

OUR HOST FOR JANUARY

Jim Ross, The Villages



Jim started his golf course career under Roy King, at Fort Washington CC in Fresno in 1956. In 1959 he moved to Corral De Tierra with Roy to finish up construction. In 1963 Jim took his first position as golf course superintendent at La Rinconada CC, In 1967 the opportunity came and Jim moved to The Villages CC. While overseeing the construction of the golf course, he was also inspector of the underground construction and landscaping of the housing development. Jim's responsibility has increased in scope the past ten years. Now he is general superintendent over the golf course, building maintenance, streets, and recreation.

Jim maintains 156 acres under irrigation. The golf complex is 27 holes, 18 champion and a 9 hole

pitch and putt. He maintains 422 private golf carts. Play for 1977 was 63,000 rounds, with cart usage of 31,000 rounds. Jim says they have started using two new tennis courts. The new pro shop and restaurant facility will be opened in February

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REMEMBER - attendance at meeting and lunch are required if you play golf

Also - our image is reflected by how we dress. Do not embarrass the host superintendent - wear coat and tie

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WANTED - GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENT for new 9 hole golf course being constructed named Fahrens Park Golf Course at Merced, California
Send Resume to Gary Panks, Suite 106, 7125 Second Street, Scottsdale, Arizona, 85231 Phone 602 946-3421

solve many of the common problems associated with irrigation equipment without waiting for outside help. Remember, the farther you are away from the metropolitan areas the slower help is in arriving. These delays can be costly in time, money and inconvenience, to say nothing of wasted water.

The Rotor course goes into the theory of application rotors, head spacing, infiltration rates of soils, uniformity of application, as well as operation and maintenance of arm impact, cam, ball, and turbo-gear sprinkler equipment.

The Remote Control Valve course covers the physical operation of all types of valves; normally open, normally closed hydraulics, electric, "TH", and including piston and diaphragm operation. Also covered are the electrical and hyd pilot sections of the controller. Each student is given a catalog showing cut-a-ways of all current popular makes and complete trouble shooting techniques to pinpoint problems quickly while eliminating guesswork. Each course is a two-day curriculum from 9:00 to 4:00 for a total of 12 concentrated hours of study for the man-in-the-field. These courses will be given once each for the months of January and February. Course cost is \$65.00 per student or \$115.00 for both courses (same student). Each class is limited to 15-20 students in our specially equipped audio-visual classroom for better communication with the student. The class room is located at 2366A Walsh Avenue, Santa Clara.

If you feel your organization can benefit from having this in-house capability please give "Sam" a call at (408) 246-2366. She will take your registrations and contact you with class schedules.

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REMINDER - In the November issue a short article on the Annual Awards appeared. I remember back in 1974 when some of the membership asked if an award of this nature could be done. The board of directors discussed this to some length, and came back to the membership with their ideas. After the first year selections, the membership wanted to get more involved in the selection process. This is the reason we ask for your nominations the latter part of each year. As we said before, time is getting short. Let's get your nominations in. March 1st is the deadline.

Past recipients are:

SUPERINTENDENT OF THE YEAR - 1974 Cliff Wagoner, 1975 John Engen

1976 Kaz Maseba

EXCELLENCE IN GOLF TURF MANAGEMENT - 1974 Gurmit Sandhu, 1975 Bill Nigh

1976 Ed Watson

CLASS F AWARD - 1974 Joe Sheffield, 1975 Chuck Mangold, 1976 Jack Baker

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BILLS ARE ENCLOSED IN THOSE WHOSE DUES HAVE NOT BEEN RECEIVED BY DECEMBER 27, 1977. All others should have membership cards

GOOD READING -- How many superintendents subscribe to Grounds Maintenance It's free for the asking. There is much excellent information put out to turf managers in this monthly.

The other day I received a copy of a letter from the Musser International Turfgrass Foundation, concerning the Ataenius beetle. In the November issue of Grounds Maintenance there is quite an extensive article on this pest. It has been found in over 40 states and is still spreading. To date the most damage has been to Poa Annuua, Blue grass and Bents in that order. No satisfactory control has been developed. Many turf managers are treating the "look-alike" symptoms as disease and dry wilt, according to Dr. Fred Grau.

Between the letter from Dr. Fred Grau and reading the November issue of Grounds Maintenance, it will give you, the turf manager a better insite on how serious this problem could be.

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Partial letter from Dr. Grau on Support for Ataenius beetle research "A recent visit with Larry Runyon at Lake of the Ozarks, Missouri, has convinced me that we must take the lead in developing more adequate support of the Ataenius beetle project. The way this pest is spreading tells us that many owners and managers of turfgrass areas face ruin. No satisfactory control has been developed. I know of one course that could experience a \$1 million loss.

We are contacting chemical firms hoping to find EPA-approved materials that may have promise. We need reports from every director so we can have "ammunition" (data) on the presence and damage due to Ataenius. Dr. Niemczyk needs more support. We've given him all we have available. and it isn't enough! Voluntary contributions are NOT the answer - so far. We will seek tax funds, too. SBA offers relief from drought - why not for turf ruined by Ataenius? End results are comparable to a degree but we know that the beetle will be here next year.

Scott Lamb, ACP, 1349 Capitol NE, Salem, Oregon 97303, is preparing to distribute streamers to alert owners, superintendents, and managers to the seriousness of the situation. Please send data and comments to me or to Scott, as soon as possible."

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Richard Eichner, Superintendent of Lakeside Golf Club of Hollywood has been appointed by GCSAA President Ted Woehrle to the Executive Committee of GCSAA. He will serve out the expired term of Director Hobart Burgan who resigned. Rich will serve until the annual meeting in St. Louis in 1980.

THRU THE GREEN EDITOR

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Deadline Date Fifteenth of Each Month

The December 9th GCSA of Northern California Christmas meeting was a huge success. Rancho Canada's staff went all out as usual to make everyone's day enjoyable. Golf was played on the east course and the day was very sunny and pleasant. Sixty people participated in golf and 151 attended the banquet. Doug Swineford from the pro shop handles the tournament so all of us can enjoy the golf, and Carl Miller does an excellent job with the club house activities. The band was outstanding. Barbara Lloyd continued the tradition of hosting the party since Larry could not attend due to his doctor prescribed vacation in Santa Barbara. Take care of yourself so you can be with us in 1978, Larry.

Donations from the following also helped to insure the success of the party

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Our THANKS to all of you

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THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW

Cal/OSHA Safety order 3203, Accident Prevention Program. Effective October 1, 1977, every employer shall inaugurate and maintain an accident prevention program which shall include, but not limited to the following:

- (1) A training program designed to instruct employees in general safety work practices and specific instructions with respect to hazards unique to each employees job assignment.
- (2) Scheduled periodic inspections to identify and correct unsafe conditions and work practices which may be found.

The Labor Code provides that consultant (Cal/OSHA) services be

provided to help develop safety programs, provide training in hazard recognition and control, advise on specific problems. Advise on interpretation and applicability of safety order, organize and participate in conferences and seminars on safety and health.

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NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS by Jack Baker, H. V. Carter Company, Oakland

As 1977 draws to a close we look forward to what 1978 holds in store for us - some with apprehension, some with enthusiasm and great anticipation. As time does not stand still we all know for sure that in spite of anything else we're going to be accepting whatever comes and be prepared to meet the challenge.

It also follows that NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS are in order and these have been suggested:

1. I will attend more Superintendents Meetings throughout 1978
2. I will participate more in the discussions and share my problems as well as my successes in my profession.
3. I will actively support the OBJECT (Section 3 of the Association Constitution)
4. I will practice consideration and courtesy in my everyday dealings with my employees, management and with suppliers.
5. I will constantly strive to improve the conditon and appearance of my golf course
6. I will make every effort to learn as much as possible about my chosen profession taking advantage of schools, seminars, field days, equipment demonstrations, etc.
7. I will make every available effort to appraise management of recommendations and suggestions to improve the maintenance and general operation of the golf course under my charge
8. I will generously share my knowledge and skills with those it is my responsibility to direct so that they in turn might take greater interest in their job and be considered "Part of the Team."

MAY YOU ALL HELP TO MAKE 1978 YOUR GREATEST YEAR EVER

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KEITH BRAMAN & ASSOCIATES OFFERS SPECIALIZED COURSES - The water shortage is still with us. The rainfall in some areas is ahead of last year but still way below normal. If you are feeling the squeeze perhaps you would be interested in getting the maximum mileage from the water you have.

Keith Braman & Associates is again conducting classes in Large Turf Roto and Remote Control Valves maintenance, operation, and repair. The purpose of these classes is to give you the in-house capability to

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