

KEN'S NOTES - Ken Sakai, Riverside Golf Course, Coyote

The July meeting at Rohnert Park was well attended. I can't emphasize enough that you send in your reservation cards. Sam had his course in great shape--too bad we couldn't get more of you out on the course. While you were up there I hope you had a chance to tour the new 18. It looks like a great layout--huge lakes, gigantic greens and tees; but best of all, wide fairways. Thanks again to Sam Singh and the Rohnert Park staff for their hospitality.

Due to rising costs (mailings, paper stock, printing, etc. the Board of Directors has voted to increase the yearly dues by \$5.00 in all classes.

LINSAY JENNISON is now with BudSco Chemical Enterprises in Salinas.

BILL NIGH has resigned from Dixon Landing Golf Course. Congratulations to Bill on his recent marriage.

Congratulations to WALTER BOYSEN, Class A-Life member on his recent marriage too. Address changed to 383 Rockgreen Place, Santa Rosa 95405

Mail is being returned from TIMOTHY SNELL and AMBY MROZEK. Please tell them to contact the office with current addresses.

Ken Kajioka from Cal-Golf writes that anyone interested in applying for Superintendent or Assistant Superintendent spots in the Southern California area should please contact him. KEN KAJIOKA, 12421 Patricia Dr. Cerritos, CA 90701 213 865-7104

Who is JERRY GORDON and does he always know BEST?

Oh, you'll be able to always recognize your Board because they will be wearing the Green Blazers at all meetings. I think I'm a 39 medium, if anyone has one I can borrow.

That's it for now - See you soon.

Ken

THE ASSOCIATIONS CODE OF ETHICS

In the end that honor and respect may be enjoyed by all the Golf Course Superintendents the strict observance of the Code of Ethics is expected.

A member shall be deemed to have violated the code by:

1. Acting and speaking in a manner which would cause discredit to our profession and Association.
2. Abusing the privilege of playing golf at any members club by bringing uninvited guests or failing to make his presence known to the home superintendent when visiting a club.

Code of Ethics continued

3. Applying for a position without the definite knowledge of its vacancy.
4. Expressing opinion, to or visiting with, golf club officials or members in regard to maintenance practices without the express permission and knowledge of the Superintendent of the club in question whether a member of this Association or not.

Items of Interest

Membership pins available at a cost of \$13.00. Pins can be picked up at any meeting.

GCSA of Northern California hanging membership plaque is available at a cost of \$16.32. It contains your name, year you joined and membership class. Request a card for ordering.

Coat and tie required at all meetings unless noted differently in "THRU THE GREEN". Please tell your guests.

Members limited to one guest.

Members in order to play golf must attend meeting and luncheon.

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ARE WE GOING TO MOVE AHEAD? - Gale Love, Golf Course Superintendent
Contra Cost CC, Pleasant Hill

We all have an opportunity to participate in a survey. How accurately you complete the survey and the extent of the details you provide will have a significant bearing on the final analysis of the results. This will be no time for inflated ego trips, undue modesties or embarrassed withholdings. We must be honest and disclose true facts.

We make conjecture that our counterparts in other sections of the country are better compensated than we. I would agree that this may be generally true. A valid survey to determine the facts will provide a basis upon which we can analyze where we are today and then we can forge plans for where we want to go tomorrow.

Even if we do find that we are compensated at a level equal with other superintendents in other sections of the country we should not be satisfied. When one considers the value of the assets managed, the scope of responsibilities assigned, and the extent of the technical knowledge required then golf course superintendents everywhere are grossly underpaid. Compare them to others in the golf management field and managers of like level of responsibility and technical competence in business and industry and you will find a great disparity.

We are the ones who must raise our level. No one else can or will do it for us. The forthcoming survey is the next step. Are we going to move ahead?

This survey has been mailed to Class A, B and D members approximately 175--so far only 20 have been returned. Please return your survey NOW so the Association will have a good representative figure for comparisons.

WANTED GOLF COURSE SUPERVISOR - City of San Leandro

\$18,708 to \$22,968 per year. - An excellent opportunity exists for a working supervisor to participate in and supervise the work of a crew in the care and maintenance of golf course facilities. Must possess responsible, supervisory work experience in golf course maintenance and construction. Filing deadline August 10, 1979. Apply immediately to Personnel Office, City Hall, 835 E. 14th St., San Leandro, CA 94577
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Golf Course Architect JOHN STEIDEL left the firm of Thomson, Wolveridge Fream & Associates May 15, 1979 to assume the duties of Project Manager and Construction Supervisor for the Zintel Canyon Golf Course and Development. The golf course will be 18 holes and the centerpiece of a 640 acre residential resort complex in Kennewick, Washington. Located in the arid, windy Columbia Basin the irrigation system for the course alone will cost over \$700,000. The course will cost all of the \$1.5 million budgeted for construction at this time. John is especially excited about the chance to baby-sit a course he designed through construction which is an opportunity few architects ever have.

He says Hello to all his friends in the Association and asks that they call or stop by if ever in the area. Business 121 S. Ely, Kennewick, WA 99336 509 783-2485

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THE NEW MOWER STANDARDS - The second piece of federal legislation involves the Consumer Product Safety Commission and its proposed new safety standards aimed at reducing 75 percent of the 77,000 injuries that occur each year as the result of contact with the mowing blade of walk-behind power mowers.

Under mandatory standards issued by the CPSC, all mowers manufactured after December 31, 1981 will be required to shield the operator from the blade at the mower's rear housing and discharge chute. Mowers will also be required to carry a blade control system that will stop the blade without stopping the engine, unless the machine has power restart capabilities.

As might be expected, the power mower industry, headed by the Outdoor Power Equipment Institute and FMC Corp., have been engaged in a concerted lobbying effort to protest the proposed standards.

The standards, they say, stifle innovation and will be more costly to consumers. The industry estimates that the new rules would increase the cost of each mower by about \$40, and feels consumers will not likely pay that much. Also, the suggested conversion to the less-expensive and safer nylon string cutting system would, they say, force the consumer to give up some lawn aesthetics.

If that weren't enough to bring the mower industry up in arms, word also has it that they may soon have to face EPA noise standard. Today's mower noise ranges up to 87 decibels, but may be limited to 82 decibels by 1981 and to 73 by 1987.

RECREATION - A Popular Pastime - by Jack Baker, Vice President
H. V. Carter Co., Inc. Oakland

Earlier this year one of the national publications carried a lengthy report on LEISURE - where there's no recession in sight. It went on to show our fellow Americans were spending better than 180 billions of dollars on leisure activities with some 20 million people participating in golfing. That's where we want to put our focus and see this steadily increase year after year. How fortunate we are to be a part of an industry that attracts complete family involvement. It has been suggested that more promotion be given to family-participation sports and golf heads the list. Don't forget that old tried and true adage - "The family that plays together - stays together."

Continuing to improve and make our courses as attractive as possible will insure bringing in more players - are you doing your share?

MEET YOUR FELLOW SUPERINTENDENT - Bob Livesey, CGCS. Plaza GC, Visalia



Bob Dalton



Joe Andrade

BOB DALTON, Visalia Country Club, Visalia

Bob is a graduate of Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo. While attending school he worked part time and summers at the San Luis Bay Club. His first Superintendents position was at the Sherwood Forest Golf Course at Sangar in 1973. In 1976 he was offered the Vicalia CC, where he has been for the past 3 years. Bob became a member of GCSANC in 1977. He is a member of National. Also he is presently president of GCSA of Central California. He, his wife and 2 children reside in Visalia where he grew up.

JOE ANDRADE, Green Valley CC, Suisun

Joe started in the golf business in April of 1952 at the Yolo Fliers CC under Seb Sandoval. After 8 years he moved to the South Lake Tahoe area. Joe spent a year on the construction of Tahoe Paradise Golf Course. Then it was off to Vacaville. He worked the construction of Leisure Town Golf Course where he stayed for 10 years. In 1970 Joe moved to the Green Valley Country Club. Joe is a Class A member of GCSANC. He and his family reside in Vacaville

"IF YOU WANT PEOPLE TO NOTICE YOUR FAULTS, START GIVING ADVICE."

-- Willy Stephens

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