

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

The annual election meeting will be held at Butte Creek Country Club, Chico, Tuesday, April 12th. This is your opportunity to support the people you want to run your Association so COME and VOTE.

If you have something on your chest or have ideas that you feel will help our Association, come to the general meeting and let us hear from you. If you feel you have something to contribute and would like to run for office; or if you know someone that you feel would be an asset to the Board of Directors, contact our nominating committee immediately.

Chico is going to be a long drive for a lot of you (I know) but make a special effort to attend this very important meeting.

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TOM UNRUH notes that Del Paso is an 18 hole course, 6,336 yards, par 72, rating 69.6. It is the oldest club in the Sacramento valley, built in 1916 by British architect Herbert Fowler. Only 4 holes of the original design have been changed. Once this area was a forty minute drive from the country but now it is in the center of urban Sacramento.

Tom Unruh has been Superintendent for 2 years. He has been with the City of Davis and Cooperative Extension Service since graduating from Davis with a degree in park and recreation administration in 1970.

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NOMINATING COMMITTEE Chairman Larry Feliciano, 316 West 8th Street, Antioch, CA 94509 phone 415 757-4690, Committee Kaz Maseba, Stockton Golf & CC., 537 Yettner, French Camp, CA 95231 phone 209 982-1364 and Norm Stewart, Contra Costa CC, 4137 Forestview Avenue, Concord, CA 94521 need member contact for the offices of President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer and Directors (Grady Simril and Robert Livesey have one more year to serve) two will be elected. Please contact the above and help them with a slate of officers. IT IS YOUR ASSOCIATION.

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THATCH AND INSECTICIDES - by Robert Livesey, Plaza G.C., Visalia

Dr Niemczyk at the Ohio Agricultural Research and Development Center, Wooster, Ohio has made a study the past 5 years on the effect of thatch in regards to insecticides.

If we are totally restricted from using chlordane and have a thatch problem, there could be a problem with the effectiveness of our insecticides.

Tests have shown that a ½" of thatch will reduce the control of the organophosphate insecticides by as much as 24%. Why? These tests show

that as much of the chemical is being bound to the thatch and not reaching the area where it is needed. The thatch may be why many superintendents say they are not getting the control they should with their insecticides.

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FRIDAY'S ACTIVITIES AT ASILOMAR by David Griffiths, Pacific Grove Muni G.C.

Although Friday was a short one, as with every other day a lot was accomplished.

Mr. Geoffrey Cornish and Mr. Robert Graves did a super job. They presented the architects side of golf course design and construction and how the superintendent and architect should work together whenever possible. They both gave very good coverage in analyzing the design problems.

In reviewing the last 5 years Bill Davis spoke of each year and how different each session was and I realized how much I had gained out of attending all of them.

Then came the question what's next??? It started as a 5 year program and this was it, do we continue, I hope so, we need all the knowledge possible to do our jobs well.

Those of you who feel we should continue with the Institutes, let your feelings be known to your Board of Directors, so they can present something to the N.C.G.A..and Bill Davis.

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The Golf Course Superintendent Chapters of California wish to thank the following companies for their support of the California hospitality room at the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America Conference in Portland, Oregon: Brady-Holmes Co., Sacramento; Toro Distributing, Burlingame; Toro Pacific Distributing, Gardena.

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David Griffiths reports he has been told to stop watering the course by the City Council. They feel in the circumstances someone should lead the way. A District meeting of Mayors is being held hopefully to resend the order for at least the greens and tees. What was the verdict, Dave?

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The annual meeting of the Golf Course Superintendents Associations of California (Hi-Lo, San Diego, Southern, Central, Northern, Sierra-Nevada) will be held Sunday and Monday, May 22 and 23, 1977 It will consist of educational meeting, banquet and golf. Be sure and mark the date and plan to attend to find out what the rest of the California superintendents are doing. Location will be the San Luis Obispo Country Club, San Luis Obispo with Al Glaze, Golf Course Superintendent as host. More later.

GCSAA CONFERENCE & SHOW, PORTLAND 1977

Golf Course Superintendents Association of America Executive Committee elected for 1977: Ted Woehrle, President; George Cleaver, Vice-President, Lou Haines, Director (appointed secretary) Hobart Burgan and Mike Bavier appointed to two year term. Hold over members Mel Lucas, Charles Tadge and Dave Holler. Dick Malpass is Immediate Past President.

All bylaw proposals were approved.

The education sessions were very good and well attended. The equipment show was, as usual, very educational and a real opportunity to see all the new maintenance items. Jacobsen showed, for the first time, their new hydraulic 7-gang fairway mower. Several other companies also displayed new items.

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WHAT IS THE FUTURE OF THE GOLF COURSE INSTITUTE which has been held at Asilomar for the last 5 years. Your action will determine the answer. A letter with a return card will be in the mail soon to explain the alternatives and to get your comments and suggestions for future programs. By June 1, 1977 a decision must be made. Please return your card promptly when it arrives.

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T H A N K S to John Grant and Milton Sideris, Superintendent at Harding Park Golf Course for hosting our February meeting. It was a beautiful day and John and Milton did an excellent job of making everyone welcome. John Fry, Head Professional at Harding Park spoke to the group of the importance of having contracts and benefits derived from periodic review by the Board of Directors. He cited the experience of the PGA and told us that approximately 60% of Northern California Professionals have contracts. He said that professionals, superintendents and managers at clubs are in a position to help each other and should do so because it will eventually benefit everyone. A good job description is very essential to establishing your value to a club.

John believes contracts have helped the Professionals and suggested that it might be a tool which we can use to gain recognition benefits and salaries.

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Just talked to Dick Aven, Marin C.C. He left Asilomar and went home and had a heart attack. Dr. said after recuperating he should be fine again. We hope so. He was dissappointed though because he didn't get to complete Asilomar as he was getting a lot out of it.

CALIFORNIA STATE LANDSCAPE PLACEMENT PROJECT - news release

The California State Landscape Placement Project, headquartered at Butte College, has received funds to continue operating for a second year.

Established in November 1975 as a state-funded Vocational Education Act pilot program, the project's principal purpose is to provide job placement services on a statewide basis for persons interested in employment in the environmental horticulture and landscaping fields.

Additionally, the project helps determine the qualifications and job readiness of community college graduates and majors in those fields and conducts continuing research into the industry's employment needs. The placement services are provided free of charge to both employers and job seekers.

Howard F. Holman, project director, said state refunding through October 1977 was granted "because of a positive response from industry and community college applicants." Fifty-eight community colleges are affiliated with the project.

In the second year of operation, Holman said, services have been expanded to cover all persons interested in landscaping and environmental horticulture jobs, including high school students, persons with no formal training, four-year as well as two-year college students and those currently employed in the industry but wishing to change location or employment.

Noting that the project constitutes the state's first centralized clearing-house for job placement in the designated fields, Holman said, "It is hoped that there will be an increase in industry and applicant participation this year."

Basically, here's how employers and job seekers are brought together by the California State Landscape Placement Project:

An employer who lists an open position is forwarded copies of job applications submitted by individuals who, in general, meet the firm's job specifications and location requirements. Persons interested in applying for the position then are requested to contact the employer.

A list of all open positions is distributed each month to the participating colleges. This, too, helps employers locate the most qualified person for a particular job opening.

Areas of employment within the environmental horticulture and landscaping fields have been divided into general categories. They include the following: Irrigation, greenhouse production, nursery production, retail nursery, wholesale nursery, landscape installation, landscape maintenance landscape gardening, landscape design, construction, equipment operation and maintenance, landscape sales, nursery sales, golf course maintenance park and institution maintenance, estimating, arboriculture and floral production. Continued next page

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NATIONAL GOLF FOUNDATION Agronomist Holman Griffin is holding a  
workshop type program "Getting the Most from the Water We Have"  
Monday, March 28, 1977 at Rancho Canada Golf Club, Carmel.

More information in next newsletter or from  
Larry Lloyd phone 408 624-0111

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Allan Mooser, Hidden Valley Golf Club, Middletown writes "What can a  
man do for an encore after he wins a fur jacket a week before his wife's  
birthday. That is what happened to me at Portland last month during the  
annual GCSAA Conference and Show. Mine was the lucky name drawn from the  
box of thousands at the display exhibit of the Cleary Corporation.

My wife Alice accepted the gift in her usual quiet, calm manner. The only  
sound in the room was the rattle of her knees. Since returning home she's  
hardly said a word, but there is a constant smile on her face.

The jacket wasn't really necessary since she was quite satisfied with her  
Chipco tee shirt.

What a way to end a perfect week of seminars, exhibits, and celebrations.  
I'm home free-----until next year.

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Continuation - The statewide project is monitored by Dr. William Morris  
and Mr. Ted Sypolt of the California Community Colleges Chancillor's office  
in Sacramento. Assisting them, through the Education Coordinating Commit-  
tee of the California Landscape Contractors' Ass'n, is a consortium of  
industry representatives and horticulture instructors.

Inquiries about the project can be made by writing to Howard F. Holman,  
Director, or Martha Walburn, Coordinator, Landscape Placement Project,  
Butte College Agriculture Department, Route 1, Box 183A, Oroville, CA  
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