

KNOW YOUR OFFICERS:

Grady L. Simril - President - I went to work for the East Bay Regional Park District August 8, 1949, as a night waterman under Walter Collins (Tilden Golf Course). I advanced to greenkeeper, and then under Ernie Hall and Lee Huang advanced to assistant superintendent. In 1969 I took over as superintendent. I have been a member of GCSA of Northern California since 1969.

I have had all kinds of training from Dynamics of supervision to landscape and golf courses. I still attend all education meetings and seminars. I have been a member of Northern California Turfgrass Council Exposition Chairman for three (3) years, 1977, 1978 and 1979.

Stanley Burgess - Vice President - I have been Superintendent at Claremont Country Club, Oakland for six years. Prior to that was Superintendent at Wilcox Oaks Golf Course, Red Bluff for 2½ years. Before that I was in farming and chemical sales. I have attended Cal State, Chico, Butte College and Merritt College.

William H. Nigh - Secretary-Treasurer - entered the golf business in 1965 after graduating from College of Marin. First started as a greenkeeper at Pasatiempo Golf Club in Santa Cruz, In 1967 temporarily took over for superintendent who had suffered a heart attack. One year later, when new management had taken over was signed to the first of a series of contracts. Resigned in 1977 to go to work for H. V. Carter Company. In 1978 left to take over Dixon Landing Golf Club, Milpitas. First elected to the Board in 1973. Served two terms as Director, one each as Secretary-Treasurer, Vice President, President, Past President. Elected as Secretary-Treasurer again in 1979.

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KEN'S NOTES

We want to remind everyone that the 25¢ fine for not wearing your badge at our meetings will be invoked. A \$1.00 charge will be assessed if your badge is lost and has to be replaced.

SCOOP!! Don Nauman of T & T Distributing birdied the 16th hole at Tilden Park; a 180 yard par 3. This was Don's first ever birdie (Editors note - probably his last too)

While on the subject of Tilden Park - I would like to thank East Bay Regional Parks and Grady Simril, California Golf and Gurdeb Singh. The course was in great shape, the hospitality-tops, food - excellent and what can you say about those waitresses!

Bill Nigh had to rush back to Dixon Landing as they are in preparation for

their finish seeding. Good Luck, Bill.

Members I'd like to see at meetings - Dave Griffiths, Merle Russill, the rest of the Monterey Bay Bunch, Tom Thatcher, All Mooser and YOU!

Effective May 1, 1979 Rohnert Park Golf Course will be managed By California Golf. Eighteen holes are opened to the public with an additional eighteen to open this fall. Hope to have meeting there soon. Sam Singh will oversee both courses. The new course will be quite challenging, yet fair to the average golfer.

HELP!! You with the interesting stories or experiences--share your trials and tribulations with the other members of the organization. You haven't been exactly beating down any doors. I don't expect any "scoops" or "stop the presses" type of information. Anything of general interest will do. Thanks to the few that did spend some time at their desk! Anyone interested in writing a monthly column or squib, let us know. Enough of this--see you at Incline Village, Hopefully. Ken Sakai

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Grady Simril says Remember at our meeting June 8, 1979 at Incline Village we will renew our golf match with Sierra Nevada. There is a trophy that was presented by Scotts Proturf, thanks to Phillip E. Dellner (1976) Northern California has two (2) wins on the trophy.

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WANTED GOLF COURSE MECHANIC

Dixon Lanting Golf Club, Milpitas, California
PLEASE CONTACT Bill Nigh 408 262-1360

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Richard Lavine is with Castlewood CC, Pleasanton formerly with Spyglass

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+ THRU THE GREEN EDITOR KEN SAKAI +
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+ Deadline date fifteenth of each month +
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If you want people to notice your faults, start giving advice. Willy Stephens

OUR IMAGE - Robert E. Livesey, CGCS, Plaza Golf Course, Visalia

The image of the superintendent is changing. He is coming out of the ditch, off the mower and into the management field. The twelve to fourteen hour day has gone by the wayside.

How is this taking place? The clubs are more concerned about costs and proper management of people than ever before. This has required the superintendent to further his education in all aspects of turf and personnel management plus getting involved in cost and man-hour accounting.

The superintendent is now going back to school to learn how to apply these tools to his operation. This is where our organization comes into the picture. We hear grumblings about the educational programs from time to time. We have asked for suggestions from the membership--what they would like. Very few suggestions are made. Through our organization we can improve our education and image. But it will take all of us working together.

What other avenues are open? The certification program from GCSA of America is available to all Class A superintendents who are members of National.

The Superintendents' Institute will be available once again in 1980. There are turf seminars offered by industry from time-to-time. We, as individuals, have to take advantage of these to get on that top rung of the ladder. No one is going to do it for us.

How about taking a little time and getting out your Membership Directory and By-Laws booklet and reading Article I, Section 3. If every superintendent would adhere to this, our profession would be greatly enhanced.

If we want to be looked on as professionals in our field, we have to be professional in every aspect of our job.

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T.A.R.P. - Turfgrass Adaptive Research Program Meetings left

- June 5 - Orinda CC, Orinda
- June 19 - Sunnyside CC, Fresno
- June 20 - Del Rio G & CC, Modesto
- July 6 - Peninsula G & CC, San Mateo
- July 10 - Marin CC, Novato

T.A.R.P. Regional Meeting May 1st, Baywood G & CC, Arcata
May 3rd, Riverview G & CC, Redding

There were about 35 superintendents and club officials in attendance for the two meetings. Much interest was shown by the people who attended the meeting at Baywood, on the fine sand top-dressing.

Mr. George Swendiman, Jr., President of the Northern California Golf Association was in attendance at the Riverview meeting. A slight change in the program was made to allow the local Farm Advisor for Tehama County to make a

presentation. Fertilizers as they pertain to the Red Soils of the Area. It was very informative. It reinforced the need for soil tests, to insure that you put down what you need. A great interest was shown by club officials in the upcoming superintendents institute. I had an opportunity to talk to several of them on this subject.

Ralph Gillingham, Baywood, Lou Pohlson, Riverview, Jim Bambino, Lake Almanor, and Bob Tipton, Butte Creek send their regards.

Also saw Lee Meservy in Grants Pass, Oregon--he says "Hello" to his friends in the Association.

Robert E. Livesey, CGCS

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A WORD TO THE WISE - Jack D. Baker, H. V. Carter Co., Inc.

As a Golf Course Superintendent is well aware, the "down-time" on equipment awaiting repairs and parts, is mighty expensive when it happens during the mowing season and here in California, that's just about year-round.

Therefore "a word to the wise" is BE PREPARED. We appreciate you will not always have everything you need, but by putting in a replacement parts inventory such as extra belts, bedknives, pulleys, chains, points, condensers, plus hardware such as screws, bolts and nuts, you might just happen to prevent a greensmower or fairway mower being out of service. Our records indicate that there are some clubs who regularly keep an inventory of these items and even as far as to include extra reels, rotary blades and now and then a complete replacement cutting units for both greens and fairway mowers.

As a supplier we always attempt to keep a heavy inventory of parts that are most in demand and this job is being assisted by computer records which indicate helpful information and guidelines. Remember, as a Superintendent, you can also help by "being PREPARED."

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James G. Prusa, Pasatiempo, Inc. Santa Cruz reports - I've been nominated to serve on the GCSA of America Government Relations Committee and, specifically, to gather information from our area on the current needs for the use of 2,4,5-T & Silvex. The GCSAA wants to know what your needs are for these chemicals in order for them to take legal action with the E.P.A. As you know, the E.P.A. ignored their own regulations regarding REPAR and banned the chemicals without proper hearings and based upon very inconclusive data. Please let us know what you need and contact me at Pasatiempo, Box 535, Santa Cruz, CA 95061.

We would also be very interested in helping you with any other difficulty you may have with any governmental entity. The GCSAA needs your help and support.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA TURFGRASS COUNCIL FIELD DAY

WHEN: June 7, 1979

WHERE: Bay Meadows Race Track and Golf Course (next to San Mateo County Fair Grounds)

TIME: 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

WHY: To visit Bay Meadows Race Track and Golf Course, Candlestick Park and Coyote Point Park to observe turf management and construction programs and talk about new ideas in irrigation and water recycling.

COST: \$8.00 per person; includes BBQ lunch, coffee, snacks and bus service

PLEASE REGISTER in advance. Contact N.C.T.C. at 415 283-6162 or Dave Hanson at 415 726-9059

GCSA of Northern California Board of Directors voted at their last meeting to distribute a survey to all Golf Course Superintendent members.

The results of this survey will directly benefit those members seeking new positions to know what the average salaries and benefits are. Also when club officials inquire about salaries and benefits they should offer, the Association will have factual information to give them. Personal information will be held in strict confidence. For this to be beneficial to the Association a good response is essential.

Carl Wick, Farm Advisor - Turf, Oroville, CA 95965 sends Leaflet #21050 Mushrooms in Lawn and Landscape, authors W. S. Moore, Staff Research Associate, C. S. Koehler, Urban Pest Management Specialist, and A. H. McCain, Plant Pathologist, Cooperative Extension, Berkeley. "Mushrooms, sometimes called toadstools, are the "fruit" of some kinds of fungi. Most mushroom-producing fungi are beneficial. The fungi decompose organic matter, thereby releasing nutrients that are then available for plant growth. In contrast, some fungi that produce mushrooms are harmful to plants. This leaflet briefly tells what mushrooms are, how they are beneficial or harmful, and what can be done about them." If you are troubled in this area, order this leaflet. It has a lot of good information in it.

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