PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by John Engen, CGCS

Many thanks for the great turnout at Butte Creek. I would also like to thank the membership for being so good about sending in the reservation cards. I estimated 75 people from the cards sent in and some telephone reservations and we had 77, so that's almost perfect. I'm sure we could have spent a couple of more hours asking our speaker Mr. Roy Rutz questions about Pesticide Licensing. I believe several things could come from this meeting with the follow up we will be doing. We hope to develop a grandfather's clause which would lower the minimum requirements for applying for a pesticide advisors license for 1 or 2 years. This would allow experience to replace the 60 units of college credit. We also plan to start working with community and state college and receive college credit for all the educational functions that we attend. This will help the younger fellows that do not have the minimum requirements and do not have time to go back to school. I have already discussed this with Butte College and they are very receptive and will help our cause in any way they can. We will have to enlist the help of several colleges as they are only able to work within their own district. If anybody has some contact with education in their area and would discuss this possibility of receiving college credit for our educational functions, it would be greatly appreciated.

While I have pen in hand I would like to ask everybody for help on sending in articles for our Newsletter. Our Newsletter will only be as good as the effort put into it. All you Class F members could help a lot. I'm sure in your travels, you see many things of interest. Jot them down and send them to Myrtle.

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ORINDA COUNTRY CLUB - by Gurmit S. Sandhu

Orinda Country Club was incorporated on June 17, 1924. The 159 acres occupied today by Orinda Country Club was once the part of a land grant given to the Castro family in 1841, and called "El Sobrante".

In 1922 Mr. E. I. deLaveaga began to develop the club. First came the Lake Cascade, with a waterfall spilling into the swimming pool; then the Golf Course--only five holes, nine and finally 18 holes, Club House last. Originally, all members purchased the home sites prior to applying for membership, most of them living in East Bay, using Orinda for week ends and summer enjoyment. Two of our best known golf course superintendents all over California and United States, Elmer Border and Walter Boysen worked for Orinda Country Club and later in their careers, both of them served as Presidents of the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America.

In the end my thanks goes to our General Manager Alec Churchward, Green Chairman Dr. Peter Patch, who squeezed our meeting in between the heavy scheduled tournaments. I am also grateful to the program chairman who picked Orinda for our meeting. I am very sure we will have excellent speakers for the program.

You will find 3 new tees on the golf course and the new addition of a sand trap on the 5th hole — I am very much thankful to Mr. Ken Stohl, the retiring superintendent of Orinda Country Club, who helped me a lot to take over the golf course and help building these tees. Hope to see you all! Bring your wives too.

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PEST CONTROL ADVISORS LICENSE FACT OR FICTION

At our monthly meeting for May at Butte Creek Country Club, the guest speaker, Roy Rutz, Field Supervisor for the Department of Food & Agricuture, gave the facts pertaining to who needs a 'pest control license'

Fact 1 - As a superintendent making recommendations, you must have a Pest Control Advisors License.

Fact 2 - You are exempt if your course falls under the title of City, County, or State, or if you obtain a written recommendation from a licensed Pest Control Advisor for each application for each chemical you apply.

Fact 3 - Applications and exam date schedules for Pest Control Advisors License may be obtained from your County Ag Commisioner or from the Department of Food & Agriculture. Applications should be submitted 30 days prior to day you plan to take exam. After submitting your application you will receive a text book on the laws, rules and regulations. This book should clarify most questions you might have.

Fact 4 - Your Association is working for changes of the minimum qualifications, but if you qualify, I urge you to obtain your license now, as the qualifications are becoming harder each year.

Just remember act now. He who hesitates is lost.

THE CUTWORM

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FEDERATION REPORT by John Engen

The annual meeting of the California Federation of Golf Course Superintendents Associations was held at the Spa Hotel, Palm Springs, California March 3rd and 4th. Northern California was represented by about 10 superintendents. John Engen, Grady Simril and Bob Livesey attended the

board meeting. After a lengthy discussion, it was decided we would try for two years a permanent meeting place somewhat in between Northern and Southern California to see if we couldn't get more representation from all the Chapters. This meeting to be held in May at San Luis Obispo. Roy Stoddard was elected to serve another term as President, Bob Livesey, Secretary-Treasurer and Al Glaze, Chairman of the committee to organize the annual meeting.

The educational session was attended by about 20 superintendents. The speakers were Dr. Younger, Dr.Gibeault, John Van Dam, Dr. Oer and Bill Betts. The weather cooled down somewhat for the golf tournament the next day, thankfully as it was 107° the day before.

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BOB LIVESEY reports on the 5th day of May, I presented statements and arguments at a public hearing, before the Agriculture Committee. This was in regards to the Pest Control Advisor License situation. With three days notice of the hearing, it was impossible to get in-put from the membership.

In essence two recommendations were made. The first was, that the licensing be modified where it would be broken into sub-sections. One section pertaining to agriculture, the other to turf and ornamentals. At the present time there is nothing pertaining to turf grasses in the testing program. The only exception is the calibration and use of spray equipment.

The second recommendation was to delay the proposed implementation and modification of Article 8, section 3121 of the California Administrative Code, Title 3, Chapter 4, Sub-Chapter 3, Group 3, for a period of 2 years. This would allow the golf course superintendent to up-grade their education to meet the requirements of the Code that is being modified.

After hearing Roy Rutz cover some of the problems at our last meeting, I think we should be able to get with the State Department of Agriculture and get this problem taken care of as soon as possible.

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BOARD BRIEFS by Bob Ford, Secretary-Treasurer

Butte Creek Country Club, Chico, California, May 11, 1976
The past minutes of the Board of Directors meeting and Annual meeting and the Treasurer's Report were read and approved.

New committee Chairmen were announced by President John Engen, NOMINATIONS - Larry Feliciano ELECTIONS - to be selected later MEMBERSHIP - Bill Nigh

AWARDS - Bob Livesey

MEETINGS & PROGRAMS - Cliff Wagoner & Griff Taylor

FEDERATION - John Engen & Grady Simril

TARP - Cliff Wagoner and Board of Directors

CHRISTMAS PARTY - Dave Griffiths & John Zoller

NATIONAL GOLF TOURNAMENT - John Zoller & Cliff Wagoner

THRU THE GREEN EDITOR - Bob Livesey

Newsletter heading was selected.

Report on the Palm Springs Federation Meeting was given. There was poor participation, but it will continue for two years as a Joint Federation. Superintendents meeting in Santa Barbara or Santa Maria.

The TARP program was challenged by the U.S.G.A. Green Section as the reason for their loss of club participation. No solution was reached.

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MEMBERSHIP

Rodney Kilcoyne, Diablo Creek Golf Course, Concord Class B, subject to exam

Thomas Morrissey, The Villages, San Jose Class D, subject to 30-day waiting period

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