



The Walnut Creek Municipal Golf Course was designed by Bob Graves and opened for play in April 1969. The course rating is: white tees 69.5 and blue tees 72.2. The greens are old orchard bent with poa annua or poa anna with old orchard bent - depending on how you look at it. The 2 miles of cart paths were put in by the cities Street Department (or the bulls in the China Shop!).

On the 12th tee you will find a drinking fountain with the Lee Huang Memorial Plaque that was dedicated by the City of Walnut Creek in Lee's memory in 1974.

The rest rooms on the course are temporary - they have been for the last 6 years.

The putting green is being enlarged from 4,000 square feet to 7,000 square feet. Straight 10-50 sand was used. Penncross bent was seeded Nov. 3rd. It also serves as a large cat box.

The greens have a severe drainage problem - infiltration rates vary from .09 in. to .78 in. per hour. This is being corrected by using the trench drain method. Farm Advisor, Don Lancaster will discuss the method at a meeting sometime in 1976

We are without a Professional at the present time. We have interviewed potential candidates and an announcement will be forthcoming.

The Boundary Oak Restaurant is operated by Speciality Restaurants, a large chain. It has had 17 managers in the last 6½ years..... but I haven't been up there today.

Please feel free to make comments or suggestions on the condition of the course.

Ed Watson

**YOUR HOST SUPERINTENDENT** - Ed Watson has been superintendent of Walnut Creek Golf Course since June 1974. Before that time he was the foreman starting in 1969. Before that he had worked as an equipment operator at Silverado C.C., Napa, a groundsman at City of Napa Golf Course and a night waterman and greensman at Vallejo Muni.

He joined GCSA of Northern California as a Class D member in 1971 and has recently passed his Class A examination with a score of 100%.

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WANTED - Superintendent at Yolo Fliers, Woodland  
18 holes - Salary open

Contact - Doug Young, Manager, P. O. Box 1366  
Woodland, CA 95695

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**NEED FOR EXPERIENCED TURF EQUIPMENT SALESMAN** - SEND WRITTEN APPLICATIONS TO P. O. BOX 15117, SACRAMENTO, CA 95815

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**FOR SALE** - Locke Triplex Maxi II - 1975 nearly new \$2,000.00  
Contact Tom Thatcher Stanford Golf Course 415 327-7787

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**FOR SALE** - Used Peerless Mower Grinder CONTACT Cliff Wagoner  
office 209 545-0723 Home 209 523-7141

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EPA HAS EXTENDED THE DEADLINE UNTIL OCTOBER, 1977, for states to implement their pesticide certification programs. The deadline had originally been October 1976. This means that state programs must be operative no later than October 1977.

MEMBERSHIP LIST

SCOTT LAWRENCE, Assistant Superintendent at Orinda Country Club, Orinda writes - when I graduated from Cal Poly a few years ago with a degree in park administration I often wondered where my education might lead me.

Until recently, the furthest thing from my mind was teaching, but when the director of occupational education at Ohlone College in Fremont asked me if I wanted to teach an evening class in turfgrass management, I accepted.

Some red tape, a contract, and a state limited service credential requiring both education and experience, put me on the staff as a part-time instructor.

We covered such things as plant characteristics, identification, tolerances, establishment, the seed lable, fertilization, maintenance problems, equipment, and pesticides. I used such things as samples, empty sacks and lables, turfgrass plugs, and handouts as aids, and I want to thank our friend Don Lancaster from the University of California Cooperative Extension Service for giving the class a fine lecture and slide presentation

Presenting an organized format to a room full of students and keeping it interesting for three hours is not always easy, but after twelve weekly sessions I believe we covered the material pretty well. Golf course maintenance is still my bag, but teaching the class one quarter a year may prove to be a good supplement.

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FRANK De CARLI - My trip to "Jolly Old England" was a huge success. Pen-Gro Sales Corporation has been named exclusive distributor for Ransomes; Sims & Jefferies for 3 states. We will be direct importers selling their equipment. One of the greatest thrills of my travels was the American Flag raised in our honor when we entered the Ransomes' factory alongside the Union Jack. The weather was great; 6 of the 8 days were sunny, 1 foggy day (naturally in "good old England") and 1 day of rain.

In my travels I've seen many people walking animals - but would you believe - on Highway 152 I saw a man walking a camel.

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Bob Ford is cleaning up after a fire at Almaden C.C. (San Jose) which started in the kitchen and burned down the dining room, bar and office. Records were saved and temporary offices are set up in the pool area.

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KEN SAKAI is now assistant golf course superintendent at Riverside Golf Course, Coyote. He and his bride are living in Los Gatos.

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**PUBLICATION DATE DEADLINE OF NEWSLETTER CHANGED TO 15th OF EACH MONTH**

# THANKS

The Golf Course Superintendents Association of Northern California wish to thank the following Class F members for their contributions to our Christmas meeting. It was a very enjoyable evening.

Automatic Rain	Northern California Golf Association
George W. Bell	Nunes Turfgrass, Inc.
Brady-Holmes	Occidental Chemical
Keith Braman & Associates	Pacific States Cast Iron Pipe Company
Brownie Sales	Pen-Gro Sales
H. V. Carter Company	Plant Gro Corporation
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Ewing Irrigation Products	Reed & Graham, Inc.
Ferry-Morse Seed Company	O. M. Scott & Sons, ProTurf
Germain's	J. F. Sloan
Granite Rock Company	Toro Pacific Distributing
Moyer Chemical	Western Lawn Equipment

Golf prizes were awarded to

low gross - John Zoller, Monterey Peninsula, Pebble Beach

Flight A

1st place Robert Dauterman, Sequoyah Country Club, Oakland

2nd Mike Clark, Oakmont Golf Course, Santa Rosa

3rd Paul Dias, Saratoga Country Club, Saratoga

Flight B

1st place Ed Shattuck

2nd Hardev Singh, Diablo Hills Golf Course, Walnut Creek

3rd Stanley Burgess, Clarmenot C.C., Oakland

Flight Class F members

low gross Bob Wright, O. M. Scott & Sons, ProTurf

net gross Joe Sheffield, Occidental Chemical, Sacramento

Ladies Flight

Donna Zoller

Of course Larry Lloyd and his staff has to be congratulated for a job well done. Rancho Canada again donated a free weekend to use their facilities. George Holmes, Brady-Holmes, Sacramento won the trip.

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The Northern California Turfgrass Council Exposition will be held on January 28, 1976 at the San Mateo County Fairgrounds and will consist of a continuous educational session and 136 exhibit spaces. Hours will be from 9 A.M. to 7 P.M. Plan to attend this day it will be in conjunction with our meeting. More in next newsletter.

JACK BAKER, Vice President of H. V. Carter Co., Inc., Oakland  
sent in the following NEW YEARS RESOLUTIONS

In recent years this has become more of a cliché than a promise, but it is still a good practice to follow as it establishes certain guidelines for our profession.

1. I will make every effort to attend each meeting of my association and will confirm my reservations as requested by each host superintendent
2. I will give of my time and my talent to the sole and complete benefit of the organization
3. I will give attention to each guest speaker so that I might benefit from the information
4. I will give my employer a 100% effort at all times in whatever may be the duties to which I am responsible
5. I will share information with my fellow members that may be helpful to them in carrying out their operations
6. I will make every effort to keep my equipment in good operating condition and to carry out preventative maintenance practices
7. I will keep my facilities neat and orderly
8. I will delegate responsibilities to my operating staff in a clear and concise manner and carefully supervise in a constructive and helpful manner
9. I will keep an open mind at all times to receive advice as well as information on new techniques in equipment development that can make my maintenance procedures
10. I will continually keep myself abreast of all educational information that will prove beneficial to my chosen profession.

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LEIGH HULBERT retired in 1962 from Presidio Golf Club, San Francisco where he held the job as golf course superintendent since 1936. He writes I always had the idea that to maintain a golf course and keep all members happy was the height of success, but what I am now doing is far superior. In short, if you will read Matthew 24:14, it will tell you what I am doing. I did not take time out this year to go to Canada, but I would like to go to Australia and see the down under country, and some of their golf courses there.

His new address is 525 Airport Blvd, Space 58, Watsonville, and best regards to all golf superintendents and stop by to see me when you go South.

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STANLEY PITCHER, Class A-Life member retired from San Mateo Muni in 1970 and is now living in Salem, Oregon. He writes he did not play golf this last year - too involved with his cattle. He has been elected president of the Civic Association for 1976. Thinks he will retire in 1977. Sends



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his very best wishes to all for the New Year.

Stan was President of GCSA of NC in 1946 and 1947 and was responsible for keeping the Association together doing World War II.

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MEMBERS WHO HAVE PAID DUES BY DECEMBER 18 SHOULD HAVE RECEIVED MEMBERSHIP CARD AND 1976 PLATE TO PLAQUE WHERE APPLICABLE.

BILLS ARE BEING SENT TO MEMBERS WHO HAVE NOT PAID