

## CHARLES LEE TILDEN REGIONAL PARK GOLF COURSE

Tilden was formed because of the need for a course in Northern Alameda County to be near the University of California campus. Berkeley citizens and U.C. faculty and officials formed a group to build a public course in Wildcat Canyon.

The course was built in 1934 by the Works Progress Administration on parkland. The park was to supply the Superintendent. The whole project cost \$134,000.00

Tilden is beautifully situated in the Berkeley Hills, on the slopes and along the creeks of Wildcat Canyon, behind the campus of the University of California. It was literally carved out of the great forest of giant eucalyptus trees which covers much of these hills.

The course was opened for play on November 11, 1937, after eighteen months of construction. It was designed by the noted golf course architect, William Bell, and the construction was supervised by Richard E. Walpole, who later became District General Manager.

During the more than 40 years since the course opened, there has been a steady replacement of the eucalyptus trees with redwood, pines, and other evergreens. Not only has this added greatly to the natural beauty of the course, but it has also improved the condition of both the greens and the fairways. It was found that the eucalyptus trees absorbed too much of the water applied to the course, and also dropped oily leaves and bark, which hindered the growth of the turf and were objectionable to the players. This program of replacement, which must have seemed overwhelming at first, has been accelerated in recent years, so that most of the rows of trees separating the various fairways are now evergreens, and the eucalyptus trees are mainly restricted to groves at points where they do not harm the course, but make a scenic addition to it. The overall result of this program has been to develop a public course which can be compared favorably with any course, public or private, in the entire area, both in terms of its challenge to the golfer, and its scenic attractions.

Although neither a long course, nor one with especially narrow fairways, Tilden is a very sporty course of championship caliber. Its challenge has been skillfully developed by the use of the natural features, such as the trees, hills and valleys, and especially by Wildcat Creek and several of its tributaries cutting between and across the fairways at strategic points. For the most part, Tilden requires accurate placement of shots, rather than long hitting, for good scoring. For those who are inaccurate or careless, the trees, brush, and rough creekbeds offer a constant threat. There are very few artificial hazards, such as sandtraps, on the course. In all this time only five greens have been rebuilt.

Superintendent Grady L. Simril went to work on the course as a night waterman in 1949 under Walter Collins. He advanced to greenkeeper and then Assistant Superintendent under Ernie Hall and Lee Huang and in 1969 was made Superintendent.

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THE ANNUAL BUSINESS AND ELECTION MEETING was held April 6 at the Stockton Golf & Country Club. Once again we had to delay the start of the meeting for lack of a quorum. This problem has been with us for years; hopefully we can work to solve it.

Our new board for 1979 consists of

- President - Grady Simril - East Bay Regional Parks, Berkeley
- Vice President - Stan Burgess - Claremont CC, Oakland
- Secretary-Treasurer - Bill Nigh - Dixon Landing G.C., Milpitas
- Directors - Joe Andrade - Green Valley CC, Suisun
  - Ken Sakai - Riverside G.C., Coyote
  - Clifford Wagoner - Del Rio G & CC, Modesto
- Past President - Bob Livesey, Plaza G. C., Visalia
- Hold over Director - Leonard Walsh - Boulder Creek CC, Boulder Creek

Feel free to contact any board member about any idea you may have regarding your Association.

Other business was the presentation of our annual awards. A well deserved CONGRATULATIONS to the winners.

- Superintendent of the Year- Roy King, Sharon Heights G & CC, Menlo Park
- Excellence in Turfgrass - Mulkh Raj, Los Positas G.C., Livermore
- Class F - Bill Goodridge, Best Products, Lathrop

After an excellent lunch - the first tee was open. Thanks to Kaz Maseba and Stockton G & CC for their gracious hospitality.

Hope to see you all at Tilden Park in May.

Ken Sakai

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Grady Simril announces the committees for 1979-1980

- Membership - Stanley Burgess
- Program - Clifford Wagoner, Leonard Walsh
- Newsletter - Ken Sakai
- Christmas Party - Robert Livesey, Bill Nigh
- Awards - Bill Nigh
- Golf - Joe Andrade
- National Affairs - Robert Livesey, Clifford Wagoner
- T.A.R.P. - Clifford Wagoner, Robert Livesey, Grady Simril
- Federation - Robert Livesey, Clifford Wagoner, Grady Simril

T.A.R.P. Regional Meeting, April 12, 1979, Monterey Peninsula

Present

- William B. Davis, TARP Director, U. C. Davis
- Robert E. Hanna, Executive Director of N.C.G.A.
- Charles L. McFarland, Chairman of N.C.G.A. - Green Section
- Delbert S. Farnham, Farm Advisor for Santa Cruz, Monterey Counties
- Clifford A. Wagoner, Director GCSA of Northern California

There were about 45 superintendents and green chairmen in attendance. Mr. Delbert Farnham gave a slide presentation on "Evaluation of the Eucalyptus Planted on Various Northern California Golf Courses".

Bill Davis gave a slide presentation on "Drainage Tile Placement in Green Construction", and a review of new greens at several northern California golf courses. Bill also had a film on "Building Our Campus Experimental Green".

Robert Hanna presented John Zoller with a certificate for attendance at four of the five California Golf Course Superintendents Institute at Asilomar.

The next California Golf Course Superintendents Institute will start in October of 1980. The superintendents will be receiving information on the Institute in about six months.

That is the first TARP Regional meeting - the information is mailed to the clubs to the president, green chairman and superintendent by NCGA and it is hoped that one of the people get the information and attend the meeting in your area. It is a good educational meeting for all besides an afternoon of golf at the club. Please check dates for your area and ask your people to attend with you.

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| May 1 - Baywood G & CC, Arcata       | June 19 - Sunnyside CC, Fresno       |
| May 3 - Riverview G & CC, Redding    | June 20 - Del Rio G & CC, Modesto    |
| May 15 - El Macero G & CC, El Macero | July 6 - Peninsula G & CC, San Mateo |
| June 5 - Orinda CC, Orinda           | July 10 - Marin CC, Novato           |

Leonard Walsh

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I Goofed - In last "Thru the Green" the picture of the 25 year awardees-- Credit should have been given to Hugh McKay of Hugh G. Mc Kay Associates for taking the picture. We thank you Hugh for taking the picture and getting it to us for publication. Also Bill Sousa was left out. He is the person standing next to Bob Hanna in the back row.

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Sorry to report that FRED LAYTON, a 25 year pin member from Cypress Point Golf Course, passed away April 10. Our sympathy to his wife Charlotte.



GOLF COURSE SUPERINTENDENTS ASSOCIATION OF NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

Statement of Cash Receipts, Disbursements, and Balance

February 1, 1978 to January 31, 1979

Cash Balance - February 1, 1978		1,631.00	
Income			
Dues	7,185.00		
Miscellaneous (\$1,000 savings)	1,436.00		
Meeting	4,673.00		
Newsletter	<u>1,255.00</u>	<u>14,549.00</u>	
			16,180.00
Cash Disbursements			
Meeting	5,150.00		
Travel	1,000.00		
Office	5,027.00		
Research & Memorials	115.00		
Pins	1,945.00		
Newsletter	1,979.00		
Miscellaneous	<u>144.00</u>	<u>15,360.00</u>	
			820.00

STATEMENT OF ASSETS & LIABILITIES

January 31, 1979

Assets		
Cash in checking account		820.00
Cash in savings account		3,445.00
Petty Cash		<u>50.00</u>
		4,315.00
Liabilities		None
Net Worth		4,315.00

SAVINGS

February 1, 1978	4,182.00
Withdrawal	<u>1,000.00</u>
	3,182.00
Deposits	52.00
	<u>3,234.00</u>
Interest	<u>211.00</u>
January 31, 1979	3,445.00

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