrigation system ("Fertigation"). Mr. Carlyle Regele of Rainbird Sprinkler Co. in Glendora gave an excellent presentation on "Specialty Valves" and their wide range of application in irrigation systems.

After lunch, Mr. Charles Putnam of Telsco Industries in Dallas, Texas spoke of the several methods used in the selection of your contractor and the ramifications of each. Mr. Chet Sarsfield of Irrigation Technical Services in Lafayette gave a fine talk on "Specifications". Mr. Donald Metcalf, an attorney from Concord talked about contracts and lien laws. A party sponsored by the Suppliers and Manufacturers of irrigation equipment ended the session.

The final session started on Sunday morning with a talk by Mr. George Bell, Irrigation Consultant of Millbrae who was also the chairman for these seminars. He gave a presentation on the introduction to the Metric System. Mr. Robert Wilson, Superintendent of Parks for the City of Sunnyvale spoke from the owners point of view. Bob related several of the short-comings from not only manufacturers, but also design, contracting, service and also the owner. The final speaker was Mr. W. H. Benguey-

field, Western Director of the UNITED STATES Golf Association. Bill gave a summary of all the papers presented at the entire session and as usual, did a job which was just slightly short of a miracle. Bill has been the "Anchor Man" for all of these Seminars to date and lends a final touch of excellence to the whole proceedings.

Speaking of proceedings, the proceedings for the seminar will be completed with all papers within the next several weeks. Copies will then be available from the NCTC office at P. O. Box 268, Lafayette, CA 94549. The price will again probably be \$5.00 per bound copy.

The session for 1976 will be held at Asilomar on October 1-3. The progressing theme will be "The Evolution of an Irrigation System, Phase IV". This session will be concerned primarily with the SERVICE aspect of irrigation both preventative service and operational service.

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RIDING ALONG WITH 97 - by Frank J. DeCarli, Pen-Gro Sales Company,  
South San Francisco

Vandals at Palo Alto Hills Country Club on the loose after a weekend tournament. The golf carts left outside to be picked up during the night by the golf cart company were picked up by vandals instead, reports NORM STEWART, Superintendent. The total damage--2 greens, 2 carts in the lake, more damage down in the canyons and around the course.

MANUEL CORDOZA, Superintendent of Cypress Point Golf Club is sporting a new maintenance shop. The building is 35' wide, 100' long and the construction is of a Butler type building. It has showers, bathroom facilities and also a lunch room. Outside wash rack even has hot water to wash the equipment. A first I've seen in the industry! Also read in the paper that President Ford played at Cypress Point Golf Club a couple of weeks ago!!!!!!

Pen-Gro Sales Company has just completed their move from 212 Ryan Way to 233 Ryan Way - just down the street.

#### "THE WIFE'S LAMENT"

The weeds are rank, the shrubs are dead.  
Our manse looks like it's owners fled.

The shingels fall from up above,  
On bended knee I beg, my love.

Help save our home from such a bleak end.  
Fore sake your golf for just one weekend.

Always remember, make work a pleasure and everything shall come easy for you.

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