OUR HOST FOR MAY - "Jack" Jagur
Jack had always wanted to work on a golf course since a young boy. Born in the Fiji Islands, he watched fairways being mowed at a golf course about a half mile from the school he attended. Jack came to this country in 1962. In 1963 he got his chance to work on a golf course. His first course job was at El Dorado Royal CC under Sam Singh. After a short time he went to work for Bob Baldock on the construction of the Linwood Golf Course in Sacramento. The latter part of 1964 he moved to Valley Hi. There he worked under Dick Viergever and became the assistant. Four years passed and another move came. After a short time with Don Baker at the Meadow Club, Jack got his first position as a golf course superintendent. In 1968 he took over the maintenance operation at El Macero Country Club. You might say his boyhood dream came true.

El Macero Country Club was built in 1960 and opened the same year. The course is flat with lots of trees. The course measures about 6600 yds. The greens are well trapped, also there is out of bounds on every hole. Greens are Seaside and Poa, Fairways, Common Bermuda. In the past 10 years Jack has been installing drains in all of the greens. He says that it is one thing that has really helped. Also he has just completed installing automatic irrigation around all his greens.

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IS THERE JOB SECURITY? by Robert E. Livesey

In recent months there have been many comments from the members about job security. At the meeting at Menlo CC several approached me on this subject. Having just enough knowledge on this to get me in trouble, I had to look further, to come up with some information. There is very little on this as far as the superintendent is concerned.

The closest comparison that can be made of the golf course superintendents position, is that of management within the corporate structure of industry. When I say management, I am not talking about the top position, but the area called middle management. The middle manager is the one who sees that things get done. He is also the first one to be let go if top management sees fit. How does this fit the golf course superintendent? At most clubs you have a change in the board every year. The Board of Directors are by comparison, top management. You may say, "I am responsible to the Chairman of the Green Committee". Don't forget, he also works with the board. You have to do the job that pleases them, as well as the membership.

In comparison to middle management of industry the Golf Course Superintendent position is of a less secure nature. This is mainly due to the frequent change of the Board of Directors. Also the consideration of the membership that has to be pleased. All it takes is one person to
get the "snow ball" rolling. The superintendent must maintain an excellent rapport with everyone involved in the decision-making process.

In talking to three different division offices of the State of California Industrial Relations Department and a management firm, there is little, if any, so-called job security in our profession — to be continued.

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Elected at the annual meeting for 1978 are

President - Robert E. Livesey, CGCS
Vice President - Grady L. Simril
Secretary-Treasurer - Norm Stewart
Directors - Stanley Burgess
Leonard A. Walsh

Remaining on the Board - Directors Sansara "Jack" Jagur, Robert Uhland
William H. Nigh, past president

President Livesey has appointed the following committees

Editor "Thru the Green" - Stanley Burgess
Membership - Grady Simril, Chairman, Stanley Burgess
Christmas Party - Jack Jagur
T.A.R.P. - Cliff Wagoner
Program - Cliff Wagoner and Leonard Walsh

Remember the Board needs your help to make the Association a success.

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RESEARCH - As we all know, there is a never-ending search for turfgrass for golf courses. Some of the characteristics that are looked at in a new turfgrass. Does it have the greenest blades and the finest texture, while growing at a modest pace. Will it hold off Poa annua? How well does it hold up to insects, and the chemicals that are sprayed on it month after month? Will it keep its color during the 90° plus temperatures? It should be strong, but yet not strong enough as to take over the grasses in the surrounding area. When a new cultivar comes out, no seed company or university will claim that it will have all of these characteristics.

Dr. Joseph Diuch of Penn State University started work on a new strain of bentgrass for putting greens in 1960. The new cultivar will be introduced this fall. The new turfgrass will compete with Penncross
that was introduced 25 years ago. It will grow a little less vigorously than Penncross, states Dr. Diuch. Also the new variety will produce a finer texture than other putting green grasses.

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GREENSKEEPER - City of Walnut Creek -- WANTED WANTED WANTED

Greenskeeper work under supervision of golf course superintendent general golf course maintenance with 2 years experience all city benefits - sick leave, vacation, health plan, dental care $1,000 to $1,300

CONTACT City of Walnut Creek, Personnel Office
        415  935-3300

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FOR SALE FOR SALE - 3 gang Roseman Roller/Reel Mower $350.00
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MEMBERSHIP

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LIVING IN A COMPUTERIZED SOCIETY - by Jack Baker, H.V.Carter Co, Inc

One cannot help but be completely fascinated by the many different kinds of computers that surround us today - how we can by merely inserting our problem into a machine and pushing the right button come up with the right answer. Thank goodness, it still takes the individual to push the right button so at least we do have a hand in reaching the solution. The rest of the maze of machinery and electronic devices do the thinking for us, and that becomes the negative part of the picture. After all, our Creator blessed us with brainpower that when properly developed and maintained is of far greater precision than the finest and most modern electronic appliance that will ever be conceived. Let's not forget that!

In today's fast-living age we come more and more to rely on machines, calculators and computers to do our work for us - brainwork that is, and that can be dangerous. When man stops using his thinking and creating powers then there is a deterioration that begins to enter the picture and lower our mentality.

The accent today is on exercise - home calisthenics, jogging, walking, to stay in shape physically, but nothing much is being said about mental exercise which is equally important for us to stay alert. Let's stay mentally active.

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GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENTS ASSOCIATION OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

Statement of Cash Receipts, Disbursements, and Balance
February 1, 1977 to January 31, 1978

| Cash Balance - February 1, 1977 | 1,374.65 |
| Income | |
| Dues | 6,541.00 |
| Miscellaneous (1,000 savings) | 1,046.70 |
| Meeting | 4,421.53 |
| Plaques | 24.60 |
| Newsletter | 1,150.00 |
| **Total Income** | **13,183.83** |
| Cash Disbursements | |
| Meeting | 5,544.29 |
| Travel | 800.00 |
| Office | 5,508.09 |
| Research & Memorials | 115.00 |
| Plaques | 161.52 |
| Newsletter | 737.95 |
| Miscellaneous | 60.20 |
| **Total Disbursements** | **12,927.05** |
| **Statement of Assets & Liabilities** | |
| **January 31, 1978** | |
| Assets | |
| Cash in checking account | 1,631.43 |
| Cash in savings account | 4,181.70 |
| Petty cash | 50.00 |
| **Total Assets** | **5,863.13** |
| Liabilities | None |
| Net Worth | 5,863.13 |
| SAVINGS | |
| February 1, 1977 | |
| Withdrawal | 1,000.00 |
| Deposited | None |
| Interest | 3,954.08 |
| **Total SAVINGS** | **4,954.08** |
| January 31, 1978 | |
| | 4,181.70 |
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