

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by Robert E. Livesey, CGCS

It seems that we go through the subject of dress at our meetings every year. Several comments were made about this at our meeting at Boulder Creek. If we are to be considered professional, we have to look and act as such. Coat and tie are the dress of the day when we visit our host club. The sergeant at arms will start making his rounds at our next meeting, better have a name plate on, among other things.

Some members may not know that many of our country clubs do not allow their members into the dinning area unless they are in proper dress.

One other thing that is showing up quite often. Members are coming to the host club for golf only. This has to stop. When you check your reservation card, meeting, this is for the meeting and lunch. If you plan to play golf this is in addition to the meeting and lunch. The membership has followed these guide lines for years and will continue to do so.

Environmental Impact Statement - What is going to happen if you have to start filling an environmental impact statement before you can spray for insects, fungus or weed control. A bill of this nature has been set aside until 1979 in the State Legislature. A lot of questions have to be asked about this. A few brief articles in newspapers and some of the trades have been seen but not much else. I think that we have to take a real hard look at this and get some help from our club's board of directors. I have talked to several superintendents about it and only a couple have seen or heard anything regarding this bill.

I have requested information from the state on this. If the information is forth coming I will get the interpretation of it as to what effect it will have on the golf course operation.

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La Rinconada Meeting - Our meeting at La Rinconada CC was quite successful. The safety program put on by Mission Insurance was very informative and should be quite useful to all who attended. For the people who missed the meeting I suggest that you contact your own insurance carrier and find out what is required and expected of you concerning safety. As with everything else safety laws and regulations are getting more and more complicated and for your protection must be complied with.

I also would like to thank Bob Tipton and the entire staff at La Rinconada for a job well done. The course was in great shape, lunch was very good and we were treated quite well.

Stan

La Rinconada Country Club, July 14

A safety seminar was presented to the Golf Course Superintendents Association of Northern California by Associated Golf Clubs, Inc. and Mission Insurance Company. Representing AGC was William Berryessa, Executive Secretary. Representing Mission Insurance was Arvil Hancock, Resident Vice President and Manager of the San Jose Branch office, Joe Silva, Manager of Loss Control at San Jose, and Bob Campbell, Loss Control Representative from the Fresno Office.

Items covered included New Cal-OSHA requirement that all employers must have an accident prevention program.

Review of safe handling and use of pesticides

Reasons for increased litigation in Workers' Compensation

Other ways of controlling Workers' Compensations costs

Associated Golf Clubs, Inc., with membership available to all Golf Clubs in California, is dedicated to the prevention of employee injuries and the control of insurance costs.

Current membership is 117, estimated premium is \$1,105,000. Rates on worker compensation have increased from 1.67 in 1967 to 5.06 in 1978.

The importance of maintaining a safety program by each club was emphasized as the basic rate can be increased to 50% in the event of an adverse loss ratio.

Holding safety seminars at local areas was briefly discussed, more about this later.

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GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENT WANTED

Sunol Valley Golf Course, 6900 Mission Road, Sunol, CA 94586

36 holes, daily fee course, salary negotiable

Send Resume to Dan Russel, General Manager and Golf Profession

GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENT WANTED

Naval Postgraduate School Recreation Department, Monterey, CA 93940  
Position Available September 1, 1978 - starting salary \$13,662 annually with good benefits including annual vacation, sick leave, medical and life insurance and retirement

Call Lauri Little 408 646-2466 in advance for an appointment

GREENSKEEPER NEEDED IMMEDIATELY

Moffett Field Golf Course - Sunnyvale area. Supervise care of greens  
Knowledge of chemicals, equipment, etc. 18 holes

GREENSKEEPER NEEDED IMMEDIATELY - continued

\$7.28 per hour - 40 hour week - retirement, insurance, vacation, etc.

Contact Civilian Personnel Department (NAF Branch)

Naval Air Station, Moffett Field, CA 94035

Mrs. Baker 415 966-5619

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AL NORMAN, Golf Course Supervisor, Fairways Golf Course in Salinas reports there was an arson fire on July 2 in the equipment yard damaging the Flail Mower, Truck Ford Bronco, fertilizer Broadcaster, Parkmaster, Tractor (John Deere). It destroyed a Dodge pickup truck, where the fire originated. The estimated cost is \$20,000. No suspects.

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CORRECTION - George Roth is now the ASSISTANT Golf Course Superintendent at San Jose Country Club. Sorry - Myrtle Wagoner

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BILL BENGLEYFIELD, Director of the Western Region of the Green Section of the United States Golf Association has resigned to accept a new position in golf course turf management in Southern California. Donald Hoos will be the new Director.

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BOB SHOUSE, Box 2309, Dillon, CO 80435, Robert Trent Jones, Greenscape Ltd is constructing a new 18 hole course in Keystone, Colorado 'till the snow flies.

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AUGUST MEETING - RIVERSIDE GOLF COURSE is located 10 miles South of San Jose on Hwy 101 Barrier on highway make U-turn at stop light on Palm Avenue, back to course.

RIVERSIDE GOLF COURSE was built in the early fifties and built by Pike Ross. It used to be a grain pasture. It is an eighteen hole public course with yardage of 6500 for regular tees and 6900 championship tees. It is managed by California Golf. Past Superintendents are Blake Taylor and Verne Conklin. Interesting note - Leonard Walsh started his golf course career by seeding the course.

KEN SAKAI has worked over half of his life on a golf course. He started at Gilroy with Vern Brown doing everything from white washing fences to working in the pro shop. He has worked at Hill Country Golf Course in Morgan Hill, Ridgemark in Hollister and has been at RIVERSIDE for the last 3 years.



## DUKE EQUIPMENT & IRRIGATION, INC.

The name of Brady-Holmes Co., Sacramento, California, full-line distributor for the TORO CO. in central California and western Nevada, has been changed to Duke Equipment & Irrigation, Inc.

The distributorship was purchased last November by E. S. (DUKE) NEWTON, TORO'S former director of marketing for turf products.

The company will continue business at the same address (2344 Auburn Blvd) in Sacramento with few changes in personnel.

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HAVE YOU SMILED LATELY??? by Jack Baker, H. V. Carter Co.

Most of us, I'm sure have not had the opportunity to attend a "charm school" but then again most of us could gain something from that exposure. Someone who is considered "charming" is pleasant, cordial, nice to be around, agreeable and generally looks happy. When you are happy it's easy to smile and we'll all agree, more smiles are what we need in these days of national and international problems and disputes, arbitration, inflation and all those other unpleasant things.

There's an old saying: "kill them with kindness" - and could you just imagine conducting a battle campaign with all the men in the front lines on both sides, smiling at each other? Festering problems bring on high blood pressure, heart attacks, nervous breakdowns, strokes and all kinds of miseries. If we could just gear ourselves to looking on the bright side for a change and be thankful for all the pluses, like what a great country we live in, how fortunate we are to have and enjoy all the freedoms not allowed in other lands, then break into a big happy smile, we could watch these difficulties diminish by comparison.

Smiling should begin at home, of course, then follow you right to your job and throughout the day and evening. Incidentally it might help induce a good night's sleep also and each succeeding day would be more pleasant to look for. It's something that takes very little practice or exercise - start by smiling at yourself in the mirror and then repeat

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several times until it becomes natural. Whoever you meet will be impressed and happier for having met with you.

H. V. CARTER CO. Inc. has scheduled the following dates for their turf equipment field days. Plan to attend the one in your area.

- Sept 12 - Reno Idlewild Park on Idlewild Dr
- 13 - Chico Sycamore Field in Bidwell Park
- 14 - Lodi Micke Grove Park - Armstrong Road
- 15 - Concord Willow Pass Park (North of Farm Bureau Rd)
- 19 - Bakersfield Beach Park - 24th & Oak Streets
- 20 - Fresno Roeding Park (Hwy 99 Olive Ave. Exit
- 21 - San Mateo Beresford Park - 28th Ave & De Las Pulgas
- 22 - Santa Rosa El Rancho Tropicana, 2200 Santa Rosa Ave

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OUR SYMPATHY TO THE FAMILY OF CHARLES V. METZGER who was a Class A Life Member of GCSANC retiring in 1972 from San Jose CC. He had been a member since 1950. George Santana reported he passed away on July 3rd.

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SHARING IDEAS AND INFORMATION - by Stan

I feel that we have all been somewhat selfish in that we are not sharing our ideas and information with all our fellow superintendents via the newsletter. If I may I will quote from our constitution and by laws. "OBJECT: The purpose of this Association shall be to unite the golf course superintendents of Northern California into a cooperative group for the collection, preservation and dissemination of scientific and practical knowledge, thereby effecting a more efficient and economical maintenance of golf courses and improving and enhancing the prestige and efficiency of its members."

I for one, understand why we haven't been writing about our experiences on the course. We are golf course superintendents NOT writers. We all should understand this and not expect the articles to look polished and professional.

Since coming to Claremont, five years ago the club has undergone many changes including a new irrigation system, a new shop and many maintenance procedure changes and every time I thought about writing an article I backed down because I thought it would not look right or come across right. But my fears are subsiding. I have come to understand that we are not writers and I hope you will also come to that conclusion.

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