

LA RINCONADA COUNTRY CLUB - by Bob Tipton, Golf Course Superintendent
La Rinconada Country Club, once a vineyard for the Puccionelli Winery, sits overlooking the valley from the westernfoothills to the Santa Cruz Mts. The golf course was dedicated by a small group of men in 1929.

Although the course was once studded with numerous oak trees it now consists mainly of eucalyptus and pine trees. Since 1970 an automatic sprinkler system and cart paths were added to benefit course maintenance.

Past Superintendents of La Rinconada have been Jim Ross, Vern Conklin, and of course, Aubrey Babson who contributed greatly toward the beautification of the course. Presently the club is intensively remodeling their club house and pro shop and we do hope this will not inconvenience our July meeting.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by Robert E. Livesey, CGCS

When I joined the GCSANC a number of years ago, the furthest thing from my mind was being an officer in this organization. The fellowship, and being able to obtain information from other superintendents to help me along, was enough. Why should I put myself out to volunteer to help on committees, etc.? One afternoon I stopped in to visit with a fellow superintendent who happened to be trying to get a program set up for a meeting at his club. I made the remark that I thought the program was part of the job of the Board. After making that statement, I received a brief education on why the membership should get involved in helping their Board. The point was well taken. Since that time I have tried to help where I could and have found it very satisfying.

Being elected President has made me realize more than ever the role that this Association plays in helping the golf course superintendent. At our May meeting the Board and myself have set several goals we hope to attain with the help of all members. Several can be done with some effort by all

1. Increasing the attendance of superintendents at our monthly meeting.
2. Getting superintendents that are not members of the Chapter to become members.
3. Continue to improve on the quality of programs presented.
4. Insure that information concerning the golf course superintendent and his profession is disseminated.
5. Evaluate and assist the superintendent in gaining employment. These are but a few items that we have started work on.

I was pleased to see that a couple of members approached our program committee this past meeting with some suggestions. Thank you.

MEMBERSHIP - Norm Stewart, Secretary

Gary Ingram passed Class A exam	
Denis Crockett, San Jose Muni passed Class B exam	
Celestino Fernandez, Oakmont Golf Club, Santa Rosa	Class D
Richard Lavine, Pebble Beach Corp, Pebble Beach	Class D
Frank Murphy, Gilroy Golf & CC, Gilroy	Class D
George Roth, La Rinconada CC, Los Gatos	Class D
Francis Stanley, La Rinconada CC, Los Gatos	Class D
Gurdeb Singh, Tilden Park Golf Club, Berkeley	Class D
Hugh Barton, R. P. Barton Co., Escalon	Class F
Ben Johnson, H. V. Carter Co., Inc. Oakland	Class F

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+ DEADLINE DATE FIFTEENTH OF EACH MONTH
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GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENT

Green Tree Golf Course, Box 282, Vacaville, CA 95688 27 hole
CONTACT Tom Neusum Phone 707 448-1420

GOLF COURSE MECHANIC

the CITY OF PALO ALTO is seeking a qualified golf course mechanic.
Applicant must be able to maintain all types of course equipment, also
must fill in on golf maintenance crew. Salary \$1,121-\$1,402 Monthly
CONTACT Mickey Haug, Superintendent AC 415 329-2101
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City of Palo Alto, Personnel Department
250 Hamilton Avenue, Palo Alto, CA 94303

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John Stanowski, Lake Tahoe CC, So. Lake Tahoe wants it known that his
membership card for GCSANC was stolen. You might tell your professional
further identification on this name might be wise.

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R E M E M B E R TO PLAY GOLF MEETING AND LUNCH HAVE
TO BE ATTENDED Board of Directors ruling

DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE

1220 N Street
Sacramento
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March 24, 1978

TO: COUNTY AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: Enforcement of Closed System Requirements

On January 1, 1978, closed mixing systems became mandatory when employees mix or load toxicity category one liquid pesticides for uses covered by the Pesticide Worker Safety regulations.

Strong enforcement action must be taken against any employer who has not provided an acceptable system for employees. Employers who have not met this requirement should be denied restricted materials permits for all category one liquid formulations. When restricted materials permits are issued which include the use of a category one liquid formulation, the permit should be conditioned to require the use of a closed mixing system if employees are doing the mixing.

If you find any employee mixing category one liquid formulations without using a closed system, you should immediately issue a cease work order to the employer (governmental agency, grower, pest control operator, etc.). Then, depending upon the employer's previous violation history, you may need to initiate additional enforcement action which could include:

1. Canceling the employer's restricted materials permit,
2. Canceling the firm's PCO registration,
3. Issuing a direct court citation, or
4. Seeking charges through a criminal complaint initiated by the district attorney.

If you have any questions concerning approved closed systems, closed systems criteria, or closed system enforcement, please contact the Pesticide Use Enforcement field supervisor assigned to your county.

Sincerely

William Betts

William A. Betts, Program Supervisor
Pesticide Use Enforcement and Licensing
(916) 322-4647

SUPPORTER OF THE MONTH

The recent reorganization of Hooker Chemical Corporation has implemented a functional change in the BEST Product Division. To further strengthen its technology and marketing facets, BEST Products has been made a division of the Zoecon Corporation.



BEST PRODUCTS

Zoecon, headquartered in Palo Alto, California is internationally known for its developmental work in insect growth regulators. The people of Zoecon are dedicated to the development of environmentally safe pesticides, and invest over 3.5 million dollars in research and development of these products annually. Their primary area of research emphasis today is in the synthetic pyrethroids. These are a class of chemicals easily broken down by large animals, but effecting the nervous system of target insects.

Speaking for the Institutional Department, I believe this "marriage" is the best thing that has happened to us and for you, our customers, since the development of Turf Supreme. With this new management vigor, technological strength, marketing expertise, we intend to become a national leader in plant nutrients and pesticides for turfgrasses and ornamentals.

We sincerely thank you for your continued support over the past years and certainly hope that you will continue to contact you local BEST Distributor for the BEST products available.

Best regards,

Wayne Burk
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DRESS CODE

I have had several people in the Association tell me they thought the required tie was not necessary and out-of-date. I for one do not agree, but that is just my opinion. I feel that it is a good chance for us to dress up and maybe just show off a bit. I also feel that if we relaxed our dress code, some people might start showing up in Levis and "T" shirts--so where do we draw the line. Stan

BOULDER CREEK CC - The round table discussion on equipment at Boulder Creek brought out several points. As always it was agreed that preventive maintenance is the best insurance for having trouble free and dependable equipment. It will also extend the life of most equipment.

A tip for checking for hydraulic leaks on triplex mowers--always park them in a clean spot and observe the area for oil before mowing each day

Some superintendents adapt parts from other manufacturers - example Toro rollers on Jacobsen fairway mowers.

The distributors suggest that superintendents question their representatives about the adaptability of equipment to be sure they get the right mower for the right job. After purchase continue to use the equipment for what it was bought for or take the risk of a shorter life and less than desirable life.

THANKS to Leonard Walsh for the great hospitality.

Cliff Wagoner, CGCS

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IT'S TIME FOR A CHANGE - Jack Baker, H. V. Carter Co., Inc. Oakland

An old joke has been told over the years about the lady who drove her car into the service station and asked the attendant to change the air in her tires and put in fresh air. When we look around and see the way we operate in this world today one begins to wonder if she did not have a point? Landsakes don't we agree there's enough "smog" around with all the air pollutants that a good solid breath of fresh air would be most welcome.

However, what we're driving at is a need for change. All of us get into a "rut" or a habit of doing things the way we did them 50 or a 100 years ago and will resist to the nth degree any recommended or suggested change. This involves our every day living and habits as well as the tools and equipment that may be our life's work. Sometimes it just takes a little effort to try and then be convinced that the "new" way is better - faster - more economical and efficient. But, unless we give it a try, we'll never know.

Manufacturers in general are constantly striving to engineer and design the tools to get the job done, with more efficiency and at a saving in time. True, maybe the costs are greater, and they probably will be, but measured in time-saved the balance of power will readily shift over to the newer item. Think of the inventive genius that have come down through the ages to give us the conveniences we take for granted today. Let's not stifle that which has made America great by not keeping up with the wonders of our century.

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