

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - Bill Nigh, Pasatiempo GC, Santa Cruz

Continuing news about the 1977 California draught - If you have an abundant supply of water, consider yourself extremely lucky. Here at Pasatiempo we were cut back 30% by 30-day biling period of what we had used in 1975. We had to project ahead what we thought our 7 meters would use. That was fairly easy to do until the variable, like a hot spell, used up the greater part of one allotment before we were into the next period. Two of the lessons I may have learned from this set back are:

1. Keep records or have available to you what weather you have month by month over a period of years so that you can hope to forecast what it will be like for a given month.
2. Use the most draught resistant varieties of grasses, compatable with your soil and area.

Any of you who are severely rationed know what I am saying and hope we never have to suffer through another year like this one.

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OUR HOST FOR OCTOBER - Bob Uhland, Valley Hi Country Club, Sacramento

After two years attending the University of California at Davis where Bob was majoring in Agronomy, he took his first golf course job. From 1960 to 1962 he was Head Greensman of the Arbuckle Golf Club. After getting bit by the golf course bug, Bob thought he would like to get on an 18 hole course. In 1962 he went to Sunset Oaks C.C., where he worked as an assistant superintendent for two years. In 1964 he was promoted to Superintendent. In 1967 he moved to Edgewood Tahoe which was under construction at that time. In 1971 Bob left Edgewood, looking for greener pastures. In 1973 he decided the best of the greener pastures was back to the golf course. In January 1974 he accepted the Superintendent position at Valley Hi Country Club

Valley Hi is located a few miles south of Sacramento. The course was designed by William Bell and opened for play in 1961. They have 394 golfing and 39 social members.

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A BRIEF RECAP OF OUR MEETING AT CORRAL DE TIERRA:- Our THANKS to Glenn Welsh and Mr. Gearhardt, our hosts, for the excellent facilities for the meeting. The group that played golf had nothing but excellent comments on the condition of the course. From looking at some of the scores we must have a few sand baggers in the group. Good golf, fine fellowship, and excellent food along with an excellent speaker made for a fine day.

Jim Latham's talk on "Budgetary Problems" brought to light many things. Two of the items I think are most important were the proper utilization

of manpower and the right equipment for the job. The statement that "country clubs are going the way of clubs years ago" is very true. They will be for the so-called very rich. We are seeing more clubs going out of business nation-wide than ever before. Many are being bought by cities and counties and become municipal operations. The unused portion of the courses are being developed into park and picnic areas. In essence we have to be able to get the best for our dollar today than ever before.

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CERTIFICATION CLASSES OFFERED - A certification training class is now open for registration for Golf Course Superintendents and their assistants. The class will provide preparation for the core certification test and workshops to prepare for specific category testing. The deadline for becoming certified is October 21, 1977. We have been informed that enforcement of this law will not start until January 1978. This course will include 12 hours of instruction and 4 hours of testing. The actual certification test will be administered by the State of California Department of Food and Agriculture at the conclusion of instruction on the second day. The instruction will include the core material preparation plus training in "Turf & Ornamental Pest Control" and Aquatic Pest Control." Testing for these two specific categories will also be offered on the second day.

Dates - October 20 and October 28 Time 8:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.

Place - Holiday Inn - Downtown, 282 Almaden Blvd, San Jose, CA

Cost - \$25.00 per registrant

Each registrant will receive the following:

1. Hot buffet lunch on both days.
2. "Laws and Regulations Study Guide" - State of California
3. "Apply Pesticides Correctly" - E.P.A.
4. "Pesticide Applicator and Safety Training" - University of California
5. Study guides for the six specific categories of certification
6. Chapter questions for review.

It is mandatory that registrants attend both days of instruction to be prepared to take the examinations. Space is limited to the first 75 and space will be confirmed only after receipt of fee by Target Chemical Co 1280 N. 10th St., San Jose, CA 95112. Check received by October 17, 1977 Any questions contact John Steiner, Target Chemical Co., 408 293-6032

DON'T FORGET SEND NAME OR NAMES-\$25.00 per registrant-Golf Course-address-Deadline date October 17, 1977- to Target Chemical Co., at address above.

NUMBERS - NUMBERS - NUMBERS - by Jack Baker, H. V. Carter Co., Oakland

Today we are besieged with numbers for so many things - area listings, zip codes, product numbers, lot numbers, license numbers, we could go on and on indefinitely - and they are even listing us primarily according to our Social Security Number with our given names of secondary importance. What is happening to individuality? We wonder sometimes if we have not been lulled into this new system of numbers for everything.

Let's not forget - if the computer slips and one digit is in the wrong spot we could be classified as "missing-in-action." We are being told that the number system is the only way to go in this age of volume and speed - yet we see so many instances where we face more and more errors simply because we forget that it still takes a human hand and finger to "start the action." The computer does not load itself - someone has to put it in motion, even if it is merely flipping a switch.

If you have read this article this far you are probably wondering what is the point we are trying to make? Actually what we are saying is that regardless of whether we are "numbers-conscious" or not it is still up to us to make the decisions and come up with the right answers. Man is still in control fortunately, though one wonders for how long? Don't lose heart - we can still utter our voice no matter how small, in determining our own destiny. Let's hang in there and be heard.

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EQUIPMENT - With the ever increasing cost of equipment replacement, how do we get the best for our dollar? Can we afford the luxury of having equipment that will do only one job? True, there are some exceptions.

How many talk to other superintendents about their equipment? How does it hold up, what are their operational and maintenance costs, is it doing the job they thought it would do?

The manufacturers of turf equipment do an excellent job. They try and build what they think is needed in the industry. Their equipment must be able to fit areas other than golf courses. They listen to the needs of not only the golf course superintendent, but the park, cemetery and school districts. It is a large and competitive market.

When you write up your specifications for that new item, keep these things in mind: Will it do the job you want it to? is your maintenance program adequate to maintain it? will the operator be able to handle it with a minimum amount of training?

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Class D Members

Balwant S. Johl, Haward Golf Course, Hayward
Steven Phillips, Boulder Creek G & CC, Boulder Creek
Gilbert Bibber, Spyglass GC, Pebble Beach
Johnny Ujagar, El Macero CC, El Macero

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1978 DUES are now payable Bills are enclosed to those members that
this applies too.

Class A, B, D, \$25.00 Class E \$5.00 Class F \$30.00

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from the December 1974 Bullsheet

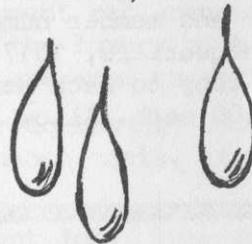
CHANGING TIMES

Old Bill he was a gardening man
of skill in high degree;
Few others could produce
near half as well as he.
The folks around often asked him why
things grew so fast and sure;
To which Bill always would reply:
"I use"race horse manure."
Bill had a daughter, fussy lass,
who sought her Pa to cure,
And make him use a nicer word
instead of (ugh) "manure."
So she called her Mother's aid
to see could she advise her
On any way to get her Pa
to call it fertilizer.
"You leave your Pa be," said she,
"His way you must endure;
It took me twenty years to make
him call that stuff manure!"

REMEMBER

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October 5, 1977



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