

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by Robert E. Livesey, CGCS

In the last issue of Thru the Green, I mentioned briefly the Bill that has been set aside on filing an Environmental Impact Statement prior to applying a pesticide. A portion of the Bill states that a wait of 72 hours be required between the discovery of the pest and the application of the pesticide. This was to allow time for an alternative to be considered before the pesticide application. The Committee has deemed this as unworkable.

Thinking back to our meeting at Riverside this past month, one of the things that was brought up was fungi identification. The Pennsylvania Turfgrass Council has published a manual entitled "A Turf Manager's Guide to Microscopic Identification of Some Common Turfgrass Pathogens." The manual deals chiefly with microscopic features of the fungi which cause turfgrass disease and how to recognize them. The manual includes complete directions for sample preparation and microscope use, and is available at a cost of \$10.00 from P. O. Box 362, Sewickley, PA 15143

Heard thru the pipe line that Tom Unruh at Del Paso CC came up with a new fungus. I gave Tom a call to find what was up. Sclerotium Rolfsii - common name, Southern Blight. I can not get it all in this issue, as Tom is sending me the information. Briefly what I came up with after talking with him is this. Southern Blight when active has a dark brown or black outer edge and acts like pythium. In its mature state it looks like open ended frog eye. The only thing that will arrest it is PCMB. At the present time the only cure is sterilization. The fungus over winters as a spore, which is about the size of a dichondra seed. Tom says that it even looks like a dichondra seed. When I receive the bulletin, we will get the information out.

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September Meeting - Program - Well, well, everybody gets to take a shot at ole Stan. Our program for the September meeting will be for you to inspect the golf course prior to the meeting. This should be done between the hours of 7:00 and 9:00 a.m. for the non-golfers. The people playing golf may do so on their way around. You will be furnished with a paper for note taking. During the meeting we will try to get to as many questions and comments as possible. After the meeting I would like all the notes turned in so I can summarize them. The results will be printed later in the newsletter.

If we do not have comments and questions from the floor, our meeting will not be a success. It's not that I want to get roasted but I feel that there is a lot of information to be obtained from our fellow members. So get in there and have your say.

Stan

CLAREMONT COUNTRY CLUB was incorporated prior to the turn of the century. At that time a state law prohibited a corporation of this type from owning over 50 acres which would not be enough to build an 18 hole course. The founders were instrumental in getting the law changed and went on to build the course. It was opened for play in June 1904. From that time on the basic course design has changed very little. We installed a new irrigation system in 1976 which was badly needed since the old one was installed in 1932. We also have a new shop to replace the one built about 1900.

I must ask all men members and their guests to wear a coat and tie and the ladies to wear a skirt or dress. This is a requirement for the members and also must be for us. NO bermuda shorts allowed on the course. There will be 11 electric carts for our use and must be reserved by phone CALL 415 653-6789 and ask for pro shop.

See you September 13th.

Stan

Riverside meeting in August - In spite of a small turn out the meeting at Riverside went very well. We had a round table discussion on summer fungus problems and also other problems encountered during the summer months. This type of meeting tends to be very informative and useful to all who ATTEND.

Ken had the course in good shape for the golfers and also put on a great feed for the eaters (B.B.Q.steak) THANKS for a good day, Ken.

Stan

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BOB TIPTON, formerly with La Rinconada Country Club, Los Gatos now located at Butte Creek CC, Chico writes

I sometimes wonder whether we are all doing our part to help advance our employees in their job goals. Oh, we train them, refine their skills and treat them very well within the organization. But all the coaching, seminars, and meetings do no good if the persons aren't made aware of better jobs and opportunities.

It isn't pleasant to lose a good worker to a better job, but there is some consolation in the fact that the person was trained and skilled enough to deserve that position. There have been many opportunities for both head and assistant superintendent positions in the San Jose area in recent months. Very few job applications, especially for the assistant positions, have been submitted. Superintendents will be forced to go to other fields of horticulture to find good workers and then train them for golf course work; this is a long and time-consuming process, especially when an assistant is needed immediately.

Each superintendent should post all known job oportunites on an

employee bulletin board, whether he feels his workers are skilled enough for that position or not - each person should at least be aware of a job opening and get a chance to apply.

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DON'T FORGET TO ATTEND H. V. CARTER COMPANIES TURF EQUIPMENT FIELD DAY 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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LEADERS OR FOLLOWERS??? by Jack Baker, H. V. Carter Co., Inc.

Down through the ages there have been some individuals born with a sense of leadership, initiative and organization. This can happen at all levels of our society. In contrast, there are those who prefer to remain in the background and be the followers. Also we find there are some who vascillate from one position to the other, always trying to be on the winning side. These groups will never aspire to position of leadership for they lack confidence, first in themselves and what they stand for.

Let's treat with the LEADERS as after all, this is what we should constantly strive for. Leaders are those in position of authority, setting the example and demanding the authority and the respect of all in their sphere of activity. Any organization without a leader will soon become unimportant and fail, and it takes initiative, creative ability and imagination to occupy that vital position. One thing that each of us should not overlook, is that it is not an unattainable status for anyone to reach, providing the proper educational process and desire exists in the individual.

Once achieved, then the setting of the proper example for others to observe follow and respect is a vitally important step in the right direction. Have you reflected thses qualities to those within your jurisdiction?

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MEMBERSHIP

Passed Class A Examination

Jim Andrews, Sunken Gardens, Sunnyvale

Passed Class B examination

Gale Love, Contra Costa CC, Pleasant Hill

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Class D

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Class F

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Donald Baker is now General Manager of Landscaping and Golf Course at
Rossmoor

Allan Schlothauer is now Jim Ross' assistant at The Villages, San Jose

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The 15th annual Northern California Turfgrass Council Exposition will
be held January 24-25, 1979 at the San Mateo County Fairgrounds, Hall
of Flowers, San Mateo. Additional information contact N.C.T.C., P.O.
Box 268, Lafayette, CA 94549

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The Northern California Turfgrass Council in conjunction with UC
Cooperative Extension will hold its 6th Annual Irrigation Seminar on
Wednesday, October 4, 1978. The location will be Goodman Hall, Jack
London Square, Oakland.

The program will concentrate on various phases of "Getting the Most Out
of Your Irrigation System". Highlighting the program at luncheon will
be W. R. (Dick) Bryan, Executive Director of Community Services for Good-
year Tire & Rubber Co. of Akron, Ohio.

For registration information contact N.C.T.C, P. O. Box 268, Lafayette,
CA 94549 (415 283-6162 Pre registration \$11.50 Deadline September 27

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CAR POOLING by Stan

This is a method of commuting that is more economical and practical than
the one person one car method. Very simple right? Wrong, because it
is used very little. One reason is people have different time schedules.
Another is the feeling of independence that one gets being alone and not
being dependent on someone else.

Alright you say, what in the world does this have to do with the GCSA of Northern California. Just one thing, getting to meetings. Would it not be more pleasant to ride to meetings with another superintendent than to make the long drive by yourself. Who knows you might also learn something new from this person.

For the next meeting, why don't you call your neighboring superintendent and invite him to ride with

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FIRST AID ON THE GOLF COURSE from Fore Front

What would you do if a golfer had a heart attack before your eyes? Would you recognize it as a heart attack? What would you do for heat prostration? Stroke? Poisoning? A serious laceration? A broken leg or arm?

How many of your employees would know what to do in any of these situations?

The employees and golfers at a course, while vulnerable to the normal range of afflictions requiring first aid, are even more likely to suffer from some of them than the average person. Strenuous work or recreation exposure to a variety of chemicals and the use of potentially dangerous tools and machinery all lead to an increased likelihood of injuries occurring on your golf course.

Every superintendent should have a well-thought-out procedure to put into action when a medical emergency occurs on his course.

Post the telephone number of the emergency care facility in your community near every telephone--a good place is in the front of the phone book. Many communities use "911" as an emergency number. Also, make sure you know where the emergency room in the nearest hospital is in the event that an ambulance is not available.

Strongly encourage your employees to participate in a first aid training course, and be the first to sign up. In many areas, the Red Cross will provide free instruction to your group, so the only cost is for materials. First aid classes are often offered through local adult education programs or from the Red Cross.

CPR--cardiopulmonary resuscitation--is another important skill for you and your employees to acquire. CPR is a method used by either one or two people to restart breathing and heartbeat in an injured person. The CPR method is not difficult to learn, but it has great potential for saving lives. The American Heart Association estimates that 100,000 lives a year now lost could be saved by basic CPR followed by advanced

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