

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by John Engen, CGCS, Butte Creek C.C., Chico

Hopefully the wording of Section 3121 of the pest control adviser license qualifications will be changed. I'm sure you all are aware that the way it is worded now as of 1-1-1976 we must have 30 semester units of college level curriculum in the agricultural sciences and in some instances 60 unites depending on our technical experience and background. In 1980 the minimum qualifications go to a B.A. or B.S. degree and so on.

A copy of section 3121 as it is now written is in this newsletter, also the proposed new wording.

In a nut shell the new wording would mean we would have to have a 3 unit course in organic chemistry, a 3 unit course in soil science and a 3 unit course in one of the following: botany, zoology, entomology, or biology. Our experience as golf course superintendents would qualify us for the technical experience, which could be substituted for the rest of the college units at 1 unit per 1 months experience.

I urge everyone to support the new suggested wording for Section 3121 by writing a letter to L. T. Wallace, Dept of Food & Agriculture, 1220 N St., Sacramento, CA 95814. I would suggest not writing a derogatory letter. Just support the new wording for Section 3121 and mention how it will help you in your own particular situation. It is sure hard to go to night school until 10:00 P.M. and then get up at 4:00 A.M. to be at the golf course at 5:00 A.M. for any length of time. We could live through 3 courses but to try and get 30, 90 or 120 units for some of us is impossible. If there are any questions concerning this please give me a call.

### Current Wording of Section 3121

3121. Minimum Qualifications. No person shall be issued an agricultural pest control adviser license unless such person meets the following minimum qualifications.

a) After August 1, 1974, the minimum qualifications shall consist of either: graduation from high school plus 30 semester units of college level curriculum in the Agricultural Sciences, Biological Sciences, or Pest Management; or graduation from high school plus two years technical experience as an assistant to a licensed pest control adviser or equivalent or possession of a valid agricultural pest control adviser license in one or more categories within the past 12 months.

b) After January 1, 1976, the minimum qualifications shall consist of either: sixty semester units of college level curriculum in the Agricultural Sciences, Biological Sciences, or Pest Management; or thirty semester units of college level curriculum in the Agricultural Sciences, Biological Sciences or Pest Management, plus two years technical experi-

experience as an assistant to a licensed pest control adviser or the equivalent; or possession of a valid agricultural pest control adviser license in one or more categories within the past 12 months.

c) After January 1, 1980, the minimum qualifications shall consist of either: A Bachelor's Degree ( B.A. or B.S.) in the Agricultural Sciences, Biological Sciences, or Pest Management; or sixty semester units of college level curriculum in the Agricultural Sciences, Biological Sciences, or Pest Management, plus two years of technical experience as an assistant to a licensed pest control adviser or equivalent; or possession of a valid agricultural pest control adviser license in one or more categories within the last 12 months.

There is an inconsistency between the current wording of (b) and (c) in that (b) allows two years experience to replace 30 units of college and (c) allows two years experience to replace at least 60 units of college (assuming that a degree requires 120 or more units).

Suggested Wording for Section 3121

3121 Minimum Qualifications. No person who has not possessed a valid Agricultural Pest Control Adviser License within the past 12 months shall be issued a license unless such person successfully passes the examinations and meets the minimum qualifications consisting of at least 3 semester (4½ quarter) units of college level curriculum in each of the following groups: (1) Organic Chemistry; (2) Soil Science; (3) Botany, Zoology, Entomology, or Biology, and in addition has:

(a) Sufficient additional courses to total 60 semester units (90 quarter units) of college level curriculum applicable toward a degree in the Agricultural Sciences, Biological Sciences or Pest Management

Qualifying technical experience may be substituted for these additional units in the ratio of one month's experience for one semester (1½ quarter) units of college curriculum.

(b) After January 1, 1980, possession of a Bachelor's Degree (B.A. or B.S.) in the Agricultural Sciences, Biological Sciences, or Pest Management or sufficient additional courses to total 120 units of college level curriculum applicable toward such degree.

Qualifying technical experience may be substituted for these additional units at the ratio of one month's experience for one semester (1½ quarter) units of college curriculum.

Tahoe Donner Golf Course was opened 2 years ago in May. On August 15th it will become an 18-hole golf course. There is over 7,000 yards and is rated 72.3. It was designed by two architects Joe Williams and William Bell.

Dick Tokos has planted all the course and built the back nine. The course has many natural hazards with narrow fairways and lots of pine trees. Dick formerly worked at Alta Sierra C.C., Grass Valley under Lou Pohlson. He has been a member of Northern California since 1973. He says to come and have fun (wives invited), but bring lots of golf balls.

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ATTENTION ALL GOLFERS AND SUPERINTENDENTS - At the May joint meeting with Sierra Nevada Chapter O. M. Scott donated a perpetual trophy which was won by Northern California. At this joint meeting at Tahoe Donner the trophy will again be contested. The winner will be decided by team play.

Thanks to Phil Dellner and Bill Tavener for the trophy.

If you have a handicap always put it on the score card.

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PESTICIDES HELPFUL TOOLS - In the past few years many pesticides have either been restricted or banded from the market. When I speak of pesticides I'm referring to any chemical that helps reduce troublesome pests such as Fungi, Insects, etc.

Pesticides are tools, you would'nt send a carpenter out to do a job with out a hammer, in essence so is it with pesticides for the Golf Course Superintendent. But to listen to the environmentalist, that's the way it should be. Many of the people in these environmental groups don't really have the background to sit and judge pesticides, but it seems to be the trend to restrict or remove before they do any research. This attitude has cost the superintendent many of his tools and curtailed most research, making it even harder to get good chemicals in the future.

If you are tired of trying to do a job with your hands tied, then write your Congressman and voice your opinion. Let's get our tools back before we lose them forever.

The CUTWORM

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LEE & DANA MESERVY send ALOHA greetings from Hawaii--have tried their golf courses and they are great.

WANTED - used verticut units to fit Jacobsen Greens Mower  
Contact Joe Andrade 707 425-0139, Green Valley C.C., Suisun

FOR SALE - Ransome 21" Greens Mower, about 1 year old in good condition  
Contact Don Baker 415 938-8573 Home 415 939-1220 Ext 238 Business

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WANTED - Green Keeper I by City of Livermore  
Salary range \$831 to \$1,011 Final Filing Date August 13, 1976  
one year's experience in golf course maintenance  
For applications contact Personnel Department, City Hall  
2250 First St, Livermore, CA 94550

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WANTED - Golf Course Superintendent Valencia Golf Course  
45 holes - Salary open  
SEND RESUME to Dale Allaire, 27330 N. Tourney Rd  
Valencia, CA 91355

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SOME THOUGHTS ABOUT THE UNITED STATES GOLF ASSOCIATION GREEN SECTION  
by John Zoller, Monterey Peninsula C.C., Pebble Beach

There is not doubt in my mind that golf is the greatest game that has even been invented and it is also the sport that has been best administered down through the years. This has been done by the United States Golf Association and an important part of it is the Green Section. It is often overlooked but how a golf course is maintained affects the very way the game is played. Without some standardization of maintenance practices and tournament standards the game of golf could become totally unrecognizable as we know it today. The Green Section has established these practices and standards along with other USGA Committees over the years and the integrity of the game has been protected.

Over the past fifty years, or since the time that bentgrass putting greens have been in general use there have been years of infamy in the golf course business. Nineteen twenty-eight was one of those years when total loss of turf was almost nation wide. There have been others; 1936, 1949 and 1958 are equally remembered as disaster years. It was the USGA Green Section Staff that was called upon to determine the conditions and the reasons that caused this loss of turf and how to avoid it in the future---Staff people like John Montieth, Fred Grau, Marvin Ferguson, Bill Bengeyfield Al Radko and others. Much of this occurred before the University turf programs as we know them today came into being. The problem years still come around but we don't recognize them as such anymore and the reason we don't is largely because of the work of men like those mentioned above along with the very fine University and Extension people as we have available to us here in California. I feel it is wrong for us in the golf profession to see these men only as firemen to put out the blaze when we

are in trouble. We should have continuing contact and communication with them and only then will these years of infamy become a thing of the past never to occur again.

One of the most important things that happens each year at the club where I am working is the visit of the USGA Green Section Agronomist. It is on the basis of this visit and report that we evaluate the progress made in our turf program over the past year and plan ahead for the future. It is important to me that someone completely out of our club take a look at it and objectively report on his findings. When we go to the course day in and day out it can easily become the story of not seeing the forest for the trees.

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Norm Stewart is with Contra Costa C.C. New address 4137 Forestview Ave., Concord, CA 94521.

Address change for EDWARD F. SHATTUCK, C.G.C.S., 449 River View Dr, San Jose, CA 95111

#### PASSED EXAMINATIONS

##### Class A

Rodney B. Butler, La Contenta Lakes & C.C., Valley Springs

##### Class B

Rodney Kilcoyne, Diablo Creek Golf Course, Concord

Nobi Okada, Galbraith Golf Course, Oakland

Hiroshi Tsutsui, Lake Chabot Golf Course, Oakland

##### ADD CLASS A

W. E. Wade, 3900 Giant Rd Richmond 94806

Richmond C.C.

##### Class D

Charles E. Malone, 1827 Lincoln Ave, Richmond 94801

Mira Vista Golf & C.C., El Cerrito

Dennis Mattos, Park Services, 7101 Edgewater, Oakland 94621

City of Oakland

Thomas Morrissey, 249 Taylor Blvd, Millbrae 94030

The Villages, San Jose

Pryor, James E., P. O. Box 27, Vallecito 95251

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##### Class F

Stanley W. Strew, Executive Director, Council of Agricultural

Pest Control, 100 Valley View Dr., Petaluma 94952

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