

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

Thank you Kaz, for the special hospitality we were given at Stockton Country Club. It was obviously due to the great respect your club has for you and the job you do. We should all try to attain that type of working relationship with our own clubs.

The next meeting is the annual election. Please study the list of nominees so you will be familiar with those running and can vote knowl- edgeably. The men elected will be directing the future of our Associ- ation. The list of nominees is an outstanding group and choices will be difficult. If you don't see the name of someone you want elected, come prepared to nominate from the floor. But, WHATEVER, COME AND VOTE!

OAKMONT GOLF COURSE - The construction of the golf course began in the fall of 1963. Nine holes were open for play in the spring of 1964. Oak- mont became an 18 hole course in the spring of 1965 and the Club House, Restaurant, and Pro Shop were opened in March of 1966. Our third nine was opened in June of 1974 and we are currently developing plans for our fourth and final nine.

Land use for golf course is now 152 acres, all of it automatically irrigated. We have in addition to the 27 golf greens, 2 practice putt- ing greens, and a lawn bowling green. There are 85 bunkers and 10 lakes on the 27 holes.

Through the winter the crew size has been 1 foreman, 1 mechanic, and 5 greensmen. As the work load increases 3 more men will be added to the crew. The crew is union, with a starting wage of \$5.71 per hour going to a high of \$6.11. In addition the crew has a pension plan and an extensive health plan.

We are drilling a well right now at an approximate cost of \$30,000.00. This is necessary due to expansion of the course and the predicted water shortage this summer. Our area is a poor well site area, but we have to try to beat the odds.

Play last year resulted in 78,000 rounds of golf most of which was played by residents here at Oakmont. There are over 250 privately owned power golf carts using the course which causes a lot of problems. We have cart paths throughout the course that are used during the winter months.

The Oakmont Golf Course is owned and operated by Oakmont Golf Club, Inc. and is open every day to the public. Hope you enjoy our golf course in the beautiful Valley of the Moon.

Michael R. Clark

EDITOR'S NOTES - Bob Ford, Almaden Golf & C.C., San Jose

A S I L O M A R - For those of you who missed this years Institute "Management of Golf Course Maintenance", you missed an enlightening week of speakers talking about how we as managers can better utilize our resources and manpower to operate our golf courses more efficiently. Some of the methods that were brought forth by the speakers were greatly enlarged in our smaller groups when each individual had a chance to explain how he could impliment a new method into his work program or how he has refined a similar method to achieve greater efficiency.

Bill Davis stated this year was the biggest enrollment of the four years and almost reached the projected 70 person capacity for the seminar. Bill feels that next year many people will have to be turned away because of the increased interest in the program and the limited capacity to handle a larger group.

I hope everyone tries to attend next year and there is a possibility it will be during a different month that may not be so busy for us.

PLAN AHEAD - January 9-14, 1977 are the dates.

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April 2nd (deadline date) for "Name the Newsletter Contest" with the winner being announced at the Annual Meeting.

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AWARDS COMMITTEE The Awards Committee with Bob Livesey as chairman has made their selections They are to be thanked for their effort in choosing the most deserving members. These awards for

- Superintendent of the Year
- Excellence in Golf Turf Management
- Class F Award

will be made at the April meeting during lunch. Plan to attend to honor the men receiving these awards.

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VERNE CONKLING was seen this month at South Shore having a good time and in good health along with his lovely wife.

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KEN SAKAI, Assistant Superintendent at Riverside Golf Course, Coyote shot a hole-in-one March 19th while playing in the Gene Bolli Invitational. This was Ken's second hole-in-one, but his first in tournament play. The hole-in-one was at Riverside giving it special meaning to him. He used an 8 iron and is a 3 handicap golfer. Congratulations Ken.

NOTES FROM THE NORTH VALLEY - John Engen, CGCS, Butte Creek C.C., Chico

The North Valley Chapter of the Northern California Turfgrass Council has been formed and looks like it is going to be a big success. After two years of organizational meetings and a lot of hard work two general meetings have been held with an excellent response. Both meetings were held at Country Smorgys in Oroville. One on October 22, 1975 at which time Les Goings, Deputy Agricultural Commissioner gave a presentation on pesticide rules and regulations. The second meeting was held February 24, 1976. Mr. Lloyd Coffman owner of Foothills Landscape Contractors spoke on pruning techniques. Thirty people attended this meeting and yours truly resigned as chairman of the organizational committee and board member because of other pressing matters. Griff Taylor, Kelly Ridge Golf Links was voted to fill this vacancy.

The board members of this new Turfgrass Council are capable and dedicated to the betterment of the landscape industry. They are as follows
President - Jim Carpenter, Park Superintendent, City of Oroville
Secretary - Dan Neff, Park Superintendent, City of Chico
Treasurer - Don Barrick, Head Groundsman, Butte College
Board Members - Pete Holman, Instructor, Butte College

 Quentin Nakagawaro, Instructor Butte College
 Griff Taylor, Golf Course Superintendent, Kelly Ridge Golf Links Oroville
 Carl Wick, Farm Advisor on sabbatical leave

Advisors - Joe Sheffield, Agronomist Occidental Chemical
 Frank Hutchinson, Chief of Agriculture, Butte College.

For information contact any one of these people.

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JOB PLACEMENT CENTER - Butte College has been designated as the site for the first state wide centralized clearing house for job placement of students trained in college landscape and environmental horticulture programs.

Principal purpose of the one year state funded pilot project is to place qualified students and graduates in industry jobs best suited to meet their job skills, interests and location preference.

The landscape and environmental horticulture industry initiated the placement project in cooperation with the California community colleges because of the landscape industries need to find the best qualified employees. The project is being continuously monitored by the community college chancellors office in cooperation with the project consortium and staff. Consortium members include Frank Peccorini and Efraim Donitz California Landscape Contractors Association, John Engen, Golf Course Superintendents Association of Northern California, Charles Armstrong California Association of Nurserymen, J. C. Meserve, Floral Industry,

Quentin Nakagawara, Butte College Education, William Paterson, Director Foothill College O. H. program, Dwight Wait, Instructor Modesto Community College, Harold Peck, Chairman of Agriculture Mt. San Antonio College, Gary Parsons, Instructor College of the Desert.

Interested employers and students can obtain job announcement information and job applications by contacting Landscape Placement Office, Butte College, Route 1, Box 183A, Oroville, CA 95965 916 895-2442
Howard (Pete) Holman is the project director and is assisted by Martha Walburn.

The industry members of this consortium are serving one other function. They are an accreditation committee working accrediting community college landscape and environmental horticulture programs. To date two colleges have been accredited and five more have applied. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Norm Stewart for serving on the accreditation committee at Foothill College. Norm gave two days of his time for this worthwhile project and did a very professional job.

John W. Engen

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ANNUAL CALIFORNIA FEDERATION GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENTS ASSOCIATIONS MEETING hosted by Hi-Lo Golf Course Superintendent Association May 2 and 3, 1976 at Palm Springs Spa Hotel, Box 1787, Palm Springs, CA 92262
When making room reservations indicate you are with the Federation. Golf on Monday May 3rd at Mission Hills Country Club, site of the Dinah Shore Classic. You have to be in attendance at the educational session on Sunday in order to play golf.
CONTACT Roy Stoddard, Box 382, San Jacinto, CA 92383 to make reservations for meeting and golf.

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SUPERINTENDENT WANTED - 36 holes - 1st class Tournament courses, must have major tournament experience - prefer Agronomy degree - references will be required - at present job at least three years - CONTACT, with resume, Mr. Bruce Curtis, Silverado Country Club, 1600 Atlas Peak Road, Napa, CA 94558

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A ball is considered out of bounds when all of it is out of bounds

On the PH scale an Acid Soil would be Below 7.

ANNUAL ELECTION MEETING - VOTING MEMBERS ONLY

Mr. Charles Fountain withdrew his name as a nominee for director.

The Nominees appointed are

- President - John Engen
- Vice President - Bob Ford - Bill Nigh
- Secretary-Treasurer - Dave Griffiths - Norm Stewart
- Board of Directors - Bob Livesey - Grady Simril - John Zoller

Nominations can be taken from the floor with the consent of the nominee.

COME OUT AND VOTE VOTE VOTE VOTE

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NEW CLASSIFICATIONS

Examinations passed for Class A

Daniel Beattie, McLaren Golf Course, San Francisco

William Buchanan, Sharp Park Golf Course, Pacifica

Stephen Flatt, Wilcox Oaks Golf Club, Red Bluff

Plutarch Milton Sideris, Harding Golf Course, San Francisco

Griff Taylor, Kelly Ridge Golf Links, Oroville

Class E Membership

W. A. "Mac" McGraw, Retired, 1301 Sansome St., San Francisco

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